

THE H@WK

Hilbert Alumni welcome our future members, the Class of 2014.

August 2010

On July 30, several Hilbert alumni joined Hilbert faculty, staff and students in welcoming incoming students and their families to our beautiful campus. The new Hilbert family members were encouraged to attend our upcoming baseball outing and also learned about the upcoming "Hawk it Up - Birds for Books" campaign (see below). On Aug. 6 the second group of new students will be on campus. This is the largest group of incoming students to take part in orientation in college history. Alumni are an essential resource for our students. If you are interested in additional ways to get involved, please contact Deanna Messinger at 716-926-8791.



Jim Sturm introduces a team building exercise at orientation.

A message from the Alumni Association President

For the Hilbert College Alumni Association, the Bisons outing on Aug. 6 denotes that summer is almost over. But, don't worry there is still plenty of time in August to soak up the sun! It is also time to save the date for the Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner which will take place on Nov. 12 at Romanello's South Restaurant. We need your help with nominations. If you know a fellow alumni, faculty, staff or deserving community member that goes "above and beyond" and you think that he or she should be recognized at this event, please let us know. See the link below that directs you to award descriptions and nomination forms. All nominations need to be submitted by Aug. 30. We look forward to seeing you at this event!

Amy (Bartz) Meisner '01

Hawk it up!

Wouldn't it have been wonderful to have won \$500 toward your spring semester books? The Office of Institutional Advancement is excited to announce our first "Hawk it Up - Birds for Books" promotion." This promotion encourages student philanthropy by giving each student a bank to collect spare change in. All change collected will go toward the \$500 prize. Additionally, instead of favors at this year's Alumni Awards and Reconnection dinner, the event committee has decided to use those dollars toward this promotion as well.

How does a student win? Just by using his or her creativity! Students will compete for the \$500 by naming our mascot! Our poor Hawk is without an identity and we are hopeful that a creative student can help. The winner will be determined by a committee of faculty and staff and will be announced this fall.

If you would also like to donate to the "Hawk it Up" campaign, please contact Deanna Messinger at 716-926-8791 or Craig Harris at 716-926-8888. All dollars received beyond the \$500 prize will be donated to the Student Book Fund.

SAVE THE DATE—Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner 2010 Friday, Nov. 12 — Romanello's South Restaurant



Alumni Board Parliamentarian, Dawn (Belleza) Ehrhardt '02 presents the G.O.L.D. (Graduate of the Last Decade) award to Thomas McArthur '06 as former Alumni Board President, Randy Ahmed '86 looks on at the 2009 Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner.

Romanello's South Restaurant will be host to this year's Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with your Hilbert family as we honor outstanding alumni, members of our community and faculty and staff. The evening includes dinner, wine and beer and a professional DJ.

Descriptions of awards presented and nomination forms can be accessed using the link below. Please submit award nominations by Aug. 30. The Alumni Awards and Reconnection Committee will review all nominated candidates and notify those being honored in early fall.

<http://www.hilbert.edu/alumni/alumni-awards>

Nearby Ralph Wilson Stadium will be home to the Drums Along the Waterfront event on

**AUG. 8, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

Discount tickets available for Hilbert Alumni

[Click here to be directed to the Hilbert discount flyer](#)



Click below to be directed to the Drums Along the Waterfront Web site.

<http://drumsalongthewaterfront.org/>

Michael's Banquet Facility is set for the location of the Staff Senate's First Lucky Number's Luncheon on Oct 17.

The Hilbert Staff Senate is pleased to be supporting Hilbert students as they gather more than 100 gift baskets and items to raffle at the event, which is expected to be held annually. Aside from the baskets, the event will also include a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are just \$20 (presale only) and include a sit-down lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Barb DeLarosa at 716-926-8793 or bdelarosa@hilbert.edu or Karen James at 716-926-8783 or kjames@hilbert.edu.

We want to hear from you!

Have you recently changed jobs, gotten married, added a new family member or hosted/attended an "unofficial" Hilbert reunion?

We would LOVE to include your news in an upcoming *Hilbert Connections* magazine.

Send pictures and your new information to:

dmessinger@hilbert.edu



Did you know that there is a Hilbert Alumni Group on *LinkedIn*? To join, simply click on the logo to the left.

LinkedIn is an online service helping professionals find and connect with one another through shared social contacts.



Please consider visiting Hilbert's Facebook Fan Page and reconnect with other alumni. Simply click on the Facebook logo on the left to be directed to the Hilbert College Fan Page. Find out about upcoming events and reconnect with fellow alumni!

Still looking to shed your "Freshman 15" pounds? Or just looking for an inexpensive place to work out?

HILBERT ALUMNI BENEFITS INCLUDE USE OF THE FITNESS CENTER

Join now and pay only \$100 for the entire year! What about your spouse? He or she can join for just \$150 per year! That's a one-year membership at a rate significantly less than other area health clubs. For more information, contact Rob deGrandpre at rdegrandpre@hilbert.edu

Looking for a convenient way to earn your graduate degree?

It's not too late to apply for Saint Bonaventure University's Graduate School at the Buffalo Center, on the Hilbert College Campus. Classes begin on Aug. 27 and Hilbert graduates automatically receive a 15 percent scholarship.

Call Kevin Brayer at the SBU Buffalo Center at (716) 646-1500, ext. 12, and get on the road toward professional advancement. You can also get more information by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Events

August

6th: Family Bison's Outing

October

17th: Staff Senate Lucky Numbers Luncheon (Michael's Banquet Facility)

November

12th: 5th Annual Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner (Romanello's South Restaurant)

March

25th: Alumni Fish Fry Fundraiser (Hilbert College Campus Center)

April

9th: Memorial Miles 5K Run/1 Mile Walk (details will follow as the event is planned)

Hilbert College's Values

Service - Respect - Peace - Compassion - Joy - Hope - Integrity - Vision