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Sister Gerardine Mueller

Dear Friends of Caldwell University,



As our fall 2017 semester came to a close, the campus community was blessed to have Joseph Cardinal Tobin celebrate our Advent Mass. Students, faculty, staff and board members were able to meet with his eminence afterward and give him a warm Caldwell University welcome. We are fortunate to have such a caring shepherd and someone who advocates strongly for Catholic education at all levels.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of our magazine which features Kendall Baker and the Mueller Gallery, the new art exhibition space dedicated at Homecoming last fall and named in honor of Sister Gerardine Mueller, OP, who started the art department more than 50 years ago and who has served as a teacher and mentor to so many. With the creation of this dedicated space, our art program can seek accreditation for the first time.

I'd like to highlight a few of the other topics you'll find within these pages: a feature on faculty member Kyle Bennett, who recently published his first book on spiritual disciplines, and a staff feature on Crystal Lopez, the director of our residence life program who represented CU at an international conference in Bogota, Colombia, last fall. One article focuses on a meeting of members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops with representative presidents of Catholic colleges and universities last fall in Boston. I was privileged to attend the meeting and speak about some of the challenges facing small Catholic institutions that are dedicated to serving a marginalized student population that is so deserving and so desirous of obtaining a bachelor's degree. At Caldwell, we work to make that dream a reality every single day for our students.

I hope all of you will mark your calendars and come to campus on February 17 when ESPN3 will be live streaming the women's and men's basketball games that afternoon. Caldwell's last opportunity for national coverage occurred almost eight years ago when we filled the gym with fans as our women's basketball team defeated conference opponent Bloomfield. This year our teams will take on the teams from Jefferson University in Philadelphia, and we want another strong show of support for our student-athletes. It promises to be an exciting afternoon, and we want you all to be part of this special occasion!

As we begin a new semester, let's pray together for all those in our community and around the world who are in need. Join me in extending a special prayer of appreciation on behalf of our Dominican sponsors, on whose foundation Caldwell University has been built and rests. May 2018 be a time of health, peace and prosperity for all.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nancy H. Blattner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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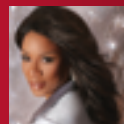


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FACULTY FEATURE

KENDALL BAKER:

EDUCATOR, ARTIST, GALLERY DIRECTOR



Art Professor Kendall Baker with art major Natalia Gonzalez.

ART DEPARTMENT AND GALLERY EXPANSION

For Professor Kendall Baker, the new Mueller Art Gallery is an affirmation of the university's mission. The centrally located space, named for Sister Gerardine Mueller, O.P., artist and professor emerita, "underscores the university's commitment to arts and culture" and increases the type and quality of artwork Caldwell can now share with the community, he says. "Some people may not be aware that the word 'aesthetic' is one of the core parts of the school's mission," says Baker.

This past fall, shortly after the unveiling, the gallery hosted an art exhibition by recent alumni, featuring the work of many of Baker's students. "It's a tremendous pleasure to have been a part of their education and then, as gallery director, invite them back to celebrate their accomplishments as independent artists." Baker is ebullient about the creation of the Mueller Gallery and about the opportunities it now has to bring in the works of well-known artists due

to the increased security provided by a door. "Museums and galleries that would previously not have loaned us artworks will now do so," he says.

The expansion, made possible by the New Jersey higher education state bond, includes an administrative suite and two new classrooms for the art therapy program, a dedicated printmaking and photography studio and studio spaces for seniors majoring in art. These changes will allow for accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, which is beneficial for graduates competing for employment and "communicates to prospective students considering Caldwell that its already rigorous programs meet or exceed the national standards," says Baker.

The Art Department is dedicating the first solo show to the work of colleague

and art professor Judith Croce, who passed away unexpectedly last summer. "She was an amazing painter and had such a sensitive eye for color," says Baker. Croce had initiated the push for an improved gallery as a cultural centerpiece for the school, which makes it appropriate and poignant that the first solo exhibition is dedicated to her artwork. Earlier in the semester, Baker worked with his colleagues, Croce's friends and family members to create a "life celebration." "It was an honor," Baker said, "to be engaged in an occasion that recognized

a colleague's life in teaching and shaping the Art Department."

Baker is an accomplished artist himself—a sculptor and photographer—who has had his work on display in galleries from New York to Berlin. A recent work, "Broken Line," uses site-specific installation to invite the viewer on a journey. "Broken

Line" is installed at I-Park in East Haddam, Connecticut, where Baker transformed several acres of woodland with plywood panels fastened to dozens of trees along a sloping path. The panels are shaped according to the

angle and thickness of each tree and, when intuited, form a horizontal plane when the viewer "connects the dots." "It's a work that brings the viewer into an awareness of place and space while walking through it," explains Baker.

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"Broken Line" by Kendall Baker.

Learning how environments condition visual experience is a theme Baker has reflected on quite a bit after having spent considerable time outside the United States. As a child, he lived in Italy and Czechoslovakia due to his father's State Department career. The direct experience of what he could touch and engage with his hands laid the groundwork for his art. "I was always making things, but it wasn't art until I was much older."

His grandmothers had a formative influence on him; one was an amateur artist and the other was a published poet, author and United Nations women's representative. He became interested in literature and art, which led

him to take courses in those disciplines, including mythology, modernist writers and sculpture, as an undergrad at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

After two years at Clark, Baker took time off to hitchhike, work odd jobs and visit museums while traveling in Europe. Following a year of working and traveling, he enrolled in art and art history classes in Florence, studied wood carving with an instrument-maker and learned mold-making and casting at a plaster fabrication facility that duplicated works such as Michelangelo's "David" at full scale.

By the time he returned to Clark, he had enough courses to qualify for a bachelor in fine arts degree. After receiving the BFA, he began preparing a portfolio to apply for the master's program in sculpture at Yale University. In his second year, Baker came upon a book in the Yale Library on Indian

cave-temple architecture and it inspired him to apply for a Fulbright scholarship to study this art form and Eastern ways of seeing. He enrolled at MS University of Baroda in India and spent the year visiting cave-temple sites and producing a series of large sculptures made of cast paper, clay and tapioca, from a recipe taught to him by a maker of toys and life-size deities. "The encounter with cultural and philosophical frameworks so different from my own was an extraordinary experience and one I urge my students to reach for."

Back in the United States, as a young artist, he hadn't planned on a career in teaching. He was supporting himself in

New York City as a freelance interior construction specialist, so he could take three or four weeks off at a time to work on his art. By chance, a friend recommended him and he was hired by then-chair Croce.

In his 20-plus years at Caldwell, Baker has contributed greatly to the expansion of the department and has served on numerous campus committees. Next year he will take on the role of chair, a position he has held in the past.

Today, Caldwell's Art Department has roughly 80 majors, making it one of the larger departments at Caldwell. It offers a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of fine arts, programs in graphic design and studio art, and double majors in art and education and art and psychology, a major that feeds the rapidly expanding graduate program in counseling/art therapy. Baker is working with his colleagues to expand the program

to include new media courses in interactive multimedia platforms, 3-D modeling and animation to prepare students for new opportunities in the marketplace.

Sean Puzzo '17, an alumnus of the graphic design program, collaborated with Baker to create the exhibition "Belize: Beyond the Blue Skies and Clear Waters: A Reflection on Short Term Service Trips." "Professor Baker is a breath of knowledge," says Puzzo. "His way of thinking pushes you outside of the box and outside of your comfort zone."

Baker also finds it gratifying to teach those not majoring in art who take his classes, helping them see art's relevance in their lives. He recently took his drawing class to the Metropolitan Museum in New York City. "I'd say 80 percent of them had not been there before, and their eyes were wide with delight from the experience."

He encourages his students to "see" beyond what they "think." Despite his love of literature, he says reliance on verbal language often obscures direct experience. "Once they step back from verbal language to look at the ways in which visual experience is conditioned, students begin to recognize a very different world."

There is a thread between his life as a sculptor, teacher and gallery director that stitches together the way "seeing" is understood. He suspects his perspective stems from feeling like a bit of an "outsider" while growing up in other countries. As an educator, that has given him insights into his students' outsider view of art, "because art is a foreign country in many ways, even if a student is interested in it."

Baker feels privileged to work with talented and committed faculty members in the Art Department who share the goal of expanding the understanding of art. And as for his work as gallery director, he adds, "To whatever extent visitors and students are able to make connections due to the ideas, new relationships and content presented in the exhibitions, I'm very grateful to be an agent for discovery." ■

—CL

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Dedicates New Art Gallery to Sister Gerardine Mueller

Caldwell University held a dedication ceremony at Homecoming Sept. 24 to unveil the Mueller Gallery, named in honor of Sister Gerardine Mueller, O.P., '54.

Dr. Nancy Blattner, Caldwell's president, welcomed an overflow crowd of alumni, students, faculty, staff and administration in attendance to honor Sister Gerardine and to witness the ribbon cutting. A second reception, held Nov. 5, was attended by more than 75 guests, including alumni who traveled from as far as North Carolina, Ohio and Vermont.

The new gallery, located in the Student Center, provides an ideal space for exhibitions that will include the work of students and alumni.

As a Sister of St. Dominic, an artist, a teacher, mentor and colleague, Mueller is an iconic presence on Caldwell's campus and is remembered by her students for the lessons and inspiration she shared with them. As founder of the university's Art Department, she was grateful to see many of her former students and friends, some of whom she had not seen in decades.

Mueller's body of work is formidable, encompassing sculpture, stained glass, illuminated manuscripts, woodcarvings and clay.

Alumna Agnes Dembia '69 attended the Homecoming dedication and was thrilled to "see such a glorious acknowledgment of Sister Gerardine and her many



Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs Kevin Boyle, Sister Gerardine Mueller, O.P. and President Nancy Blattner at the Mueller Gallery dedication ceremony.

contributions to Caldwell University." Dembia recalled how when she was in the third or fourth grade she saw a color photo spread of Sister Gerardine's illuminated manuscripts in *The Daily News*. "Immediately I knew that I wanted her to be my teacher one day and promised myself that it would happen! In my senior year at Caldwell, I took her class in calligraphy and illumination and loved it. I went on to earn a master's degree in art education. To this day I still enjoy the practice of calligraphy."

Alumna Elaine Weiss Yonke '69 was proud to attend the dedication. "Her art is everywhere you look around the campus, yet she remains so humble. I know she is grateful for this special honor, and it was so good to be there and see her smile. She has always inspired me to do my best, to be open to new ideas and to keep going despite setbacks. She taught me to always be true to myself."

Rosemary Buczek '71 remembered Sister Gerardine as "the precious soul who



"In producing a work, artists express themselves to the point where their work becomes a unique disclosure of their own being, of what they are and of how they are what they are."

—Letter to Artists, Saint Pope John Paul II



This proclamation, created by Rosemary Buczek '71, is hand-lettered, illuminated and gilded in 23k gold. Buczek is recognized as the leading calligraphy and illumination artist in the country. Her works can be seen in the Vatican, the White House, the Pentagon and in private collections throughout the world.



Three of Sister Gerardine's six "girls" from the class of '69. L to R: Christine Fogerty Michel, Linda Hageman Monsell and Kathy Kolar Durstewitz. Not pictured: Elaine Weiss Yonke, Marilyn Pinaud and Mary Ann DeFranco Evans.

sent me sailing in a direction I couldn't have imagined."

Linda Monsell '69 was one of six art majors from the Class of '69 who met as freshmen, studied with Sister Gerardine for four years, and have remained close with her ever since. "She has been the nucleus of our friendship for 51 years: she refers to us as 'my girls' and we love her for it!"

Sister Gerardine said the gallery naming was recognition of the work done on behalf of the Sisters of St. Dominic congregation at the university. "The gallery leaves a physical, lasting mark of the sisters' work—of the sisters' presence—and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to have worked in that area of the university." ■

—CL and CH

'LIGHT & COLOR: THE ARTWORK OF JUDITH CROCE' EXHIBITION



The exhibition "Light & Color: The Artwork of Judith Croce" will run Feb. 9 through March 12, 2018, and will feature 30 works by Art Department faculty member Judith Croce, who died unexpectedly last summer. Croce was a member of the department from 1988 to 2017 and its chair from 1988 to 2000. In her career as a professional artist, she took a minimalist, nonobjective approach that celebrated subtle color shapes and simplified compositions.

In her studio process, Croce was an intrepid seeker, and this exhibition will present works in a variety of media including oils, gouache, encaustic (wax and pigment) and most recently, cut-paper wall installations. With an exquisite eye for color, space and light, she transmitted her vision into minimal geometric elements to create ephemeral harmonies using subtle tensions and perceptual ambiguity. Croce's work was influenced by Matisse and Morandi and was later informed by Bauhaus color theorist Johannes Itten. Her work is held in numerous museums and corporate collections.

A reception will be held 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, with a snow date of March 1. Check the university website for updates. ■



FACULTY FEATURE

KYLE BENNETT:

TURNING THOUGHTS INTO ACTION



The vast nature of philosophy drew Kyle Bennett to the discipline. “The thing that I love and enjoy about philosophy is that it studies everything,” he says. “I see philosophy as a tool belt that equips us with reasoning skills and how to ask good questions. It helps us do what we want to do in more coherent ways.”

He wants others—including those who have no interest in philosophy—to see how philosophy can improve their daily lives and how everything they do affects others. With that goal in mind, Bennett has published his first book. “Practices of Love: Spiritual Disciplines for the Life of the World” aims to reach a variety of readers and to spark a discussion about Christian practices and their effectiveness for all people, even those with no religious affiliation. The book invites readers to see how spiritual disciplines can improve their interactions with people, animals, the environment and society as a whole. Bennett promotes the idea that spiritual disciplines have a positive influence on all aspects of society and every facet of life, from eating to sleeping. “Can we improve the way we talk and think, and ought we to do so?” he asks.

“There is a profound tension right now in civil society regarding the nature and purpose of religion,” he says, “but I want to ask anyone who’s reading my book, are these good practices period? Do these help us become better human beings?”

Bennett’s path toward an intensive focus on philosophy included a broad range of study and experience across the United States. He received his undergraduate degree in youth ministry and philosophy at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and then worked as a youth minister and associate pastor in Orlando, Florida. He became a pastor but shortly after realized that he didn’t feel equipped to address some of his congregation’s concerns and questions and that he needed more formal education.

A passion for learning and a desire to apply deeper conceptual understanding to personal and professional life took Bennett from the East Coast to Pasadena, California, where he pursued a master’s degree in theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He initially believed his education would end there, but his professors had other plans. “I just really wanted to get a little more academic training and continue to be a pastor and work in a church,” Bennett says. But at the insistence of his professors and mentors, he completed a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion at Fuller.

Bennett’s intellectual pursuit solidified his place in the academic sphere. After working as an adjunct professor at multiple institutions in California, he relocated to New Jersey where he is now an assistant professor in Caldwell’s

Department of Philosophy and Theology. Bennett’s approach to teaching is anything but ordinary. “I don’t really lecture. I don’t really present,” he says. While he appreciates the atmosphere of rigorous lectures, he does not push his preferred style of learning onto his students. “I realize that a majority of people don’t learn that way.” Instead he employs a pedagogy based upon conversation and personal guidance.

The nature of philosophy as an academic discipline lends credence to Bennett’s unique take on teaching. The subject poses

a dilemma:
How does one teach how to think and what it means to think? Bennett’s solution is to lead

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by example. “Intellectually, I like to hold people’s hands and walk with them,” he says. To teach his students how to think, he thinks himself in front of them. He uses modeling techniques to articulate his thinking process in order to show his students how to compose their thoughts and then to articulate them for the greatest impact.

Bennett often encounters students who question the value of the subject in their own fields—from business, to nursing, to English. “One of the reasons I love philosophy is that it attends to all of those things,” he says. His teaching highlights the humanity of his students and reminds them they are not only students of a discipline but members of a much larger political and professional society who can benefit from learning the foundations of thinking and doing. Senior Martin Djikanovic took Bennett’s Introduction to Philosophy course and found it so interesting that he decided to take the





Dr. Bennett at the campus book signing.

Philosophy of Law and Philosophy of God courses. “His teaching intrigued me,” Djikanovic says. “He provides interesting reading material and teaches us to go in depth with it.” Djikanovic, a business finance major with a sport management minor, also appreciates that Bennett has encouraged students to attend the Sister Maura Campbell lecture series with accomplished scholars and theologians. “We write reflection papers and learn to think critically about the topics.”

Bennett wants students to gain a deeper understanding of all aspects of life, and Caldwell University is the right place to pursue this goal. Bennett says his teaching style embodies and aligns with the university’s mission statement. “I believe in the education of the whole person. So it’s not just intellectual, but it’s spiritual, it’s aesthetic—shaping the whole person, professional, and member of political society. That’s how I’m interested in educating,” he says. Besides preparing thoughtful professionals, Caldwell University forms people who make sound ethical decisions. “There are many

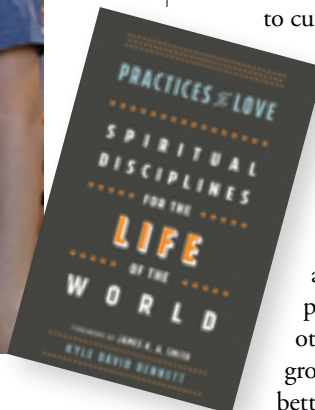
universities out there that don’t care about moral formation. I love that Caldwell puts that first and foremost, because that’s how people should be educated.”

Bennett’s involvement with the university goes much deeper than his passion as a professor. He is also the program director for the Spirituality and Leadership Institute (SLI), an opportunity for high school students to explore theological foundations and to inquire into the

deeper meanings of morality. “The most basic goal we have is helping them see that within religious texts and practices there is wisdom to be found—wisdom about being human and being a good human being,” Bennett says.

The five-day Spirituality and Society Seminar held in July on Caldwell’s campus is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. Together, Bennett and the SLI staff and students take a close look at what it means to be a virtuous person in daily activities and at how good habits supported by theological texts can form virtuous leaders in society.

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During this program, students hear stories from professionals, enjoy fun activities—from ice cream socials to mini golf—and are shown how morality extends into every part of life. Bennett takes this lesson a step further by examining how online interactions can also be avenues for students

to cultivate virtuous behavior and to uphold respectable morals. “How do we shop online? How do we talk online?” he asks, emphasizing how his students achieve a wider understanding of spirituality not only from the work world and in everyday tasks but when posting online and texting others. The SLI is a “training ground” to shape students into better persons, professionals and members of political society.

Bennett’s next book will focus on physical gestures. The way people use their bodies in relation to others has a connection to being a good neighbor. From the rolling of eyes to the shrugging of shoulders, Bennett wants to encourage people to think critically about how their presence and presentation help, hinder or harm society with others. “I want to see us become better neighbors. We all want to have good neighbors. And being a good neighbor requires being sensitive to how you present yourself and are received by others.” ■

—Catherine Stansfield

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT KYLE BENNETT

- He has three children—a 9-year-old, a 3-year-old and an infant.
- He quit baseball to play basketball at Geneva College.
- He writes poetry and his favorite poet is Emily Dickinson.
- He loves playing darts.
- He loves to read children’s books.



STAFF FEATURE

CRYSTAL LOPEZ:

GUIDING STUDENTS IN THE “RES LIFE” CLASSROOM



When Crystal Lopez helps students fix their academic regalia at graduation, she is celebrating more than their degrees. Many see commencement as a chance to pay tribute to student academics, says the residence life director, and she and her staff share in that, but they are also reveling in how the students have grown in their life skills. “We teach outside the classroom; that’s what student affairs is.” That education can include anything from conflict resolution to understanding cultural differences to how to work out a roommate disagreement or learning to do laundry properly. “Yes, I have had some students walk around with pink attire” (from dye bleeds), she says.

College is a time to learn responsibility, independence and how to become a global citizen. “By instilling the core values that we teach at Caldwell,” respect, integrity, community and excellence, students are building skills that will benefit them in their jobs, in their communities and within their families, says Lopez. “I think that is what is different about working at a Catholic higher education institution—being able to instill those kind of ideas, morals and values.”

With 600 beds in three residence halls, Lopez oversees a residence life program that encompasses four areas: residential education, including programming,

student policy, training and development; conduct, including examining and adjudicating violations; operations, including maintenance and preventive measures; and security, including emergency response.

Lopez began her career as a resident assistant while studying criminal justice as an undergraduate at Rutgers University-Newark. By the time she was a senior, she was an assistant area director. “I was running a 385-person freshman hall, and it was an awesome experience.” Planning to become a lawyer, she applied to graduate school and received a fellowship to study for a master’s in criminal justice and a graduate assistantship to work in residence life. As she became more immersed in residence life, Lopez realized she wanted to pursue a career in student affairs rather than in law. Early on when she had to work through feelings of apprehension because of being

in a leadership position at a young age, she would remind herself that God had a bigger plan for her. “Those were things that I had to get over because it was about my students.”

After receiving her graduate degree, Lopez worked in residence life at Georgian Court University and then at St. Peter’s University where she was the assistant director of housing operations.

With a “nontraditional” academic route, as she describes it, her criminal justice background has given her a unique perspective since much of her work focuses on safety and security for students. “It

allows me to be vigilant and at the same time compassionate while working to ensure that students get due process. I am understanding and knowledgeable about a system and how it works, which allows me to teach my students.”

Lopez deals with many issues “rooted in conduct,” providing her with teachable moments to engage with students and to help them mature in their decision-making.

Sister Kathleen Tuite, vice president of student life, says one of Lopez’s strengths is her desire to educate students in how they make choices. “She has a genuine, compassionate heart and wants to see students succeed.” In addition, says Sister

Kathleen, “she has a great strategic mind” and works well with parents.

Lopez is passionate about sharing best practices with her colleagues at other institutions and has

served on national boards. She was the youngest president in the history of the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers and is still on the organization’s board.

In October, she traveled to the University of the Andes in Bogota, Colombia, where she was a representative for the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International and presented on a panel at the first international congress of student affairs led by the National Association of Student Personnel-Latin American Caribbean Commission (NASPA-LAC). She joined others on a panel including NASPA President

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Residence Life Director Crystal Lopez 3rd from left with students Lamar Chang, Joshua Santana, Justice Baskin, Aida Osmeni, and Anamika Sharma Paudel.

Dr. Kevin Kruger on “High Impact Practices: Strategies for Student Success,” focusing on retention issues. The topic was “second nature” for her since she sits on Caldwell’s retention strategic planning committees and has been involved in the sophomore retention program. She spoke about Caldwell’s special-interest housing, which includes the service wing in Rosary Hall where students regularly participate in volunteer projects.

The workshops in Colombia provided professional development. The trip was a welcome spiritual experience too; she deeply appreciated the country’s Catholicism and had the chance to visit the famous Montserrat, a church in the mountains, with a shrine to El Señor Caído (the Fallen Lord), built in the 1600s.

A native of Bloomfield, New Jersey, Lopez is a second-generation Hispanic. “I’m

super proud of my heritage, being a Latina woman, and understanding what that means and what that beautiful culture brings to America.” She has found it heart-wrenching to talk with her relatives in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic who are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. She has been collecting coupons to put together care packages to send to her aunts, uncles and cousins on the islands. “It’s difficult to hear about your family not having access to everyday things. I’m blessed to be in a situation where I can help them significantly.” Her “couponing” started out as a fun project to buy things for her apartment but became a mission to purchase items for those in need. “When I talked to my aunt in Puerto Rico, she told me the pop tart I sent in the care package was the best-tasting food she had in a long time.”

Lopez is excited to be a part of CU 2500, the university’s initiative to reach an enrollment of 2,500 by the fall of 2022. Serving in leadership has enabled her to work effectively on Caldwell’s plans. “I understand the process of decision-making at a cabinet-like level and therefore find it easy to implement changes expressed to me by my supervisor, Sister Kathleen.”

Even when she faces challenges, Lopez knows God is at the center of her work. “He often guides me when I have to make tough decisions since most of them don’t just affect one person but an entire community.” On tough days, her students and her faith keep her going. “God is a constant reminder to me of why I do my job every day.” He has a plan, she says, for her to lead and serve students and guide them through their development as young adults. “I am humbled and grateful for the calling.” ■

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

REORGANIZED WITH COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Academic Affairs has reorganized into colleges and schools as part of the university's strategic plan. Barbara Chesler, Ed.D., vice president for academic affairs, explained that the vertical structure assists in creating a better sense of organization and faculty governance. "Caldwell University is growing and with it comes restructuring to better fit the needs of the faculty and ultimately the students. Restructuring provides exciting opportunities for faculty to work together in interdisciplinary programs with peers across similar departments. Moving to three colleges assists in the governance structure of the university to be more

democratic," she said. "Creating schools allows for those larger departments, which have accreditation demands, to still have the autonomy they need within a college and also provides future naming opportunities for donors." As the process of reorganizing progresses, each college will act as a coordinating organization for faculty, research, academic and financial reports, and students.

From the old structure, which constituted two divisions and 14 departments, three colleges have been created. The College of Professional Studies encompasses the School of Business and Computer

Information Systems, the department of Communication and Media Studies, and the School of Education. The College of Natural, Behavioral and Health Sciences includes the departments of Applied Behavior Analysis, Natural and Physical Sciences, Mathematics, Sociology and Criminal Justice, the School of Psychology and Counseling, and the School of Nursing and Public Health. The College of Liberal Arts consists of the departments of Visual Art and Design, English, History and Political Science, Music, Modern Languages, and Theology and Philosophy. ■



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**SCHOOL OF
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EDUCATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNICATION
AND MEDIA STUDIES**



COLLEGE OF NATURAL, BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

**SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

**SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
AND COUNSELING**

**DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF
MATHEMATICS**

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**DEPARTMENT OF
VISUAL ART AND DESIGN**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**DEPARTMENT OF
MODERN LANGUAGES**

**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY
AND PHILOSOPHY**



STUDENT Achievements

The Independent College Fund of New Jersey grant winners for this academic year are students **Foujan Moghimi**, **Kofi Mireku** and **Eliana Falonne Tsopmegha**. **Michelle Eng** received an ICFNJ Schering-Plough Scholarship and a Becton Dickinson Scholarship, and **Veronica Guirguis** received an ICFNJ Novartis Scholarship.



Nursing student **Natalie Pedri** spoke at the New York Stock Exchange about her journey with cancer, providing hope for others at "Shave 4 a Cure," which benefited the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation. "I was really honored to speak at this event," she said. "It's really important for me to share my story to raise awareness for childhood cancer."

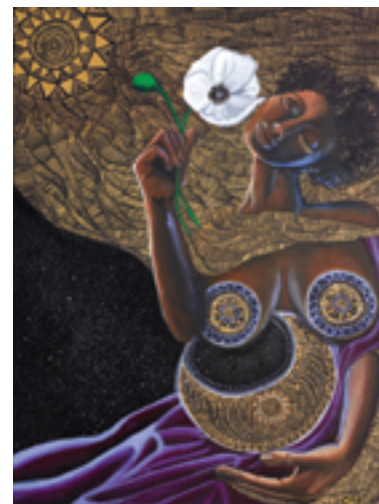
Health sciences student **Christabel Osei-du** is a co-founder and the director of the TMAT (Teacher, Mentor and Transform) program, which provides teaching and mentoring to students who do not have basic education resources in her native Ghana. She raised scholarship money to support five children for an academic year, and she and her colleagues developed a curriculum that includes math, English, science, public speaking and logic. The program gives students and volunteers the opportunity to teach children from K-8 in underprivileged villages.



Keith Kyewalabye, a biology major and music minor, was selected to participate in the World Youth Forum Model United Nations in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. He was one of 60 delegates who took part in the international conference from Nov. 4-10 and discussed issues such as cyber warfare, immigration and combating terrorism. Kyewalabye, who plays in Caldwell's band and wind ensemble, enjoyed meeting young people from around the globe for intellectual and social interaction.

Nicholas Mason, a premedical postbaccalaureate student, was accepted into several medical schools. He plans to attend the Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, New Jersey.

Art students **Kelly Villalba** and **Christina Birch** were accepted into the arts honor society Kappa Pi and were awarded scholarships from the organization. Villalba's and Birch's artworks are being featured in The Sketch Book of Kappa Pi. ■

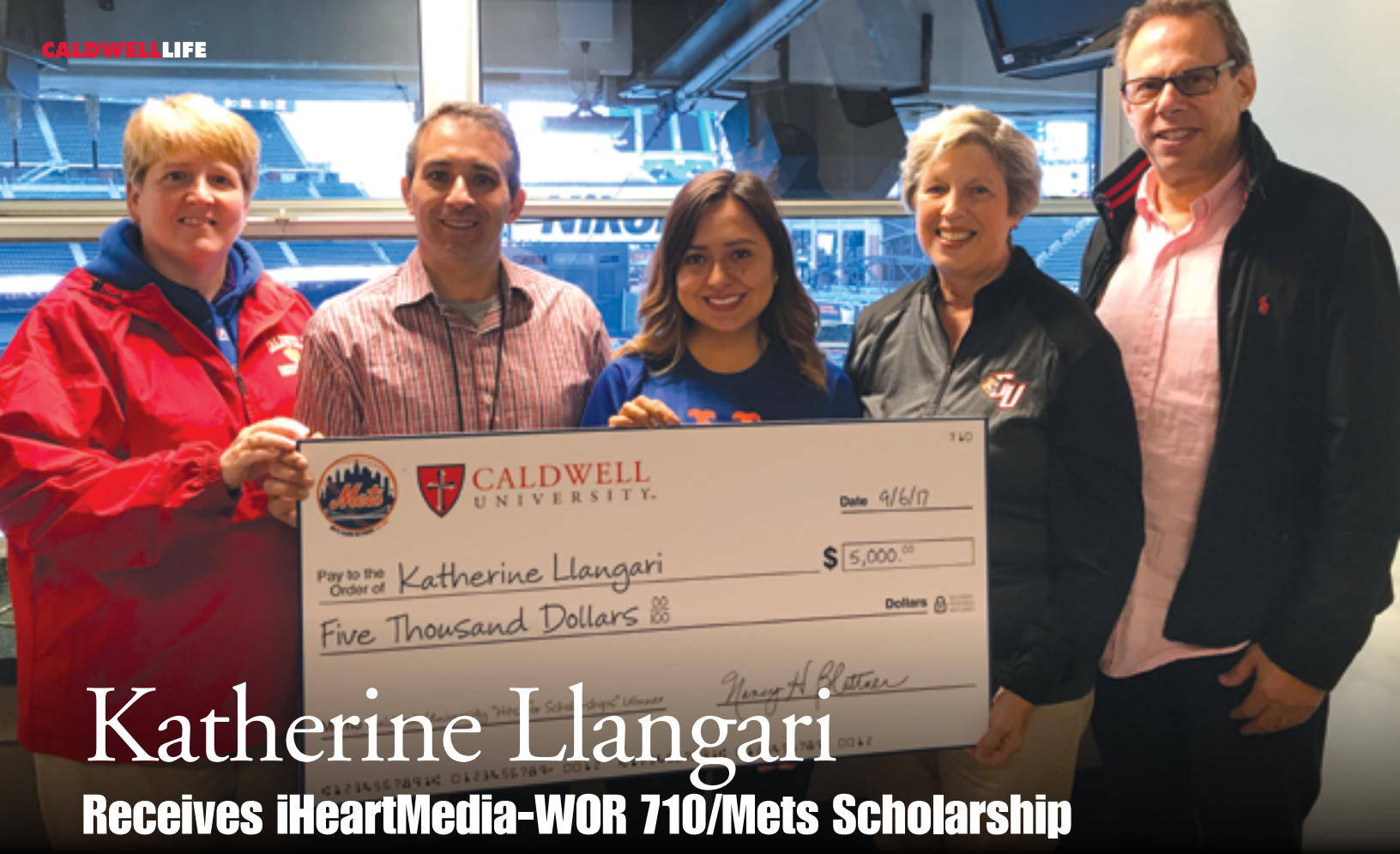


Christina Birch—"Mother"



Kelly Villalba—"Giant Woman"





Katherine Llangari

Receives iHeartMedia-WOR 710/Mets Scholarship

Caldwell University student Katherine Llangari (3rd from right) receiving the Hits for Scholarship award. She is pictured with Sister Kathleen Tuite (left), Caldwell University vice president of student life; President Nancy Blattner (2nd from right), and Mets broadcasters Howie Rose (right) and Josh Lewin (2nd from left).

Senior Katherine Llangari was a recipient of the fall Hits for Scholarship award sponsored by iHeartMedia and WOR 710/Mets Radio.

The scholarship was based on the number of home runs the Mets hit during the season. For each home run, a contribution was made, which resulted in a \$5,000 scholarship for Llangari. The Mets tied with Milwaukee for the National League lead in home runs.

She was awarded the scholarship by Mets broadcasters Howie Rose and Josh Lewin at the Sept. 6 Mets game.

Llangari said receiving the scholarship was further evidence that coming to Caldwell University was the best decision she ever made. She was thrilled to attend her first Mets game. "I was able to bring my family with me; having experienced that with them is something that I will forever be grateful for. We sat very close to the field, so we did not miss a thing."

Kristina Shemming, iHeart Media senior account executive, said the partnership is a great way for the organization to give back to the university and the students. She said the organization was impressed

with Llangari and with last year's Caldwell awardee, Dennis Brady. "We are certainly two for two in these scholarships as far as us walking away and being in awe of the students," said Shemming. She said Rose spoke with Llangari and was moved when he learned she had spearheaded a campus relief drive for the victims of last year's earthquake in her native Ecuador. "It was a great night to celebrate Llangari's hard work at Caldwell," said Shemming. ■

New Security Office

The Caldwell University Office of Campus Safety and Security was delighted to unveil its newly refurbished guardhouse, which was funded by the university's partner, G4S Security. L to R: Michael Stanzilis, G4S general manager; Don O'Hagan, Caldwell University chief information officer; Sheila O'Rourke, Caldwell University vice president for institutional effectiveness; Kathryn Shackford, G4S human resources manager; Winter Lemon, G4S operations manager; Glenn Gates, Caldwell University director of campus safety and security, and Brunel Blaise, G4S security officer.



Dominican Connection

President Nancy Blattner attended a forum with U.S. bishops and Catholic college and university presidents hosted by Boston College Oct. 17-18.

“Bishops and Presidents in Dialogue: Sustaining Catholic Higher Education in the Future” included discussion of topics such as collaborations between Catholic colleges and universities, the importance of bishops’ leadership, faith formation at Catholic institutions, the state of K-12 Catholic education and its effect on Catholic higher education, the number of Hispanic-American students who are reaching college age, and the influx of Hispanics into the United States.

“Everyone came away from the meeting agreeing that one next step was to develop

interaction between faculty and students and opportunities for students to receive additional support, mentoring and assistance.

Graduates of Catholic higher education institutions come away with knowledge and skills that enable them to become effective global citizens who readily engage in community service and understand how to make ethical, value-based decisions in the marketplace and in their lives, said Blattner. The future of Catholic higher education has implications for the future of the Church too, said Blattner, since students who graduate from Catholic colleges and universities prove to be active in their parishes. “Catholic higher education and the future of the Catholic

that the smaller Catholic institutions are socioeconomic gems for the nation and that they must communicate that fact to broader audiences.

Blattner was also encouraged that last fall Cardinal Joseph Tobin brought together leaders of New Jersey Catholic higher education institutions to discuss a common vision for Catholic higher education in the state. Cooperation among the institutions offers possibilities for collaboration including study-abroad trips, shared training for departments like student life, faculty pedagogical workshops and pooling of resources for expenses such as insurance benefits and library materials.

An incremental successful effort occurred last summer, said Blattner, when four

President Blattner Attends Bishops’ Meeting on Catholic Higher Education

a seamless vision of Catholic education for grades K through 16,” said Blattner. “All of us are dependent upon each other.”

According to “Fast Facts about Catholic Higher Education” from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, reports show that students who attend Catholic institutions of higher education exceed national averages for graduation. In 2015, the average graduation rate at Catholic higher education institutions was 59 percent, with some upwards of 97 percent, compared with the national average graduation rate of 42 percent. In addition, research shows Hispanic and black students graduate from Catholic universities and colleges at rates exceeding those for private and public institutions.

Blattner believes Catholic institutions like Caldwell play a vital role in those successes by providing one-on-one

parish life as we know it—those two concepts are interlinked.”

Yet the challenges for the smaller Catholic institutions are real—tuition dependence, small endowments, a changing demographic of students who will be going to college in the next 10 to 15 years in the Northeast, Middle Atlantic and Midwestern areas of the United States, and ongoing economic uncertainty.

At the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting, Blattner voiced her concern that if the face of Catholic higher education in the U.S. in the future “only looks like the bigger, well-known schools,” then many students may not have a Catholic option for education. She found it heartbreaking to learn that the only Catholic college in Oklahoma, St. Gregory’s, closed at the end of 2017. The consensus among many at the meeting was

of the state’s Catholic higher education institutions offered training with a consultant from the Association of Governing Boards for their board of trustee members. Originally, Caldwell had decided to forgo such training on its own due to the expense but ended up hosting the workshop for a quarter of the cost of going it alone. The shared training resulted in networking and dialogue among the trustees.

Blattner is hopeful about the possibilities. “We’re trying in small ways, where no one feels encroached on and everyone has a voice.” The starting point is a very good one. “All of us agree we want there to be Catholic choices for higher education in the state for families and students.” ■

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Dominican Connection Caldwell Day

243 VOLUNTEERS

486 HOURS SERVED

20 SERVICE SITES



The Caldwell University community took part in its annual day of volunteerism, Caldwell Day, on Sept. 29. The 243 volunteers served 486 hours at 20 sites in Essex County and the state, using their hearts and hands to live out the Dominican pillar of service.

Student Quin DeLaRosa, who volunteered with the Caldwell Environmental Commission at the pollinator garden on Personnette Street, summed up the day well, saying it was important to think "about the impact it has on people and our responsibility to the world around us."

Pictured above: Orges Rrapaj (far left) was with the group that cleaned the Caldwell Borough Fire Department trucks. He was grateful to get a behind-the-scenes look and to come away with a greater appreciation for all the fire department does to help keep the community safe. Also pictured: Ashley Krieger, Jasmine Acuna and Phoebe Hahn.



A group from Caldwell volunteered at Our Lady Help of Christians School in East Orange, cleaning inside and outside. Volunteers are pictured with the school's principal, Sister Patricia Hogan, O.P.



A group of Caldwell students, faculty and staff enjoyed volunteering with the staff at the Arc of Essex County Stepping Stones School in Roseland. Stepping Stones provides comprehensive services and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.





Dominican Connection

Cardinal Tobin Celebrates Advent Mass at Caldwell University

His Eminence Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D., archbishop of the Newark Archdiocese, visited Caldwell University Dec. 6 to celebrate an Advent Mass and to meet students, faculty, staff, alumni and board of trustees members.

In his homily, Cardinal Tobin spoke of the Gospel reading, Matthew 15:29-37, which is the story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes, and how it is “the most-told miracle of Jesus.”

If we want to see miracles today, said the cardinal, we “have to try to have the eyes of Jesus.”

Just as the disciples had only seven loaves and a few fish to give, and Jesus was able to abundantly multiply that, Cardinal Tobin said, “all we have to do is give what we have.” If we give “our time, patience, a hug,” and do this out of compassion, it will not only be enough, but it will be abundant, said the cardinal. Noting that students were making sandwiches for the homeless, he encouraged the Caldwell community to continue to care for the dignity of others. “Like Jesus,” he said, “you are moved with compassion.”

Brittany Guale, a freshman, said the cardinal’s sermon was a good boost to help the students as they prepare for final exams. She loved the story he told about meeting St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) in his native Detroit at the residence of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, the order Mother founded. Irielis Garcia, a senior, said the homily came at an important time for her since she has an illness and has had to face treatments during the holiday season for the last two years. “He gave me the joy I needed.” Katherine Llangari, a senior who will be graduating in December, said the cardinal’s words helped her as she prepares for graduation and plans to apply to law



school. “The Lord gives us what we need at the moment we need it.”

President Nancy Blattner welcomed the cardinal to campus, sharing with him how over the 78 years since Caldwell opened its doors it “has embraced the needs of the times through consistent growth, providing excellence in education with dedicated faculty and staff and an unwavering focus on its Catholic mission and Dominican heritage.”

The Mass was concelebrated by the Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano, vicar general and chancellor/secretary to the archbishop; Father Al Berner, Caldwell’s former chaplain, and Father James Manos, pastor of St. Luke’s in Ho-Ho-Kus.

The music was provided by the Caldwell University Chorale under the direction of Dr. Laura Greenwald.

The cardinal spent time talking with and having lunch with students, faculty, staff, alumni, board of trustees members, and Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell. ■

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Faculty & Staff Notes

Kyle Bennett, assistant professor of philosophy, gave a lecture at Cornell University on Sept. 15, 2017, titled “‘Can’t We All Just Get Along?’—Why Mere Civility Is Not Enough.” At the Faith and Culture Conference at Hope Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in September, Bennett gave plenary talks titled “Regarding Our Routines: Loving Our Neighbor through the Everyday Things We Do (Part 1)” and “Disciplining Our Daily Deeds: Loving Our Neighbor through the Everyday Things We Do (Part 2).” He was a guest on the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission’s “The Way Home” podcast with Dan Darling on Nov. 3.



Christopher Cimorelli, assistant professor of theology, is a contributing co-editor of the book “Salvation in the World: The Crossroads of Public

Theology,” which was published in the series “T&T Clark Studies in Edward Schillebeeckx” (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017). His peer-reviewed essay in that volume is titled “Development Amid Sin: Schillebeeckx and Newman for Today.” His monograph “John Henry Newman’s Theology of History: Historical Consciousness, ‘Theological Imaginaries’ and the Development of Tradition” was published in the academic series “Studies in Philosophical Theology” (Leuven: Peeters Press, 2017). In June 2017, he presented the paper “What Progress? Reductive Anthropologies, Social ‘Epidemics,’ and Christian Responses to the Current Ecological Crisis” at the annual conference of the Catholic Theological Society of America in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In August 2017, he presented the paper “Newman and the Economy of Salvation: Truth, Mercy, and Ecclesiology” at the Newman Association of America conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. In October 2017, he presented the paper “Hierarchy and Covenant: The Intrinsic Openness of the Economy of Salvation and

Dynamic Christian Faith” at the Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology XI conference in Leuven, Belgium.

Angela Cleveland, adjunct faculty member in the Counseling and Psychology Department, received the 2017 New Jersey School Counselor of the Year award from the New Jersey School Counselor Association. At the association’s annual fall conference, she presented on the topic “Technology Toolbox for School Counselors.” She co-wrote an article, “Engage Counselors as Allies,” for the Computer Science Teachers Association newsletter. She is a member of the executive board and technology chair/webmaster for the New Jersey School Counselor Association. Kathy Shoemaker, LPC, NCC, ACS, CPS, assistant professor of counseling, is the post-secondary vice president for the association.

Robin Davenport, director of counseling services, had her article “The Integration of Health and Counseling Services on College Campuses: Is There a Risk in Maintaining Student Patients’ Privacy?” published in the Journal of College Student Psychotherapy.

James Flynn, Ph.D., chair of the Theology and Philosophy Department, attended the symposium “A Distinctive Vision? Catholic Higher Education 50 Years after Land O’Lakes” Sept. 20-22 at St. Louis University, St. Louis. He presented a paper titled “Is There a Place for Theology in the Modern Catholic University? Reflections on Newman’s The Idea of a University and the Land O’Lakes Statement.”

Kara Jorgensen, adjunct faculty member in the English Department, published her fifth historical novel, “Selkie Cove,” in July. Her next book, “The Wolf Witch,” will come out in spring 2018.

Tim Kessler-Cleary, director of student engagement, co-presented at the 38th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education hosted by the Stetson University Law School’s Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy in Orlando, Florida, last winter. His topic was “Boots on the Ground:

Hot Topics and Post-Election Climate on College Campuses.”

Katie Kornacki, assistant professor of English, is editor of Conversations: The Newsletter of the Margaret Fuller Society and was elected to serve as a board member of the society.

Mary Ellen Levine, adjunct faculty member in the School of Nursing & Public Health, was elected as vice president of the New Jersey State Nurses Association board of directors.

Colette Liddy, director of media relations, took part in the Truth and Beauty Project – Bellezza and Verità – a digital media residential fellowship in Rome in December. The aim of the program is to help artists integrate their creative crafts with theology, spirituality, history and the art legacy of the eternal city, encouraging the creation of new art that spreads light, truth and beauty.

Mary Lindroth, professor of English, performed on a New York City stage in an hour-long piece consisting of nine monologues, including one of her own, titled “The Hair Manifesto,” at Dixon Place on Oct. 21. The public performance was the finale of a six-day solo performance acting workshop with performance artist Tim Miller. Lindroth participated in the workshop and performance as part of her sabbatical semester, which was dedicated to researching, in innovative ways, the increasingly significant solo performance form. This activity culminated in her blog, titled “My Blog as Solo Performance.”

Bob Mann, chair of the Communication and Media Arts Department, presented a talk to law enforcement at the AAA North Jersey luncheon on Oct. 25 on “Police and the Media.”

Sister Barbara Moore, professor emerita of theology, presented workshops in August on the New Testament for the Archdiocesan Spotlight Catechetical Training Program at St. Bartholomew’s in Scotch Plains. She led a reflection, “Everyone Loves a Story,” using biblical stories of Ruth, Jonah and Esther at the Lumen Center in September. She led presentations on Hinduism, Buddhism



and Chinese languages for the residents at St. Catherine's Health Care Center in September.



Marie Mullaney, Ph.D., professor of history, had her article "Educating Women for Self-Reliance and Economic Opportunity: The Strategic Entrepreneurialism of the Katharine

Gibbs Schools, 1911-1968" accepted for publication in the prestigious *History of Education Quarterly* for the February edition. The work was inspired by the M.A. thesis research done by alumna and English Department adjunct Rosemary Hilbert, who is listed as a co-author of the article. Mullaney delivered the second annual Phi Kappa Phi lecture in October on "Revolutionary Women: Girlfriends I Have Made in 40 Years as a Historian." Her article "Why I Study Women Religious" will be published in the spring 2018 *American Catholic Studies* newsletter published by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame.

Brenda Petersen, Ph.D., associate dean and assistant professor in the School of Nursing and Public Health, appeared as a witness before the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee at the statehouse in Trenton on Oct. 5 on issues affecting the New Jersey Board of Nursing. She published an article, "Empowering Nurses: Results of a National Study," on the Nurses on Boards Coalition website.

David Petriello, adjunct faculty member in the History and Political Science Department, has two books coming out this winter. They are titled "Tide of War: The Impact of Weather on Warfare" through Skyhorse Publishing and "The Republican Party and the Rise of China" through Earnshaw Books.



Kenneth F. Reeve, Ph.D., BCBA-D, the Alvin R. Calman professor of applied behavior analysis, was a co-author on two recently published research papers in ABA.

He also gave one of the invited addresses at the 38th annual conference of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT) in Amherst, Massachusetts. His address concerned investigations of equivalence-based instruction to teach academic content to graduate students in ABA. In addition, Reeve was co-author on four research paper presentations at the BABAT conference.

Sharon A. Reeve, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, professor of applied behavior analysis, was recently appointed as associate editor of the research journal *Education and Treatment of Children*. Along with her master of arts in ABA student Brittany Beaver, Reeve co-authored a research paper recently published in the journal *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*. The study investigated whether self-delivered or teacher-delivered reinforcement differentially affected completion of activity schedules by children with autism. She gave an invited address on strategies to teach and expand

social skills by children with autism at the 38th annual conference of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT) in Amherst, Massachusetts. In addition, Reeve was co-author on five research paper presentations at the BABAT conference.

Heidi Sandecki, adjunct faculty member in the Art Department, received the New Jersey Water Color Society 2017 Associate Members' Exhibit Award for Best in Show for her watercolor painting "Cabbage Unfurled." She lectured at the Montclair Adult School on "American Watercolor: From Homer and Sargent to Modernism."

Jason C. Vladescu, Ph.D., BCBA-D, NCSP, associate professor of applied behavior analysis, co-authored a manuscript published in the peer-reviewed journal *Education and Treatment of Children*, an invited book chapter for the *Applied Behavior Analysis Advanced Guidebook*, and six research papers presented at the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy conference in Amherst, Massachusetts. He accepted invitations to join the boards of editors for three peer-reviewed journals: the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *School Psychology Quarterly*, and *Behavioral Interventions*. Vladescu received the Rising Star 2016-2017 award from the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the New Jersey Rotary Vocational Service Award (District 7470) in fall 2017.

CABINET NOTES

President Nancy Blattner, attended the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' forum "Bishops and Presidents in Dialogue: Sustaining Catholic Higher Education in the Future" hosted by Boston College Oct. 17-18. She and her husband, Tim Blattner, traveled as part of the first medical mission to Laguneta, Dominican Republic, in November. The Rotary-assisted initiative brought much-needed medical care to the people of the area. As a result of a visit to the nearby village school, the Blattners will be coordinating a Spanish book drive for elementary school children in early 2018. Tim chaired a session titled "Financial Planning for Presidents and Presidential Couples" at the Council for Independent Colleges' Presidents Institute in January in Hollywood, Florida.





SHORE SOCIAL. The annual Shore chapter social was held at Klein's Waterfront Restaurant in Belmar.



L to R: Irene Sinteff '73, Linda LoMastro Myers '73, Michele Paladino Klein '73, Beatriz Gomez-Klein '73, Marie Cardone Chidiac '73, Elaine Bauer Zabriskie '73.



The Shore chapter enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Dina DiFlumeri DeFillippo '84.

events



FIRST HOME SPRINT FOOTBALL GAME. Mark Corino, assistant vice president and director of athletics, and John Gardner, athletics donor.



FIRST HOME SPRINT FOOTBALL GAME. L to R: President Nancy Blattner, Dr. Kelly Tallio '85 and Kathleen Barabas '85, member of the board of trustees.



The President's Society Reception was held in November at the Valley Regency. This event provides an opportunity each year for Dr. Nancy Blattner to personally thank the university's most generous benefactors. L to R: Hritesh Regmi, student speaker; Elaine Tweedus '66, campaign donor/alumnae speaker; President Blattner; Veronica Guirguis, student speaker, and Kevin Boyle, vice president for development and alumni affairs.

Kickoff tailgate reception for the first home sprint football game on Sept. 16.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcomes New Members

The Caldwell University Board of Trustees has welcomed three new members: Rhonda Linnett Graber, Mary Sellitto-Curcio '83 and Frank LeCates.



Rhonda Linnett Graber has returned to the board after having previously served for 10 years. Graber is a senior insurance professional who is passionate about educating clients, developing strong teams and building business. She has held numerous executive positions in the industry while developing a diverse background in leadership, development, sales and marketing. Graber started her career at her family firm, which later merged with Bollinger Insurance. She spent over 15 years at Bollinger, holding positions in business and personal insurance and serving on the company's board of trustees. In 2013, Arthur J. Gallagher acquired Bollinger, and Graber stayed on for two years to assist with the transition. Now, coming full circle, she is the president and owner of Skylands Insurance Group in Netcong, New Jersey, working with businesses and individuals to provide insurance solutions. Graber has received numerous industry awards including multiple Agent of the Year awards and the Policy Makers Award. She has served on advisory boards for companies such as Travelers, Hanover, Plymouth Rock, ACE and PURE.

Graber holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Gettysburg College. She has held the certified insurance counselor designation for over 25 years and is pursuing the certified personal risk manager designation.



Mary Sellitto-Curcio '83 has been active with the Caldwell University Alumni Board for 11 years, serving as a member, vice president and president. She has had a successful career in education and business management. As an educator, she held several key leadership positions. Sellitto-Curcio began her career as the accountant for the Montclair public school district. She went on to become the school business administrator with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, remaining in that role for many years until her early retirement. She received the registered school business administrator professional designation. Her expertise in school finance contributed to the development of quality educational and administrative programs while ensuring the school district's financial stability. Sellitto-Curcio was president, legislative liaison and an executive board member for the Essex County Association of School Business Officials.

She holds a bachelor's degree in English and business from Caldwell University. Sellitto-Curcio received a master's degree in educational leadership from Montclair State University and a chief school administrator certificate from the New Jersey Department of Education. In 2016, she was recognized with the Caldwell University Peggy Harris Alumni of the Year Award.



Frank LeCates has enjoyed a career in financial analysis and management. He was director of research, a portfolio manager and a principal at the pension management firm Oppenheimer Capital, where he worked for 12 years. Previously, LeCates worked at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette for 18 years as an analyst, director of research and director of institutional sales. LeCates was a member of the DLJ Securities Corporation board of directors. He was a member of the Chartered Financial Analysts Association and holds a CFA degree. In earlier years, LeCates worked as an analyst for Faulkner, Dawkins & Sullivan, Anchor Corporation, Blythe and Company and Rockwell Manufacturing Company. He has appeared many times on Institutional Investor Magazine's annual All-Star team of analysts. He holds an AB in economics from Princeton University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Elaine Tweedus '66:

A Gift in Memory of “Aunt Mary” to Create a New Chapel



When Elaine Tweedus graduated from Caldwell College for Women in 1966, a new VW Bug was going for around \$1,500, the Beatles had four top Billboard singles and Time magazine's Man of the Year was awarded to the generation 25 and under. The hippie movement was beginning to take hold, and there were massive protests against the Vietnam War and in favor of civil rights and women's rights. It was a time of new opportunities, a time when education gave women the chance to become trailblazers. Tweedus, a French major, and her classmates graduated and ventured out into a world that offered them not just jobs but careers and a newfound sense of freedom that fueled their dreams. Tweedus says that when she read “The Feminine Mystique” by Betty Friedan, a light went on.

Looking back on her journey more than fifty years later, Tweedus says she is grateful for the ways in which her Caldwell education shaped her life. Her appreciation and desire to give back inspired a transformational gift of \$500,000 to Caldwell to build a new chapel in the Newman Center in memory of her Aunt Mary, a Sister of Saint Dominic of Caldwell.

A product of 16 years of Dominican education, Tweedus says she is blessed to have been taught by excellent, nurturing faculty at Caldwell and to have been guided by Dominican values throughout her life. In light of her career and personal success, she is emphatic in her belief that

“Education is one of the best investments anyone can make.”

As a new graduate, Tweedus was hired by Prudential for a position in legal research. Her work ethic and discipline earned her high marks with her supervisors; she rose through the management ranks and eventually became director and corporate officer, the position from which she retired in 2015. She says it was rewarding to witness how her work benefited the company while educating consumers about the importance of making sound financial choices.

Earlier this year Tweedus and her husband, Ed Lonyai, pledged a gift designated for the new campus chapel, which will be named in memory of Elaine's aunt, Sister Mary Dominic Tweedus, who devoted her life to the Dominican community, serving it for 67 years.

Tweedus and Lonyai envision the new chapel as a sacred space for meditation that encourages prayer and reflection—a place where students and the rest of the campus community can find respite from the pressures of daily life. Their investment will enhance the student experience at Caldwell for generations to come.

Tweedus recalls the year or so when her aunt lived at the Motherhouse on campus. “Aunt Mary was my father's sister. On Sunday afternoons my father would drive my mother, my brothers and me to Caldwell to visit with Aunt Mary. I

remember my brothers and I playing tag on the lawn of the Motherhouse. It seems like I had a connection to Caldwell long before I began my college days there,” says Tweedus. She believes her aunt will “be looking down on and offering (the students) insight and advice, as she did for me.”

As one driven to make a difference, Tweedus is active in her community. She spent a number of years volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America. Since her retirement, she has become involved with the Woodbridge River Watch, the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township and the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. She is a certified advocate for

the New Jersey Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and works with veterans to help them better understand complex veterans' benefits. She is an

antiques enthusiast, a collector of Chinese porcelain and a world traveler. Now that she has more time for herself, Tweedus is pursuing her love of writing and her lifelong dream of becoming a novelist; she is working on a mystery novel.

Tweedus and Lonyai look forward to the day when the new chapel will open and they can celebrate their memories of Sister Mary Dominic Tweedus in a place named for her in perpetuity. ■

—Christina Hall

“Education is one of the best investments anyone can make.”



Nate Guagliardi

EARNs 100TH CAREER COACHING VICTORY



Caldwell University women's soccer Head Coach Nate Guagliardi earned his 100th career coaching victory this past fall. The Cougars defeated Post University 5-1 on Sept. 26 for Guagliardi's milestone victory. In his 11 seasons at Caldwell, he has guided the Cougars to two Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championships and two NCAA Division II tournament appearances. Guagliardi has coached 29 all-conference players, including the CACC Player of the Year in 2013. He has led Caldwell to the CACC tournament in each of his 11 seasons and was the CACC Coach of the Year in 2008. ■

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SPRINT FOOTBALL



The Caldwell University sprint football team kicked off its inaugural season on Sept. 16, 2017. The day started off on a high note as Caldwell University President Dr. Nancy Blattner performed the ceremonial coin toss. The Cougars won the toss, marking the program's first coin-toss win. Caldwell Head Coach Daryle Weiss led the Cougars through the program's first game and his first as head coach. The game saw tremendous fan support as over 2,000 were in attendance. The day featured the debut of the Caldwell University marching band, which performed its routine during the game and on the field at halftime. ■



OPENING GAME



Ponto Named 2016-17 CAANJ DII Female Student Athlete of the Year

CALDWELL ATHLETICS RECEIVES DII CUP

Caldwell University softball alumna **Sydney Ponto '17** (West Deptford, New Jersey) was selected as the 2016-17 Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey (CAANJ) Division II Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

The Caldwell University Athletics Department earned the CAANJ DII Cup for its outstanding athletic accomplishments during the 2016-17 year.

Caldwell athletics turned in one of its best years on the field. The fall season featured three playoff teams, highlighted by women's soccer winning its second Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championship in four years. The women's volleyball team reached the CACC championship final, while men's soccer advanced to the CACC semifinals. During the winter season, the men's and women's basketball teams reached the semifinals with the women's team advancing to the championship final. The women's bowling team, in its third season, qualified for the Northeast Conference championships for the second straight season. Bowling advanced to the NEC championship final four for the first time in program history.

The success continued into the spring as the softball team tied the single-season program record with 45 wins and won its seventh CACC championship. Women's lacrosse reached the postseason for a second straight season in its fourth year as a program at Caldwell. The men's and women's track and field teams took third place at the CACC championship meet in May.

Caldwell earned six major awards, led by women's basketball player **Kristen Drogler** (Middle Village, New York) and softball's **Marisa Monasseri** (Monroe, New Jersey), both CACC Player of the Year winners. Volleyball's **Jessica Mitchell** (Plainfield, Illinois) and women's lacrosse player **Rachel Lucia** (Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey) earned CACC Defensive Player of the Year honors.



Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics Mark A. Corino, Sydney Ponto, President Nancy Blattner, and Senior Vice President Joe Posillico at the Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey luncheon.

Alexandra Greaves (Huntington, New York), a member of the women's cross country team, was selected as the CACC Rookie of the Year.

Caldwell had 44 CACC All-Academic honorees as well as 19 CACC All-Conference selections. The university also had seven CoSIDA Academic All-District winners and three CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

Ponto finished her career on the softball field last spring as one of the most decorated players in school history. She was named the CACC Pitcher of the Year and was a CACC First Team All-Conference selection. Ponto was also named East Region Pitcher of the Year by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) and Division II Pitcher of the Year by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). She earned D2CCA

Third Team All-American honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Ponto also excelled in the classroom and was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-American Third Team. She was named to the D2CCA and NFCA East Region First Team and was an ECAC First Team All-Star. Ponto set the program's single-season record with 30 wins in 2017. Ponto led the conference in wins, strikeouts (269), complete games (23) and innings pitched (226). She went 4-0 in the CACC championship tournament, earning tournament MVP honors. Ponto ended her career second in school history with 75 wins.

Ponto and the department were honored at the CAANJ luncheon on Oct. 12, 2017. ■

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FALL RECAP

VOLLEYBALL WINS CACC CHAMPIONSHIP TO HIGHLIGHT SUCCESSFUL FALL SEASON



The volleyball team won the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Championship.

The Caldwell University volleyball team won its third Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championship in the rally-scoring era with a 3-1 win over Jefferson. The Cougars finished the season with a 25-8 record and won the CACC North Division with a 16-3 conference mark. They secured the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division II championship but came up short to the University of New Haven, the top seed in the East Region.

Senior **Katrina Janssen** (Seville, Australia) was selected as the CACC Player of the Year, while senior **Jessica Mitchell** (Plainfield, Illinois) earned CACC Defensive Player of the Year honors for a second consecutive season. Both were CACC First Team All-Conference selections. Sophomore **Kathleen Compagno** (Orland Park, Illinois) was selected to the CACC Second Team, while senior **Taryn Auyong** (Honolulu, Hawaii) was named to the CACC Third Team.

Janssen and Mitchell earned American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region honors. Janssen was also selected as an AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, becoming the first Caldwell volleyball player to earn All-American honors in the rally-scoring era. Janssen and Mitchell earned College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District honors.

The sprint football team completed its inaugural season this past fall, finishing the season with a 1-6 record in the Collegiate Sprint Football League. The Cougars earned their first victory on Sept. 30 with a 28-19 win over Post University. Caldwell had six all-league honorees led by junior safety **Quintin Quartararo** (Lakewood, New Jersey), who earned CSFL First Team All-Defense recognition. Sophomore offensive lineman **Elvin Davila** (Cape May Court House, New Jersey) earned CSFL Second Team Offense honors. Freshman wide receiver **Jared Dockett** (Bloomfield,

New Jersey), senior offensive lineman **Michael Botte** (Cedar Grove, New Jersey), freshman linebacker **Diego Hernandez** (Union, New Jersey) and freshman linebacker **Royce Francisco** (Passaic, New Jersey) won CSFL Honorable Mention recognition.

The women's soccer team reached the CACC tournament for an 11th consecutive season after finishing in sixth place in the conference with a 7-4-1 conference record. The Cougars reached the CACC quarterfinals and ended the season with an 8-9-1 record. Head Coach **Nate Guagliardi** earned his 100th career coaching victory on Sept. 26 with a win over Post University. Sophomore **Meghan Grundhauser** (Easton, Pennsylvania) and freshman **Teaghan Darling** (Forked River, New Jersey) were selected to the CACC All-Conference Second Team. Grundhauser led the team with eight goals and 20 points.

The men's soccer team reached the postseason for the third time in the past four seasons. The Cougars secured the eighth and final spot in the CACC tournament with a 4-6-2 conference record. Caldwell reached the CACC quarterfinals and ended the season with a 6-10-3 record. Junior **Tom Yorston** (Northamptonshire, United Kingdom) led the team with 16 points and two game-winning goals. Yorston was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

The women's cross country team finished in tenth place at the CACC championships in the fall. Senior **Victoria Thaler** (Millville, New Jersey) achieved CACC All-Conference honors for a second straight season as she finished in tenth place at the conference meet. Thaler shined throughout the fall season as she won her first collegiate races at the Jefferson Metro Classic and the Goldey-Beacom College Invitational. ■



BEATING THE ODDS:

Natalie Pedri Returns to Bowling Team after Cancer Fight

Caldwell University bowling senior **Natalie Pedri** returned to the bowling alley this fall after a taking a year off to battle a rare form of pediatric cancer. It has been a long journey back for the senior bowler, but her return to the lanes has inspired her coach and her teammates.

Pedri was about to enter her senior year of college when she found a hard mass on her right side after a self-assessment, something she learned to do as a nursing student. It turned out that Pedri had stage four Wilms tumor, a pediatric cancer. She was blessed to be able to speak to her nursing professors at Caldwell, particularly Dr. Kathleen Kelley, who had recently battled breast cancer.

Pedri was out of school for an entire academic year for surgery and treatments. Instead of challenging rivals in the Northeast Conference, the Staten Island native found herself fighting cancer. Undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, Pedri was sidelined for the entire 2016-17 season. Although she was unable to

compete, she did not let her treatments prevent her from attending as many of Caldwell's tournaments as possible. She was on hand to see the Cougars advance out of the qualifying bracket and into the main draw at the 2017 NEC Tournament in Howell, New Jersey, in March for the first time in the young program's history.

Pedri says that as difficult as it was having cancer, she is grateful for her team and everyone else at Caldwell who accompanied her on her journey. "I am so thankful to be back bowling with my team and to be cancer free. It felt like such a long time waiting a year to bowl. Now I could not be happier to be back and working on my game."

Last April, the Caldwell Athletics Department hosted the "Strike Out" Pediatric Cancer Bowling Fundraiser at its home facility at the Rockaway Lanes. Members of the department along with university staff and faculty participated in the fundraiser, which raised money to help with Pedri's medical bills.



Caldwell Bowling seniors Daniele Roca and Natalie Pedri at the team's opening tournament in October.

In October, Pedri spoke at the New York Stock Exchange about her journey with cancer, providing hope for others at "Shave 4 a Cure" to benefit the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation.

She returned to the team this past fall and competed in her first collegiate tournament in 19 months at the Kutztown University Bud Whitman Memorial in October. Pedri shined in her first competition back as she tied for team-high honors with a 190 traditional game average. On the final day of the tournament she started Caldwell's last three matches during traditional team rounds, closing out the day with a 201-pin effort in a 955-807 win over Howard.

"She is a tough young woman who spent the last part of her summer working hard to get back into bowling form," said Head Coach Ken Yokobosky after the team's season opening tournament. "Her fight to get back to play this season is truly inspirational, more worthy to me than any score she could post." ■

COME OUT AND CHEER ON COUGARS AT DOUBLEHEADER TO AIR ON ESPN

The Caldwell University men's and women's basketball teams host Jefferson University on Saturday, Feb. 17, in a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference doubleheader that will be featured on ESPN3 and the ESPN Watch App. The day will also include the induction of CACC Hall of Fame honoree and women's basketball alumna Danielle Ciresi Murphy and will be the Athletics Department's "Super Saturday" with alumni events. The women's game tips off at 1 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 3 p.m.



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Mark Corino Named 2017-18 CACC Athletics Director of the Year



Mark Corino has been named CACC Athletics Director of the Year.

Caldwell University Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics Mark A. Corino was selected as the 2017-18 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Athletics Director of the Year. The announcement was made by CACC Commissioner Dan Mara.

The award was voted on by the league's 14 athletics directors during the fall season. Corino will now move on for consideration for the 2017-18 NCAA Division II UnderArmour Athletics Director of the Year award. The award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. The winner will be announced in the spring, and the honoree will be recognized at the association's convention June 28 to July 1 at Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland.

"I am honored to be selected by my CACC colleagues for this prestigious award," said Corino. "I want to thank my coaches and staff for all their efforts that made this possible, and I share this award with them."

Corino had a sensational 2016-17 season in leading the Caldwell University Department of Athletics. Under his

guidance, the Cougars placed second in the CACC Alfred R. Restaino Sr. Cup standings for performance in women's sports. The women's soccer and softball teams claimed CACC championships, while the women's volleyball and basketball teams advanced to their conference finals. Caldwell won the 2017 CACC women's volleyball championship while also enjoying the inaugural season of sprint football.

"It's an honor to name Mark Corino as the CACC Athletics Director of the Year," Commissioner Mara said. "He has had a legendary career as both an administrator and coach at Caldwell University and has devoted countless hours to bettering the CACC as a whole. He is very deserving of this honor."

Corino serves as chairman of the conference's Directors Council and represents the group at the league's Presidents Council meetings. He has assisted in the conference's strategic

planning and has helped spearhead efforts that will enhance the championship experience for the conference's student-athletes.

Corino also represents the conference on the D2ADA, made up of athletic directors throughout the country who work with the NCAA on administrative issues.

Corino has also served in regional and national roles. He has been a member of the NCAA Compliance Think Tank National Committee since 2016. Corino was a member of the NCAA All Divisions Men's Basketball Rules Committee from 2012 to 2016 and of the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Regional Advisory Committee from 2003 to 2006 and from 2008 to

2012. He served on the Eastern College Athletic Conference Board of Directors from 2007 to 2014 and was the ECAC third vice president from 2010 to 2012 and second vice president from 2012 to 2014.

"I want to thank my coaches and staff for all their efforts that made this possible, and I share this award with them."

In addition to his lengthy list of administrative duties at Caldwell and the CACC, Corino doubles as the university's men's basketball

coach and is one of the all-time winningest college basketball coaches in New Jersey history. He has won 550 games during his prestigious career.

Last season, Corino did an outstanding job of leading the Caldwell men's basketball team, which advanced to the CACC championship semifinals and finished with 17 wins. Under his leadership, the university also did a terrific job of hosting the semifinals and finals of the CACC men's and women's basketball championships. ■

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HOMECOMING AND FAMILY

weekend



Maureen Lynch and husband Roger Stacey kick off the day with Dr. Nancy Blattner at the President's Breakfast.



Art Professor Kendall Baker, President Nancy Blattner, and Sister Gerardine Mueller, O.P.



Students Louis Del Virginia and Dennis Brady enjoy the barbecue and party on the plaza.



Members of the class of 1957 celebrate their diamond anniversary with friends.





At the Golden Anniversary Tea at Homecoming, the class of 1967 presented President Nancy Blattner with a check for \$160,000. This was one of the largest class gifts in the history of the university.



Members of the class of 1967: Kathy Clemens Segerson, Kate Hannwacker Meire, Monica Devlin Wixtead, Dr. Gloria Skowronski, and Carol Anysz Dunphy.



Members of the Caldwell University Alumni Association.



Caldwell University alumni gather for a group photo after the Homecoming liturgy.



Students and siblings wait in line for henna tattoos.



Members of the class of 1967: Marybeth Magno, Rita Finn Menz, and Joyce Masi Mason.



Alumni News Briefs



Marion Golden '78 recently published the memoir "Embracing the Sign: A Journey of Faith, Science and Experience." Golden, a Veritas Alumni Award honoree, previously published "Hard to Place: One Family's Journey through Adoption" and the poetry book "Architecture of the Unpronounced."

Alumni **Anup Khanal '13** and **Dennis Maharjan '12** are working at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, an international research institution in Cold Spring Harbor, New York. Khanal is a research technician I in the Zador Laboratory. Maharjan is a Ph.D. student in the neuroscience program.

Alumnus **Mike Manna '10**, head coach of the Kent Place varsity girls' tennis team, has been named the NJ.com girls' tennis Coach of the Year for 2017.

Carlos Pomares '93 has been elected Essex County freeholder. He was honored with the Caldwell University Veritas Award for Cultural Activism in 2017. Pomares holds a B.A. in history from Caldwell and he received a certificate in communications. He also holds an M.A. in museum professions from Seton Hall University. He is executive director of the Cuban Artists Fund and was a long-serving member of

the Bloomfield Town Council prior to his election as freeholder.

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators has selected alumnus **Charles B. Sampson '04** as its Region II winner for the 2018 Superintendent of the Year award. Sampson, chief education officer for the Freehold Regional High School District, received an M.A. in educational administration from Caldwell.



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offers a Friday morning lecture and concert

series each semester for seven weeks for adult learners. Lectures are held in the university's Alumni Theater from 10 to 11:30 with a pre-lecture social from 9:15 to 9:50.

Topics for each semester include art, music, history and current affairs, and there are live music performances. The next lecture series begins March 9, 2018.

The fee is \$10 per lecture, payable at the door, or \$60 for seven lectures. Campus parking is free. Attendees may also wish to take advantage of the \$5 all-you-can-eat buffet after each lecture.

The Lifelong Learning Institute has just completed its 27th year at Caldwell University. The institute seeks to educate, entertain and enlarge the world of the learner and to provide this knowledge in a friendly social setting. Every semester, the institute gives a Caldwell University scholarship to a student in need.

For additional information and a listing of lectures, visit <http://www.caldwell.edu/student-success/lifelong-learning-institute> or call 973-618-3543.



Alumni President

LETTER FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT MARY SELLITTO-CURCIO '83



Dear Fellow Alumni,

Recently, I had the honor of attending the Advent liturgy at Caldwell University, celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Tobin. It was a privilege to witness such extraordinary grace as he delivered the homily. His message was a powerful one of compassion and the abundance that God provides to every one of us.

Cardinal Tobin encouraged us to be compassionate people, to see the value and beauty in each and every life, every human being. He urged us to give to those in need all that we are able, whether it is our time, food, shelter, a hug, or our shoulder to lean on. He spoke to the fact that God will ensure that those receiving these gifts will be blessed with the abundance that is needed.

As I reflect on Cardinal Tobin's homily, I am reminded that in a world that can be frightening, difficult and cruel at times, each of us has the ability to bring light and healing into our lives. This message aligns with the core values of Caldwell University, exemplified by the Sisters of St. Dominic and instilled in us as alums. May we continue to be guided in respecting the sacred dignity of all creation, keeping in mind that we have a vital role in creating a just and compassionate global community.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

Mary Sellitto-Curcio '83
President, Caldwell University Alumni Association

in memory of...

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

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APRIL 28 • 10 A.M.

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**MAY 19 • 4 P.M.
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WOMEN'S GAME..... 1 P.M.
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HONORS CONVOCATION..... APRIL 25 • 7 P.M.

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FUND BANQUET MAY 3 • 6 P.M.

COMMENCEMENT MAY 20

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UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY 1 TO 3 P.M.