Caldwell Men Make Their Mark
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COVER:
Carlos Pomares ’93 (standing) and Vincent Traina ’03 on the Clark House porch, the offices of the Montclair Historical Society.
Dear Alumni,

Many of you may know that in September I announced my retirement from Caldwell College, effective June 30, 2009. It is my privilege to have served as president for what will be fifteen years. But, as you realize, my tenure at Caldwell is much longer than that. For more than thirty-five years — as teacher of French, Director of Continuing Education, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Prefect in Mother Joseph Residence Hall, Academic Dean, President — Caldwell has been my home and I have been blessed to serve the College in many ways. My heart is filled with gratitude for those graced opportunities and for the many alumni I have met both as students and graduates of the College.

Over the course of my career at Caldwell, I have witnessed and helped to facilitate many changes: the development of graduate courses, the physical expansion of the campus, the arrival of male students! Through all the growth and change on campus, I have been aware of the continual support of alumni who value the educational experience they received and want to insure its availability to future students.

I have met you at numerous alumni events and visited many of you at home, whether here or across the country, and have always been welcomed with genuine interest and fond memories of Caldwell College. I have rejoiced at your news of personal or professional accomplishments and grieved with you at the loss of a loved one. I have been most heartened by the strong friendships that still exist among classmates and fellow alumni as they informally get together. Above all, I am humbled by the hours of alumni leadership and quiet service that have become part of the fabric of the College and the accompanying financial support that allows the College to constantly improve.

In this season of thanksgiving, let me wish you all a joyous Christmas and a new year blessed with health and opportunity. I thank you for your friendship and commitment to the College and I ask you for your continued support as we move through this period of transition.

With sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks,

Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D.
President
During tough economic times, students and parents begin to question the value of a liberal arts degree and wonder whether an internship would be any different from entering the job market full-time. The skills normally associated with a liberal arts degree (ranging from research and communications to an appreciation of language, culture, history and the arts) are not easily quantifiable. Caldwell College alumni Carlos Pomares ’93 and Vincent Traina ’03 can testify to the value of a liberal arts background and the potential of internships to initiate careers.

Carlos pursued his love of history at Caldwell and combined it with a second major in communications. Mentored by Dr. Marie Mullaney and Professor Bob Mann, he took a paid internship as an Interpretive Supervisor at the Grover Cleveland Birthplace in Caldwell and became hooked on historic preservation.
While continuing his MA in Museum Professions at Seton Hall University, Carlos designed and taught the first course in Public History at Caldwell as an adjunct. He accepted a full-time position as Education Director for Kings Manor Museum in Jamaica, Queens, and after seven years there, he moved to a similar position at Waterloo Village in Stanhope, NJ.

By that time, Vincent Traina was following the same path of history and communications at Caldwell, mentored by the same faculty. He worked for several months at the Passaic County Historical Society as an educational researcher, which whetted his appetite for museum history. Ten years after his own internship, Dr. Mullaney called Carlos to recommend Vincent. After an interview, Carlos offered Vincent a paid internship in Museum Education, working with school groups. Vincent remained at Waterloo Village from 2002-2004, when Carlos moved to the NYC Museum of Police as Director of Education. At that point, Vincent became certified to teach English as a Second Language, applied to the British Institutes and found himself living his dream by teaching English in Sicily.

In the normal course of events, this would be the end of the story. Carlos enjoyed his position at the NYC Museum of Police for several years, then took a year to renovate his own Victorian home and start a marketing company. Vincent returned from Sicily the following year and taught Italian at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Wallington, NJ. However, in May 2008, Carlos accepted the position of Executive Director of the Montclair Historical Society. When he realized the lack of programming for schools and the general public at MHS, Carlos changed the part-time Educator/Coordinator position to full-time, called Vincent, and offered him the position. Vincent accepted immediately.

As Carlos and Vincent discuss their current goals and projects, it is evident that they are using all of the skills they’ve developed over the years. As Executive Director, Carlos is determined to increase educational programs, expand the institution’s funding base, and increase visibility within the community. As Education Coordinator, Vincent is immediately creating teacher resource kits available online, digitizing MHS’s collection of documents and photos, and updating the website. Together they will bring a common value for historic preservation and awareness to all their efforts.

Do they plan to offer internships? Actually, two female interns from the Seton Hall Museum Program and New York University are already busily engaged in planning exhibits and scanning primary documents for the webpage. Carlos hopes to expand the intern program to assist the library curators with collection management, to act as docents for school tours and to assist at special events. Looking back, he recalls “my Internship at the Grover Cleveland Birthplace during my senior year at Caldwell College introduced me to a new career opportunity. As a result, I have dedicated my career to museum work and public history. After 15 years in the museum field, I find the work to be just as rewarding as my first internship and enjoy the challenges of the field. Had it not been for an internship, I might have missed out on a career I love.”

President Search Committee

A search committee has been formed representing the College community of trustees, faculty, alumni, staff and students. The firm Academic Search, Inc. has been retained to guide efforts to find a new president for the College.

Alumni wishing to follow the activities of the search committee can find them on the college website under www.caldwell.edu/pres_search/searchupdate.aspx. The site lists the members of the search committee, a prospectus and application instructions, the search timeline and regular updates on its progress.
New Address for College

Have you checked the return address on Caldwell College mail lately? Starting this past fall semester, you may have noticed that Caldwell College is now at 120 Bloomfield Avenue because of the new entrance to the College from Bloomfield Avenue. After 70 years at 9 Ryerson Avenue, the College is now attracting more attention with a street light at the entrance, Calandra's Italian Village at the bottom of the hill and many more resident students walking into town.

In addition, the Sisters of St. Dominic, in their wisdom, have observed the addition of buildings for both high school and college and the growing confusion of visitors. They ordered new bright red signage for all college, high school and community buildings that indicate building names and provide maps to guide visitors to parking and other locations. While the resident deer and groundhogs appear more harried by the encroaching influence of humans, the alumni and friends of the College no longer need a GPS to navigate the campus.

The Caldwell College Young Alumni Committee invites you to attend

The Pre-St. Patrick's Day Event!

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009 Time: 8 - 11 PM

Where: Black Bear Bar & Grill 205 Washington Street Hoboken, NJ 07030 201-656-5511

Cost: Caldwell Alumni: $55.00 All others: $40.00

Includes open bar and appetizers.

RSVP by February 20th to Megan Van Dorn ’04 at 973-618-3582 or mvandorn@caldwell.edu
Caldwell students participated in Career Week activities from October 27th through the 31st. The week began with a “Kick-Off” Alumni Panel addressing the impact of a liberal arts education. Moderated by Professor Bob Mann, a group of eight alumni discussed their preparation and experiences pursuing their chosen career areas.

That evening, students heard Steven Freeman, Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, talk about “Preparing for Your Career in These Tough Economic Times.” The presentation was followed by additional advice from twelve alumni representing different majors and career possibilities. After formal presentations, an informal networking reception gave students time for one-on-one with alumni.

Each day of the week offered additional panels and opportunities for students to receive information and assistance concerning internships, resume writing and job hunting. The week-long event was organized by Geraldine Perret, the new Director of Career Planning and Development, and the Second Year Experience Committee to assist students in choosing majors as well as career possibilities and to encourage them to develop networking skills of their own.
The 9th annual Shore Social on September 14 started the alumni season of events with a relaxed crowd. Held at the now traditional location of Klein's Waterside Café in Belmar, NJ, the gathering attracted over 70 alumni and included a number of mothers and family members who came to enjoy a perfect shore day.

This year, there was extra cause for celebration as Florence Maclearie and her family received the Family Legacy Award. Barbara Langella ’65, on behalf of the Alumni Board, read the formal citation, and Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., President, presented Florence and her daughters with the inscribed Waterford crystal bowl and citation.

Carol Dedrick ’65 gave an update on the success of the Porch Party in June. Then Noel Ruane ’70 introduced Donna Henry, the first recipient of the newly-established Shore Chapter Continuing Education scholarship. The success of the Porch Party fundraisers is allowing the Shore Chapter to award a $2,000.00 scholarship each year to a deserving returning adult student.

In the summer of 2002, the idea for a book discussion group sponsored by Jennings Library was conceived. It began with a discussion of Mark Salzman’s *Lying Awake*, the story of a cloistered nun whose mystical visions cause her to question her faith and her health. The story “probes the nature of spiritual illumination and the meaning and purpose of prayer” (David Laskin, Amazon.com review).

Since then, the selections have run the gamut from classics such as *Ethan Frome* to bestsellers such as *The Da Vinci Code*; and have included Nobel Prize-winning authors as well as Pulitzer Prize-winning books. Although fiction seems to be the preference, the group has explored Immaculee Ilibagiza’s *Left to Tell* and Jon Krakauer’s *Under the Banner of Heaven* as examples of non-fiction.

The book discussion group is open to faculty, staff, students and alumni. Meetings are generally held on Fridays during the 12:00-1:00 lunch hour. The current selection, meeting date and time can always be found on the Jennings Library homepage www.caldwell.edu/library under “What’s New.”
The 2008 Family Legacy Award

The Maclearie Family

Like many Shore Chapter alumnae, Florence Yesville Maclearie received a call from Jane Haveron inviting her to join the informal Caldwell Shore network when she and husband, Peter, moved to the area. She had graduated in 1956 and was teaching at Stuart Business School. If it’s true to always ask a busy person to do something, Florence is the perfect example. As she and Peter started their family of seven children, Florence was always generous with her time, and Pete was a generous financial contributor to alumni events. The early rummage sales run by the Shore Chapter were held at a business property owned by Pete. When the children were young, Florence would bring them with her. The Maclearies also opened their home for the bridge games that were early fundraisers. Eventually Michelle enrolled at Caldwell and graduated in 1979.

In addition to attending numerous Caldwell events, Florence continues to share her home for committee meetings and the Shore Chapter Christmas Party. The businesses Pete began, Coded Systems and Maclearie Printing, are now run by her children and are generous donors to Chapter events. Florence is also a member of the Shore Book Discussion Group with a number of other alumnae.

For the past four years, Florence has been on the Porch Party Committee and has handled registration for the event. The spirit of generosity that became a family value is now exhibited by her whole clan as they participate in this Shore Chapter fundraiser. All printing expenses are donated through the family business. Maclearie grandchildren help serve refreshments, while Florence’s children circle the auction tables and keep the bidding going. Her daughter, Cathleen, came in from California to photograph the event the first year and presented the College and each committee member with a CD of pictures. She also donated some of her professional work for auction.

The Alumni Board voted unanimously to give the 2008 Family Legacy Award to the Maclearie Family for over 5 decades and three generations of service — of time, talent and treasure. They have been an inspiring model to all of us.

The Caldwell College Alumni Association is dying to see you at
“A Murderous Affair”
Murder Mystery Night

Saturday, February 14, 2009
7:00 – 10:00 PM
Oakeside Mansion
240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Admission: $62.00
Includes dinner and show. Cash bar available.

Make checks payable to
Caldwell College Alumni Association
120 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006
To pay by credit card, please call Kathleen Buse at 973-618-3411.

RSVP by February 6, 2009
For the past seven summers, my children and I have had the privilege of going to Tijuana, Mexico to spend a week or two building small houses for very poor people. Brandon (a senior at New Providence High School), Courtney (a junior at Point Loma University in San Diego) and I have joined over 100 people each summer from the Presbyterian Church at New Providence. We are led by Dr. Mike Flavin, one of the pastors at PCNP, who has been planning and leading such groups to Mexico for over 20 years. We work with an organization called Amor Ministries (www.amor.org), which has helped build over 25,000 houses and recently began similar work in South Africa.

We are divided into teams of 14-17 people, with each team building a small 11 x 22 foot two-room home. We build the house from scratch, first putting in a concrete floor, followed by walls, two layers of stucco, and finished with a roof. The family the house is being built for often pitches in with the work, allowing for significant interaction and practice of Spanish! Children from the neighborhood often join in, helping mix cement, hammer nails, and plaster stucco on the walls.

At about 11 a.m. each day, each group sends 4 or 5 people to a central location in the neighborhood to run a Vacation Bible School for the local children. Because many of the home sites are in the same neighborhood, we invite children (with their parents’ permission) to join us for games, a craft, and a puppet show acting out a story from the Bible. You can imagine that getting as many as 100 children together to play and learn about the Bible is almost always the highlight of the trip, as the children are utterly precious and a sheer joy while interacting in activities.

It is very hard work. We camp in tents, use very smelly out-houses, have no running water, and have to prepare
all of our own food. A “shower” consists of a bucket of cold water, and the temperatures often exceed 100 degrees and have been as high as 116. But in the context of the poverty of the people we are there to serve, our “sacrifice” seems minimal, almost ridiculous.

This time in Mexico each summer is the highlight of my year, and I can certainly say that I have always received much more than I have ever given. Although our motivation is to do something tangible to show the love of God, we are always amazed at the grace and dignity of the families who graciously receive the home we’ve built. But the greatest joy for me as a father has been to watch my children serve others through their very hard work and love every minute of it.

Stephen Maret, Ph.D.
On March 28th, three alumni from different generations of College history will receive the College’s Veritas Award for professional excellence. Sister Mary Amelia Cetera, O.P. ’54 began her career at Caldwell in 1959 and, after devoting over 50 years to educating and supervising prospective teachers, continues, even in retirement, to interview and advise prospective majors. Irene Sinteff ’73 has spent a professional career as trainer, educator and career consultant in both corporate and nonprofit environments while continuing her Peace Corps activities as a United States host family. Dr. Patrick Lamy ’91 has 17 years of higher education experience as teacher, trainer, counselor and administrator in student affairs departments, culminating in his current position of Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students at Bloomfield College.

Sister Amelia Cetera, O.P. will receive an award for Excellence in Educational Leadership for the innovative and practical methods she gave to hundreds of education majors that enabled them to be effective teachers throughout their careers. Sister Amelia came to Caldwell as Director and Instructor of the College Reading Center before serving as Chairperson of the Education Department for nine years. She designed the first B.A. in Education, then a B.A. in Early Childhood Education. She developed the internship program in collaboration with the Caldwell/West Caldwell Public Schools and has supervised student interns and teachers for thirty years. Non-education majors will remember Sister Amelia as a Dean of Residence, a Class Moderator or Sodality Moderator, and she continues today to screen applicants to the Education program.

Irene Sinteff will receive an award for Excellence in Human Resources for the creative use of her wide array of human resource skills, including recruiting, career planning, line management, training and adult education. Her portfolio career spans the manufacturing, education, medical and biotech industries. She currently provides recruiting and training services to Lee Hecht Harrison and Tandem-Training and manages the successful Amgen Career Center for LHH for which she received the President’s Award in 2008. Irene has taught at area colleges and currently teaches management at Curry College. After serving as a Business Educator Volunteer with the Peace Corps in Russia, Irene continues activities to share her Peace Corps experience in the U.S. to promote peace.

Patrick Lamy, Ph.D. will receive an award for Excellence in Student Affairs in Higher Education for the leadership, training and counseling he has provided to students and student affairs professionals over seventeen years. Patrick was named Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students at Bloomfield College in 2004, where he provides leadership, strategic planning and development for all areas of student services. He had previously spent years directing and coordinating departments including Residence Life, Affirmative Action/Equal Employment, Education Opportunity Fund (EOF) both at Bloomfield and Caldwell Colleges.

The Veritas Awards Dinner will be held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ and is open to all alumni and members of the community. For further information, contact Kathleen Buse at 973-618-3411 or kbuse@caldwell.edu.
Doors open at 6 PM ~ Auction begins at 8 PM
Admission: $35/General (Advance), $30/Alumni (Advance), $40/At the Door
Ticket price includes salad, pasta, choice of 3 entrees, unlimited soft drinks, coffee, dessert, and a starter sheet of tickets. CASH BAR.

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For additional information, contact Megan Van Dorn, Alumni Project Manager: 973-618-3582

Tricky Tray Gift Auction—Registration Form

Name: ________________________________________ Phone Number: __________________________

Reservations: ________ @ ________ = ________

Quantity Price Total

Value Packs: ________ @ $40 each = ________

Quantity Total

_______ MasterCard __________ Visa _______ American Express _________ Discover

Credit Card #:____________________________________ Exp. Date: ____________

Tickets and Value Packs will not be mailed. Your name will be registered and checked at the door.
Your cancelled check is your receipt. Attendees under 21 years of age cannot participate in the auction or raffle.
Alumni took a chance on the weather to attend Homecoming 2008 on campus and received a warm reception in spite of the rain. After the morning soccer game and Parents’ Breakfast, the picnic and student carnival were moved indoors. Alumni and guests were treated to a mini-concert by Rob Middleton and the student Jazz Ensemble before their buffet luncheon. Dr. Rosann Rovento Bar’ 82 received the Peggy Harris Alumna of the Year Award (see p. 17) and Sister Patrice Werner, O.P. thanked alumni for their support as she approaches her retirement in June. In addition to the traditional check from anniversary classes, Sister Patrice accepted a $10,000.00 check from the Alumni Board toward their Capital Campaign pledge.

Alumni braved the drizzles to join the March of the Decades, led by Becky Vega and a spirited student Wind Ensemble. The March processed to Dominican Hall where the Alumni Wall of Recognition was unveiled (see p. 17). Afternoon events included an historic video on the first graduating class of 1943, an anniversary alumni art show and the Golden Anniversary Tea. Following Homecoming Mass in the Alumni Theatre, alumni moved to the Clambake or the President’s Reception. The evening ended with a Young Alumni Pop Concert and a hearty group of young alumni who defied weather and celebrated into the night at the Ringside Pub.
Video Commemorates First Class of 1943

The Class of 1943, the first class of the newly-opened Caldwell College for Women, celebrated their 65th Anniversary at Homecoming this year. To commemorate the milestone, five classmates (Annette Scatuorcho Amoroso, Sister Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, Betty Glenn Matuszak, Nancy Durante Sullivan and Mary Walsh) came to campus during the summer to recall how the college developed curriculum and activities during the first four years and the roles they played. Amid laughter and shared stories, these alumnae pioneers described how College clubs and traditions were started. They recalled favorite faculty and staff and discussed the difficulties of dating during wartime. Professor John Yurko worked with a crew from Megavideo Productions to capture the panel's remarks on tape and Caldwell Communications students transcribed the tapes and edited them into a 13-minute finished piece that was presented on Homecoming afternoon. Members of the Class of '43, the President, alumni and students enjoyed the video and an exhibit of materials from the College archives covering those first four years. This historic video now resides in the College archives for future generations of students and alumni to enjoy.

Alumni Art Show

This year, an Anniversary Alumni Art Show was introduced to Homecoming activities under the able chairing of Doreen Ciccone Valenza ’73 and Rosemary DiCaterino Ventola ’73. Held in Visceglia Art Gallery, the show included mixed media artwork by alumni from anniversary years over four decades. A few of the alumnae artists posed with their work: (top right) Julie Saypoff, (bottom left) Kim Pelusio and (bottom right) Doreen Valenza ’73.
At the Homecoming Luncheon, Dr. Rosann Rovento Bar '82 was presented with the Peggy Harris Alumna of the Year Award. Surrounded by her family, including sister Donna Rovento Grzybowski ’77, Rosann expressed her gratitude to the Alumni Board and the many alumni she has worked with over the years. The following citation was read by Tim Nellegar '00, President of the Alumni Board.

After graduating from Caldwell College in 1982 with a degree in Sociology, Rosann pursued her M.A., M.A.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology from Columbia University. She returned to Caldwell College as an adjunct professor and was hired full-time in 1997.

Rosann served on the Alumni Board for six years (2000-2006). She and Dr. Rina Spano ’70 began the Tricky Tray Gift Auction, which Rosann later co-chaired with Marguerite Kenney ’71. Tricky Tray has become a Bar family event, with husband Al assembling furniture and creating raffle booths, while Jonathan, Jeremy and Ariana helped with setup and delivered gifts to winners during the evening.

Whether it was organizing candy sales for the scholarship committee or organizing children’s events under the Alumni Tent at Fall Festival, Rosann was the reliable and responsible manager, who could handle any problem. How do you select the best decorated pumpkin with parents breathing down your neck? Call Rosann. How do you operate the spin art turntable without a battery? Call Rosann. What do we do when two people have the same ticket number — or someone loses their tickets — or we run out of food? Call Rosann. Her cool head and no-nonsense fairness always saves the day.

In addition to serving on the Alumni Scholarship Selection Committee, Rosann has coordinated and taught travel courses to Hawaii, Korea, Sicily, Ireland, Mexico and Argentina, which have also been open to alumni travelers. Her latest venture has been to sponsor CSI days for high school students through the Sociology Department. For two years, this program has had a waiting list of high schools wanting to compete and has increased from 10 to 15 schools participating. Rosann has involved alumni as witnesses and victims and has called on the expertise of Criminal Justice graduates as law enforcement representatives and judges.

For all of the ways that Rosann serves the College and Alumni Association, we thank her and are proud to be able to honor her.

The Wall is constructed of clear Lucite panels with names engraved in black lettering and measures approximately 6 feet high and 10 feet wide. There are separate panels listing all recipients of the Peggy Harris Alumna/us of the Year Award, the Family Legacy Award, and the Veritas Award. All Past Presidents of the Alumni Board are displayed. An additional panel listing alumni donors is under development and will be posted soon.

Alumni wishing to see the Wall of Recognition can park in front of Dominican Hall in 15-minute parking spots. The Alumni Lounge is on the first floor behind the receptionist office.
**Timothy Jordan ’01**, who recently graduated from the New York State Trooper Academy. Timothy began his career in law enforcement in 2003 when he became an NYPD police officer after graduating in the top 10 percent of his class of over 2,300 cadets. He left the NYPD in 2005 to serve with a local police force in the town of Lloyd, NY. In August 2007, Timothy was accepted to the New York State Trooper Academy, and he graduated with the 195th class session of the academy in February 2008. He is presently stationed in the barracks in New Paltz, Ulster County, NY.

**Brett Robertson ’06** and his brother **Craig ’07**, who have both completed Ranger School, the premier leadership school for the United States Army. They were among only 30% of the students who have been able to graduate from this extremely competitive 9-week course. The Robertson brothers are now both Platoon Leaders, and each is responsible for a Platoon Sergeant and three Squadron Leaders. Brett, who received an accounting degree from Caldwell, has also worked full time for the NJ National Guard out of Riverdale, NJ, where he was responsible for developing a training and documentation program for over 900 deploying soldiers. He is currently serving a 12-month tour at Camp Bucca Iraq, and will return to the U.S. in the summer of 2009. Craig, a graduate of Caldwell’s business management program, is stationed in Fort Bragg, NC with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Battalion 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, Alpha Company, and he is scheduled for a deployment in the spring of 2009.

**Tommy Murphy ’08**, who signed a professional contract to play as an infielder for the New Jersey Jackals baseball team for the 2008 season. Tommy had a .182 batting average and scored 5 RBIs over the course of the 24-game season. During his college career, Tommy was a star player for the Caldwell Cougars and received all-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference first team honors twice.

Members of the 50th Anniversary Class of 1958 took time for a photo op during the Golden Anniversary Tea. They are (l. to r.) Eileen McElligott Clericuzio, Jeanne Ward Shepherd, Joyce Dunn Joyce, Jane Albert, Regina Tully MacPhee, Angela Aiello Zaccardi, and Joyce Gallagher Murphy.
Members of the Shore Chapter met in Ocean at the home of Dina DiFlumeri DeFillippo ’84 on December 7th for their traditional Christmas Social. Alumnae enjoyed each other’s company over a potluck brunch, then retired to the living room for a competitive gift draw game. The group discussed plans for a Day at the Races at Monmouth Park in June 2009. Stay tuned for more information in the new year!

On April 25, 2009, the Sociology Department will offer its Crime Scene Investigation Competition for high school students. Now in its third year, this program has been so popular that a waiting list among high school teams has been created.

The Sociology Department would like to have alumni from the law enforcement field serve as judges and other interested alumni volunteer for roles as witnesses and victims. The program begins at 9:00 but volunteers should arrive at 8:00am for briefing and familiarity with their crime scene. The Department could also use help on April 24th setting up the crime scenes and will be working on them all day.

To volunteer for any of these activities, contact Dr. Rosann Bar at 973-618-3653 or rbar@caldwell.edu or Kathleen Buse at 973-618-3411.
Caldwell College began offering Communication Arts certification in the mid-1980s, under the direction of then-president Sister Vivien Jennings, O.P. By the fall of 1995, the College introduced a bachelor of arts degree in Communication Arts and the program grew considerably. Many of the students and alumni who have chosen a Communication Arts degree or certification have sought careers in broadcasting, audio and video editing, technical direction, and camera work. Some have pursued internships during their final years at Caldwell in order to get a jump start on their careers, while others have worked their way up into their chosen fields after graduation. As you watch TV or listen to the radio, you may see or hear some of the work done by our Communication Arts graduates and not even know it!

One alumna who has taken her Caldwell Communication Arts experience into the real world is Barbara Stilwell Borrero ’02. She works for Total Training Productions, a video-based software training company. She was hired a few months after her graduation as a junior editor and was later promoted to senior editor, then producer. Barbara’s many responsibilities with Total Training include editing video, writing copy, managing talent, and overseeing recordings. “It’s a very hectic job, requiring a lot of multi-tasking & attention to detail,” Barbara admits. “I’ve enjoyed it, though, because it’s enabled me to utilize both my Communication Arts degree and my English minor.” Barbara hopes to delve further into project management as she continues her career.

During his senior year at Caldwell, Matt Cori ’02 began his career in Communication Arts by interning with Chase Wilson, a multimedia production company in Montclair, NJ. Immediately after his graduation, Matt went on to become a cameraman and editor for Cablevision in Oakland, NJ, but he was called back by Chase Wilson to do freelance work a few months later. When Chase Wilson partnered with Hackensack University Medical Center to produce radio shows hosted by Caldwell Communication Arts professor Bob Mann, Matt was hired full-time to edit those shows for local cable television. Besides that, “I was doing everything from editing company overview videos, to filming live meetings, to setting up staging equipment,” Matt recalls. He was eventually promoted to his present position as the head of Chase Wilson’s video department. His latest project is a collaboration with the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office to produce videos about internet safety for high school and college students.

Melissa Lange ’07 also got her start through an internship. During her senior year, Melissa interned at MSNBC and was hired on as a full-time freelance video editor as soon as she graduated. You can now see her editing work on shows like The Rachel Maddow Show, Hardball with Chris Mathews, MSNBC Dayside News, Countdown with Keith Olberman, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and Morning Joe.

Another Caldwell alumni who works for NBC is Justin Cece ’99. Like Melissa, Justin started out as an intern at MSNBC, and he was also hired after graduation. The first shows he worked on included Special Edition with Ann Curry, Crime Files, and Headliners and Legends with Matt Lauer. In 2002, NBC News moved Justin to Rome, Italy to edit stories for NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, and shows for MSNBC. “I also freelanced at CNN, BBC, CBS and for various European broadcasters and traveled with Pope John Paul II to Croatia, Slovakia, Bosnia, and also Lourdes, France, which turned out to be his last Papal trip,” Justin recalls. When he came back to the United States in 2005, Justin became a freelancer for Peacock Productions, a division of NBC that handles programming production for several of NBC’s cable stations, including A&E, The Discovery Channel, and The History Channel. Justin’s recent production work includes the Emmy-nominated 1968 with Tom Brokaw, the Beijing Olympics, a documentary on Martin Luther King, Jr., and an hour-long special for The Discovery Channel on global warming, which was aired this past
December. In February, Justin will be in Tampa, working on the NBC broadcast of the Super Bowl.

Nick Monte '04 was able to take his experience in both Communication Arts and retail sales and apply it to a position as an advertising sales assistant for Fox and My Network Television in New York City. From there, he moved on to become a production assistant for WWOR-TV, the My Network affiliate in New York. “While I was there,” Nick says, “I listened to what everyone had to say about the business and learned as much as possible.” His listening and learning paid off as he took on his current production assistant position at the Fox Business Channel. When he applied for that position, Nick says, “they were so impressed that they called my news director hours after I left and said, ‘We’re taking him.’” Nick’s next goal is to become a segment producer, and eventually, an executive producer.

While still attending Caldwell, Mike Liszczynsky '94 began working at Megavideo Productions, a company that specializes in corporate video productions. He stayed there after graduating and has done camera, graphic design, editing and teleprompter work at Megavideo since then. “I’ve traveled all over the country to shoot on-location, which in itself is a big thrill,” Mike says. “A big benefit is meeting and working with so many pleasant actors, directors, and producers, as well as their clients. It’s very fulfilling to work on a specific video project from its inception through its final viewing on a big screen with a live audience.” Recently, Mike worked with the Caldwell College Alumni Office to produce a video that featured members of the Class of 1943.

Christian Piombo ’04 started his own video production company after he graduated, then began work as a freelance video editor. He has partnered with the video branding department at Unilever Bestfoods to edit internal promotional videos for their food products division. In addition to his freelancing, Christian currently works for the Verizon Telecom New Jersey Fiber Solution Center for FiOS, where he is on the fast track to a management position.

“When I say I’m living the dream, I truly mean it,” says Joe Catenacci ’06, who is now a radio news director and anchor in North Carolina. Thanks to the encouragement of Professor Bob Mann and the assistance of the Caldwell Communication Arts production staff, Joe attained a position with not one, but three radio stations run by Sea-Comm Media in eastern North Carolina after he graduated. Joe oversees daily newscast operations and anchors morning shows as well. This has afforded him the opportunity to meet and interview major political figures like Mitt Romney and Elizabeth Dole. During the time that he has been working for Sea-Comm, Joe has seen a 200% increase in advertising sales at 2 of his 3 stations, and he has seen his stations’ ratings jump from thirteenth to fourth in the market. As he looks to the future, Joe plans to work towards a radio career in New York City, home of the largest radio market in the country.

What began as a certification program grew to be one of the most popular majors at Caldwell College today. The Communication Arts department now boasts three full-time faculty, all of whom are seasoned professionals, as well as an indispensable full-time studio manager, Nick Amabile '00. The department is committed to providing intensive training in mass media theory and practice, all while providing students with individual attention and opportunities through internships and work experience. John Yurko, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Communication Arts department, stated, “We’re proud of the growth of our department over the years, and we are proud to have helped our alumni achieve such great professional success.”

Megan Hurley Van Dorn ’04
Project Manager, Alumni Affairs
Nothing could have comforted me more than the feeling of home that overcame me each time I visited Caldwell College’s campus in my junior and senior years of high school. It was stronger than any other feeling at any other campus I visited. I remember the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of faculty, students, and staff. This campus has become my home away from home for the past four years. This atmosphere has stayed with me and has strongly intensified.

I have also had the opportunity to learn first-hand the workings of the Dominican Spirit through many volunteer experiences. The four pillars of Dominican Life are built upon community, study, prayer and service. I feel that I have experienced all of the pillars multiple times throughout my education here at Caldwell College.

My involvement with the college began in the Campus Ministry program where I have served in multiple masses and retreats. I have also been an active Dominican leader through the Preaching in Action Conference, Dominican Young Adult Organization and the Path to Peace: Holy See Mission to the United Nations Seminar. Through these gatherings I have experienced community, prayer and a sense of mission. I have been able to study with other faith-filled students, meet church leaders, listen and participate in Dominican discussion, partake in service programs and, most importantly, strengthen my faith.

I have annually attended and become dedicated to the alternative spring break service opportunity at Christian Appalachian Project where I’ve helped to rebuild the homes and lives of impoverished people in eastern Kentucky. I guess you can say I was hooked on the feelings of faith, hope, and love that I had for this place. It is a common belief among volunteers that in giving to others, you are the one who receives a great gift. I can honestly attest to this statement through my experiences of service. Like Caldwell College, CAP has been a home away from home that’s a mere fourteen hour drive away.

My latest travels have extended across the world to the homeland of St. Dominic. I most recently took advantage of the chance to study abroad in Fanjeaux, France where I instantly became attached to the land, the people and the beauty that surrounded me. Over the course of three weeks, I studied, prayed, and gained knowledge about the foundation of the Dominican order. I had an unforgettable experience that I will remember for a lifetime.

Every experience here at Caldwell College has opened another door of opportunity to immerse my faith further in the Dominican tradition. I have a strong knowledge of the Dominican identity and the mission of this institution. I intend to continue to uphold this mission as a member of the Presidential Search Committee at the College. I am eternally grateful to the individuals that are connected to this institution and I am convinced that we will choose a great leader who will continue to embrace the faith of Caldwell College.

Kimberly Hayes ’09
Remembering Madame

I came to Caldwell in the autumn of 1947 and, as a freshman, I gave some thought to majoring in Chemistry. I rather liked all those test tubes, Bunsen burners and experiments. Still do. Having chosen French as my foreign language, I awaited the arrival of our solitary French instructor, Madame.

Madame was what we referred to in those days as a “war bride.” Her husband, Dr. Jules Lombardi, chaired the Modern Language Department at Seton Hall. Dr. Lombardi, a US Army officer, was part of the American Military Government stationed in Grenoble, France. Madame had her degree from the university there. They met, married, had one son and came to America to live.

Madame spoke such beautiful French. It flowed. It glittered. It was flawless. She also had a lovely speaking voice to accompany her magnificent accent. Once she told me I had a Parisian accent. Wow! Madame infused her lessons with French history, art and literature. Mesmerizing. She seemed to have a special mission in making sure we learned the profiles and nuances of “romanticism” and “classicism.” She succeeded. At least with me.

Madame’s appearance was very spare, Gallic to her fingertips. As I remember, she always wore the same pin-striped black suit, white silk shirt buttoned to the neck with a bar pin, her hair in a bun. She wore remarkable flat black shoes, the soles of which appeared to be made from old tires. I believe her thin frame, funny shoes and black suit were all carryovers from the years of deprivation and hardship of the Nazi occupation. She wore them all with pride and distinction and, I think, with transcendent chic and elegance. I became a French major.

Ellen McCabe ’51

In Memory of

Please remember these deceased alumni and family members in your prayers.

Joan Simon Bogdan ’53
Marjorie Ward Burleigh ’50
Joan Brogley Catena ’55
Richard A. Concilio
Husband of Carmella Lullo Concilio ’55
Maura Carberry Ehrenberg ’55
Mary D. Guldner
Mother of Diane Guldner Cifelli ’61
Mary Mullan Harmon ’64
Shirley Travis Lascko ’74
Lawrence Lettizia
Brother-in-law of Sister Mary John Kearney, O.P. ’62
Sydney C. Lockwood
Husband of Paula Fuydal Lockwood ’64
Mary Haveron Madden ’46
Sister of Jane Haveron ’66
Joseph Pinaud
Husband of Nancy Koehler Pinaud ’57, brother of Marilyn Pinaud ’69 and brother-in-law of Mary Koehler Bruno ’67
Margaret Jean Poltorak
Mother of Mag Poltorak-Keyes ’75 and Anne Poltorak ’78
Richard Rosen
Husband of Christine Hagan Rosen ’72
Marie Shallis ’59
P.C. Wang
Husband of Aili Catherine Liu Wang ’55
’60 Elaine Kacmarik recently traveled to Italy. While in Sicily, her tour guide was Dr. Gaetano Salemi, who has been a guest lecturer on Sicilian history at Caldwell College. He will return to the College for another lecture in January 2009.

Elaine Kacmarik and Gaetano Salemi

’80 JoAnne DiAgostino, Caldwell’s “Iron Chef,” whipped up her sixth annual Cook for the Cure cocktail party in October to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Over the past six years, JoAnne’s culinary efforts have generated $6,300.00 for breast cancer and have thrilled many hungry gourmands.

JoAnne DiAgostino

’88 Teresa Gagliardi Palm and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of their son. Anthony Joseph Richard Palm was born in July 2008. He joins big sister Madison, who is 4.

Anthony Joseph Richard Palm

’89 Maria DiAgostino Tryon was recently honored by the ARC of New Jersey as the 2008 Teacher of the Year. She is a special education teacher at Roxbury High School in Succasunna, NJ. Maria was responsible for organizing a chapter of Best Buddies, an organization that pairs special needs students with mainstream students for after-school activities, at Roxbury High School in 2006.

Maria DiAgostino Tryon

’90 Kelly Gleeson was married to Jack Mungovan in March 2008 at St. Augustine’s in Highland, New York. Christine Sundquist Gallagher ’91 and Lisa French Tichenor ’91 were members of the bridal party. Following the wedding, the new couple was greeted by Pope Benedict XVI at an April 9 audience in Rome. The couple now resides in Brewster, NY.

Jack and Kelly Gleeson Mungovan with Pope Benedict

NEW! Beginning in February, 2009, Caldwell College alumni will be able to place their transcript orders online, 24/7, from anywhere! For more information, visit www.getmytranscript.com.
‘90 **Bob Costello** and his wife Evelyn welcomed the newest addition to their family, Logan Simon Costello, in October 2008. Logan weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce. He joins big brother and sister Shannon and Robbie.

‘91 **Lisa French Tichenor** and her husband, Chuck, welcomed their second son, Grant Keating, in April 2008. He arrived three months early and weighed in at 1 lb.14 oz. and measured 14 inches. He came home in July 2008 and is thriving. He is joined by 10-year-old big brother Charlie.

‘96 **Laura Stutz** joined the K&L Gates law firm in Newark, NJ as an associate attorney in September 2008. She had most recently been an associate at Herrick, Feinstein LLP, a law firm based in New York City. Laura received her law degree from Seton Hall University in 2001.

‘97 **James Vopal** and his wife, Sharon, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Rebecca Lee and Emma Avery, in July 2008. The twins were born 32 weeks premature and came home from the hospital in August. Everyone is doing well.

‘98 **Marie Cirasella** was awarded a Doctor of Education degree in Education Leadership, Management and Policy, K-12 by Seton Hall University at its commencement ceremonies in May 2008. Dr. Cirasella earned a Masters degree in Curriculum & Instruction and a Masters degree in Education Administration from Caldwell College. Dr. Cirasella is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Bloomfield, NJ.

‘00 **Tim and Jennifer Chominsky Nellegar** announce the birth of their first daughter. Kaitlyn Marie Nellegar was born in October 2008 and weighed in at 5 lbs.14 oz.

‘01 **Rocco Miscia, Jr.** recently earned a Certificate in Public Management. This course consists of six levels totaling 228 contact hours and was sponsored by co-sponsored by the New Jersey Human Resource Development Institute and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Rocco is currently the director of the Essex County College Police Academy.

‘02 **LaVise McCray** and Bobby Davis were married in November 2008 in Jersey City, NJ. LaVise is currently a special education teacher in Jersey City.

**Notes**

*Logan Simon Costello*

*Grant Keating Tichenor*

*Kaitlyn Marie Nellegar*

*Rocco Miscia, Jr. and LaVise McCray Davis*

*Rose-Anne Sousa Thompson*

*Gabriel Christopher Thompson*
‘03 Danielle Schmidt Kopp and her husband Jason announce the birth of their son. Brayden Evan Kopp was born in July 2008 at 9 lbs. and 21 inches long.

Dania Olivo announces her marriage to Enrique Diaz in August 2008 at Holy Name Church in East Orange, NJ. Fellow Caldwell alumna Latoya Parris was Maid of Honor. Dania is a school psychologist in Paterson and Enrique is a database analyst in Florham Park. The couple currently resides in Belleville.

‘04 Elmina DiMartino and Anthony Scillia were married in June 2008. Elmina is currently teaching in Garfield and completed her Masters in Science of Educational Technology in May 2008.

Elmina DiMartino and Anthony Scillia

Dania Olivo di Martino Scillia

Erin Moran was married in December 2007 to Anthony Marrone at the Church of Saint Mary in Rutherford, NJ. The reception was at the Valley Regency in Clifton. Erin’s maid of honor was her sister, Meghan Moran ’07.

Anthony and Erin Moran Marrone

Tony Marques and Angelica Munoz

Angelica Muñoz announces her engagement to Tony Marques in May 2008. Angelica is currently a first-grade teacher at Koinonia Academy, a Catholic school in Plainfield, NJ. A July 2009 wedding is being planned.

‘05 Nick Van Dorn and Megan Hurley ’04 were married in October 2008 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale, NJ. A grand total of 17 Caldwell alumni were in attendance, including bridal party members Jamie Frattolillo Jacob ’02 and Aaron Tripodi ’08. The Van Dorns now reside in Nutley, NJ.

Brian Jacob and Jaimie Frattolillo ’02 were married in July 2008 at the Mother Joseph Residence Hall chapel. Members of the bridal party included alumni Mike Sciame ’03, Jake Boczany ’04, and Megan Hurley ’04. Former campus minister Father Tom Orians presided over the ceremony. The couple now resides in Robbinsville, NJ.

Angelica Muñoz and Tony Marques

Monica Sobrado has been accepted to the University of Medicine and Health Sciences on the island of St. Kitts.
Our own Megan Hurley (Alumni Project Manager) and husband Nick Van Dorn take the record for most Caldwell guests at their October wedding. (Back row, standing) Aaron Tripoldi ‘08, Ryan Iannelli, Chris Beatty ‘04, Father Tom Orians, S.A., Erich Harzer, Peter Lee, Jake Boczany ‘05, Vincent Braidzanie ‘04, Vinnie Pontillo ‘04, Sharon Dwyer ‘02, Jen Kohnen ‘03, Professor Robert Bednar. (Middle row, standing) Andrea Runne ‘04, Megan Hurley Van Dorn ‘04, Nick Van Dorn ‘05, Deborah Tripoldi ‘00 (Seated) Andrew Byczkiewicz ‘06, Vincent Triona ‘03, Mike Sciame ’03, Angela Santone ’01, Cat Menz ’05, Sarah Padron, Jaimie Frattolillo Jacob ’02, Brian Jacob ’05, and Kathleen Buse ’72.

Have you recently said, “I do”? Welcomed a new baby? Changed jobs? Been promoted? Received an award? Moved to a new home? Surprise your classmates and help us keep up to date on your accomplishments.

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Or e-mail to: echoes@caldwell.edu

Or submit your notes to Caldwell Crossroads: http://alum.caldwell.edu

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