Against the Odds

At a crossroads, student-athlete emerges on top of his game in and out of the classroom

Kresge Grant Challenge
President’s View

As you read this first edition of Hilbert Connections in 2008, you will find two stories describing the positive impact Hilbert College continues to have in transforming the lives of its students. I have had the privilege of getting to know Dallas Reinard and Safina Fetterick. The positive experiences they have had at Hilbert are a result of hard work and dedication by our staff and faculty, as well as the generous support of our alumni and special friends.

Since its inception, first as Immaculata College and later as Hilbert College, there has been a passionate commitment to offer an affordable student-centered education. To quote from a letter Sister Edwina Bogel, FSSJ, sent in 1963 to then bishop the Most Rev. James McNulty: “Though the instructional programs are not yet established, the curricula will be designed to meet the individual needs of the students and the social needs of the community.” She concluded the letter by requesting the bishop’s authorization, benediction and prayers that “this new endeavor may meet its objectives and establish effectively itself for the greater glory of God and the community at large.”

The progress of our fundraising efforts is helping to keep the dream of Sister Edwina alive nearly 50 years later. As of January 2008, we have raised $3 million of the $3.5 million goal for First 50: The Campaign for Hilbert College. You may recall from previous communications that the prestigious Kresge Foundation challenge grant Hilbert has received requires us to acquire 500 new alumni gifts as we raise the final $500,000 by June 30. Success in our fundraising efforts will lead to more physical improvements on campus, investments in our academic programs and increased scholarship assistance for students.

Following our Catholic Franciscan tradition, Hilbert has established a special niche in facilitating the success of first-generation college students (40 percent of Hilbert enrollment) and high school students graduating with a B or C average. More than 87 percent of Hilbert students qualify for financial aid. Your financial support makes it possible for Hilbert to continue offering excellence in education without overburdening our students with debt.

I want to thank everyone for their past support of the capital campaign. If you are a Hilbert graduate who has not yet made a gift to the campaign, please help us meet the Kresge challenge so we can continue the tradition of offering a Catholic Franciscan educational experience that prepares graduates to strengthen and serve their communities.

Cynthia A. Zane, Ed.D.
President
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Starting Over

After years of living in the Republic of Congo, Safina Fetterick’s stepmother faced leaving the family and being forced to return to her native country of Rwanda.

Knowing this, a friend at the American Embassy in Congo’s capital city of Kinshasa and Catholic Charities stepped in. The family, including Fetterick and her four younger siblings, left all they knew behind and sought refuge in Buffalo, a major refugee resettlement area.

“There was great turmoil in our African region at the time and my stepmother was well aware that, as a Rwandan, she was vulnerable to the Congolese government making her go back to Rwanda,” says Fetterick, now 25 and a student at Hilbert College. “We had no family and friends in Buffalo but coming to the U.S. was the best option of keeping our family together and keeping my stepmother safe.”

Seven years since first coming to Western New York, Fetterick shared her experience as a refugee by serving as project manager of the Refugee Assistance Program offered by the Hilbert Students in Free Enterprise organization in cooperation with the Catholic Charities of Buffalo Refugee Resettlement Program.

Although Hilbert SIFE’s Refugee Assistance Program has been around for four years, it was the first time a refugee oversaw the sessions, something that was an added benefit for program participants.

“I started at the same place where these refugees are starting,” says Fetterick. “At the program’s first session, I talked about my experience as a refugee, which I believe helped us relate really well to one another. I encouraged them to learn English and to speak it at home with family and friends because it’s fundamental to so much of what they will do living here.”

Each session in the educational program covered a different main topic – employment, personal finance, communication and technology skills, all considered key areas in which refugees need assistance as they make the transition to living in the U.S.

Arriving in Buffalo in August 2000, Fetterick’s family settled on the city’s West Side. Fetterick focused on adjusting to an environment and country radically different than what she had known all her life.

“My main goal when I first arrived was to learn to speak English so I took classes through Buffalo Catholic Charities,” says Fetterick, adding that “language was just one of the many challenges I encountered. Everything was different – culture, daily life, finding work, the weather.”

The change in weather became startling clear her first winter in Buffalo when only three months after coming to the city the area was hit with a record-setting snowstorm.

“I had never before been in an environment with such cold, snowy weather. We didn’t have any winter clothes when my family first came to the city so we were completely unprepared for snow,” recalls Fetterick, whose father, a Congolese, still resides in Africa.

Noting she wants to “give back for the generous assistance my family received when we came to the U.S.,” Fetterick, a first-generation college student, also managed a winter clothing drive to benefit area refugees.

Fetterick, who now lives in North Collins, has thrived in Western New York’s environment. After receiving an associate’s degree in computer information systems, she transferred to Hilbert to study business administration and is doing an internship at Rich Products Corp.

“The first time I visited Hilbert and walked around campus, it felt right to me. I love the atmosphere at the college – the professors, classes, student activities, it all fits perfectly with me,” she says.

Following graduation from Hilbert, Fetterick wants to pursue a career in the business or computer fields while supporting organizations that help refugees. Ultimately, she hopes to return for a brief time to Rwanda, where she was born.

“My heart goes out to people who need help, especially refugees here in the U.S. and orphans in my country who have many difficulties in their lives,” says Fetterick.

It seems rather fitting, then, that Fetterick’s middle name, Furaha, means joy, one of the Franciscan values that are the foundation of Hilbert’s heritage.

“I want to share the joy that comes from helping underprivileged people and to give them hope for the future,” says Fetterick. Above all, she adds, “I want to live with integrity and make a difference in the lives of others.”
Around Hilbert

A Fitting Remembrance

Hilbert College’s founding president, Sister Edwina Bogel, FSSJ, will be honored this spring as a Woman Religious to Remember in recognition of her extraordinary service in the Diocese of Buffalo.

Started in 1999, honorees are remembered in a special permanent display in Buffalo’s Catholic Center with the goal that “the stories of these women will continue to inspire not only members of their own communities but also the wider community of Western New York.”

Web Boost

A makeover and expansion project targeting student recruitment and enrollment areas is underway on Hilbert College’s Web site.

The comprehensive focus will include new features, such as student blogs and an interactive campus map, along with expanded parents and residence life sections, an online enrollment kit, streamlined links, and other dynamic recruitment- and enrollment-centered resources.

Launch date for the Web project is expected prior to the fall semester.

Please share your enthusiasm for Hilbert with prospective students. When you encourage a qualified student to choose Hilbert, you are contributing to the success of the college’s efforts in attracting outstanding students and opening the opportunity for more students to learn about the value of a Hilbert education.

To refer a prospective student, contact the Hilbert Office of Admissions at 716-926-8780, admissions@hilbert.edu.

Rapid Response

Should tragedy strike, Hilbert College plans to be ready.

In response to the Virginia Tech shootings last April and to help ensure the safety of its campus, Hilbert recently held a realistic crisis response exercise on campus.

The college’s Office of Campus Safety worked in cooperation with the Town of Hamburg Police Department and its Emergency Response Team on three scenarios – a hostage situation, a suicide and a shooter on campus – that took place in Bogel Hall (pictured here), Paczesny Hall and the residence hall.

To make the simulations as realistic as possible, Hilbert’s campus safety did not receive advance notice when the incidents would occur and responded as though the incidents were real as did the Hamburg ERT, including simulated arrests and use of the ERT response truck and necessary equipment. Scenario participants were also in place to add to the realism of the exercise.

Photo courtesy of Felice Kryczka.

The Sun
Against the Odds

With a resilient drive, prolific scoring skills and a supportive college community, Dallas Reinard has overcome adversity to shine as a top student-athlete who has set a Hawks record on a team that’s raised its game

by Grace A. Lazzara
When Dallas Reinard made his first basket as a Hilbert Hawk nearly four years ago, it’s likely no one in Hilbert College’s Hafner Recreation realized that day the significance of a seemingly typical moment in a college basketball game. Not Head Men’s Basketball Coach Rob deGrandpre. Not Dallas’ teammates. And not the fans, with the exception of one - Dallas’ mother, Carol. “Those two points,” she remembers thinking, “are for your dad.”

Dallas is a senior starting guard for the Hilbert Hawks men’s basketball team. Even more, he’s become the basketball program’s all-time leading scorer. His list of athletic accolades, both regional and national, grows daily. (See sidebar.) A criminal justice major, the Pennsylvania native maintains a 3.36 GPA.

Beyond this, however, is how Dallas faced what could have been overwhelming tragedies to emerge, says deGrandpre, as “not only one of the best players here, but one of the best students as well.” Dallas, continues deGrandpre, epitomizes the student-athlete ideal. “He puts his books first, and it’s reflected in his grades.”

Student first, athlete second
Dallas’ view of his role as a student-athlete seems to have evolved naturally from the days when his high school coach told him he was a student first and an athlete second. “When you combine them,” says Dallas, “you represent both sides of the spectrum, and anything you do can affect both.”

For the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), which oversees intercollegiate athletics in the U.S., the term “student-athlete” carries a specific meaning: A student whose enrollment was solicited by a college’s athletics staff with a view toward the student’s participation in the intercollegiate athletics department. According to the NCAA’s Web site, “student” and “athlete” are synonymous within the NCAA because “the overwhelming majority of student-athletes will never earn a dime as a professional athlete. When the athlete can no longer play, the student can still succeed.”

This is especially true at the Division III level where Hilbert competes. Division III student-athletes receive no financial aid related to their athletic ability. This means, says Bernard Walsh, assistant professor of criminal justice and Hilbert’s faculty athletic representative, the “kids are playing purely for the love of the game.”

In an obvious example of how Dallas meshes the roles of student and athlete, he serves as the basketball team’s captain on the court and its academic captain off the court. According to Michele Sojda, Hilbert’s director of academic services, each of the college’s academic captains help team members get answers to questions and concerns about their academic situation.

“Dallas has served in that role for two years,” says Sojda, “and team members know he’s a person who can connect them with an answer. In many ways, he’s serving as a role model to his teammates on what a student-athlete should strive to be.”

Dallas’ relationship to his own academic endeavors has been remarkably consistent. His mother remembers thinking that during Dallas’ first semester at Hilbert, “he’d probably get a C average because he was so busy. But he came home with a 3.6., and I thought, ‘This is what college athletes are about.’”
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CJ + basketball = Hilbert

A soft-spoken young man, Dallas hails from Smethport, a small town of about 1,600 in Pennsylvania. Dallas’ high school class of 93 graduates was one of the school’s largest to that point. Dallas’ family ties ensured he was always close to sports. His two older brothers were involved in athletics, and Dallas’s father, Roger, was an enthusiastic supporter of his sons’ efforts in sports.

Dallas began playing organized basketball in fifth grade. He was manager of Smethport High School’s varsity basketball team, on which his brother played, from sixth through eighth grades. He attended every practice, even occasionally running drills with the team. As a high school freshman, he joined the junior varsity team as a point guard. His growth on the court was aided by his physical growth. Between his sophomore and junior years, Dallas grew five inches and became the varsity team’s forward and star player.

Dallas recognized Hilbert could help him achieve his dreams of becoming a police officer. “I knew I would have opportunities because of the college’s strong criminal justice program and how close (the campus) is to Buffalo. I also liked that it was small. Hilbert fit me well.”

Dallas entered Hilbert in 2004 as a criminal justice major and a member of the Hawks squad, a meaningful moment in his young life. Before Dallas even started classes that fall, however, the year had already brought many life-changing experiences.

**Year without equal**

Carol Reinard says emphatically, “2004 was the year beyond imagination—horrible.”

Dallas began 2004 in the hospital after being involved in a serious auto accident. Then in May, the “closest person Dallas had to a sister,” Carol’s godchild, was killed in a car crash. The next month Dallas was rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy. Just three months after that, Dallas’ father was diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. A devoted family man who’d attended every one of Dallas’ games, he died five weeks later, just a few weeks before Dallas’ first game as a Hawk.

“We always talked about the possibilities and knew there would be a time,” recalls Dallas, “but I never really expected it.”

The timing of his father’s death was especially heart-breaking because, says Carol, “Roger’s dream from the time Dallas was in junior high school was to watch his son play college ball.”

Dallas spent about two weeks at home with his family. “It was very tough to go back to college,” he says, “but my teachers were very understanding. They gave me enough time to get done what I needed to at that time. My friends at Hilbert were supportive, too.”

Says Sojda: “It was apparent that people at Hilbert cared about Dallas and his success as a student and as an individual. They gave him additional support whether or not he reached out for it.” Though Carol credits Dallas for his support to the family before and after his father’s death, Dallas says his family ultimately gave him the strength to return to classes and the basketball court.
Dallas’ academic and athletic achievements, especially during that difficult freshman year, has been arguably boosted by the initial “fit” he’d felt for Hilbert. He attributes it to the college’s size and caring attitude. The fit seems only to have grown closer over time. He again cites the support of his professors and coaches and other students. “You see the same faces at games, and you become friends with everyone on campus.”

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Walsh agrees that Hilbert’s size has allowed it to offer Dallas close attention, which helped him overcome major obstacles. “There was a guidance given to Dallas from many great people at the college. We reached out to him and I’m sure that helped Dallas get through the difficulties.”

Basketball itself has helped Dallas during tough times. Playing, he says, takes concentration, which “takes my mind off things.” Carol expresses this idea more strongly. “It’s been an absolute saving grace. When he plays, he’s not thinking about his dad or the other tragedies that he’s faced.”

Coach deGrandpre thinks Dallas’ competitive spirit helps on the court and off, allowing Dallas to excel. “He’s a competitor who’s not going to be beaten down when things don’t go his way,” says deGrandpre.

Four years of change
Both Dallas and the people who care about him note changes wrought by his time at Hilbert—changes in the student, athlete and person.

By the end of Dallas’ sophomore year, says Walsh, “You could see a real noticeable change. He started to really develop as a person and a student. As an athlete, his skills improved in ways that brought his talent on the court to a whole new level. Dallas is a gentleman, a true student-athlete.”

Carol says her son’s participation as a Hawk, in particular, has taught him a great deal: How to dedicate himself to a task, effectively juggle priorities, and form strong team relationships and friendships. “I’m extremely proud of his courage and ability to come back against adversities that are rarely experienced by adults, let alone by someone so young. He gets that from his dad,” she adds.

Dallas’ view of what he’s gained at Hilbert is multifaceted. He mentions his studies, his friendships, time management abilities. “I learned a lot about teamwork from being captain,” he says. “I like to show people how to do something, to be almost an extension of the coach. I had that skill in high school, but it’s more magnified now.”

Clearly, when he graduates Dallas Reinard will take away benefits—some obvious, others more subtle—from the previous four years. Coach deGrandpre sees things another way. “Dallas has had the chance to shine as an individual and he helped get our basketball program on the map. We qualified for the ECAC tournament last year for the first time a team accomplishment definitely contributed to by Dallas. His success, in part, can be directly related to all that Hilbert has done for him. In turn, and he would never say this himself, Dallas has contributed much to Hilbert.”

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COLLEEN DIPPOLD ’03, night and weekend supervising librarian at McGrath Library, has been appointed secretary of the Catholic Library Association Western New York Chapter.

WENDY EDSON, chairperson/associate professor of legal studies, has joined as a non-attorney member the Bar Association of Erie County’s Unlawful Practice of Law Committee.

JASON ENSER, director of student activities, has won first place for Hilbert’s Quad Party poster in the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities North East Regional Poster Competition.

CHARLES ERNST, Ph.D., chairperson of arts and sciences/professor of English, attended the New York College English Association’s fall conference.

JANET FACHLAM, assistant professor of rehabilitation studies, has been recertified as a rehabilitation counselor and brain injury specialist trainer.

MARNE GRIFFIN ’85, assistant professor of English, and AMY SMITH, Ph.D., director of the Honors/Elders Program and professor of English, have been selected as Hilbert’s 2008 pilgrims. CHRISTOPHER HOLOMAN, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, will also attend through a scholarship from the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs. The three will participate in a 10-day pilgrimage in May to Assisi, Italy, the birthplace of St. Francis, and Rome.

WILLIAM HASLINGER, associate professor of economic crime investigation, made a presentation on cyber-crime at the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda leadership conference for high school students and teachers.

DEARLENE HEDGES has been named database application developer in the Office of Information Technology.

SUZETTE HINO, public services and library instruction coordinator, attended the Western New York/Ontario Association of College and Research Libraries conference, “No Chalk Dust: Teaching and Learning in Online Environments,” in Rochester, N.Y.

MARY ANN HOBAR ’96 has been promoted to assistant chairperson of Hilbert’s forensic science/crime scene investigation program. Also an assistant professor in the program, Hobar is a 25-year veteran of law enforcement.

NICOLE MARTIN, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, has co-authored a paper on “The Development of Affect Specificity in Infants: Use of Emotion Cues.”

KATHERINE MUNROE, formerly director of academic services, has been named to the newly created position of executive director of student success and retention at the college. With this, MICHELE SOJDA, who had been serving as associate director of academic services, has been promoted to the director post.

JEAN STRAND has been appointed director of institutional research, a position she previously held at Campbell University in North Carolina.

AUDRAY WEKONSHI ’02, previously assistant director of institutional research, has been named database/prospect research coordinator in the Office of Institutional Advancement.
Homecoming ’07
Hilbert College’s Tricia Knight ’09 was named an All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Second Team selection for the 2007 soccer season. Teammate Katrina Galofaro ’08 was also recognized as an Honorable Mention selection.

A junior forward, Knight paced the Hawks with 24 points, including nine goals and six assists while starting all 18 games last fall. Knight is ranked in the conference’s top 10 for eight different offensive categories, including shots per game (third), goals per game (sixth), and assists per game (fifth). An honorable mention selection a year ago, her 22 career goals currently rank third all-time for the royal and white.

Galofaro completes her senior year as one of coach James Ruggiero’s all-

Post-season Honors

Six Hilbert College student-athletes have been chosen for the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference’s first All-Conference Sportsmanship Team for Fall 2007. They were chosen by their peers for emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship and positive conduct.

Selected from Hilbert were women’s volleyball player Destyn Brown, men’s golfer Kyle Hiscock, women’s cross country runner Rachel Prout, men’s cross country runner Antoine Pleasant, women’s soccer player Maggie Fage, and men’s soccer player Matt Beageal.

Good Sports
In the Sports Zone

2008 Hilbert Hawks Home Schedule

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Katrina Galofaro

time best defenders. With a goal and an assist this season, Galofaro helped secure three shutout wins and finishes her collegiate career with 61 starts to her credit.

Maggie Fage

Coinciding with the AMCC's “be loud, be proud, be positive” approach to fan sportsmanship, this recognition represents the highest level of positive sporting conduct demonstrated by student-athletes in competition, practice and as a spectator at other team’s sporting events.

Matt Beageal

Matt Beageal
From the Alumni President

With 2007 having come to a close, the Hilbert College Alumni Association is looking back on several accomplishments while striving to make even more progress this year. The dedicated board is continuing to work on providing both professional and social programming for Hilbert alumni and to support the college as it grows and thrives.

One of our greatest accomplishments in 2007 was for the alumni association president named an honorary member of the Hilbert Board of Trustees. This gives the alumni association the opportunity to work collectively with trustees to offer support and guidance for the college.

Early in the year and again in December, we assisted with Hilbert’s annual fund phone-a-thon to help raise essential financial support for the college. In January, we celebrated with the Hilbert Class of 2007 at a happy hour social marking the graduating seniors “100 Days Until Graduation.”

We had the exciting opportunity to meet with representatives of Hilbert’s Institutional Advancement Committee and President Cynthia Zane, which allowed us to discuss the future of the alumni association and the future direction of the college.

Heading into spring, we co-hosted Hilbert’s Professional Success program for alumni and students. The program gave association members an opportunity to conduct workshops, provide networking advice and offer personal insight about the professional work world. We were also involved in the Accepted Students Reception and volunteered at the Hilbert Scholarship Golf Tournament.

As Hilbert celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007, the alumni association joined in the college’s many activities held as part of a momentous year in the college’s history. Among the activities was a special presentation of the first Hilbert flag to President Zane, a flag that is now proudly displayed on campus.

Another major event in Hilbert’s history that took place during the year was the inauguration of President Zane. It was an honor to be a part of inauguration activities and to offer congratulations to President Zane for taking on this vital leadership role.

One of our biggest annual events last year, the Alumni Mass and brunch, was an overwhelming success. John Kordrupel, the 2006 Kimberly Bruch Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Award recipient, chaired event. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with future graduates and to welcome them to the Hilbert Alumni Association.

The 2007 Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Award was presented to Mariya Balicki. It is always a challenge to select a recipient from a number of qualified candidates. As president of the alumni association, it was a great honor to present the award at commencement and to speak to the graduating class about our distinguished alumni association.

Over the summer, we hosted our annual Friday Night Bash with the Buffalo Bisons at Dunn Tire Park, which was chaired by Jerry Wszalek.
'73. The event has become one of our most successful alumni gatherings.

Under the leadership of Brenda Ellis, our fundraising committee once again organized the Enjoy the City coupon books. As a fundraiser, the association will host a fish fry dinner this Lenten season.

In the fall, alumni association members participated in the Light the Night Walk in memory of Kimberly Bruch Raczkowski for whom our alumni award is named. The association’s team raised more than $600 for a worthwhile cause. In honor of Hilbert’s 50th year, the alumni association hosted “Heaven in ’57,” a fun-filled weekend of events for alumni, students and their families. This special weekend gave Hilbert alumni an opportunity to “come home to Hilbert” and to see all the spectacular changes that have taken place on campus.

We also mourned the loss of Dominique Gibson Thompson, vice president and committed Hilbert Alumni Association member. A memorial service in Dominique’s honor was held on campus at the Sister Adrienne Memorial Plaza. Our memories of Dominique are held close to our hearts and we continue to pray for her family.

One of the Hilbert Alumni Association’s main efforts this past year was to set a goal of achieving 100 percent board participation each year in the college’s fund-raising efforts and to establish a minimum annual gift commitment by board members. A proposal was brought before the board for approval and this effort is expected to go into effect this year. Setting this type of commitment by association board members will exemplify the prestige, honor and value of serving on the board and help to inspire other alumni to support the college.

In an effort to help Hilbert alumni stay connected to the college, the Hilbert Alumni Association Board invites all alumni to participate in our meetings. The meetings are open to all Hilbert alumni and there is the opportunity, if needed, to participate via conference call.

The next two meetings will be held at 7 p.m. April 9 and June 4 in the Donough Board Room on the second floor of Franciscan Hall. If you would like to attend these open meetings or need additional information, please contact Craig Harris, alumni relations director, at charris@hilbert.edu, or e-mail alumnipresident@hilbert.edu.

If you are unable to attend alumni association meetings, then you can still stay connected to Hilbert by attending one of the great events sponsored by the Hilbert Alumni Association. In addition to the Lenten fish fry dinner, upcoming events for this year include:

- Professional Success Program
- Reconnection Dinner
- Bison’s Baseball Outing

As always, remember to check the alumni Web site at www.hilbertcollegealumni.org for more details on the above events and other activities.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and upcoming events! Thank you for your support.

Amy M. Bartz
Alumni President
alumnipresident@hilbert.edu

To contact the Hilbert Office of Alumni Relations:
e-mail charris@hilbert.edu

‘70s

KATHERINE STRONG BIFARO AAS ’79 was recognized in the Bulletin newsletter for 25 years of service as executive director of the Bar Association of Erie County.

‘80s

ANNETTE OLDAY AAS ’89 has joined the Hilbert College Alumni Association Board.

‘90s

HEIDI (SANDERSON) DANIELS BS ’96 is a senior project manager for American Express in Virginia.

SAMUEL DEJOHN AA ’91 has been promoted to chief in the Evans Police Department in Evans, N.Y.

SCOTT KASHINO BS ’96 was named September’s Officer of the Month by the Town of Hamburg Police Department.

RACHEL McCAVE BS ’96 is a recruiter at Synacor in Buffalo, N.Y.

GARY RICCI II BA ’99 is a counselor at the Wake Juvenile Day Treatment Center in North Carolina.
Send us your news & photos!

Traveled across the country? Published a book? Been promoted? Let us know what’s new with you (awards, marriage, births, promotions/job changes, change of address, advanced degrees, etc.). Just fill out this form and mail it with your photo, if available, to: Hilbert College Office of Alumni Relations, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075 or fax it to (716) 558-6381. You can also e-mail your latest news to: charris@hilbert.edu.

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LUCIA AVOLIO BS ’04 is a counselor’s aide in the Sweet Home School District in Amherst, N.Y.

KIMBERLY BONK BS ’04 has joined the Hilbert College Alumni Association Board.

TIMOTHY CAUGHEL BS ’06 is stationed in New York City with the New York Park Police.

JOHN DEVINE BS ’03 is an internal auditor at the Talking Phone Book in Buffalo, N.Y.

LINDA FRENZEL BS ’06 is secretary to Hilbert’s vice president for student life.

ANDREW GERKEN BS ’04 has graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy combined deputy sheriff school in Arlington, Va.

NILA GRIFFIS BS ’03 is serving as a teacher in South Korea.

LYNN HAUSNER BS ’01 is a paralegal at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP in Dallas, Texas.

JENNA JANIS BS ’07 is a case manager at the Crime Victim Assistance and Advocacy Program in Buffalo, N.Y.

PATRICK JOHNSON AA ’02 is completing Six Sigma Green Belt master’s certification at Villanova University, as well as finishing a master’s degree in public management at Park University.

PETER KEISEL BS ’00 has been promoted to a special agent in the Department of Homeland Security and living in San Diego, Calif.

BRYAN MEYER BS ’01 is an officer in the Erie County Medical Center Police Department.

JEFFREY MITCHELL BS ’04 is a police officer in the City of Rochester, N.Y.

JACOB OPALA BS ’05 is a New York State trooper.

KEVIN ORCUTT BS ’06 is youth division officer at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

NICHOLAS PASQUARELLA BS ’04 is a financial accountant at National Fuel Gas Co. in Buffalo, N.Y.

LAURIN PEREZ BS ’07 is a mortgage counselor at HSBC Bank in Depew, N.Y.

MICHELLE SCHEIB BS ’07 is working at Restoration Society, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

ROBIN WIATR BS ’00 is employed in the CIA’s Security Division.

JACY WOODWORTH BS ’06 is a correction counselor in the DWI Therapeutic Community at Gowanda Correctional Facility.

Weddings

LISA FAYE MORRIS BS ’03 to Onardo O’Brian Bernard

AMIT PASWAL BS ’07 to Christopher Murphy

MARK SCHWEIZER BS ’04 to Julie Hassey

Births

MARK BICKERSTAFF BS ’96 welcomed a boy, Henry Tiegh.

JOSEPH MARINELLO JR. BS ’07 welcomed a boy, Joseph Marinello III.

GEORGE STEPHAN BS ’95 welcomed a boy, Joseph William Vincent.

Anniversaries

PEARL EMERLING AAS ’75 and husband, Maurice, have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.
“Because of scholarships I have received, I was able to concentrate on academics AND participate in extracurricular programs – an experience I feel has been invaluable to me.”
— William Haas III ’08

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We want to thank all who have already participated. Our goal is for 500 alumni to respond to the challenge by July 1.

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the ’80s

An office simulation laboratory in Hilbert College’s Bogel Hall provided a realistic work environment for secretarial science students to fine-tune their skills. Overseen by Louise Wolanski, coordinator of the secretarial science program, the simulation lab operated as though it was a real office with students gaining valuable experience through various work-setting projects that were an integral part of the program’s office procedures courses.

To share some of your favorite memories as a student during the ’80s, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 716-926-8888, or e-mail charris@hilbert.edu.