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## President's View



**This year Hilbert celebrates 50 years of building a learning community that has enabled graduates to make a positive impact on their professions and communities.**

**I WAS NOT SURE WHAT I WOULD FIND WHEN I ENTERED HILBERT COLLEGE'S CAMPUS DINING HALL** on Oct. 13 with the noise of the generator in the background and the windows the only source of light. Yet the tables were filled with resident-students eating their hot lunches, albeit on paper plates, while sharing strategies for living without computers, television and phones.

President Emeritus Sister Edmunette Paczesny and her family occupied another table celebrating her birthday by sharing lunch with students and staff rather than the gala dedication for Paczesny Hall and the William E. Swan Auditorium that was cancelled by the October surprise snowstorm. Staff shared stories of how they walked to campus in the midst of the storm and prepared meals for students in a kitchen illuminated by flashlights.

Facilities staff cleared downed trees and maintained generators to provide heat for resident-students and the Campus Center. Hilbert Campus Safety maintained contact with local officials to coordinate emergency response efforts. What a powerful example of our mission and Franciscan values. Despite adversity, student well-being was our primary concern.

This year Hilbert celebrates 50 years of building a learning community that has enabled graduates to make a positive impact on their professions and communities. As we prepare for the anniversary celebration and presidential inauguration on April 20, 2007, the Hilbert community will complete a strategic plan to guide decisions through 2012.

A recent story in *The Buffalo News* discussed the challenges confronting Western New York's seven Catholic colleges and universities, including the competition for enrollment, affordability and the need to remain distinctive. The most important thing we need to accomplish in this academic year is to establish Hilbert's top priorities and identify how we will measure and track our performance. We will face a difficult challenge in this strategic planning process – the challenge of choice. Often colleges that are struggling today are those that have tried to be all things to all people. That's not Hilbert's approach. We will develop a plan that will build on the legacy of Sister Edmunette to keep Hilbert an efficient, effective and thriving college.

I'm energized by the conversations we are having about the importance of our Catholic and Franciscan identity, about the best way to enhance the learning environment, about what new academic programs would be the best additions to our portfolio of offerings, about the role athletics plays in the lives of our students, and about the ways faculty and staff can work together to strengthen Hilbert.

I'm grateful for the warm hospitality that has been extended to me in these first few months of my presidency and look forward to the crucial conversations we will be having regarding the future of Hilbert. I'm confident that just like the staff who put students first during the October snowstorm, we will remain student-centered throughout this planning process. We need each of you to help us achieve our goals and welcome your input during this strategic planning process.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia A. Zane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "Z" at the end.

Cynthia A. Zane, Ed.D.  
President



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## Sailing Along

Sailing the waters toward France on a sunny July day, William Haas and his fellow young crew members tend to setting the sails, steering the ship and other hands-on sailing duties aboard the massive 200-foot tall square rigged ship. The 10-day voyage, designed as a working crew adventure aboard the ship Prince William, was an educational and life-changing journey that took the Hilbert College student to ports in England, France and Belgium.

Haas, who applied for this rare opportunity earlier in the year, was one of only five U.S. college students selected to participate in this summer's Tall Ships Youth Trust Voyage of Understanding held in

July. Courtesy of the HSBC Education Trust and the international Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization, he took part in the European sailing voyage with 47 other SIFE participants from 10 countries from as far away as Russia, South Africa, Brazil, and Egypt.

A challenging and rewarding experience, the voyage gave Haas, president of Hilbert SIFE, a chance to hone his beginner sailing skills while developing stronger leadership, teamwork and communication abilities.

"I always considered myself a good communicator and leader but being out on a ship with people from many different countries and cultures taught me a great deal about

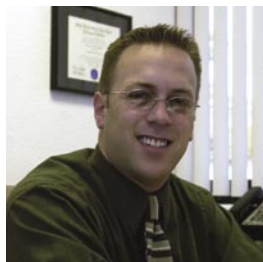
## Welcome!

Hilbert College welcomes Craig Harris as our new alumni relations director. He comes to the college from Long Island University's C.W. Post Campus where he was director of student life and leadership education. He officially started at Hilbert in September.

Before C.W. Post, Harris was associate director of co-curricular programming and education at St. Lawrence University.

He's received several honors, including the C.W. Post Association for Campus Programming Appreciation Award and the Provost's Certificate of Recognition for Exemplary Service.

Harris looks forward to connecting with Hilbert alumni and helping you stay connected with the college. He may be reached at (716) 926-8888 or [charris@hilbert.edu](mailto:charris@hilbert.edu).



## This Way to Christmas

**IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.** Christmas will be here before you know it and so too will Hilbert College's annual Christmas at Hilbert celebration, featuring a traditional Live Nativity and children's party. Festivities for the 9th annual event will be held from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 10.

Helping the Christmas story come alive, the Live Nativity will take place at 2 p.m. only on college grounds outside Franciscan Hall. Nativity participants will portray the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, and the three wise men, all joined by a few animals in the outdoor stable.

A children's Christmas party will immediately follow the Live Nativity in the Franciscan Hall atrium. Santa Claus will hand out bags of goodies to children, who can have free pictures taken with St. Nick.

Activities will include Christmas cookie decorating, arts and crafts, face painting, and much more.



## Around Hilbert

leading and communicating in ways I've never used before," says Haas.

"At one point," he recalls, "I was assigned to teach some of my fellow crew members how to do knots used for stowing and securing the sails. Although English was the main language used on board, it was not the first language for many so I learned to adapt by giving instructions in a way the students could better comprehend."

The first day on board the two-mast Prince William, which holds a crew of 68, consisted of training for the working crew members, many of whom were novice sailors with little or no sailing experience. A seven-member permanent crew served as expert guides on the voyage.

Once out at sea, Haas and the other student participants were put to work in one of three watch crews on four-hour shifts overseen by 13 volunteer crew members.

"We did everything 24/7 – charting, steering, serving as look-outs, stowing and unstowing the sail, even cleaning the ship. I didn't expect to be doing that much but I loved it all. It was an incredible experience to be able to climb the rigging while at sea and set the sails 200 feet above the water. Being that high up and looking out at the waters is something I'll always remember," says Haas, a communication studies major.

At each of three port destinations to where the Prince William sailed, the students had the opportunity to do some sight-seeing. On all but one day, the weather was sunny and warm during the voyage.

"The one day when the seas were really rough and it was raining, about half the working crew was out of commission due to sea sickness. Being among those who weren't sick, we kept very busy that day

sailing the ship," Haas says.

Now back home in Hamburg, N.Y., Haas, who earned a Royal Yachting Association's Competent Crew certificate, contends the experience has left an indelible impression on him.

"The voyage exceeded my expectations. Most remarkable was developing a greater understanding about people from other countries and diverse cultures, something I learned first-hand from having stayed with eight guys in 13-by-15 sleeping quarters," Haas jokes.

The reality, he adds, is "we live in a global business world. I now have extra confidence in myself and will take the knowledge I gained into my career after I graduate. The friends and contacts I made on the voyage have opened up many possibilities for me."

Donations of nonperishable food items for area food pantries will be accepted at the event.



## Building a Better Hilbert

For the past year or so, the Hilbert College community has watched construction on the eagerly anticipated academic-auditorium complex emerge into the magnificent facilities that now exist – Paczesny Hall and the William E. Swan Auditorium. Together, the facilities, which are central to Hilbert's campus renewal, signify growth, new ideas and a commitment to students and the community.

The \$6 million complex has doubled the college's classroom space and created a state-of-the-art performance

and theater space. In many ways, it has dramatically changed the campus landscape.

Officially opened with a gala building dedication this fall, a glimpse of the new complex is pictured here with a closer look to come in the Winter 2007 *Hilbert Connections*.







# A LOOK AHEAD

**Inspiration comes in many forms. For new Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, it's being a part of educating and changing the lives of young people who have an eye on the future.**

by Grace A. Lazzara

Perhaps the link between Cynthia Zane, Ed.D., education and young adults was created while she was in graduate school. In those days, she and her two young sons studied side-by-side in a college library. "I took my doctoral exams when I seven months pregnant with my third child," she says, laughing.

Maybe the bond was cemented during Zane's proudest professional accomplishment: helping create a grass-roots program that saw teams of college students provide much needed health services to inner-city schoolchildren.

The tie that connects Zane and education has flourished and grown stronger as her professional success has allowed her more opportunities to make a difference. Her tenure in higher education has been marked by a willingness to find new ways to help students succeed: the development of new programs, initiatives to improve access to education and efforts to enhance the ways that educational institutions interact with and provide services to students.

However the connection began, Zane has reinforced it in myriad ways over the years. Today, she finds her-

self the new president of Hilbert College, where she has the ultimate responsibility for the education of hundreds of students.

## Very good fit

The match between Zane and the institution seems almost tailor made. The presidential search consultant Hilbert engaged told Zane that Hilbert was a special place, that he'd heard about Zane from colleagues and thought the school might be a good fit with her strengths and interests. "He sent me materials," she says, "and I was intrigued. Hilbert has positioned itself very well. It clearly is thriving, with a growing enrollment and diverse academic programs."

A native of Johnstown, Pa., Zane lived in Erie as a teen and later worked in Cincinnati so she was familiar with the Western New York area. She visited Hilbert and talked with the presidential search committee. Afterward, she did research on Franciscanism, Hilbert's history and Mother Collette Hilbert, founder of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, the college's

founding congregation. “I remained interested, and they were interested in me,” she says. “It all came together.”

Karen Gaughan Scott, chairperson of Hilbert’s Board of Trustees, served on the presidential search committee, which was chaired by fellow trustee Dennis Black. “We were truly overwhelmed with the number and quality of applicants we reviewed,” says Scott, “approximately 60 from all over the country.”

Committee members were, of course, looking for someone with experience, knowledge and a proven track record in higher education. Scott notes the search committee also was determined to find someone who, though he or she might not be a member of a religious order, understood the importance of preserving Hilbert’s Franciscan tradition.

“We had many people who met our criteria,” Scott says. “Cynthia stood out as the preeminent candidate. She’s highly intelligent, very accomplished and has an innate understanding of the importance of Franciscan values to Hilbert. She has a great appreciation of Hilbert’s past along with a vision for the future. That’s a powerful combination.”

Zane says that during her own decision-making process, Hilbert’s people impressed her most. “The faculty, staff, board — their excitement about Hilbert’s future is unanimous. I gained respect for the work they were doing and their excitement for the future, and I wanted to be a part of it.”

What she feels makes Hilbert great, however, is its students. “They’re often first generation, which is a commitment for me,” she says. “I was the first generation in my family to get a degree. These are very serious students; they value education, coming here with a sense of where they want to be. It’s a privilege to be around young people and see them grow and prepare for life as adults.”

Zane has had a long and venerable career helping students do precisely that — prepare for their futures in work and, often, in life. Though she was trained as a nurse, Zane knew she wanted to teach by the time she was in her second year at Saint Xavier College in Chi-



*President Zane with sons Ravi, Srikant and Jaidave, and daughter-in-law Amy.*

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Zane

cago. Wonderful teachers there prompted her to think that practicing nursing and teaching future nurses would be a rewarding career. She knew, however, she’d need a master’s degree to teach. With a 3- and 5-year-old at home, “I wasn’t thinking about grad school,” she says.

What changed her mind was something she terms

“pure serendipity.” St. Xavier’s dean taught her senior seminar and, says Zane, “saw something in me I’d not known about myself. One day after class, she asked me where I was going to grad school. I told her I thought I would practice nursing. And she said, ‘No you’re not; you’re going to Rush (a Chicago university).’ She literally called the dean at Rush and said, ‘I’m sending a new grad student.’ Then she said, ‘You get your master’s degree, and I’ll hire you. And she did.’”

### **Affecting lives**

After 10 years on the faculty at St. Xavier’s School of Nursing, Zane was promoted to assistant dean of the school’s Continuing Studies Program and director of its Weekend College. Two years later, she assumed the role



*President Zane and husband, Stephen Mazurak.*

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Zane





of dean at the McAuley School of Nursing and associate dean at the College of Health Sciences at the University of Detroit Mercy, where she later became dean of the College of Health Professions and the nursing school. She also practiced nursing until the demands of her job at Detroit Mercy no longer allowed it.

After another decade passed, Zane became chief academic officer and dean of the faculty at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, a role she occupied until her move to the president's office at Hilbert.

Her proudest accomplishments during those years all involve affecting the lives of young people. While at the University of Detroit Mercy, she oversaw the Urban Health Education Center (UHEC). That initiative brought together students from the university's dental, nursing, physician assistant, social work and other programs in wellness clinics in urban elementary schools. Student teams were assigned to a classroom and, over the course of three years, gave each child in the classroom physicals, dental exams and other health services.

"I'm most proud of that work because we gave an underserved population an understanding of good health behaviors for a lifetime," says Zane. "We'd go into a classroom of 30 kids, ask how many had a toothbrush, and one hand would go up. So it was a grassroots effort. Also, UHEC prepared our students to go into healthcare professions as collaborators and to develop and practice their skills while they were still in school. I know they were better prepared when they graduated."

Zane cites the revision of the College of Mount St. Joseph's core curriculum and assessment program as

another point of pride. Over five years, a team Zane led identified where the curriculum was successful and where it needed to improve. The information they gathered drove decisions of quality improvements throughout the entire college.

Further, she stresses, "It's not enough for a college—or anyone else—to say students are learning. Today you have to have evidence." So Zane's team developed assessment tools to provide that data. The proof of their success was in the pudding. During the school's bi-annual accreditation process, Zane relates, "We received 10 years of continuing accreditation with no recommendations. Very few colleges go through that process without any recommendations."

Finally, Zane points to a project at the Mount that focused on the period of adjustment freshmen go through after entering college. "Students nationally are finding it more difficult to adjust to the college learning experience," she says. "Research tells us it's so important for freshmen coming in to feel connectedness. If they don't feel that, the probability of their staying is lower."

To aid the Mount's freshmen in their transition, Zane led the development of a structured "first-year experience." It included a seminar, which she co-taught for three years that helped freshmen develop skills to enhance their success in college. It also included pre-college summer reading and discussions of the books—with the authors—once students reached campus.

The benefits were tangible, she says. For instance, one year students heard Nicole Bailey Williams, author of the summer-read *A Little Piece of Sky*, talk about how



hard it was for her to write. “That was so encouraging for students,” says Zane. “They learned they weren’t the only ones struggling.”

### The first 100 days

According to Zane, her own first-year experience at Hilbert has been anything but a struggle. “Sister Edmunette (Paczesny) and the board of trustees truly planned for this over several years,” she says. “They went to great lengths to prepare for this transition, and it has been mindful and very smooth.”

Zane began visiting campus on a regular basis in February, participating in Hilbert’s accreditation visit in April. She speaks often with Sister Edmunette, who has been “a wonderful coach and mentor.” In addition, Hilbert’s board set up a transition committee, which created an ambitious plan outlining with whom Zane would meet in her first 100 days. That list included legislators, community leaders and other key Hilbert stakeholders.

Zane has made an intensive effort to reach out to the campus community, according to Christopher Holoman, Ph.D., Hilbert’s interim vice president for academic affairs and professor of political science. “We feel very much like we’re encouraged to speak our minds and provide full input. Her commitment to openness has increased everyone’s comfort level. That’s been very beneficial because people can be worried in times of transition.”

Though following in the footsteps of a beloved predecessor might seem daunting, Zane says she experienced no trepidation “because of Hilbert’s Franciscan values, and the sense of caring, openness, hope, and joy here.”

In fact, when Sister Edmunette left last spring for retreat, says Zane, smiling, “she told me that she was praying for me and that I should pray for her.”

More seriously, Zane adds that she’s deeply respectful of what the Franciscan Sisters of St.

Joseph have done to maintain Hilbert. “This responsibility is a sacred trust. I’m very humbled by that and have committed myself to do the best possible job here.”

Zane is a layperson, a major transition for Hilbert. She nonetheless has a “strong faith tradition. It’s an integral part of my life.” Zane’s experiences at the University of Detroit Mercy, St. Xavier and the Mount, all Catholic institutions, gave her insight and sensitivity to the special roles such places can play in the lives of their students.

“Catholic colleges, including Hilbert, are committed to providing a holistic experience, not just in classroom learning, but also in personal and spiritual development. The best learning environments try to do that,” she says. “Look at the challenges we face in our world today. We need people with the ability to look at issues and resolve problems with ethical insight and technical and/or analytical expertise. That’s the kind of students we’re educating.”

She points to Hilbert’s Franciscan Pilgrims Program, the college’s courses in Franciscanism and other key efforts as an important way of maintaining Hilbert’s Franciscan tradition. “It’s evident,” she explains, “even in how we approach our students. For example, we treat them as adults, giving them opportunities to grow not just within their academic areas but also within their





faith life. Franciscanism is an integral part of the fabric here. The challenge for all of us is to deepen it."

### Eclectic leadership

Zane's leadership style already seems evident within the campus community. Holoman says, "She's certainly providing leadership, we know what her goals are and her goals for the college. And I'm having a great time working with her. We're both new in our positions and enjoy bouncing ideas off one another."

Says Scott, "I've worked very closely with her over the past few months, and I'm impressed with her energy, the scope of her knowledge and her expertise in higher education. I'm also impressed with her network of experts in the field of higher education. Hilbert will be the beneficiary of the contacts she's developed over the years."

Interestingly, although her background as a nurse seems light years away from her new role, Zane asserts strong parallels exist. "Hilbert is student-centered, just as patients are the center of nurses' thinking. Nursing is a profession that teaches you how to prioritize, multi-task, make decisions, work on teams, and be a visionary and creative. Sometimes you have to come up with solutions quickly, all of which help me be a good administrator."

Zane describes the way she leads as "somewhat eclectic. I've found that you have to be situationally responsive, given the complexity of organizations." She does, however, point out the mode that works best for her. First, she values a participatory, team approach. "I've certainly established that in terms of Hilbert's Administrative Council, which is made up of the college's vice presidents and operates based on a team approach."

Second, she's committed to helping associates become leaders. Says Zane, "One of my points of pride is that with every institution I've left, my associate deans succeeded me. I feel very proud that they were ready to step in. I hope I can continue to develop leaders at Hilbert."

Ultimately, she focuses on strategic planning, goal-setting, assessment and evaluation. Indeed, Zane's response to a question about her vision for Hilbert's future is to point to the school's new strategic planning initiative. "Our current plan ends in 2007," she notes. "The new plan will take us through 2012, and the vision and direction for the college will emerge from that process."

Zane oversees a strategic planning committee that will talk to alumni, area employers, students, faculty, and staff to explore how Hilbert needs to focus its resources. But, she asserts, "We're in a wonderful position because we're building on a very strong, healthy foundation. Our key question is, how do we take Hilbert to the next level?"

*Grace Lazzara is a freelance writer and public relations consultant residing in Buffalo, N.Y.*





## In the Sports Zone



### There's a new Hawk on campus

Hilbert College has unveiled a new Hawks image with a more contemporary look as the official logo for the college's sports teams.

The updated logo shows a bolder, more aggressive-looking, determined hawk than the previous version. Using a consistent, unifying look, the modernized rendering has the word "Hawks" shown boldly behind it.

"This is something we've wanted to do to be more recognizable as an NCAA Division III institution and as a relatively new member of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference," said Richard Walsh, director of athletics. "We needed a more fierce-looking graphic identity that's easily recognizable and can be used in a variety of ways, from uniforms to merchandise."

James Sturm noted that "with the new logo, we've moved to a visual image that's more symbolic of the competitive nature of Hilbert's sports teams and is a more mature representation of college athletics."

The unifying logo will appear on athletic uniforms, athletic department publications and stationery, clothing, including t-shirts, hats and gloves, and other athletic-related materials.

Formally unveiled at Hilbert's Fall Fest pep rally, the logo was designed by freelancer Peter Garipey, who has worked on many other Hilbert design projects, including *Hilbert Connections*.

### 2006-07 Basketball Home Double-Headers

Date	Opponent	Time
DEC 6	Penn State Behrend	6 PM (W) 8 PM (M)
DEC 9	La Roche College	4 PM (W) 6 PM (M)
JAN 2	D'Youville	6 PM (W) 8 PM (M)
JAN 13	Frostburg State	2 PM (W) 4 PM (M)
JAN 18	Pitt-Bradford	6 PM (W) 8 PM (M)
JAN 20	Penn State Altoona	2 PM (W) 4 PM (M)
JAN 24	Lake Erie	6 PM (W) 8 PM (M)
FEB 3	Mount Aloysius	4 PM (W) 6 PM (M)
FEB 7	Pitt-Greensburg	6 PM (W) 8 PM (M)
FEB 17	Medaille	2 PM (W) 4 PM (M)

\*\* W – Women's Basketball  
M – Men's Basketball

### She's Got Game!

Hilbert College women's soccer player Kelly Goodwin '09 was named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Goalkeeper of the Week for the week ending Oct. 29.

Goodwin posted back-to-back shutouts to boost the Hawks into the semifinals of the AMCC women's soccer tournament (see the Winter '07 magazine for tournament results). She turned away four shots in the season finale against the University of Pittsburg at Bradford and blanked Medaille College with nine saves in the tourna-



## Faculty & Staff file

**THOMAS ALGOE**, assistant professor of economic crime investigation, presented on “Intelligence-Based Policing – Will it Work in the United States?” at the Oxford Roundtable.

**SISTER JACQUELINE BENBENEH**, director of campus ministry, attended the Catholic Campus Ministry Association’s conference in Atlanta on “Forming Faith Communities: Inside & Outside the Box.”

**BARBARA BONANNO**, director of mission integration, attended a course on “Praying With Francis, Clare and Bonaventure” at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England.

**ELIZABETH CURRY**, previously a part-time reference librarian in Hilbert’s McGrath Library, has been named the library’s information literacy coordinator/reference librarian.

**ROB DEGRANDPRE**, sports information director/head men’s basketball coach, coached the Western Open men’s basketball team to a silver medal at this year’s Empire State Games in Rochester, N.Y.

**YVONNE DOWNES**, Ph.D., professor of criminal justice, attended the American Sociological Association’s annual meeting.

**MAURA FLYNN** has been named director of human resources at the college. Previously, she was corporate human resources manager at Delaware North Companies, Inc.

A book proposal on *Fashionable Films and the Endless Cutting Edge* by **ANTHONY HUGHES**, Ph.D., associate professor of English,

has been accepted by the Cambridge Scholars Press.

**JAMES JAGER**, adjunct instructor of economic crime investigation, has passed the certified fraud examiner’s exam.

**CHEYENNE JUMANAH**, who most recently was secretary to Hilbert’s vice president for student life, has been named to the newly created position of director of multicultural affairs in the Office of Student Life.

**HIMBERLY KLINE**, Ph.D., director of institutional research and planning, participated in a value added assessment colloquy in New York City held by the Teagle Foundation.

A presentation on “Retention: Strategies and Student Success” at the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities conference was conducted by **HIMBERLY KLINE**, Ph.D., director of institutional research and planning; **HERRY LEVETT**, director of residence life and judicial affairs; **HATE MUNROE**, director of academic services; and James Sturm, vice president for student life.

**HATHYAN MARAGLIANO**, librarian at McGrath Library, presented a poster session

on library outreach initiatives at the annual conference of the Western New York/Ontario chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

**DEBORAH PALUMBO**, assistant professor of mathematics, has been named to this year’s Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.

**HATHLEEN PIERINO**, associate professor of criminal justice, has earned a doctorate from the University at Buffalo’s Department of Sociology

**JAMES RUGGIERO**, head women’s soccer coach, has been inducted into Kenmore East High School’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

**PAULA WITHERELL**, public relations director, has received a 2006 Award of Excellence in the media kit and news writing category in the APEX Awards for Excellence in Publication competition.





## News & Notes

### From the Alumni President

The Hilbert College Alumni Association has been as busy as ever planning and hosting events. This summer we held our fifth annual Hilbert Day at Dunn Tire Park. More than 160 alumni and guests cheered on the Buffalo Bisons and watched a spectacular fireworks display.



We also hosted our first set of financial seminars, helping to educate our alumni and the community on important retirement and college planning information.

Hilbert has a new addition to its alumni family – Craig Harris (see page 4), who is the college's new alumni relations director. Although Pat Baubonis left big shoes to fill, we are confident Craig will do a wonderful job. He joins us with much experience and we are really looking forward to working with him.

We have many more exciting events to come and would love for you to join us. Check out our alumni Web site for all the details. Remember, you are always welcome to come home to Hilbert!

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#### '60s

**CATHERINE (NESTEROWICZ) CAFFERY**, AA '68 recently retired from teaching.

#### '80s

**KATIE (ALEXANDER) MANNS**, AAS '86 has been chosen as Paralegal of the Year by *Legal Assistant Today* magazine and is featured on the cover of the September/October 2006 issue. To read the story, go to: [www.legalassistanttoday.com](http://www.legalassistanttoday.com).

**ANTHONY MCBRIDE**, Ed.D., AA '89 has published a children's book entitled *Shaheana*.

**ROBYN MCCRAY**, AA '84 is a student in the University of Colorado at Denver Health Services Center School of Nursing.

#### '90s

**JEANIE GUSTAFSON**, AAS '98 is a paralegal in the employee benefits practice group at Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, N.Y.

**BARBARA (LANDERS) WEIBEL**, BS '96 is a paralegal in the legal department at Osmose, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

**THEODORE VANDEUSEN**, AAS '90 has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Southtowns Coalition of Community Services in Western New York.

#### '00s

**MARK ADAMCHICK**, BS '03 is senior associate at Gaines, Kriner, Elliott LLP, in East Aurora, N.Y.

**SARA ANTHIS**, BS '01 received a joint master's in social work/law degree from the University at Buffalo.

**MELISSA AUGUSTINE**, BS '05 is completing a master's degree in high technology crime investigation at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**ELENA (KAROVSKI) BELL**, BA '00 is an English teacher and chairperson of the West Seneca East Senior High School English Department.

**LINDA DEPASQUALE**, BS '05 received the Achiever's Club Award and the CEO Award from Azerty, Inc.

**ROBYN DUNHAM**, BS '02 is a paralegal/compliance specialist at Pulte Mortgage in Denver.

**MARTIN GLINSKI**, BS '05 is pursuing a master's degree in education from D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y.

**MARK GOLDEN**, BS '03 received an MBA from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

**CANDACE JENSEN**, BS '06 is a bankruptcy paralegal at the law offices of Jeffrey Freedman in Buffalo, N.Y.

**JESSICA JUREWICZ**, BS '05 is administrative assistant to the vice president of sales at Independent Health in Williamsville, N.Y.

**KAREN KEPPEL**, BS '02 has been promoted to recovery service center manager—asset protection

department of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and has passed the certified fraud examiners exam.

**NICOLE KOGUT**, BS '03, is an Erie County deputy sheriff in Buffalo, N.Y.

**ALLEN LEIGHT**, BA '06 showed his documentary on Letchworth State Park at the Holland Land Office. He received several mentions in the media, including the front page of the *Batavia Daily News*.

**JONATHAN LOCKHART**, BS '05 is a police officer in the Atlanta Police Department.

**JESSICA MACRI**, BS '05 is a district manager at Associated Healthcare Systems, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

**ASHLEY MAGUDER**, BS '05 is a program assistant at Buffalo Prep in Buffalo, N.Y.

**KIMBERLY MANSFIELD**, BA '01 is director of financial aid and finance for adult education at BOCES II in Cattaraugus, N.Y.

**MATTHEW MARKOTT**, BS '06 is a consumer banking representative at HSBC Bank in Evans, N.Y.

**MELISSA MCCAFFERY**, BS '03 is an intelligence analyst at the FBI in Buffalo, N.Y.

**SALLY MONHEIM**, AAS '05 received the Student of the Year award from the Western New York Paralegal Association.

**MALEKA NASHIR-NORMAN**, BS '04 is administrative assistant to Hilbert's vice president for student life.

**LAUREL SETZER**, BS '06 is a designer at Repp Construction in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**MICHAEL TYSZKA**, BS '02 is a staff accountant at Freed, Marx, and Battaglia in Buffalo, N.Y.

**JASON WADE**, BS '02 is a senior mortgage consultant at Nickel City Funding in Orchard Park, N.Y.

**CHRISTY ZEITLER**, BS '04 is an associate in the development department at the SPCA Serving Erie County.

**MARTIN GLINSKI**, BS '05 to Sarah Guzzo

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**JENNIFER YAW**, BS '02 to Jon Ferguson

## Births



**ROBYN DUNHAM**, BS '02 and her husband, Rehan, welcomed a son, Darius, who joins older brother, Auron.

**PATRICK KEEM, JR.**, BS '94 and his wife, Jody, welcomed a son, Travis, who joins big brother, Hunter.

**JASON WADE**, BS '02 and his wife, Colleen, welcomed a daughter, Hannah, who joins older sister, Emma.

## Alums Among New Leaders

With the new Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph leadership in place, there's again a good representation of Hilbert College alumnae from the 1960s serving on the congregation's General Council. This follows the previous leadership team made up of all Hilbert alumnae also from the '60s era.

Elected to four-year terms are Sister Judith Elaine Salzman '68, general minister; Sister Martha Marie Olszewski '67, associate general minister; and councilors Sister Joyce Kubiniec '69, Sister Lynne Anne Schimminger, and Sister Jean Marie Cherry.

The FSSJ, which is Hilbert's founding congregation, elected the leadership team during its general chapter, the congregation's governing body that meets every four years, to set the direction for their life, mission and ministries.

## Weddings



**STEPHANIE BIERUT**, BS '05 to Michael Massucci

**CARMEN GIARDINA**, BS '97 to Gretchen Scholes



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What are some of your most memorable moments at Hilbert College? Who will you never forget from your time at Hilbert?

In celebration of the college's 50th anniversary being marked in April 2007, a commemorative

video on the college's history is in the works. Nothing touches the heart like stories you can share so we're looking for some of your favorite memories of your days at Hilbert, including your funniest stories, to be considered for this special video project.

Photos during your time at Hilbert or college memorabilia are also welcome. All items provided will be handled with care and returned to you in the condition in which they are received.

To share your stories, contact Craig Harris, alumni relations director, at 716-926-8888, [charris@hilbert.edu](mailto:charris@hilbert.edu), or write to Harris at Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075.



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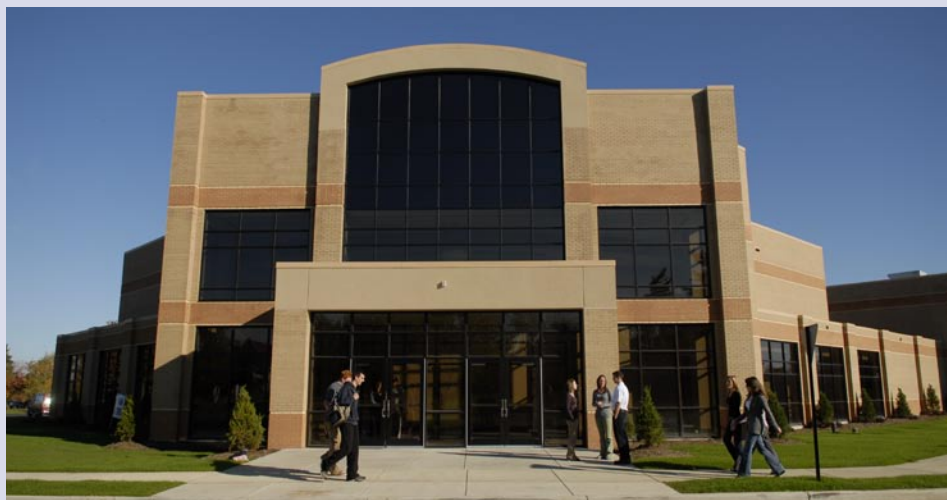
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	2005-06	2004-05
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Tuition & Fees — Gross	\$12,824,200	\$12,032,800
— Net	\$10,597,700	\$9,975,600
Gifts & Grants	\$1,464,100	\$1,408,300
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$887,700	\$1,245,700
Investment Income	\$722,900	\$579,200
Other	\$520,800	\$384,700
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,193,200</b>	<b>\$13,593,500</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Instruction	\$5,085,200	\$4,563,400
Student Services	\$2,217,100	\$1,957,400
Academic Support	\$1,082,300	\$637,100
Other	\$3,660,900	\$3,987,400
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$12,045,500</b>	<b>\$11,145,300</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,147,700</b>	<b>\$2,448,200</b>
<b>OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:</b>		
Net Assets	\$18,380,575	\$16,232,865
Investments, (Market Value on 5/31)	\$9,217,100	\$7,565,900
Endowment	\$2,912,300	\$2,825,700
Enrollment	1,110	1,107
Tuition and Fees	\$15,700	\$14,300
Room and Board	\$5,800	\$5,550



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