Let It SSSNOW
Science program brings winter into the classroom
MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS HAVE BEEN INTEGRAL TO HILBERT COLLEGE’S SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS. In the 18 years since St. Bonaventure University made the decision to offer its weekend graduate program at a site in the Buffalo area, hundreds of students have completed their degrees on Hilbert’s campus. We have created synergies through sharing classrooms, library holdings, and, most importantly, ideas that will increase the quality of a Franciscan higher education.

Hilbert faculty have also established numerous partnership agreements to enhance the success of our students. Articulation agreements with community colleges, like Erie Community College, Jamestown Community College and Niagara County Community College, support a seamless transfer process to Hilbert. Agreements with several local high schools and BOCES provide an opportunity for students in their senior year to earn college credit for their advanced courses in foreign languages, criminal justice and other areas, giving them a leg up when they make the transition to higher education. More than 500 students participated in the program last year. In addition, 15-20 students each semester from Hamburg and Frontier high schools, Immaculata Academy and others take classes at Hilbert in areas not offered at their schools.

In the last year, Hilbert has forged two exciting partnerships with Catholic Health System (CHS) in Buffalo that have created value through collaboration. First, the college opened the Cappuccino Family Wellness Center in St. Joseph Hall to meet the health care needs of Hilbert students. CHS has provided the professional staffing for the center and if students need care beyond the scope of what we offer on campus, systems have been established so they can seamlessly receive it in other CHS facilities. We are deeply grateful for the vision that CHS leadership, including Joseph McDonald, president and CEO; Dr. Mike Reilly, vice president of primary care services; Annette Phillips, manager of clinical quality measures; and Dr. Mike Edbauer, chief medical director of the Catholic Independent Physicians’ Association, have committed to establishing this important community ministry. You can read more about the wellness center in this issue of Hilbert Connections.

Second, Hilbert student Chris Nowak, a junior computer security major, has been accepted into CHS’s new internship program in information technology created by Dr. Michael Galang and Carolyn Nerber. Chris is gaining general knowledge of cutting-edge health care IT solutions while working in a team environment. Chris’ future aspiration is to attend medical school and this partnership has allowed him to bring together his interest in computer security with health care – definitely a win-win!

Hilbert is always seeking new internship or shadowing experiences for our students. If you are aware of an opportunity that would enhance the learning experiences of our students, please contact Denise Harris, director of career development, at 716-926-8927 or e-mail dharris@hilbert.edu. We’d love to hear from you.

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to partner with us through your ongoing support. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students.

Cynthia A. Zane, Ed.D. President
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Kenneth Huff is demystifying the science of snow through an innovative program, revealing there's much to learn about this winter wonder.

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Hilbert College’s newly opened campus wellness center, created to address a need to expand student services to accommodate the college’s largest ever residential population, has been named the Cappuccino Family Wellness Center in recognition of a generous gift from husband-wife physicians Dr. Andrew G. and Dr. Helen H. Cappuccino.

A dedication ceremony was held Feb. 8 in the wellness center, located on the first floor of St. Joseph Hall, Hilbert’s original residence building.

“We are very grateful to the Cappuccinos for their generosity and for helping us to achieve our goal of adding first-level wellness services at the college,” said Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D. “Their gift has enabled us to renovate and transform the designated space into a campus-based center that focuses on enhancing the health and well-being of our students.”

Centrally located in the residential quad area, the Cappuccino Family Wellness Center is providing on-campus clinic support, including physicals, first aid and wellness programming. The center is being staffed and managed by a nurse practitioner and medical assistant from Catholic Health in Buffalo, making it the first formal contracted service agreement between the healthcare system and a Western New York college.

Overall, Hilbert’s housing capacity has nearly doubled and now has 30 percent of its students residing on campus with the opening last fall of the 155-bed Trinity Hall, which was added to the college’s other housing options, prompting a need to establish a place students could go for wellness care at a convenient campus location.

“There is a need for wellness care at a convenient campus location,” added Burns, “used by the wellness center has been steadily increasing as more students become aware of what it has to offer.”

Although the wellness center is geared to serving both resident and commuter students, there is the potential it will open up in the future to the entire Hilbert community.

Orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino, M.D., received the 2008 Hilbert College Medal in recognition of the life-saving treatment he provided to Buffalo Bills player Kevin Everett following a paralyzing spinal injury. Both Andrew and Helen Cappuccino, M.D., are surgeons at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, have participated in numerous international medical missions.

Students’ Project Develops Into Homage to Late Priest

A TRIBUTE NIGHT TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE LIFE OF THE LATE MONSIGNOR RICHARD T. NUGENT, longtime pastor of St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Orchard Park and whose second book was released just weeks after his passing in October, was held in December at Hilbert College. Father Nugent was a past recipient of the college’s Mother Colette Hilbert Award and strong supporter and participant in the Hilbert Scholarship Golf Tournament.

The event, co-sponsored by Hilbert and St. Bernadette’s Church, included readings from Father Nugent’s recently published book, Spiritual Reflections II. The new publication is a follow-up to his 2003 book, Reflections in Honor of God the Father, which featured a collection of columns he penned as pastor for the church bulletin.

Prior to Father Nugent’s passing on Oct. 16, Hilbert digital media and communication students John Morath ’10 and Nicole Burke ’10 were working on an honors project that focused on marketing the priest’s newest book, which involved Hilbert alumna Kerrie Bloom ’08 as editor.

“Initially, we thought a book signing or reading by Father Nugent would be a great way to get the word out about his book and offer readers a chance to meet him,” explained Morath. “With his passing, we adjusted our plans and decided a tribute night was the best way to properly acknowledge him while incorporating his new book into the event.”
Changes Made in ECI Program

As of last fall, the computer security option under Hilbert College’s economic crime investigation (ECI) program has been designated computer security and information assurance. Students who entered the program in Fall 2009 and later will receive their bachelor’s degree under the new program name. This change was the result of input from faculty, the ECI department advisory board and graduates, all of whom saw a need to change the program description to more accurately reflect the course of study.

Also, Hilbert’s academic area has undergone a major structural change that has affected the program. Both the accounting-ECI track and the newly designated computer security and information assurance programs now fall under the Hilbert Professional Studies Division.

These latest changes follow another made in 2008 when ECI’s financial investigations option was revised to make it a track under the accounting degree program, a decision based on a number of factors that ECI graduates need to have a strong accounting foundation. Students in the accounting degree program with the ECI track still take all anti-fraud specialty courses that students took under the previous ECI program.

Hilbert began offering a bachelor’s degree in ECI in 1999. ECI students have taken courses in three disciplines, accounting, criminal justice and computer security, and followed a financial investigations or computer security concentration. Over the past 10 years, updates have been made to the program’s curriculum as a result of changes in technology, laws and regulations.

Caring in the Community

Nearly 40 faculty, staff and students from Hilbert College took on various volunteer duties, including serving meals to the needy and cleaning a homeless shelter, on Jan. 18 in commemoration of the Martin Luther King National Day of Service.

“Participating in this college-wide service opportunity embraced the spirit of the King Day of Service and provided a meaningful way of connecting and contributing to our surrounding communities,” said Hilbert President Cynthia Zane. “Community engagement activities like this are also reflective of Hilbert’s Franciscan foundation, which emphasizes the importance of service to our community.”

Dressed in blue Hilbert Franciscan Day of Caring t-shirts, volunteers were on-site at St. Vincent de Paul Society of Buffalo where they helped with stocking displays and assisted customers in the discount store that provides clothing and household items to needy families. They also served meals in the dining room and unloaded and sorted donated items in the warehouse.

Another Hilbert group was at the Little Portion Friary on Main Street and pitched in doing laundry and cleaning in the Buffalo homeless shelter.

Saint Augustine’s Scholar Program on Davidson Avenue in Buffalo was the third volunteer site. At the middle school for boys, participants helped out with cleaning the gymnasium and other areas of the inner-city school.

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Let it Snow
Through an innovative, cold weather program, Kenneth Huff is changing the way students learn science by using the winter wonderland that’s right outside their window.

by Grace Lazzara
Western New Yorkers have a love-hate relationship with snow that falls abundantly in the area every winter. Recollections of sledding pristine, snow-covered hills are oftentimes tempered by memories of extricating a car from rock-hard snow piles in a wind chill of -10.

For WNY native and award-winning middle-school teacher Kenneth Huff ’90, he knows how deeply snow is embedded in the region’s psyche. This was especially true a couple years ago as he sat in a Lake Placid classroom with a select group of teachers attending a “History of Winter” program offered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Here, he remembers thinking, was the kind of content that could teach his students the foundations of science by tapping into the area’s famous (or infamous, depending on your viewpoint) winter weather. He imagined students using snow to build their knowledge about science and strengthen their skills in working with information, learning with others and explaining what they’d learned using scientific language.

The result of this epiphany was Huff leading a team that created a program aptly named SSSNOW (Students Synthesizing Snow-data in Natural Objective Ways). With this program, Huff’s students collect and use real weather and snow information, ultimately creating a complete, multi-disciplinary “story” about snow in their hometown.

**SSSNOW develops over Lake Erie**

Unlike its namesake, SSSNOW didn’t fall from the skies.

Huff knew a program like the one he envisioned had tremendous potential, but he wasn’t sure how to bring it to fruition. He knew the effort would be a “big undertaking,” needing collaboration and dollars. Ultimately, he realized the key to bringing SSSNOW to life was establishing a network of educators who also attended NASA’s “History of Winter” program and could help with “SSSNOW-making.”

Huff assembled a team that included Catherine Lange, assistant professor of science education at Buffalo State College, and Karen Wallace, director of the Buffalo Museum of Science’s Center for Science Learning. Based on their shared “History of Winter” experience, they developed a program designed to engage not only middle-schoolers but the WNY community as well. “We wanted to share this with the Museum of Science and college students, too,” Huff says.

With Huff as principal investigator, the group developed the program and went to work on a grant proposal, which was submitted to the prestigious National Science Teachers Association Toyota Tapestry Grant Award program. Huff’s proposal describes SSSNOW’s prime area of inquiry:

*What can students learn about the properties of local snow from data gathered through a variety of scientific methods (including technological equipment, software and applications) and how can this information increase their awareness of the historic, physical, qualitative and quantitative aspects that form a snow-centered cultural identity specific to the Buffalo area?*

Huff more colloquially explains that SSSNOW gives students a chance to discover things that are pertinent to them. “Snow affects our lives, our community identity,” he says. As well, “Science content is often removed from students’ everyday experience. They struggle to comprehend and apply what they learn. SSSNOW allows them to create new scientific content as they go through the scientific process.”

The Toyota Tapestry panel agreed that Huff and Co.’s plan was well worth the investment, awarding the team $10,000 to kick-start SSSNOW. Now well into its second year, SSSNOW is gaining increased recognition, most recently in January’s issue of *Science Scope*, a journal of the National Science Teachers Association.
“Students have to understand the physical science of the thermal conductivity of snow—that energy moves through snow in the form of heat,” explains Huff. Through their investigation of something like snow packs, students learn that a layer of snow is colder at the top than at the bottom. “They learn that not by me telling them but through their own study and analysis.”

Huff also says that one of the “greatest elements of SSSNOW is its interdisciplinary nature.” Students might explore the topic elsewhere in their studies by, say, writing a haiku on snow in language-arts class. The close of the project, a springtime exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science, ideally encapsulates and communicates what the students have so painstakingly learned.

One weekend last spring at the science museum, Huff watched as his middle-school students guided their families through an exhibit they’d created while working on SSSNOW. “It was so rewarding for me,” he says. “I was in a different environment watching students, many of whom are not the most loquacious, with enough confidence in their knowledge to explain what they had learned to their parents, grandparents and siblings,” he says. “I had such a smile on my face.”

From cows to class
Remarkably, Huff didn’t start out as a science teacher. He began his career, and had established himself, in the dairy business. A serendipitous chain of circumstances led to teaching. The impetus was his long-time membership in Toastmasters, an organization with clubs worldwide that help members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. He’d taken on a leadership role in his local chapter and relished giving speeches to and sharing information with other club members.

His work with Toastmasters motivated him to gain more experience in communication, the setting for which turned out to be classes at Hilbert.

In fact, one of the key drivers for Huff’s career change, he says, was a public speaking class. “I really enjoyed the class,” he

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SSSNOW in action
In the fall, Huff’s students begin preparing with, among other activities, a visit from Thomas Niziol of the National Weather Service. He talks about various aspects of snow such as the role the atmosphere plays in creating lake-effect snowstorms. After the white stuff flies, students conduct their field work. They track snowfall, measure snow pack density and observe weather conditions. The students often concentrate, for instance, on how energy moves through snow. That helps them gain skill in one of the National Research Council’s National Science Education Standards for sixth graders—understanding the transfer of energy.

Their work also includes sophisticated equipment like a thermochron, which they learn to use during a videoconference with NASA “History of Winter” scientists. A computer chip contained in a small steel “i button,” the thermochron gathers and records information about snow temperature over time. Students upload that information to a spreadsheet and analyze the results.
Intersection of science and citizenry opens up new frontiers and teaches students how to work together and remain competitive in a challenging world.

says. “My Toastmasters experiences and that class led me to my career in education.” Huff majored in liberal arts, but he also found his interest in science evolving at Hilbert when he took classes on energy and ecology.

Also, he says, “I appreciated the small atmosphere at Hilbert—the connections with my professors, their personal approach. They made themselves available, which said a lot to me as a non-traditional student.”

His fond memories extend to his relationship with Sister Edmunette Paczesny, president emerita, who he visited with each semester. “She was very interested in students’ perspectives,” he recalls. “We’d talk about my classes, my faith in Christ and my involvement in my parish and with the church.”

After Hilbert, another educational experience sealed Huff’s interest in science. A class assignment on the Space Shuttle Challenger found him conducting serious research into the official findings on the tragedy. “That opened up my views to science,” he says, “and opened up my horizons to NASA, the space program and more.”

By the time Huff earned his master’s degree in elementary education, he’d been teaching for six years at Cleveland Hill Middle School in Cheektowaga, N.Y. He began teaching in Williamsville’s Mill Middle School in 1999, where he also serves as a team leader.

Over the past 15 or so years, Huff’s resume has bloomed with lists of honors, grants and endeavors. Arguably most significant among these are the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and science Teaching and the 2005 Science Teachers Association of New York State Excellence in Science Teaching Award.

His relationship with NASA has been another career high point. “I’ve really expanded my horizons,” he says. “I’ve taken part in NASA programs, learned new educational strategies and had a plethora of opportunities for professional networking.”

In December, Huff learned he will be one of only 24 teachers nationwide to participate in the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
What do you know about snow?

Middle schoolers in Kenneth Huff’s classes can answer the following questions about snow. Can you? A group of friends were outside playing during the winter. They looked up at the sky and noticed a heavy band of snow to the west near Lake Erie. Each had a different idea about snow. Which, if any, of their ideas are true?

1. “I think lake effect snow falls when heat and moisture from the warm lake rise and then cool and condense.”
2. “In winter when the air is very cold, the snow at the surface of the snow pack is warmer than the snow near the ground.”
3. “After snow falls its density decreases due to gravitational settling, wind packing, and melting.”
4. “Snow has an excellent albedo or reflectance of the sun’s rays.”
5. “Two variables that influence snow-crystal type are atmospheric temperature and available water supply during formation.”

Answers: 1. True. 2. False. 3. True. 4. True. 5. True.

Huff’s teaching philosophy for science illuminates his motivation behind developing the SSSNOW program. Science education is a “personal human endeavor,” he says. “It’s about investigation, about the journey rather than facts.” By engaging with science, he believes, students appreciate the importance and interconnectedness of science in their lives. “My role is to excite students about learning and help them realize how important science is.”

One of Huff’s goals is to help his students understand that learning science is based on continuous and creative investigation. With SSSNOW, for instance, students undertake a classic investigative process of systematic observation, data analysis, theorizing and explaining their findings through evidence and hard data.

However, drawing out that realization is not Huff’s ultimate goal. “If we provide participatory rather than just observatory experience,” he says, “students are prepared for active involvement in an engaged citizenry and in society. With SSSNOW, much of what students discover relates to issues of local and global importance. So we talk about polar ice caps melting and ask why it’s happening, ask how it affects our fresh water supply.” Huff says the intersection of science and citizenry opens up new frontiers and teaches students how to work together and remain competitive in a challenging world.

Staying competitive is perhaps Huff’s ultimate purpose. “Yes, it’s my role to excite students, but I also look at the bigger picture.” Test scores in the U.S. show the country’s students are not meeting worldwide standards. The U.S. lags behind other countries in science and math literacy. “We’ve become complacent,” says Huff. “The United States has led the world in science and technology for decades. If we plan on building a new rocket to go back to the moon and beyond, providing health care for citizens and finding new modes of energy, we need to make sure American people support movement to raise education to the top of the national agenda.”

If personal competitiveness involves constant effort and energy, Huff has nothing to worry about. He continually tries to increase his knowledge, stay current in topics of educational policy and presents at conferences. He also relates his work to his faith, explaining that he shares his given gifts and abilities to nurture other people and help them reach their goals.

All this takes a great deal of commitment. Huff offers a favorite quotation that clearly reflects his passion for what he does: “Excellence is the result of caring more than others think wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible.”

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A Big Academic Year for Soccer

Hilbert College’s women’s soccer team has earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/adidas Women’s Team Academic Award for achieving a team GPA of 3.0 or higher during the 2008-09 academic year, marking the fourth time the team has received this distinction.

Led by James Ruggiero, now in his 11th year as head coach, the Hawks are among more than 325 women’s teams nationwide to receive the honor. Ruggiero accepted a certificate of achievement on the team’s behalf at the NSCAA’s 63rd convention in Philadelphia.

“This is a wonderful award for the players, who have worked very hard on their studies. We spend a great deal of time working with our student-athletes on their time management and focusing on all aspects of collegiate life. To be able to maintain this high level of academic success is extremely rewarding,” said Ruggiero.

“Jennifer Wade, the team’s academic captain for the 2008-09 academic year, led the team by example as well,” he added. “She was a two-time NSCAA Scholar All-Region selection and also received the college’s McGrath Award as the female senior student-athlete with the highest GPA.”

The NSCAA is the largest coaches’ organization in the U.S. Since its founding in 1941, it has grown to include more than 30,000 members who coach both genders at all levels of the sport. In addition to a national rankings program for colleges and high schools, NSCAA offers an extensive recognition program that presents nearly 10,000 individual awards every year. It fulfills its mission of coaching education through a nationwide program of clinics and week-long courses, teaching more than 4,000 soccer coaches each year.

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Exercise On Campus

Hilbert College alumni and adult family of alumni are welcome to use the campus fitness facility located in the Hafner Recreation Center.

The air-conditioned 2,000-square-foot weight and fitness center has the latest in cardio equipment, free weights and weight machines, as well as multiple large televisions for viewing while you work out. Regular hours of operation are scheduled during the academic year with summer hours in place at the end of the spring semester.

The $100 one-year alumni membership fee includes full use of the fitness center and locker rooms. The membership fee for adult family of alumni is $150 per year.

Additional information is available by contacting Craig Harris, Hilbert director of alumni relations and annual giving, at 716-926-8888 or e-mail charris@hilbert.edu.

Hilbert alumni and adult family of alumni are welcome to use the campus fitness facility.
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education will award its 2010 Fred Turner Award to Dennis Black, chair of the Hilbert Board of Trustees, in March during the NASPA Annual Conference in Chicago. This national honor presented to Black, vice president for student affairs at the University at Buffalo, follows being recently being named recipient of the NASPA Region II Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service.

Elizabeth Dragone, a Mercyhurst College graduate who gained valuable admissions experience through an internship at the college, has been appointed an admissions counselor.

Wendy Edson, chairperson of the professional studies division/associate professor of legal studies, gave a presentation on “Marketing the Department: Using Demographics for Recruitment and Retention” at the American Association for Paralegal Education conference in Portland, Ore.

Anthony San Giacomo, adjunct instructor of criminal justice and economics, has been appointed chief probation officer for Western New York’s federal courts.

Marne Griffin has been promoted from assistant professor to the rank of associate professor of English.

Jean Macdonald, director of student activities, co-presented on “Cross-Generational Communication in the Field of Student Personnel Administration and Generation O: Implications for Validating Student Learning Assessment Measures.” The presentation was made at the College Student Personnel Association of New York State annual conference held at the University at Buffalo.

Carraugh Reilly Nowah, adjunct instructor of forensic science/crime scene investigation and medical investigator in the Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office, has been appointed to the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators Advisory Council.

In athletics, Richard Schunke ’01, who has several years coaching at the high school level and also competed at the collegiate level, has been named head men’s lacrosse coach. Also, Jonathan Musialowski has been promoted to head men’s baseball coach and Peter Yuhas, Jr. has been appointed head women’s softball coach.

Paula Witherell, public relations director, has received a bronze 2010 Accolades Award in crisis communications from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District II.

Hilbert College Memorial Miles
5K Run/1 Mile Walk

Saturday, April 10
10 a.m.
Start/Finish Campus Grounds

Prizes • Post-Race Barbecue
Music • Children’s Play Area

$15 Preregistration
$20 Day of Race
Free for children age 12 & under
Memorial Pathway Tribute $25

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From the Alumni President

As we start off 2010, the Hilbert College Alumni Association continues to plan many exciting events. Earlier this month, we once again hosted the Hilbert dinner theater event. O’Connell and Company provided a night full of laughs as they presented “King Richard’s Wedding Feast” to a full house. On April 10, we will be putting on our running shoes for the Hilbert Memorial Miles 5K run/mile walk, which includes prizes, a post race barbecue and a children’s play area. Also, don’t forget about our fish fry fundraiser on March 12 in the Campus Center Dining Hall.

It’s time to save the date for the ninth annual Hilbert Night at Coca-Cola Field on Aug. 6, a popular, family-friendly event that’s a great way to enjoy the Buffalo Bisons while catching up with old friends and enjoying the fireworks. Also, be sure to save the date for the 2010 Reconnection and Awards Dinner on Nov. 12 at Romanello’s South Restaurant. The evening is a wonderful chance to reconnect with friends and faculty.

I’ve been privileged to work with a group of highly motivated alumni who work throughout the year to plan a wide variety of events. We strive to have something for everyone, from theater to sporting events to an informal happy hour, the Hilbert Alumni Association is here for you and we welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you have any suggestions for future events or ways to make our current events even better, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Also, it is with great pride I announce the Hilbert Alumni Association Board is 100 percent committed to giving back to the college by supporting the Hilbert Fund. Every one of us recognizes how every dollar helps future Hilbert graduates succeed. We challenge you to join us!

All our event information is on Hilbert’s Web site. Check it often as information is updated on a regular basis. We hope to see you at a future event.

Nichole M. Becker
Interim Alumni Association President
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News & Notes

‘90s

CHRISTOPHER CHAPMAN
BS ’98 has been promoted to supervisory special agent for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Professional Responsibility in the Washington, D.C. office.

JEFF COIA
BS ’98 rescued a 91-year-old woman from her West Seneca, N.Y., apartment, which was smoke filled from a house fire.

SAMUEL DeJOHN
AA ’91 has retired as chief of police in the Town of Evans and served more than 36 years in law enforcement.

CECIL FOSTER
BS ’99 has been named executive vice president for consulting services at Carnegie Communications in Westford, Mass.

PAUL GRIGSBY
BS ’97 is employed with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

BRIAN SCHROER
BS ’98 has been promoted from patrol officer to corporal and is a traffic accident investigator in the Bay City Police Department in Michigan.

GEORGE STEPHAN IV
BS ’95 has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga.

‘00s

CARLEY BOLEWICKI
BS ’08 is a security officer at Buffalo General Hospital.

‘01s

SATISH BISHT
BS ’01 is a vacation rental investigator in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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TEIA BUI
BS ’04 has been admitted to practice law in both New York State and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her practice concentration is tax litigation and controversy.

AMANDA CALI
BS ’08 received a master’s degree from Medaille College and is teaching seventh and eighth grade math at St. Joseph School in Gowanda, N.Y.

ANDREA CROCE
BS ’05 has earned an MBA and is working in Gaymar Industries’ Human Resources Department in Orchard Park, N.Y.

DANIELLE DELANEY
BS ’07 has been promoted to senior accountant at Tronconi, Segarra and Associates with locations in Western New York.

DANIEL DOLLINGER
BS ’09 is pursuing a master’s degree in social work at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester.

JENNIFER EDMISTON
BS ’08 is a consumer safety officer at the Food and Drug Administration.

JAMES FLOWERS
BS ’07 is a deputy in road patrol for the Erie County Sheriff’s Office.

JOSEPH GERACE
BA ’09 is a vendor license specialist position at Ingram Micro in Williamsville, N.Y.

GAIL (BALDUCI) HEJNA
BS ’01 is a vacation rental manager at Garden City Realty in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

TODD ISBRANDT
BS ’09 is pursuing a master’s degree in forensic science at Buffalo State College.

JENNIFER McCAFFEY
BS ’06 has been promoted to assistant to the managing director of NASCAR’s Industry Marketing Department in Charlotte, N.C.
Hilbert Honors Six With Alumni Awards

Recipients of the 2009 Hilbert College Alumni Awards, a program established to recognize individuals who personify the college’s core values and tradition of integrity and excellence, were honored at the college’s annual Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner.

Award winners were:
Robert Drago. Hilbert trustee emeritus, the Franciscan Values Award, presented to a friend of Hilbert who exemplifies the principles in which the college was founded and who has distinguished him/herself in their career and the community.

Todd Ehret ’98 and Scott Kashino ’96, the St. Francis Award for Community Service, presented to Hilbert alumni who made numerous contributions of time and talent to their respective community over many years.

Thomas McArthur ’06, the Graduate of the Last Decade Award, presented to Hilbert graduates of the last decade who have achieved career success and demonstrated significant volunteer service to their communities and/or Hilbert.

Edward Qualey ’74, chairperson/associate professor of the Hilbert Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Division, the Sister Adrienne Faculty/Staff Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to a past or current faculty/staff member who emulates the characteristics that Sister Adrienne exhibited during her tenure at Hilbert.

Jerome Wszalek ’73, the Dominique Thompson Alumni of the Year Award, given to the individual who demonstrates Hilbert’s Franciscan values and encompasses the true spirit of the college.

DEBORAH MOGAVERO BS ’08 is enrolled in the executive leadership program at Daemen College and is an adjunct instructor at Hilbert.

JOANIE O’NEILL BS ’01 was hired by the Erie County Department of Probation.

ERIN (DOMIN) PARKER AAS ’00 is director at Kid’s Kingdom Child Care Center in Orchard Park, N.Y.

AMY PFEIFFER BS ’06 has been named the first-ever winner of the Rochester Police Department’s Top Cop Award. This award is given annually to an officer whose performance is above and beyond all other officers.

KAREN PIOTROWSKI BS ’09 is employed in the Erie County Department of Social Services Fair Hearing Office.

LINSDEY RINDOS BS ’07 is a detention officer for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in Tampa, Fla.

JOSEPH SANABRIA BS ’06 is a private investigator for Cellino and Barnes in Buffalo.

JEFFREY SOJA BS ’06 is a police officer in the United States Park Police in Washington, D.C.

JOSEPH THURSTON BS ’08 is working in the FBI and on assignment in California.

JAKE WHITEHEAD BS ’09 is an investigator for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Buffalo.

Births

NICOLE (BRYMAN) CUTRONA BS ’94 welcomed a daughter, Ava Nicole.

ERIN (DOMIN) PARKER AAS ’00 welcomed a son, Joshua Lee.

MARSHALL ZINK BS ’98 and SARA (HAGAR) ZINK BS ’99 welcomed a son, Nathan Patrick, who joins older brother Jacob.

Weddings

DENEEL HILLEBERT BS ’05 to Paul Marvin
JAMIE KUMMER BA ’01 to John Winkelman
LINDA BEA CARLSON AAS ’81 to Michael Janalkowski
You Can Change the Life of a Hilbert College Student

Each year, many alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and friends share a common belief in the value of a Hilbert education by supporting the Hilbert Fund. Here’s what they have to say about giving.

As a Hilbert alumnus, I cannot think of a better way to invest in our future than to provide tomorrow’s leaders with the opportunities available at Hilbert.
Jason Luna ’96
Attorney

I support the Hilbert Fund because I have seen how it contributes to the success of our students.
Mary Ann Hobar ’96
Assistant Chairperson
Assistant Professor of Forensic Science Investigation

I want to see future students receive the excellent education and opportunities that were given to my son, who is a graduate of Hilbert.
Kathleen Kazmierczak
Buildings & Grounds Staff Alumni Parent

Our students work hard in the classroom, on the court and on the playing fields, as well as in the community. By giving to the Hilbert Fund, I can’t think of a better way to show them how much we care about their academic success.
Rob deGrandpre
Assistant Athletics Director
Head Men’s Basketball Coach

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Remember When

the '90s

Before the spark of facility development began with the addition of Franciscan Hall, Hilbert College’s signature administrative and student services building, the institution’s 50-acre campus had a vastly different look as shown in this aerial photo. A ring road surrounds the pond on the front end of campus with a smaller circular road around the Campus Center. In addition, the college community had access to a two-lane road that led through what is now the campus quad. Near the back of campus, a small apple orchard is also visible. Since the photo was taken, Hilbert’s original six-building campus has grown to more than double the number of facilities, including an academic-auditorium complex, additional student housing and athletic facility expansion.

To share some of your favorite memories as a student during the '90s, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 716-926-8888, or e-mail charris@hilbert.edu.