

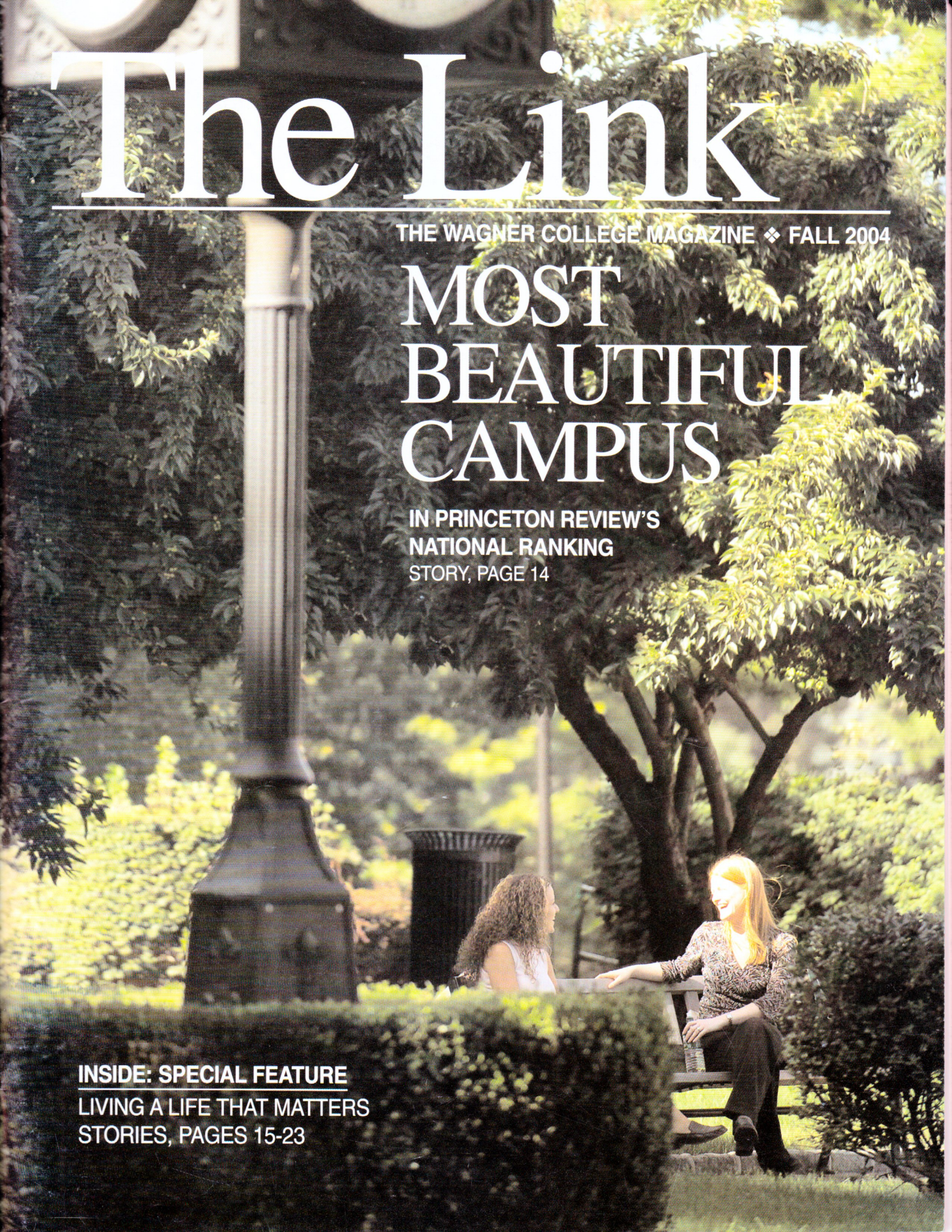
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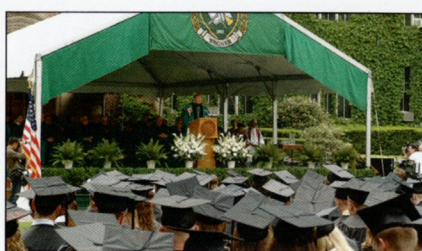
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FROM THE DESK
OF PRESIDENT GUARASCI

Embracing citizenship and public service

As we open our 122nd academic year, I am delighted to report to you that the College is in its very best health. And as you'll discover in this issue of *The Link*, we are ensuring the health of our community, too, in reaching out in so many ways to so many people.

We are true to our mission of educating young adults for leadership, achievement, and service.

In the last two plus years, our endowment has grown by 400%. Our academic program, *The Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts*, continues to receive national recognition.

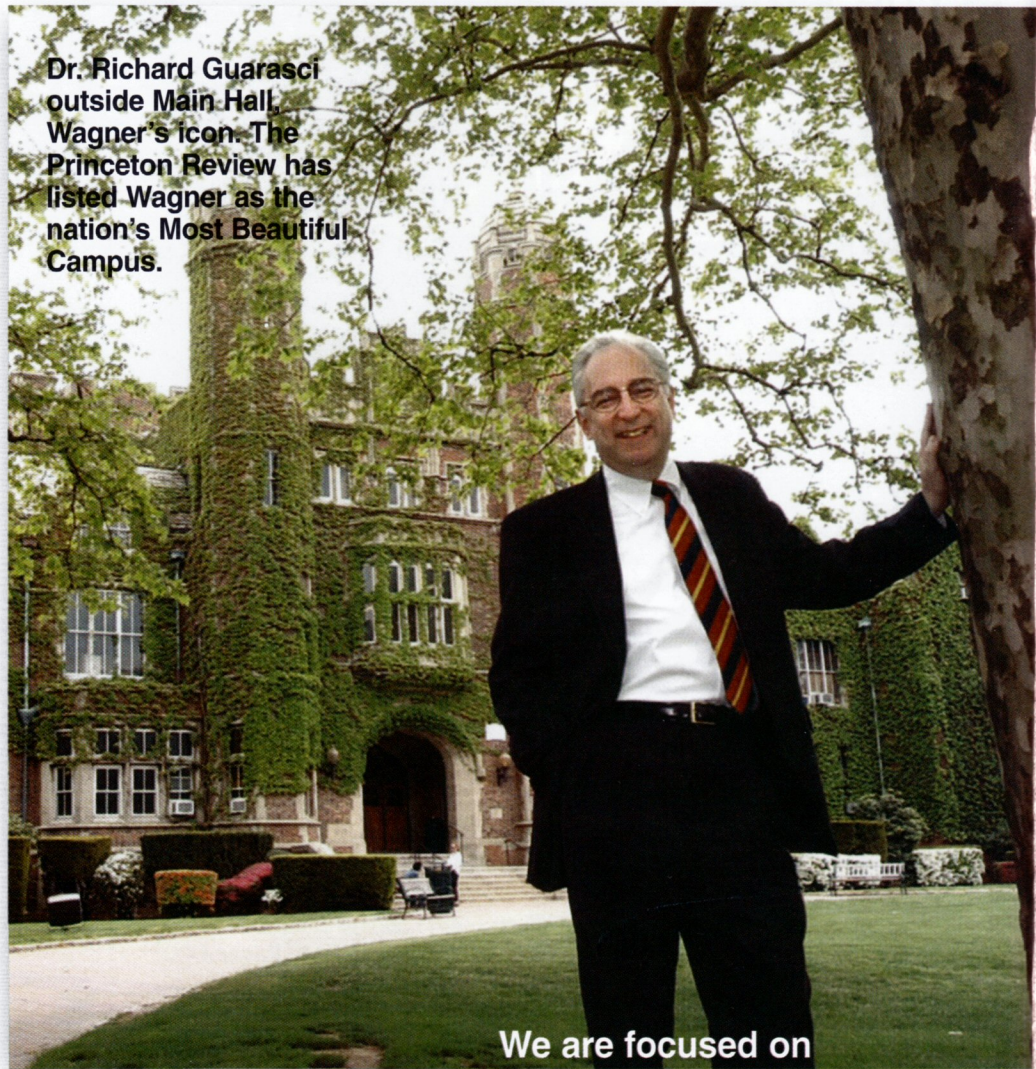
Our students come from every corner of the nation. Over 80% of our students reside on campus. Our alumni and parents are actively engaged in the life of the College and community.

Most recently we are pleased to note the highly successful endowment challenge this past spring. We originally set a \$12 million goal in 1999 and we ended the campaign in May with slightly over \$20 million.

We spent the first part of this year developing and sharpening the strategic plan, fully involving all parts of the College in its design and revision.

We are focused on educational excellence, resource and facilities enhancement and the establishment of national recognition as a

Dr. Richard Guarasci
outside Main Hall,
Wagner's icon. The
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Our national reputation continues to grow at an exponential rate. Most recently, Wagner was asked to join Project Pericles (see pages 4-5), under the leadership of philanthropist Eugene Lang. We join Swarthmore, Macalester, and a select number of colleges dedicated to citizenship, leadership, and public service.

In addition, we joined the Associated New American Colleges (see page 3). From this consortium we will create a menu of international programs for our students.

I am so energized by your College pride and affection — you, our students, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents. It is you who define community for this College. This issue of *The Link* highlights your work and your dedication, your commitment to community. You inspire me and all of us on campus to be relentless in maintaining the highest standards of achievement and our long legacy of moral and ethical development.

I am proud to announce the news that our campus is the Most Beautiful in the nation,

as cited in *The Princeton Review's 357 Best Colleges*. The beauty of the campus reflects the generosity of those who have long supported it, led by Don and Evelyn Spiro, John Lehmann, Peggy Reynolds, Bob O'Brien — and let's not forget Mother Nature.

In the same guide, our theatre program was also ranked No. 1 in the nation. Kudos to all whose hard work brings these accolades to us.

I hope you can come to campus and visit with me. I welcome that opportunity. We are a College on the move, true to its course, and committed to our students.

*Consistent with Wagner's own mission as a small liberal arts college,
ANAC members make service learning primary.*

Associated New American Colleges taps Wagner for membership

Thanks to growing national recognition of Wagner's academic program, *The Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts* and the College's commitment to civic engagement, the Associated New American Colleges (ANAC) has invited Wagner to join its ranks.

A group of 21 small to mid-sized colleges from throughout the country, ANAC furthers and champions the integration of liberal and professional studies through its members.

The group formally "supports a national dialogue on educational issues and cooperative projects among New American Colleges, while enabling these institutions to serve as laboratories for models of excellence that have implications for all of higher education."

With over 3500 higher education institutions in the United States, it is sometimes difficult to identify what makes individual colleges and universities unique and compelling.

ANAC institutions incorporate features of both large universities—the diversity of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs—and smaller liberal arts colleges which typically focus on students, small classrooms, and intimate learning environments that encourage innovation and experimentation in teaching and learning.

Typically serving a student population of under 7000, a community ethos is fundamental to ANAC colleges.

Dr. Devorah Lieberman, Wagner's provost, stresses the importance of recognition by ANAC.

"The mission of ANAC is closely aligned with Wagner's own mission, focusing on the liberal arts, professional programs, educating the whole student, and through civic engagement connecting with community," she says.

"Our continued association with ANAC will assist Wagner in serving our students better while simultaneously achieving greater

national visibility. We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with our ANAC colleagues."

What does this membership mean for Wagner? That Wagner faculty and administrators have an opportunity to meet and learn from and with other colleagues from ANAC schools—schools that see themselves as agents of educational change and learning in their communities.

Dr. Lieberman and Wagner's controller James Patterson have already started to network with their colleagues on issues related to academic budgeting by attending a recent ANAC-sponsored conference for business officers.

Mr. Patterson noted, "This was a great start to building relationships across the country with like-minded campuses."

—Victoria Hopwood Bobik

VP for finance and administration targets endowment

Wagner is pleased to welcome Thomas Carroll as vice president for finance and administration.

Before coming to Wagner, Mr. Carroll held the same title at Raritan Valley Community College in New Jersey, where he was instrumental in many projects, including overseeing the construction of a new science building.

Mr. Carroll is excited to be working at Wagner. "You get a greater sense of accomplishment from a private institution," he says. With less local governmental oversight than he's used to, he feels he can get more work done and have a greater impact on the institution.

"I'm delighted to be part of the Wagner team," said Mr. Carroll. "Seldom does one find a college with a distinct mission, a visionary group of faculty and staff, and a clear man-

date from alumni and trustees to take the College to the next level."

Working with the Board of Trustees, Mr. Carroll aims to increase Wagner's endowment and strengthen management of the College's existing endowment in order to make the College less tuition-dependent. With an endowment consistent with the size of institutions of Wagner's size and reputation, he feels there will be greater flexibility for scholarships. This flexibility will be important in maintaining an excellent student body.

Mr. Carroll holds a bachelor of science degree in forestry from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University. He is a certified public accountant in the State of New Jersey and will begin a doctoral program at the University of

Pennsylvania in the fall.

He is active in the Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He and his sister formerly co-owned and ran an award-winning newspaper in New Jersey called *The Coastal*.

In his leisure time, Mr. Carroll participates in long distance events—specifically cycling and swimming. He also spends as much time as possible with his wife, Cheryl, and his two daughters, Rebecca, 9, and Erin, 6. They often visit the Jersey shore together, which is close to their home in Tinton Falls.

After only a few short weeks in Cunard Hall, Mr. Carroll notes about coming to Wagner, "I'm glad I made the change. I can see it's going to be rewarding."

—Dan Ozzi '05



Thomas Carroll

“Our very reason for being is promoting the civic engagement of college students.”

— Karen Holt, executive director of Project Pericles

Finding a voice in Wagner College joins Project Pericles

MEMBER SCHOOLS

Allegheny College
 Berea College
 Bethune-Cookman College
 Chatham College
 Dillard University
 Elon University
 Hampshire College
 Macalester College
 New England College
 New School University
 Pace University
 Pitzer College
 St. Mary's College of Maryland
 Swarthmore College
 Ursinus College
 Wagner College
 Widener University

From the very beginning, when Wagner College was founded in 1883 to serve its community of German immigrants, central to the mission of the institution has been a commitment to civic engagement. It is appropriate then, that Wagner is again at the center of a national dialogue on community involvement.

This year, Wagner was invited to join Project Pericles, a not-for-profit organization that works with colleges and universities to promote civic engagement among college students.

Named after Pericles, the Greek statesman, Project Pericles was conceived in 1999 by Eugene M. Lang to address a specific concern: the growing political detachment and civic disengagement of young people in America. Mr. Lang is well-known for his philanthropic concern and educational initiatives, and has also created the I Have a Dream Foundation. Project Pericles provides a national voice for and models in civic engagement in higher education.

“Our very reason for being is promoting the civic engagement of college students,” says Karen Holt, executive director of Project Pericles. “One of the challenges we face is to take the energy and interest shown by students in doing volunteer work and community service, and build upon that to make connec-

tions that are more academic. This approach makes service and volunteer work more transformational and substantive, while making the classroom experience more real and applied.”

This mission is reflected perfectly in *The Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts*, which grew from the College's desire to find the same balance in its curriculum. And of course, Wagner has a perfect environment in which to engage: New York City. Reaching out into the community through our academic program seemed a natural for Wagner, as the College has been intricately involved in New York since it moved to Staten Island in 1918. Formalizing and institutionalizing this civic engagement has been the challenge.

“For an institution to weave civic engagement into its fiber, the commitment must be discussed, adopted, and practiced by the faculty, the students, and the administration at large. Having only one of those three cohorts feel committed to civic engagement will result in isolating and compartmentalizing the initiative,” comments Dr. Devorah Lieberman, Wagner's provost and herself a national authority on civic engagement in higher education who joined Wagner in 2004 from Portland (Ore.) State University.

“Everyone involved in the initiative has a role to play: at times the role is being a follower, and at other times it may be more appropriate to be a leader,” says Dr. Lieberman.

Formal action and involvement by an institution's governing board are unique requirements for Pericles members. The Wagner College Board of Trustees formally reviewed and accepted the responsibilities of member-

a national dialogue

ship in Project Pericles and themselves made a commitment to the goals of civic education. It is this institutional participation which makes Pericles membership so special and why Wagner is so gratified to join the project.

But what does creating a curriculum grounded in civic awareness mean?

"We are not advocating that colleges seek conformity and lockstep adherence to a particular point of viewpoint—to the contrary, activism often leads to dissension and even discomfort. Colleges and universities should be models for promoting discussion on all sides of an issue," says Ms. Holt.

But it is important, too for students themselves to play a key role in determining the issues with which they want to be involved.

The Wagner Plan promotes exactly the kind of student choices that Project Pericles supports. Thus, while the curriculum and indeed the institution is committed to involvement, students themselves have a role in deciding what type of involvement is best for them.

And in this way, the civic engagement becomes more important for the individual student.

"Many institutions claim to have a commitment to civic engagement. Those who succeed in that commitment have incorporated it across the board in, as you say, culture, practice, and policy," Ms. Holt asserts.

Dr. Lieberman was attracted to join Wagner for that very reason—she too, believes that building the philosophies and practices of community involvement into the very fiber of the College is essential.

"I know of no other general education program in the country that is so thoughtfully and intentionally embedding community based learning experiences and civic engagement

across the curriculum," continues

Dr. Lieberman. "Wagner College, through its own reflection and assessment, is continually asking itself about the structure of the student experience and how best to deliver and support the courses that make up *The Wagner Plan*."

By joining Project Pericles, Wagner College itself is affirming its commitment as an educational institution to champion civic involvement. Ultimately, what students learn at Wagner goes beyond the classroom, beyond the typical college experience.

"Wagner College," Eugene Lang asserts, "is an important and respected addition to the leadership group of colleges and universities that are forging the way for higher education to raise the levels of understanding and responsible civic participation of students.

"With other Periclean institutions, Wagner is committed to providing a total learning experience that fosters a knowledge and awareness of social concerns and a confidence that processes of our democracy offer each individual an opportunity to make a difference."

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik



Dr. Devorah Lieberman
Provost and vice president
for academic affairs



Dr. Karen Holt
Executive director
of Project Pericles



Mr. Eugene M. Lang
Founder, Project Pericles

Provocative author
reads from her latest book

Joyce Carol Oates

It's not everyday that a three-time Nobel Prize nominee speaks at Wagner.

So when Joyce Carol Oates read from her new book on campus this April, nearly 300 faculty, students, and members of the community gathered in Main Hall to listen.

Beyond a reading of her work, Ms. Oates offered encouraging words to aspiring writers. She explained that their job is to listen to what they hear and see, to evoke sympathy, to memorialize. She stressed the importance of these three aspects in her own writing. "You should bear witness to the tragedy, the grandeur, the joys, and the pain."

Her newest work, *I Am No One You Know*, is an anthology of 19 short stories, focusing on dark themes of murder, terrorism, arson, and rape.

The audience listened in silence as she read "The Girl with the Blackened Eye," the story of a middle-aged woman who recounts her brutal abduction, torture, and rape at the hands of a serial killer as a teenager. After she finished, Ms. Oates explained that the story dealt with having the ability to put your past behind you in order to survive. "If some traumatic event happens to you, does it continue to happen forever or can you get past it and actually put it behind you? Or, like this character,

do you feel triumph simply because you survived?" she asked.

I Am No One You Know contains stories of varied lives. In "Fire," a troubled young wife discovers a rare, radiant happiness in an adulterous relationship. In "Curly Red," a girl makes a decision to reveal a family secret, and changes her life irrevocably.

A prolific writer, Joyce Carol Oates has produced some of the most controversial — and lasting — fiction of our time. Her novel, *Them*, set in racially volatile 1960s Detroit, won the 1970 National Book Award. *Because It Is Bitter*, and *Because It Is My Heart* focused on an interracial teenage romance. *Black Water* garnered a Pulitzer Prize nomination, and her national bestseller *Blonde*, an epic work on American icon Marilyn Monroe, became a National Book Award finalist.

Following the lecture, the author accompanied fans to the Horrmann Library, where she signed books and spoke individually with members of the audience. "I always ask students if they enjoy where they are, and they all love being here," said Ms. Oates, a professor of creative writing at Princeton (N.J.) University.

— Jillian Higgins '04



Explore the world on campus this fall

All events are free and open to the public;
see the full schedule at www.wagner.edu

Domestic Terrorism: Policies for the Future Mark Anarumo, doctoral candidate, Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, and major in the United States Air Force Security Forces. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

On Being a White Man of Color: A Racial Discourse in the United States Sociologist Salvador Vidal-Ortiz. Monday, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Art, Revolution, and Black Heroes: A Celebration of Haitian Independence, 1804 Ella Turenne, Columbia University. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Women Musicians of Seventeenth-Century Italy and Beyond: Cantatas, Arias, and Suites by Barbara Strozzi, Elizabeth Jacquet de La Guerre, and others Jeanne Fischer, soprano, with David Schulenberg, harpsichord. Sunday, Oct. 3, 3:00 p.m., Campus Hall Performance Center.

Italy and the Holocaust: A Survivor's Story Walter Wolff and Vincent Marmorale. An Italian Heritage Celebration event. Sunday, Oct. 10, 3:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Latino Poet Hispanic Heritage Month Edwin Torres, Author of Spoken Word CD "Holy Kid." Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Coffeehouse.

Modern Mythology: Italian Americans and Americans in Italy An Italian Heritage Celebration Event. Andrea Fiano, NYC correspondent for Milano Finanza, and Daniela Del Boca, professor of economics, University of Turin and NYU. Thursday, Oct. 14, 4:30 p.m., Spiro Hall 4.

The Generic Importance of the Modern Italian Horror Film An Italian Heritage Celebration event. Dr. Donato Totaro, Concordia University in Montreal. Monday, Oct. 18, 4:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Amerigo Vespucci: An Italian Name for America the Beautiful Louis Leonini. An Italian Heritage Celebration event. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 4.

Introduction to Islamic Culture and Religion Panel sponsored by Peace Action of Staten Island. Thursday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Empathy and Forgiveness Nadia Ahmad, M.S. in social psychology and doctoral candidate at the University of Kansas. Monday, Nov. 1, 7:00 p.m., Spiro Hall 4.

Surviving Nazi Austria and the Kindertransport: A Jewish Child's Refugee Experience Lore Segal, author of *Other People's Houses* and *Her First American*. Monday, Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m., Spiro Hall 2.

Students of all ages (yes, you!) are welcome for graduate classes and special programs

Division of Graduate Studies

If you're considering a career change or would just like to increase your knowledge of your current field, the Division of Graduate Studies can help you.

Wagner College offers courses in a variety of graduate programs to help get you started. Graduate programs are offered in accounting, business administration, education, microbiology, nursing, advanced physician assistant studies, and nurse practitioner.

Find out more by joining us at an Open House this fall on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a space or need more information, please call 718-390-3106.

External Programs

Did you know that Wagner's External Programs offer a variety of online and classroom courses?

To help further your career, you can earn a certificate in courses such as victim advocacy, legal nurse consulting, paralegal, mediation, and gerontology.

Kaplan review courses are also offered for GRE, GMAT, LSAT, SAT, and SHSAT.

You can also advance your Microsoft Office skills by taking a course in PowerPoint, Word, Access, Excel and SHRM Learning System—a human resource management program.

In addition, there are many personal enrichment courses on various subjects.

Wagner also offers conference facilities and individualized services for on-campus meetings.

If your business is seeking space to hold a conference, meeting, or company retreat, Wagner's spectacular campus is available to you. We offer personalized service, outstanding facilities, and excellent catering services for your business needs.

Please call 718-390-3221 for more information or visit our Web site at www.wagner.edu/external.

DR. MOHAMMAD
ALAUDDIN

Wagner's first faculty Fulbright Scholar

When he was profiled in *The Link* one year ago, Dr. Mohammad Alauddin was saving lives in Bangladesh with his groundbreaking research of arsenic-contaminated drinking water.

Today, the endowed chair in Wagner's chemistry department continues to improve the quality of life for thousands of people in his native country who are sickened by the arsenic-laced water they drink from crude wells. Traveling there every chance he gets during holidays and semester breaks, Dr. Alauddin collects skin, hair, and nail samples from the poorest residents of remote areas, and teaches them how to use the water filters that will save their lives.

This fall, he goes to Bangladesh armed with a Fulbright Scholarship, giving him the opportunity to conduct research full-time for five months and share his knowledge as a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital. The Fulbright necessitates a one-semester leave from Wagner.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the prestigious program encourages the international exchange of academics and professionals who share their expertise with countries that need it most. The selection process is rigorous; Dr. Alauddin is one of three American recipients this year heading to Bangladesh.

Even before receiving the Fulbright, Dr. Alauddin's arsenic research in Bangladesh and in his lab at Wagner had garnered international attention from UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control, World Bank and other



Groundbreaking
research of arsenic

poisoning earns him
the prestigious prize.

agencies that fight poverty and seek to improve the living standards of people in the developing world.

But he struggled with the expenses of travel and supplies, exhausting his own savings on airfare and the purchase of hundreds of water filters. The Fulbright offers Dr. Alauddin much-needed financial support with a stipend, plus travel and living expenses for him and his family, who will accompany him to Bangladesh.

Once there, he plans a clinical study of selenium, a natural antidote that purges arsenic from the body and diminishes symptoms. He will also study the environmental effects of toxins released from brick kilns fired by kerosene, oil and coal, which cast a thick, hazardous haze over residential areas.

During his Fulbright grant, Dr. Alauddin will travel to India and Nepal to share his research techniques and findings. He will resume teaching at Wagner in January, bringing his Fulbright experience directly into the classroom.

— Claire Regan '80

Two alumni elected to the Board of Trustees

The Wagner College Board of Trustees has elected John Campi '62 and Donald Fox '64 as its newest members. They begin their four-year terms this fall.

"We are excited to have two such outstanding alumni and professionals formally join with us in providing direction to the College. Their leadership will be invaluable to Wagner in the coming years," said Dr. Richard Guarasci, the College's president.

John Campi '62

Mr. Campi graduated from Wagner with a bachelor's degree in business administration and education, before pursuing graduate work in education, business, psychology, and banking at the University of Hartford, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the University of Colorado.

He currently serves as vice president for global sourcing at Fairfax Financial Holdings, before which he was senior vice president at American International Group, Inc. His career has spanned both private industry and public service, including a teaching assignment for the Dumont Board of Education in New Jersey.

While at Wagner, Mr. Campi was a member of Wagner's first undefeated football team in 1960, and a member of the track team. He is a longtime supporter of Wagner College and the athletics program.

Donald Fox '64

Mr. Fox received his bachelor's degree in history from Wagner in 1964, and later served on the Board of Trustees from 1987-1990. Mr. Fox earned his M.B.A. from Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1966. He also attended the Royal Chartered Institute of Insurance in London.

Mr. Fox is an insurance executive; his company, H.S. Fox Corp., was bought by Willcox Inc. in 1996, after which he served as chairman and CEO. Mr. Fox committed a portion of his career to public service, working in the U.S. Public Health Service, in the Surgeon General's Office and at the National Institute of Health.

As a student, Mr. Fox earned four varsity letters in soccer and was vice president of the Student Association. He was chairman for the Class of 1964, and worked on the yearbook, *Kallista*.



Wagner Chaplain Lyle Guttu, Virginia G. Monterosso, Paul Monterosso '03, President Richard Guarasci, and Carin Guarasci.

A living legacy for a life of service to others

There is, perhaps, a no more fitting way to honor the life's work of a man than perpetuating the gift that his life brought to others.

This year, Paul G. Monterosso '03 and his mother, Virginia G. Monterosso, have donated a tree to Wagner College in memory of the late Hon. Vincent J. Monterosso, a Wagner graduate from the Class of 1963 who died in 2003.

The Monterosso family has also established an endowed \$100,000 scholarship in his name to keep and sustain his legacy, and to honor Vincent's life of public service. The tree, a Japanese maple from the family garden, was planted on Sutter Oval during a dedication ceremony in May.

He was an exemplar of the power of commitment to community. During his career, Mr. Monterosso devoted his work to public service, first in the U.S. Peace Corps in Peru, where he helped to establish a Legal Aid Social Assistance Program for the Cuzco Children's Court, and later serving the public in his role as counsel to many New York City public offices.

As a student, Mr. Monterosso exemplified the spirit of Wagner by seeking out challenging experiences and succeeded in all that he did here.

Mr. Monterosso broadened his outlook by studying in Bregenz, was a

member of Phi Sigma Kappa, and was on Wagner's Dean's List. After graduating with a B.S. in economics, he went on to receive his J.D. from NYU's School of Law, and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1968.

It is clear, though, that his ultimate living legacy is his family. We are equally happy that Mr. Monterosso passed on his dedication to Wagner, to his son Paul, a 2003 graduate.

An endowed scholarship celebrates the life of Vincent J. Monterosso '63

Their commitment to the future of Wagner College and to perpetuating the memory and sustaining the good work of Mr. Monterosso led them to establish this endowed scholarship, which will allow his work to continue through the many students for whom it will provide access to a Wagner education.

"My father was a modest man with a world view who gave so much to the community. He would have wanted us to do something for future generations," said Paul Monterosso.

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

Five will be honored at first annual dinner

DaVinci Society: Celebrating a vibrant heritage

The first in what is to become the annual DaVinci Society dinner begins a series of events for Viva Italia: Italian Heritage Month at Wagner College this fall.

The dinner, which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn, will honor members of the Staten Island community who have given in significant ways through public service.

Co-chairs of the dinner Eleanor Conforti, community educator and leader, and John Amodio, vice president of Commerce Bank, along with the Hon. Ralph J. Lamberti, former Staten Island borough president, and Dr. Richard Guarasci, president of Wagner College will present awards to five individu-

als who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the community of Staten Island.

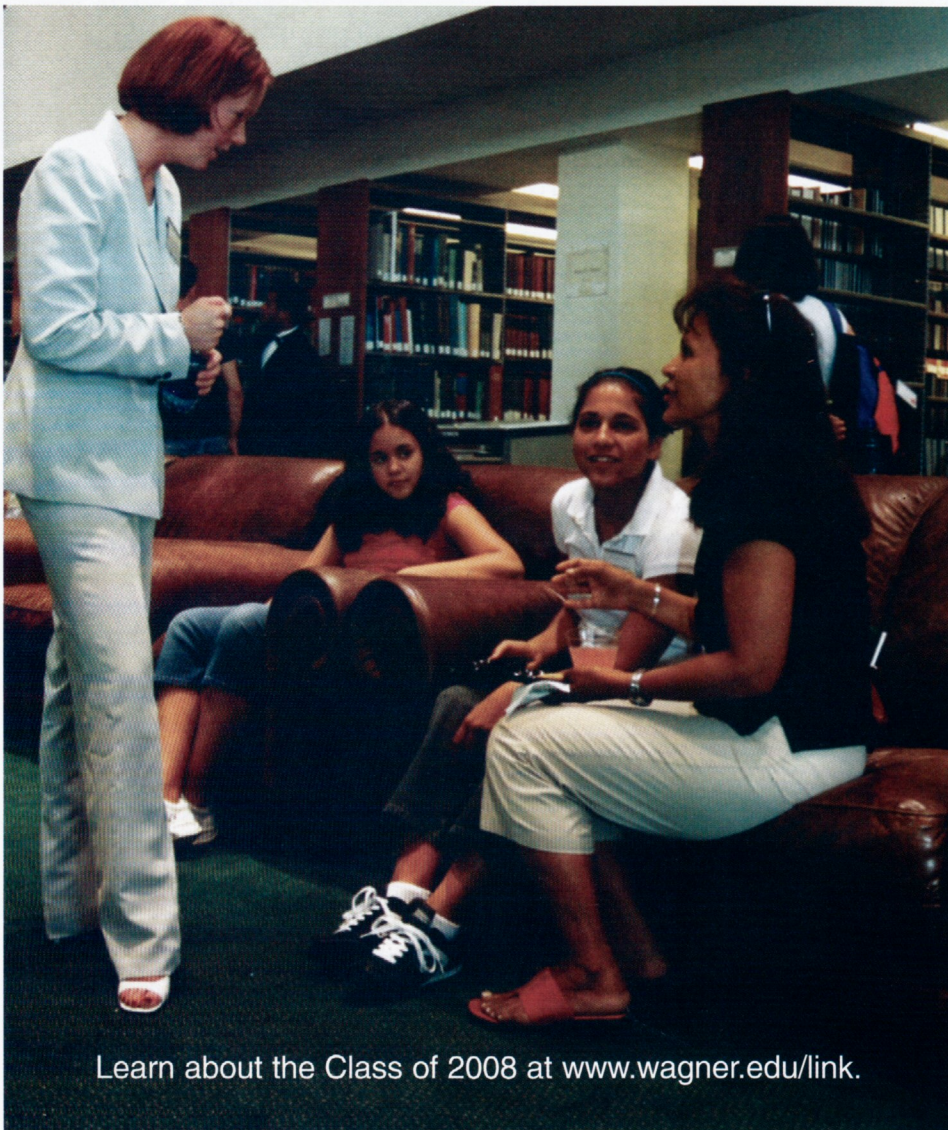
The DaVinci Society will honor Ms. Toni Elliot, executive vice president and New York City regional director for Smith Barney; Frank Ferrante, director of sales for Lehigh Dairies, Inc.; Frances X. Paulo Huber, president and chief executive officer of Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Inc.; and Robert Scamardella, Esq., partner, Russo, Scamardella and D'Amato, PC and the Molinaro Group. The Honorable John A. Fusco, Surrogate's Court judge, will deliver the address for the dinner.

Established in 2000, the DaVinci Society

at Wagner College is made possible through the generous support of friends and alumni of the College.

Its mission is to promote greater awareness and understanding of Italy and Italian-Americans' contributions to America's vibrant democratic culture. In addition to sponsoring travel to Italy for honors students, the DaVinci Society makes possible many campus and community events throughout the year.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 each or \$750 for a table, and can be purchased through Wagner's Office of Institutional Advancement by calling Betty McComiskey at 718-420-4014.



Learn about the Class of 2008 at www.wagner.edu/link.

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Putting our best feet forward

The search begins for the best and the brightest as students from across the country discover all that Wagner has to offer. At left, Dana Rinschler '02, assistant director of Admissions, speaks with high school juniors during a recent reception in Horrmann Library. Campus Visit Days are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3 and 24, and Saturday, Nov. 20. For more information, call 800-221-1010.

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Quietly building a foundation

Wagner celebrates completion of the endowment campaign; goal is exceeded by \$8 million

Over the past four years, leaders of Wagner College have been quietly building a foundation for the future of the College through a campaign to strengthen the endowment.

The campaign reached its resounding success thanks to inspired leaders, including Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees Donald '49 H'88 Spiro, Trustee and Vice-Chair Gregory Knapp '66 H'00, who spearheaded the campaign from its inception, and Howard Braren '50, who lent his time and expertise to guiding the campaign. The campaign began in 1999 under the direction of former president Norman Smith. Vigorously pursued by former Chair of the Board of Trustees Robert C. O'Brien '66 H'95 and by President Richard Guarasci, the campaign closed earlier this year with overwhelming results.

The campaign was designed in part, to raise money for the College's endowment to generate long-term support for scholarships and professorships. With this end in mind, the leaders of the campaign reached out quietly to a few loyal alumni and friends. The campaign designated an initial goal of \$12 million, which would have more than doubled the endowment, which in 1999 stood at less than \$5 million. The campaign ended in a stunning way in exceeding its initial goal by \$8 million by raising more than \$20 million in gifts.

This campaign, though, was about much more than strengthening the endowment, it was about building a foundation upon which the future of the College is to rest. One of the first goals of the leaders of the campaign was to enlist a small committee of key trustees and alumni to develop a series of educational events to generate future support for the College.

And the keystone for this program was the development of a yearly series of estate planning seminars to educate people on the preservation of assets to pass on to loved

ones, and the value of leaving a legacy. Trustee Emeritus Gregory '66 H'00 and Patricia Knapp, Trustees Thomas '65 H'00 and Polly '68 Peck Moles, Michael '49 and Margaret Christie '49 Nicolais, Trustee Donna Mollica New '68, NAA Board Member Betsy Ebers '58 and Robert Press, and Trustee Walter Baumhoff '59 generously hosted and spearheaded these seminars.

In addition, the Wagner College Heritage Society was established to honor and recognize persons who have made provision for the College in their estate plans. As a result, in addition to the \$20 million raised in gifts, over one hundred alumni and friends have been recognized for indicating their plans to leave Wagner in their estates.

And so, the legacy of this initial campaign will keep growing, for these generous individuals have also helped to secure the long-term future and foundation for the College.

"This is a landmark for Wagner," said Dr. Richard Guarasci, president of Wagner, "not only is the College's curriculum, *The Wagner Plan* receiving accolades from educators nationally, and the Wagner campus receiving praise by *The Princeton Review* as the most beautiful campus in the country, but donors are demonstrating their support for Wagner's vision by investing in our future. We owe a great deal to the unstinting commitment of these supporters, who as individuals have done so much for so many."

Giving to the endowment is truly an investment in Wagner's future. The endowment is critical to securing the long-term strength of an institution. Though Wagner is funded through tuition and annual fundraising, it is the endowment that acts as a "savings account" for the College. And it allows Wagner to do things each year that it would not have been able to without these funds. Each year, the Board of Trustees authorizes the College to allocate interest from the unrestricted endowment for annual operating purposes. Restricted endowment also funds scholarships for students and supports faculty research through endowed professorships, among many other things.

Although this was not a highly publicized campaign, it has become an indicator of highly supportive alumni and friends who have stood behind the College so often for so many years.

Reports Teresa Karamanos, vice president



for institutional advancement, "This was a quiet campaign, implemented by a small group of visionary people who understand the promise of the College. We were able to attract six individual gifts in excess of \$1 million, including one anonymous estate gift of \$7.9 million, the largest in the College's history. The implications of this campaign for Wagner will resound far into the future."

The College raised approximately \$1 million annually for the Annual Fund in the same period in addition to this campaign for the endowment. Annual funds provide operating support on a year-to-year basis. Funds were also generously given by supporters to capital improvement projects around campus since 1999. Trustee Margaret Bambach Buck Reynolds '40 H'98 generously funded the complete restoration of North Hall in honor of her late husband, William L. Reynolds, who was also a trustee of Wagner College. The building is now called Reynolds House and is home to the Office of Institutional Advancement. Henry V.

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Pape '36 provided funding to the admissions houses for an elegant addition to, and remodel of the Office of Admissions, now housed in Pape House, named in honor of Mr. Pape's beloved wife Anne Colligan Pape. Wagner also received gifts during this period to support the renovation of athletic spaces in the Spiro Sports Center, the main stage theatre, the library, and technology upgrades. But, the campaign for the endowment stands apart from this fundraising because of the need to create a permanent source of funding for Wagner. Combined, these types of giving have significantly improved the financial well-being of the College as it enters its 122nd year.

"The endowment's growth rate is tangible evidence of the energy of trustees and others," President Guarasci added, "to ensure that the College continues to attract the financial resources required to deepen academic quality, increase scholarships for students, and enhance facilities—all goals of Wagner's strategic plan."

Wagner College has been not-so-quietly gaining a national reputation for its innovative curriculum, highlighted by presentations to educational leaders around the country. It is clear that *The Wagner Plan* curriculum will provide a secure academic foundation on which to build our future.

On campus, and around the Wagner community, the future is being quietly secured by insightful leaders and generous supporters. And with their extraordinary support and selfless dedication to Wagner College, the College's future is very bright indeed.

Together, the endowment and our academic success will continue to inspire the same kind of excellence evidenced in this campaign and in the members of the Wagner community.

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

Leadership giving to the endowment campaign

Marie Attonito Alberti '57
Sal Alberti '57 Memorial Golf Classic
Allan '55 and Jane Tilson '57 Brier
Frederic P. '69 and Estelle Cande
Delta Nu Fraternity Alumni
G. Robert '53 H'01 and Charlotte Evans
Estate of Anna R. Faires
John '68 T and Ellen Gloistein
Robert '58 and Cathrine '60 Gritman
Estate of John and Charlotte Harmon
Jay '67 T and Marianne Hartig
Walter G. '58 and Lillian Hartung
Richard '66 T and Peggy Herburger
Peter and Louise '75 M'78 Kaufman T
Michael '66 M'72 and Danelle Kelly
Reginald Kennedy '56
Estate of Charles Kraemer H'92
Estate of Helen Lahm
Fred '53 and Mary Lange

Estate of Joseph Monge '34
The Monterosso Family (Paul '03 and Virginia)
John '67 H'02 T and Jody Myers
Donna Mollica New '68 T
Michael '49 and Margaret '49 Nicolais
Robert '66 H'95 and Patricia O'Brien T
Henry V. Pape '36
Estate of Astrid D. and Arthur '54 Paugh
Margaret Bambach Buck Reynolds '40 H'98 T
Maureen Robinson '67 H'03 and Derish Wolff
Kevin Sheehy '67, M'70, MBA'92, H'99
Memorial
Donald '49 H'88 and Evelyn '49 H'92 Spiro T
Estate of Rosemary Truempy '44
Wagner College Guild
Carl Westerdahl '59 and Susan Clarke
Frederick C. '64 T and Dee Williamson
Estate of Astrid Wilson
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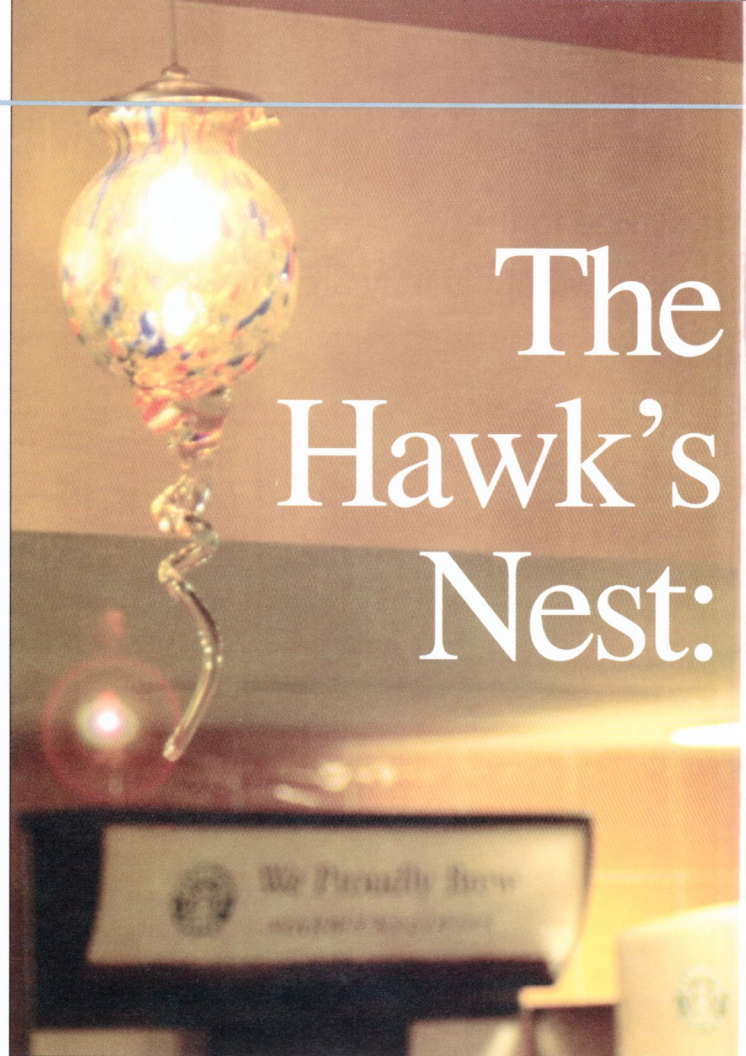
The Heritage Society

Helen Raminger Abichandani '54
Dr. Albert B. Accetola '41, T
Richard W. Baller '51
Ronald A. Bibbo '64, T and
Susan L. Bibbo F
Marion B. Blankley+ F
Mary B. Boody '86
Margaret Borkholm+ F
Joan Potts Brown '57 and
Richard Brown F
Peter W. Brown '69 M'71 and
Melissa Latt Brown '69
Doris Bensen Bucky '44 M'64
and Dr. Thomas Bucky F
Benjamin A. Certo '48 and
Rose Certo F
Dr. Harold L. Crater '60
John F. Crews '64 and
Carol Gaise Crews '64
Christopher Deane '51
John Deane '53
Dr. Theodore Dowd '50
Stanley M. Ericsson '59
Rev. Robert J. Furreboe '56 and
Edna L. Furreboe F
Rev. Jerel W. Gade '77
Rev. Dr. David C. Gaise '35
Joan A. Henke Gibney '60
Gloria Rappold Greening '43
Joseph R. Greff '66
Rev. Lyle R. Guttu E
Walter G. Hartung '58 and
Lillian Hartung F
Dr. Carol M. Haupt '67 M'69
Dr. Walter C. Hausheer '71 and
Cynthia Duskin Hausheer '71
Rita Ketcham Hein '70+

Martin Heyer F and
Anne Heyer F
Dorothee Heins Holmstrup '41
Anita Posselt Homer '48+
Richard M. Hooker, Jr. '69
Leroy N. Houseman '55 M'57
Ernest R. Jackson '87
Gottfred C. Jacobsen '54
Dr. Edward Jastremski '80 and
Phyllis Iannacone Jastremski '87
M'90
Reginald Kennedy '56
Gregory P. Knapp '66, H'00, T
and Patricia Knapp
Rev. Howard Alexander Kuhnle '29
Helen Lahm+ F
Barbara E. White Lampman '73
Paul A. Larsen '68 M'74+
Douglas G. Lawrence '52+
Elizabeth Hamann Lawrence '52
Elsie Schatz Love '50 M'61
Viola Wanzer Maxfield '51 and
Earl E. Maxfield, Jr. F
James J. McCusker '61
Eleanor S. Parsons Messner '52
William James Mitchell '59+
Thomas G. Moles '65 H'00, T
and Polly Peck Moles '68, T
Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney '46
Kenneth L. Murray '75
Richard J. Nelson '66+
Sandra Kangas Nelson '68
Donna Mollica New '68, T
David J. Nielsen F
and Susan R. Nielsen F
Karen A. Nielsen '69 M'71

Robert C. O'Brien '66 H'95, T
and Patricia O'Brien F
Mildred Neumann Olsen '50
Leonhard Pahl '54
Henry V. Pape '36
Elizabeth A. Ebers Press '58 and
Robert Press F
Henry W. Raisch '39 and
Edith Daniel Raisch '38
Lauren Reinertsen '75
Comelia Borgemeister Reynolds '44
William Reynolds+
Ernst P. Rittershausen '37 and
Clara Shake Rittershausen '38+
Maureen L. Robinson '67,
H'03, T
Kenneth W. Rogler '41 and
Ruth Forster Rogler '41
Anita Carroll Sabatino '69
June Gerdin Schaupp '56 and
Ronald Schaupp F
Herta Schild+ F
Elaine Sheehy F
LuAnn Steinhauer '57
David Taylor '75
Dr. Barbara A. Eshleman Vroom '61
and Warren R. Vroom F
Genevieve De Witt Wesselmann '57
Frederick C. Williamson, Jr. '64, T
and Dee Williamson F
Astrid Wilson+ F

Anonymous (11 alumni and friends)
+ deceased
T Trustee
F Friend



The Hawk's Nest:



New look, new menu

New aromas are flowing from the Union this fall. The Hawk's Nest has reopened with a new look and a new menu, the result of a million-dollar renovation.

The Hawk's Nest spent its early years tucked away in the basement of Main Hall, emitting an enticing aroma of fresh doughnuts to hungry students in the classrooms above. It was such a popular gathering place, that it was often difficult to find a seat.

With a need for expansion, the Hawk's Nest eventually found a larger home in the Union building in the 1970s.

For several years, Wagner has recognized the need to upgrade the Hawk's Nest to provide more sophisticated dining options for students that better cater to their needs. The decision was made to close the facility in June 2003.

"We tore it right down to the walls and started with a box. Everything in here is now brand new," says Mitchell Shenker, Wagner's director of dining services.

Over a year later, the Hawk's Nest has been transformed from an old-fashioned cafeteria to an upscale food court area. The revamped Hawk's Nest now includes a new entrance, making deliveries easier; a new fire escape, creating a safer environment, a new handicap-accessible bathroom, and seating capacity for 106 people. In addition, business hours have been extended from 8 a.m. until midnight so students can enjoy a Starbucks French Roast while studying late for exams.

Students say the sophisticated new look reminds them of Central Perk, the coffee shop featured on the television sit-com, *Friends*.

Aside from the physical and structural changes of the Hawk's Nest, the greatest focal point of improvement has been on the

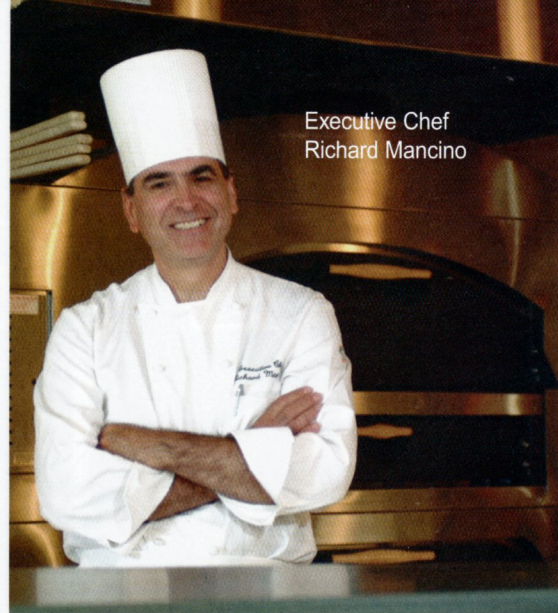
food. Chartwells, Wagner's dining services, aims to offer fresh, top quality food at fair prices. Instead of being served in one long cafeteria line, students will now have the option of choosing from four different food stations.

"It's about giving people a choice," says Mr. Shenker.

And choice they will have. Each of the four stations offers something different as well as the opportunity to pay at each one, cutting down on purchasing time. The food is prepared right in front of students, giving them the opportunity to view the freshness of their food.

One of the stations is a barista bar. Here, freshly baked goods are available all day. Students can pick up muffins, scones, cookies, and coffee to get the day going or to stay awake while working on a late night paper. Starbucks brand coffee is still available but with a much wider selection. A selection of cappuccinos, lattes, and teas are now being served.

The second station includes a tuscan oven and offers various types of Italian-style foods. Students can order pizza, calzones, lasagna, baked ziti, and all kinds of hot and cold sandwiches that they could get in a



Executive Chef
Richard Mancino

pizzeria.

In the grill station, burgers, fries, and soups are offered everyday. Students can try Philly cheesesteaks, fajitas, or other grilled items.

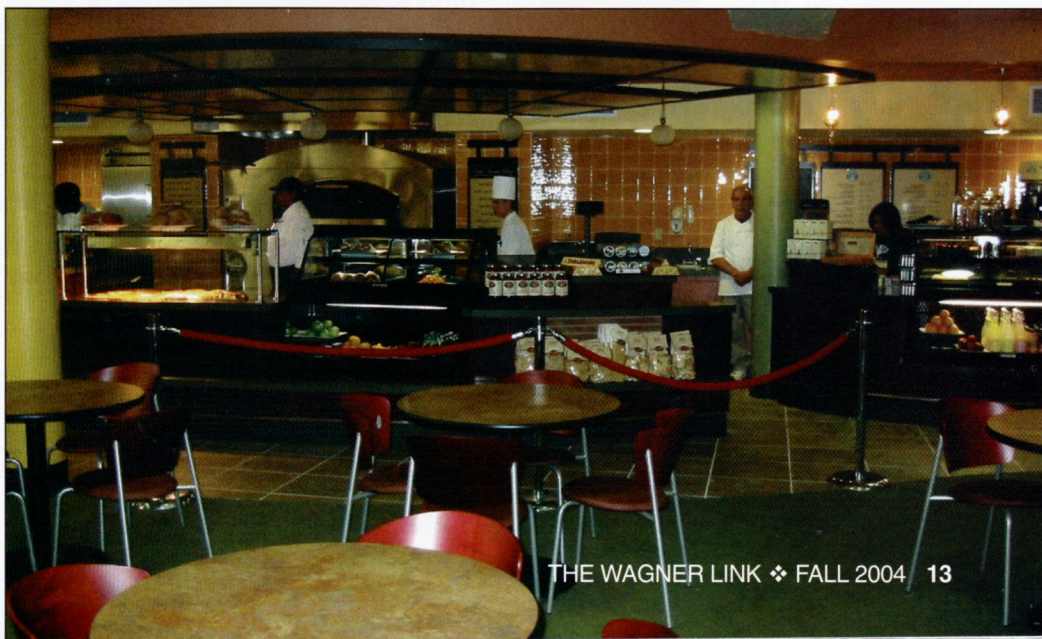
The "grab and go" station offers items for students in a rush between classes. Students can pick up a pre-made chef salad, a grilled chicken wrap, a Coca-Cola, or a Häagen-Dazs ice cream.

Chartwells is working hard to cater to the specific needs of students. There are more meat-free products for vegetarians as well as low-carb items. Students are also able to refill their drinks for free at the beverage fountain.

Chartwells modeled much of the new Hawk's Nest after popular bistros and eateries, such as Barnes & Noble and Starbucks.

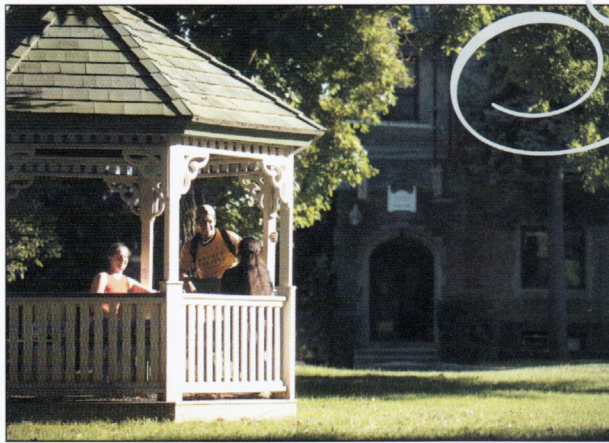
But ultimately, much of the inspiration for the re-model came directly from students, themselves. "This is an important part of student life on campus, and we wanted to make it as good as we possibly could," said President Richard Guarasci.

— Dan Ozzi '05



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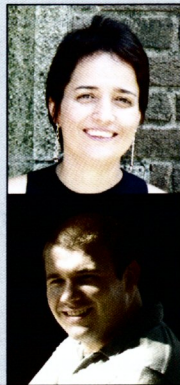
Winding walkways,
stately structures,
lush landscaping.
It all adds up to
The Princeton Review's
Most Beautiful Campus
— in the nation.



The Princeton Review, a company based in Princeton, N.J., helps students, parents and educators deal with the competitive and complex process of admissions to college. *The Princeton Review's 357 Best Colleges*, published in August, is a primary source book for prospective college students and is on the shelves of high school guidance offices throughout the country. In 2002 and 2003, Wagner ranked fifth and third, respectively, in the Most Beautiful Campus category. This year, Wagner climbed to the top position, selected as the No. 1 Most Beautiful Campus in the nation. But that's not all the good news. Wagner's theatre program has been named No. 1 in the country as well.

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WAGNER/ LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



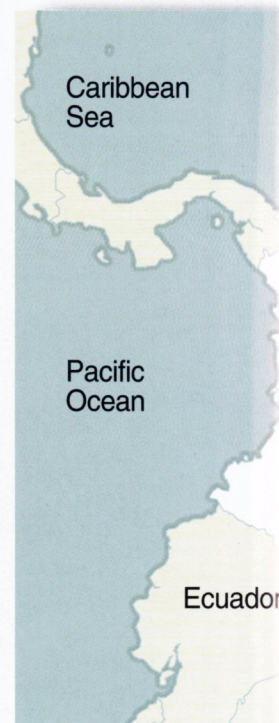
The vibrancy of the Wagner community is reflected in the passions and accomplishments of its students, parents, faculty, alumni and staff. The profiles on the following six pages highlight members of the Wagner community who are living lives that matter.



Sharing
her rich
heritage,
opening
young
minds.

FACULTY/
LIVING A LIFE
THAT MATTERS

Professor Margarita Sanchez



When the World Trade Center was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, Professor Margarita Sanchez watched the plumes of smoke from Wagner's campus and felt America's pain.

In her classroom, she comforted students and shared with them her unique perspective on suffering and appreciation for human life as a native of Colombia.

"I shared with them the sadness, but wanted them to think further than that," she explained. "I told them that what they were feeling that day, the people of my country feel every day. We talked about the value of a life."

Professor Sanchez was born in Medellin, the second largest city in Colombia stigmatized in the 1980s by deadly drug cartels and Pablo Escobar's reign of terror. "It is a complex city that includes sadness and happiness," she summarizes.

She grew up in Cartagena, a seaside town rich in Catholicism and dotted with fortifications dating to the 15th and 16th centuries, landmarks of oppression by the Spanish.

Her parents came from poor families but succeeded in building a comfortable life for Margarita and her three brothers. Her father

worked his way up from messenger to drug-store owner. Her mother, an artist, set an example for her children by volunteering with the poor and reaching out to pregnant young women.

Professor Sanchez earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the *Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana* in Medellin and worked as a reporter, media assistant and television producer in that city before emigrating to New York.

The transition wasn't easy at first.

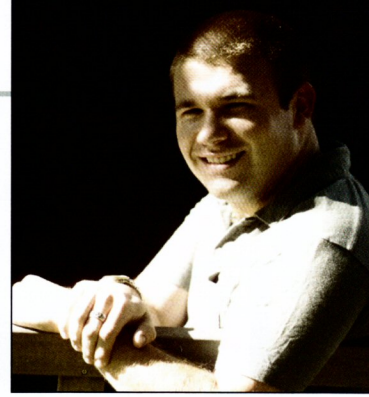
"When I came to the U.S., I was living as an immigrant," she recalls. She sold dolls on the streets of Manhattan to make ends meet until she landed a position with a Spanish weekly. As one half of a two-person newsroom, she was reporter, photographer and editor for most assignments.

Looking back, she is proud of her newspaper work, which included an in-depth report on homelessness and an interview with a survivor of a disco fire in Honduras.

"With few resources, we did great things. And I learned a lot about life" from the job, she says.

She went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in Spanish-American literature from Rutgers University in New Jersey, where she was a lecturer and teaching assistant. She also lectured at Princeton University and Baruch College before joining the Wagner faculty in 2000.

STUDENTS / LIVING
A LIFE THAT MATTERS



Jake Brown '05

Jake Browne knew when he decided to attend Wagner College that the curriculum would demand a lot of him. He had done his research.

He knew *The Wagner Plan* would require him to expand his experiences and understanding beyond what he had known in high school in Gloucester County, N.J. What he didn't know was that studying the very ideas on which *The Wagner Plan* is founded would change his outlook on everything.

During his junior year, Jake embarked upon an internship on campus that would broaden his ways of thinking about community. The internship was part of a project funded by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) and Campus Compact, under the auspices of the Center for Liberal Education and Civic Engagement.

Wagner was one of only seven institutions nationally to receive funding to study and report on the connections of liberal education to service and civic responsibilities. Wagner was, perhaps, a logical choice, because this connection lies at the very heart of the College's mission.

Wagner's study for the dialogue was called the Partnership for Learning, Leadership and Civic Engagement (P.L.A.C.E.). And it was this project which helped Jake to see beyond *The Wagner Plan* to find his place in the community. Jake served as the student representative, surveying the campus community about views on civic engagement.

But for Jake, an informal assessment was easy. "It's difficult to become involved, and easy to forget that there's a community out there that might need you," says Jake. He learned above all this lesson — that it is easier, safer, to do nothing. But, he contin-

Finding his P.L.A.C.E. at Wagner.

ues, "Once you become involved in service learning, you will be dedicated for a lifetime."

That is a message President Guarasci likes to hear. "*The Wagner Plan* is founded around this idea of involvement," he says. We want students to understand the importance of involvement — it makes you a better citizen, it empowers you for change, and it makes you a powerful leader."

Jake has discovered this since enrolling at Wagner. In his first semester, he embarked on his first public service at *El Centro de Hospitalidad*, a community center in the Port Richmond section of Staten Island. He tutored students there, watching them learn and marveling at the difference he could make in a person's life.

"The students progressed tremendously," he recalls, "they became more studious, more confident — better students." And, he laughs, "I've become a better student because of the experience."

But it's not just off-campus where he can make a difference, Jake has discovered. His roles as resident assistant, writing tutor, and peer tutor bring this service to the on-campus community. "I am a strong advocate for service learning. It teaches students about the real world and the community around them," Jake explains.

Jake will be able to impart this same zeal to his own students when he becomes a history teacher after he graduates next year.

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik



Today Professor Sanchez's students are learning a lot about life from her. As an assistant professor in the Department of Languages and Literature, broadening horizons and opening minds is at the heart of every one of her lesson plans.

"Learning another language is a life-changing experience," she says passionately. "It is living a different life. Languages enable you to communicate with people who are not like you," connecting worlds and breaking down barriers.

At home in Brooklyn, Professor Sanchez and her husband, a native of France, communicate in three languages. Their daughter, Pauline, not yet two years old, is learning French and Spanish.

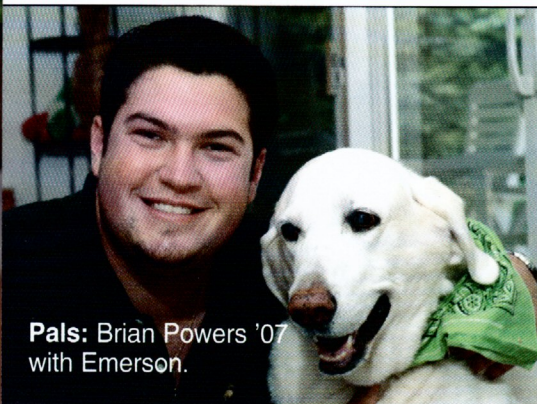
This semester, Professor Sanchez has teamed up with Dr. Sarah Donovan of the Philosophy Department to teach a learning community for freshmen exploring the diversity in philosophy and language at home and abroad. The readings will include *Fast Food Nation* and *Dreaming in Cuban*.

"My task as a professor is to help my students realize the world extends further than the frontier of the United States," and to help them discover that bilingualism in Spanish and English enriches the world. She quotes Mexican author and historian Carlos Fuentes: "Monolingualism is an illness that can be cured."

— Claire Regan '80

PARENTS / LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTE

Dianne & Frank



Pals: Brian Powers '07 with Emerson.



All in the family: Doug Powers '00 and brother Brian '07 outside Pape House.

At just 19, Brian Powers could run for office — and win.

Well-built and well-mannered, polished and articulate, the sophomore political science major can't walk through Sears or Costco without running into at least a few friends and acquaintances. He knows a lot of people and a lot of people know him.

In between classes, Brian works as a community liaison for the office of Senator John J. Marchi, representing the state lawmaker at groundbreaking and Community Board meetings, learning about government along the way. And of course, meeting more people.

None of this is surprising once you meet Brian's parents, Dianne and Frank Powers. As one of Staten Island's most recognizable couples, they have chaired dozens of charity events and supported dozens more. In their elegant home on Todt Hill, the words "community service" are as common as "pass the salt."

"We are invested in this community. We are invested in Staten Island," Mr. Powers says with characteristic conviction.

That investment includes Wagner, where they are active members of the Parents Committee and steady supporters of the College's Inner Circle.

As Wagner parents, they have become an integral and appreciated part of the Wagner community, and as familiar on campus as if they were alumni themselves.

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Brian Powers always knew he would one day be a Wagner student and remembers everything about the day his acceptance letter arrived in the mail.

It was Christmas Eve 2002. Longtime family friend, Dr. Stanley Stilwell, a Staten Island internist and Wagner graduate, Class

of 1976, had encouraged Brian to apply. As a token of good luck, Dr. Stilwell gave Brian a Wagner paperweight.

Later that same day, the mail included the letter Brian had been waiting for, announcing his acceptance into the Class of 2007.

Sadly, Dr. Stilwell died of pancreatic cancer just four months later at the age of 48. His death inspired Brian to work hard to honor his mentor's memory. He heads into sophomore year with a 3.25 grade point average which, he proudly announces, far exceeded his goal.

Though he's just getting his feet wet in student activities, Brian appreciates the beauty of the campus ("the pool is spotless!"), the friendliness of the students, the prowess of the faculty and even the challenges of the curriculum.

For his freshman reflective tutorial—the first rung of the four-year *Wagner Plan*—Brian teamed up with another student to write a 15-page paper on the history and recent reform of the New York City Board of Education. The topic was inspired by daily reading the New York Times, a requirement for the course.

Their grade: A well-deserved B plus.

His favorite professor is Dr. Jeffrey Kraus of the political science department. His favorite class so far has been criminology, taught by Staten Island Civil Court Judge Michael Brennan.

To experience all that Wagner offers, Brian chooses to board even though he lives less

The Wagner
Community
is their
lifetime
investment.

Powers

than five miles from campus, and has a room this year in Towers dorm. He enjoys the independence but is close enough to dash home to cook dinner for his parents every once in awhile; fettucini alfredo and que-sadillas are two specialties.

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He stopped working full-time three years ago after a successful career with the New York Stock Exchange and two investment firms, but Frank Powers is hardly retired. These days he devotes his time to his most passionate investment, his community.

"Staten Island is like something out of Dickens, where even with a half-million people, you still know the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker," says Mr. Powers, who was born and raised in Brooklyn ("literally underneath the Gowanus Expressway").

He is chair of the board for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Nursing Home and, since 1983, assistant treasurer of St. Vincent's Hospital. Recognized as a steady fundraiser, he chaired the board of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, and served as president of the Downtown Athletic Club, the Heisman Foundation, and the USS The Sullivans Foundation.

Mrs. Powers, a Manhattan native and former Wall Street executive, shares her husband's commitment to community. She is the first woman to chair the board of trustees of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, and chairs the board of the Sisters of Charity Senior Housing Committee. As chair of the Belle Society of St. Vincent's Hospital, she has been a dedicated fundraiser.

Both have a strong interest in Staten Island Academy, a private K-12 school on Todt Hill. Mr. Powers served as president of the board to 1996, and Mrs. Powers has chaired the school's annual Geranium Ball. Their three sons are graduates.

And now, with one son at Wagner and another, Douglas, an alumnus (Class of 2000), the Powers are eager to help the College continue its surge forward. "We have nothing but the highest praise for the school," Mr. Powers says. "It has brought out the best in our sons."

— Claire Regan '80

Power couple:
Dianne and Frank
Powers at home
on Staten Island's
Todt Hill.



ALUMNI /
LIVING A LIFE
THAT MATTERS

Jeffrey Forchelli '66

Sometimes dreams run in families. When Jeffrey Forchelli '66 graduated first from Wagner College and later from Brooklyn Law School, he was living not only his own dream, but fulfilling the hopes of his father and mother, and taking some good advice from his uncle along the way.

For it was his uncle, Edward Thompson, former trustee of Wagner, a Supreme Court Justice of New York, and Fire Commissioner of New York City, who told him about the College, giving him some advice in his senior year of high school: "Now

that you're out of high school, you'll go to Wagner!"

There are many dreams, past and present, living in the Forchelli family, and a few assumptions, too. After his father died when Mr. Forchelli was just 13, leaving his wife and three sons, he was reminded by his mother of his father's dreams for him.

He would go away to college, and Wagner was far enough from Flushing High School in Queens that Mr. Forchelli would have to live on campus.

This was step one, and the first dream fulfilled. But there were others. "It was always assumed by me and everybody who knew me that I would be a lawyer," Mr. Forchelli recalls with a laugh.

His father and his uncle pursued careers in law. And after completing Wagner at the young age of nineteen—two years sooner than many of his peers and classmates—the

An agent of change, sensitive to the needs of his community.



dream came true at Brooklyn Law School.

You could say that Mr. Forchelli is a quintessential New Yorker. Indeed, he reminds us, "I went to school in all five boroughs!" (He briefly pursued graduate studies in taxation at New York University before joining the Army Reserves.) But he says, smiling, his time at Wagner was "as good a three years as I've had in my life."

And he adds, "Wagner has a fond place in my heart because I went there and left ready to deal with the world." His world remained New York City and Long Island, where after working for six months at the Legal Aid Society, and serving active duty in the Army, he started his own practice in 1970.

He also married Sadie, his wife of 26 years; Mr. Forchelli has three stepdaughters—Linda Greene, Debbie Acker, and Pam Brown—and a daughter, Nicole.

Work at the Legal Aid Society taught him much in a short span of time. How to stand up for himself. How the legal system and the process worked for the disadvantaged. "I saw a different world that I didn't see at Wagner College."

He learned in the first years of his practice how to fix the Xerox machine and how to type. He did his own filing and office work, an oft time humbling and necessary experience for a college and law school graduate.

And as he expanded his practice and developed a specialization in land use and property development, his sense of community was strengthened. He realized very early in his experience with land use and development that there were more than two parties involved, more than just the owner and government.

There was the community, the people whose everyday lives would be affected by the development. "You have to show people respect, and be sensitive to all parties. You must be careful with a community and be civic-minded."

As a New Yorker, Jeff deals on a daily basis with urban development and redevelopment. "You need a vision—redevelopment is challenging."

For Mr. Forchelli believes that there is more to development than the building—there are the people—neighbors, community organizations, parties who may feel disenfranchised from the process.

"We need to ask 'What is the vision? What is the goal?' There should be a comprehensive plan—one that includes everyone." People are so opposed to change, he says, and in New York, change is all around us at all times. "I am an agent of change, so I must be sensitive to the community."

People have a real stake in the communities in which they live, so Mr. Forchelli always consults with members of that community when working on a redevelopment project. Explaining the plans for development in terms that everyone can understand and providing them information goes a long way.

Mr. Forchelli recounts with a sense of

humor the barrage of questions thrown at him in community meetings. But he understands people's fears, and believes strongly in the need for these public forums.

Now with a practice employing forty-five lawyers and clients like Northrup Grumman, Cablevision, Adelphi University, and Nassau Community College, he is firmly established in the legal community of Long Island and greater New York. Mr. Forchelli has served as Counsel to the New York State Assembly and the Legal Advisory Board as well as on the Board of Directors for Security Title and Guaranty Company.

He has been named to *Who's Who in Law* by *Long Island Business News* and is included in the 8th edition of *Who's Who in American Law*.

Mr. Forchelli is a past president of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District and was a trustee of Nassau Community College. He was the president of Community Mainstreaming Associates, an organization that owns and operates group homes for developmentally disabled adults, and was its 1996 "Humanitarian of the Year." Perhaps now he can say his dream has been realized.

But there will be much more, for Mr. Forchelli says, his work still fires him, interests him. And his work with communities throughout Long Island is helping to insure that all members of the community feel engaged in the process of redevelopment. Like his father and Uncle Ed, he is civic-minded.

And, he now helps others' dreams become reality, recently establishing scholarships at Hofstra's School of Law and an endowed chair at Brooklyn Law School.

Three generations of Mr. Forchelli's family have pursued their dreams through a career in law. His daughter, Nicole is now pursuing a law degree, living out her share of the family's dreams. No doubt, taking from the accomplishments and dreams of her father.

And perhaps being influenced along the way by a few assumptions too.

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

STAFF / LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Monica Wohltjen

It's a rainy Friday night and Monica Wohltjen, Wagner's 4-to-midnight security supervisor, is making her rounds on campus.

She hops out of the public safety van for a walk through the Union before locking and alarming it, then continues the drive to Cunard Hall, Campus Hall and Reynolds House.

Along the way, she spots a couple of football players making the long trek from Towers dorm to Tiers parking lot, soaking wet from the downpour. She pulls over and they pile in, grateful to be out of the rain but even happier to spend a few minutes with their favorite security guard.

"How's that new girlfriend of yours?" Monica asks one of them, breaking the ice. "She's great," he answers, then seizes the opportunity for a little advice. "I was thinking of leaving a single rose outside her door. Do you know where I can get one this time of night?"

"She'll love that. Go for it. Try the bagel store down the hill."

Monica's swift reply gives him a boost of confidence. The football player, a senior from California, jumps out of the van as they reach Tiers parking lot, pleased that he can proceed with his plan, and relieved that it has Monica's blessing.

Petite but powerful, fearless and focused, Public Safety Officer Monica Wohltjen (pronounced WOL-jin) is Cagney and Lacey, Dear Abby, and Mother Hen all rolled into one. She guards every inch of Wagner's 106 acres as if she owned them herself, and she looks after each of Wagner's 1,800 students as if they were her own children.

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Whether it's making sure a party in Gatehouse Lounge doesn't get too crazy,

chasing neighborhood teens from the softball field dugout, or directing traffic during commencement, Monica puts every ounce of energy and enthusiasm into her job.

You might even say she overdoes it. "I'm hyper," she admits. "I do too much, and more than I'm supposed to do. I get in a half hour early every day for 'report.' I want to know what happened before I got here, what situations I need to know about while I'm here."

Monica is the kind of employee most bosses can only dream about.

She works straight through her shift, rarely taking a dinner break, and refuses to go home until every corner of the campus is under control. Instead of balking at a "double"—two 8-hour shifts back to back—Monica welcomes them. When someone calls in sick, she drops what she's doing and reports on a moment's notice. It seems like she spends more time on campus than at home.

She calls herself a "people person," but that's an understatement.

Monica knows every student by face, and many of them by name. And they all know her.

"I come here with a motherly attitude," she says, softening for a moment. "I'm an adult figure to the kids," providing not just safety but also guidance and advice. "If I see a change in them, if I see something different, I ask them if they're OK. I know the vehicles they drive. I know the schedules they keep. They're on my campus, so they're my responsibility."

"But I never go over my limit," she quickly adds. "If I feel they need further advice, I direct them to (Dean of the College) Anne Love's office."

Her no-nonsense, tough-love technique has earned respect from everyone at Wagner, even the students who sometimes try to bend the rules—or even break them.

"I'll try to compromise a situation" with a



Everybody knows her name: Public Safety Officer Monica Wohltjen hands out a pass from the guard booth (top), and chats with some students (bottom).

Safe and sound:
Public Safety Officer
Monica Wohltjen on
patrol on Sutter Oval.



student, she explains, “but bottom line, if it’s going nowhere, it’s going my way or no way.”

“She’s like our mom away from home,” says a junior from Connecticut. “She gives us advice all the time. About boys, about different problems.”

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Though it seems like she was born into the role, Monica fell into her security career quite accidentally a little more than four years ago.

A lifelong Staten Islander, she graduated from Tottenville High School in 1974 and landed a job as a medical assistant at Carmel Richmond Nursing Home.

She worked at the nursing home for 27 years until a friend of a friend mentioned a part-time job in Wagner’s Public Safety Department. For a while she juggled both jobs, not certain if she had the skills or the personality to deal with college students 40 hours a week.

But it didn’t take her long to realize it was a perfect fit.

Last spring, Monica was promoted to evening supervisor, making her the first woman to hold that post at Wagner.

“This is as far as I want to go,” she says of the new title. “This is exactly what I wanted,

and this is exactly where I want to be.”

She shrugs her shoulders when someone tries to call her a pioneer or make gender an issue. Instead she uses the opportunity to compliment “her guys,” and make it clear that she is a Public Safety supervisor first, a woman second.

“I’m very lucky. We all work well together. There’s camaraderie. There are no problems,” she says, letting you know the case is closed.

“She has the respect of all the men who work for her,” says Tony Martinese, assistant director of Public Safety. “She is a fair supervisor. And her relationship with the students is amazing. Her (personnel) folder is filled with letters from parents thanking her for taking care of their kids.”

A single mother of four, Monica lives in West Brighton—not too far from campus, she is quick to point out.


She spends her off-duty hours with family, with a close circle of girlfriends, and with her boyfriend of three years, John Garland, a retired firefighter who also happens to be Wagner’s golf coach.

“He’s fabulous,” she says, her face lighting up. “He’s a gold mine. I’m not giving him up.”

No problem, Monica. Wagner’s not giving you up, either.

— Claire Regan '80

Watching
over the
campus,
one
student
at a time.



Honorary degree recipients through the years

1947 John Foster Dulles
Secretary of state

1954 Buell Gordon Gallagher
President, City College of New York

1968 John H. Glenn
Astronaut and U.S. senator

1971 Paul Zindel '58 M'62
Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright

1976 Jesse Owens
Olympic athlete

1982 Galt MacDermot
Jazz musician and composer

1985 Mario Cuomo
Governor of New York State

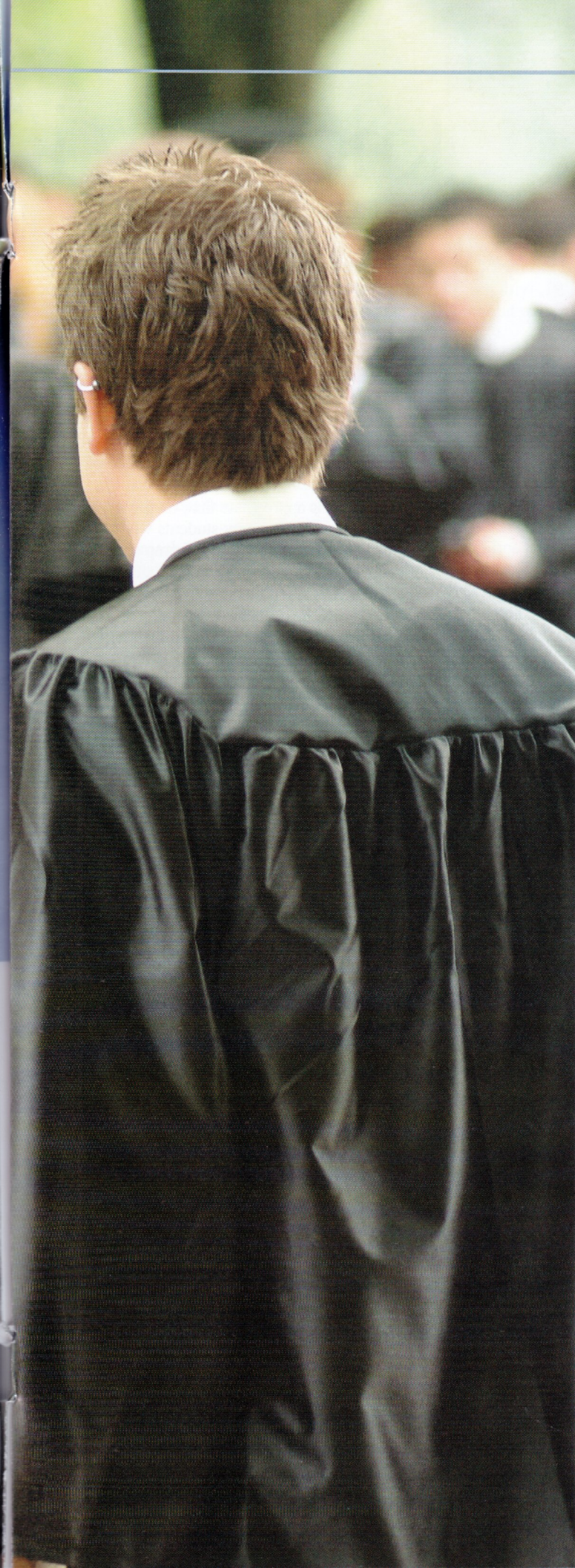
1990 Clara McBride Hale
Founder of Hale House, Harlem, N.Y.

1991 Ed Bradley
Television correspondent

1992 Phil Dusenberry
Chairman and CEO of BBDO Advertising Agency

1994 Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor of New York City

1996 Elizabeth A. Connelly
Speaker Pro Tempore,
New York State Assembly



Commencement 2004 saw 341 undergraduate and 105 graduate students join the ranks of the Wagner College National Alumni Association. The graduates, clothed in black gowns and smiles — some breathing sighs of relief — moved their tassels from right to left. Ken Nilsen '88, Alumni Association president, welcomed the the 446 future doctors, lawyers, educators, journalists, public servants and business executives into membership. Wagner can now count them proudly among its ranks of accomplished graduates.

This Commencement — Wagner's 117th — took place on Friday, May 21, on Sutter Oval. Main Hall, with ivy cascading down its limestone exterior, served as a stately backdrop for the proceedings. With the help of the Board of Trustees, guests, families, friends, faculty, staff and administration, the College celebrated the achievements of these young men and women who will, in the next few years, begin to find the kind of success, both career and personal, of which they have dreamed.

We were reminded of what the past four years have meant to these 341 graduates. For during their four years in college, the world changed, and they learned quickly about the frightening realities of the world in which we live.

Morgan McLean, student government president, told us: "When it was just beginning, September 11, 2001 challenged our understanding of the global community, but taught us to seek truth and perspective with a renewed commitment to, and appreciation of, each other."

But she also reminded her fellow graduates of other lessons,

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'It's not who you know — i

— REV. PETER J. GOMES

"We will be the decision makers and with our values of civic engagement and reflection instilled in us from Wagner, we will use our vote, our understanding, our perspective, and our questioning, to leave the world a bit better."

It is this responsibility to community, this idea of the influence that one individual can have on a society, that we celebrated on this day as Donald J. Trump addressed the audience and received an honorary doctorate. For his influence on the world, and on New York City has been tremendous.

As we honored Reverend Dr. Peter J. Gomes, Plummer professor of Christian morals and Pusey minister of Memorial Church, Harvard University, with an honorary doctorate, the Wagner community was reminded of the power of thought and words and the good that one man can do for so many.

And as Wagner celebrated the life of the late Richard E. Diamond H'91, with the Lifetime Achievement Award, we honored a commitment to community.

You're hired!

Donald J. Trump

Draped in Wagner green, and in his first commencement address, Donald J. Trump imparted wisdom which he has taken from his own life — from both success and failure. In presenting Mr. Trump the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, Wagner recognized him for achievements, and what he has contributed to New York City.

"Wagner College ... is eager to acknowledge that your exercise of the talent, drive, and creativity which you possess in abundance is both the lifeblood of a city such as

New York and the gift that a free society offers us all; that you strive to be the best at what you do is commendable. That you are the best at what you do is impressive."

His professional accomplishments are impressive. But he has equally impressive academic credentials: A graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, he knows the value of education and he understands the importance of a name.

And so, it is appropriate that, on the day of graduation for so many students who have excelled at Wagner, Mr. Trump should give them guidance for the world that awaits them. He closed with exactly what the graduates were waiting to hear: "I'm going to say to you two words that I only said once on *The Apprentice*: You're hired."

At that moment, a voice cried out from the audience: "Hire my daughter!" and a smiling mother stood up among the graduates to take credit.

A teacher of rare insight

Rev. Peter J. Gomes

It is evident when the Rev. Peter J. Gomes speaks, that he understands the inherent value of words. But he knows, too, the importance of moving words into action. And it is his actions through which Rev. Gomes reveals himself. But it is the power of both his words and his actions which inspired Wagner to award him the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa.

A graduate of Bates College and Harvard Divinity School, his intellectual influences run deep: Roger Williams, Ann Hutchinson, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois. He

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's whom!'

is an honorary fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, England, where the Gomes Lectureship is established in his name.

He has also authored an engaging study of the purported Biblical roots of homophobia, sexism, anti-Semitism, racism, and other prejudices entitled *The Good Book*. Lord Runcie, retired Archbishop of Canterbury, called it, "easily the best contemporary book on the Bible for thoughtful people."

In honoring Peter J. Gomes, Wagner is asserting about this man of words and actions:

"A preacher of unparalleled excellence, a teacher of rare insight, and a compelling spokesperson for the church's necessary role in a secular society; a role not necessarily either cautious or conservative, but linked to the ancient yet lively, constantly confronting and sometimes confusing story of peoples' relationship to God."

For these reasons, and many more, Wagner College is pleased to list Rev. Gomes on our list of honored alumni.

Treasuring excellence

Richard E. Diamond H'91

Wagner's citation for the late Richard E. Diamond H'91 begins:

"He who treasures excellence, recognizes the importance of knowledge, of leadership, of wisdom and the worth of those who contribute to the welfare of others."

As publisher of the *Staten Island Advance* for nearly 50 years, Richard E. Diamond had a forum for his generosity of spirit that he did not have to use. And yet, he did use it — for good.

In Mr. Diamond's obituary, Brian J.



Above: The Rev. Peter Gomes addresses the Class of 2004.



Left: President Guarasci and Trustee Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 present Richard Diamond Jr. with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his father, the late *Advance* publisher.

Laline, editor of the *Advance*, called him "a man of monumental integrity, a man who greatly loved his profession, and loved his family even more. A man who respected every human being."

Too numerous to mention, Mr. Diamond received achievement awards from so many groups and organizations on Staten Island, including Wagner College (he was awarded

a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa in 1991). We are indeed gratified that he is ranked among one of our honorary recipients.

Accepting in his honor at commencement were his son, Richard Diamond and Wagner trustee Aletta Kipp Diamond '65.

— Victoria Hopwood Bobik

ou do. If you don't love it, probably you won't be very good at it.'

— DONALD J. TRUMP

Men's Basketball announces 2004 recruits

Head Coach Mike Deane has been searching for students to enter Wagner as freshmen this fall for quite some time.

As the summer comes to a close, he is looking forward to beginning his second season at the College, and watching his new players, some of which may become his stars of the future.

Coach Deane's first recruiting class was completed with the signing of 6'6" forward Jason Rudakas (Jupiter, Fla. / St. Thomas More, Conn.). Rudakas joins Justin Drummond (Baltimore, Md.), Mark Porter (Atlantic City, N.J.), Jamal Smith (Baltimore, Md.) and James Ulrich (Mount Laurel, N.J.).

"With three guards and two forwards, we have brought in a balanced class with several impact players and possible three starters for next season," said Deane. "We've added size to the backcourt and passing, shooting range and decision-making on the front line.

"HoopScoop Online has rated this class 73rd without the addition of Jason Rudakas," Deane added. "Furthermore, HoopScoop has rated Jamal Smith (ranked No. 83), Justin Drummond (ranked No. 297), and James Ulrich (ranked No. 364) in the top 400 sen-

iors in their class. This kind of national notoriety has us very excited for the upcoming season." The basketball recruiting service, HoopScoop Online ranked this Wagner recruiting class 73rd in the nation, the only Northeast Conference school to be ranked in the top 127.

"These players will fit comfortably into our projected style of play," Coach Deane added. "They were signed with an up-tempo style in mind. Next year we anticipate being a full court pressure team converting into a match-up zone. This style will be easy to implement with our increased overall size and speed."

Wagner College 2004-05 Men's Basketball signees:

- Justin Drummond, 6'6", G/F, Baltimore, Md. / McDonogh HS (Md.)
- Mark Porter 6'2", G, Atlantic City, N.J. / St. Augustine Prep (N.J.)
- Jason Rudakas, 6'6", F, Jupiter, Fla. / St. Thomas More Prep (CT)
- Jamal Smith, 6'5", G, Baltimore, Md. / Towson Catholic HS (Md.)
- James Ulrich, 6'6", F, Mt. Laurel, N.J. / Camden Catholic HS (N.J.)

Homecoming is Saturday, Oct. 23

The contest between the Seahawks and Pittsburgh's Robert Morris University at 1 p.m. will be just one highlight of the day. Alumni, students, parents and friends can also enjoy the Wagner traditions of tailgating in West Lot beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Hall of Fame ceremony during half-time, a barbecue luncheon and a post-game party. Campus tours will be offered throughout the day. In the Union, the bookstore and the newly renovated Hawk's Nest will be open for business.

So plan to join us for Homecoming '04. For information, call the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224.

Women's Basketball adds 6 for the new season

The women's basketball team welcomes six new signees to campus this coming fall.

Hoping to bring about continued successes to the program are Laura Ahern, Candice Britton, Chelsey Bunyer, Triana Howell, Ali Ridge, and Megan Sullivan.

Ahern is a 5'10" guard from Roxbury High School in Succasunna, N.J., where she was selected 2004 player of the year by the Morris County Coaches Association and The Daily Record.

Britton, a 5'8" guard helped lead Woodlawn High School in Windsor, Md. to the Class 4A state championship while earning all-conference and all-area honors.

Bunyer comes to Staten Island from Eastland High School in Shannon, Ill., where as a 5'8" guard, she was

named player of the year by the *Freeport Journal-Standard*, and earned all-conference, all-area, and all-state accolades.

Howell will add needed height to the frontcourt when the 6'0" forward from Riverdale Baptist High School in Capitol Heights, Md. arrives atop Grymes Hill.

Ridge is another solid post player standing at 6'3" from Fremd High School in Barrington, Ill., where she was the conference player of the year.

Sullivan, a 5'10" guard, will make the voyage across the Verrazano Bridge from St. Francis Prep in Brooklyn, where she has played with the AAU Liberty Belles and earned all-conference and all-area awards.





2004 Football Schedule

September 4 • at LaSalle @ 1:00 p.m.

September 11 • at Marist @ 7:00 p.m.

September 18 • Stony Brook @ 1:00 p.m.

September 25 • at Central Conn. St. @ 6:00 p.m.

October 2 • at Sacred Heart @ 1:00 p.m.

October 9 • Monmouth (Metro-TV) @ 1:00 p.m.

October 16 • Iona (Family Weekend) @ 1:00 p.m.

October 23 • Robert Morris (Homecoming) @ 1:00 p.m.

October 30 • at Albany @ 1:00 pm

November 6 • at St. Francis-PA @ 1:00 pm

November 13 • at San Diego @ 1:00 pm

Home Games in bold • All Times are Eastern Standard Time • Times and Dates Subject to Change

6 will become Hall of Famers

At Homecoming on Oct. 23, Wagner will induct six members into the Hall of Fame Class of 2004. You're invited to celebrate the 14th annual induction ceremony. The inductees will be honored at 10:00 a.m., followed by Wagner's Homecoming game at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a halftime ceremony to commend the six new members.

This year's inductees are:

Ralph DiLullo '59 — baseball/football

Rudy Fusco '62 — football

Paul Perret '65 — football/track

Jorge Hernandez '85 — track

Maureen Coughlin Hannafin '89 — basketball

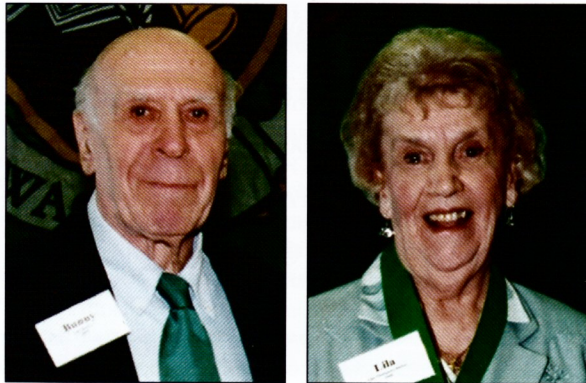
Bob Peirano '50 — contributor/baseball

For more information, call the Athletics Office at 718-390-3433. For ticket reservations, call 718-420-4039.

Recognizing excellence

National Alumni Association presents annual service awards

There are so many members of the Wagner community for whom excellence is a part of everyday life. At the annual reunion luncheon on June 5, the National Alumni Association (NAA) recognized 15 individuals for their excellence in service to Wagner College at the second annual awards program. Ken Nilsen '88 assisted Carl Westerdahl '59 in presenting the awards.



Inaugural Alumni Laureate award named in honor of first recipients: Bunny '39 and Lila Barbes '40

A very special service award was presented to and named for two individuals who you will invariably see at Wagner functions on and off campus throughout the year.

This year, the NAA presented the first Wagner Alumni Laureate to Bunny and Lila Barbes in recognition of their untiring service to the College. The award will be presented each year to Wagner alumni "who have given particularly long and distinguished service to the College."

In honor of their exceptional commitment to Wagner, the award will be named permanently in honor of its first recipients: the John "Bunny" Barbes '39 and Lila Barbes '40 Award.

Ken Nilsen '88, president of the National Alumni Association said: "Bunny and Lila have long been an integral part of the alumni association work. They have consistently supported the College through their efforts — they are a model for all alumni, and a pleasure to see at Wagner functions. It is truly an honor to work with them on behalf of the College."

Bunny began his career in Wagner's athletics department in 1946, coaching football, track, and squash. In 1969, he was appointed alumni director and he retired as a professor emeritus in 1983. Lila Thompson Barbes is an alumna and a Bregenz participant, and has been president of the Wagner Guild for over fifteen years, a role she has cherished.

2004 Service Awards

Leadership Medal: Frederick C. Williamson Jr. '64

Alumni Key: Marie Attonito Alberti '57, Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64, Claire Regan '80

Certificate of Appreciation: Walter Baumhoff '59, Marie Mann-Oliveras '77

Distinguished Graduate: Kathleen Ahern '78 M'81

Alumni Fellows: Tanya Brown '99, Marilyn DeSario, Dominic Fontano III, Lucille Mistretta, Rev. Dan Risch '77, Joan Schaeffer Stiggelbout '54

Frederick C. Williamson Jr. '64 is a trustee and past NAA president who has been a devotedly active alumnus for decades. As a student, he was varsity football co-captain, a track team member, head dormitory proctor, active in Student Government, a Songfest leader, and president of his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Marie Attonito Alberti '57 has helped organize and sustain the Wagner Athletics Hall of Fame since its founding. She has been a major supporter of the Golf Classic, which honors her late husband, Sal Alberti '57.

Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta '64 is the senior dean in the Center for Career Development and Experiential Learning at Wagner, serving in that position since 1997. She is a member of the Wagner faculty and the Department of Nursing. As a student, Ms. Barchitta was a member of the Student Nurses Association and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Claire Regan '80, associate managing editor of the *Staten Island Advance*, is an integral part of the Wagner community. She is an assistant professor of journalism, faculty advisor to *Kallista*, *Nimbus* and *The Wagnerian*, editor and design director of *The Link*, and a member of the National Alumni Association Communications Committee. Claire is active in volunteer work on Staten Island, and in 2004 was honored with the prestigious Poynter Institute for Media Studies fellowship in journalism ethics. As a student, she was president of ODK National Leadership Honor Society, secretary of SGA and a leader in Wagner's student publications.

Walter Baumhoff '59 joined the NAA in 2002 and became a trustee of Wagner in 2003. As a student, he was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the choir, the men's honor society and ODK National Leadership Honor Society. After a successful career in education administration, Walter now contributes his time and expertise to Wagner.

Marie Mann-Oliveras '77 received her B.S.E. from Wagner and went on to a successful career in human resources. She has held leadership roles at David Yurman Design, AKQA, AGENCY.COM, and Saatchi & Saatchi. Marie is a member of ODK, and contributes her leadership expertise as a member at large of the NAA.

Kathleen Ahern '78 M'81 recently completed her role as acting provost at Wagner, and has returned to teaching full time in the Wagner Nursing Department, directing their graduate program. Kathleen's profession of nursing intrinsically serves the community in a significant way, and she has never failed to take a leadership role in her profession.

Tanya Brown '99 graduated cum laude, and was recipient of the Outstanding Student Employee Award, the Dean of Students Award, and the Resident Assistant Award. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Alethea women's honor society. She also served as treasurer of Wagner's Gospel and held offices in Black Concern and Kappa Mu Epsilon. Tanya is the coordinator of graduate studies at Wagner College.

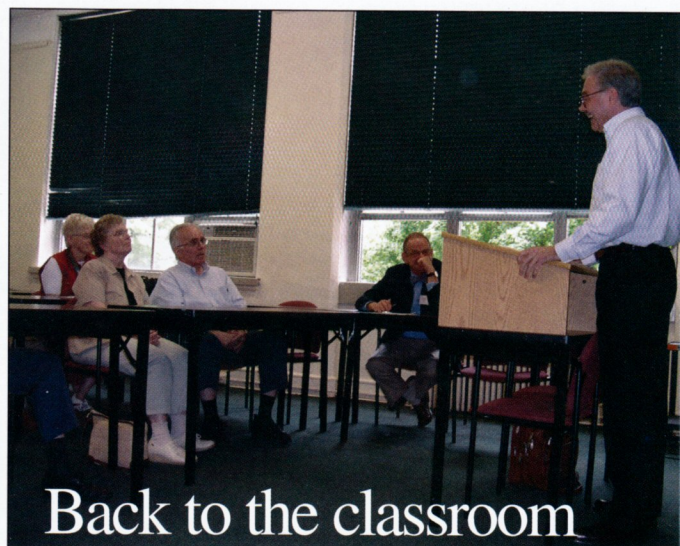
Marilyn DeSario is a lifelong friend, donor and Guild member. She also worked at the College in the business office for many years.

Dominick Fontano III has been a Wagner employee since 1967, and is currently director of campus operations. He is a Wagner donor and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Lucille Mistretta was secretary in the Office of Alumni Relations from 1990 to 2004. Over fourteen years, Lucille truly connected to the Wagner community and particularly to all the alumni she worked with throughout the years. Lucille is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and the proud parent of a Wagner alumna.

Rev. Dan Risch '77 is the CEO of Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, Wisconsin, a multi-site, nonprofit service provider that serves 15,000 people per year with nursing facilities, assisted living, and community-based programs. At Wagner, he was a member of Kappa Sigma Alpha, the Residence Hall Association, the Coffeehouse Committee, was a member of the soccer team, and served on the Songfest Committee. Rev. Risch was also involved with the Wagnerian and Lutheran Student Association.

Joan Sheaffer Stiggelbout '54 received a B.S.N. from Wagner and an M.N. from the University of Washington. She has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for 26 years. She is now a professor emerita at Pacific Lutheran University, where she established the university's Wellness Center.



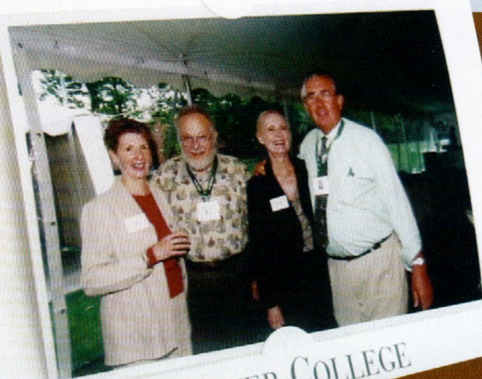
Back to the classroom at Alumni College



Hormann Library provided a backdrop for another commencement of sorts, during Reunion 2004. About 40 alumni and friends received their "diploma" for a day-long series of classes called Alumni College.

Subjects ranged from "the nature of the self" to "a tune-up for your spirit-mind-body connection" and were taught by Wagner faculty and Dr. James Guariglia '74. A yearly event on Friday of Reunion Weekend, Alumni College is educational — and a lot of fun. Join us next year and go back to the classroom.

Alumni College 'Dean' Carl Westerdahl '59 presents a diploma to B.E. Wong '54.



Make plans now for the next Reunion Weekend, June 3-5, 2005

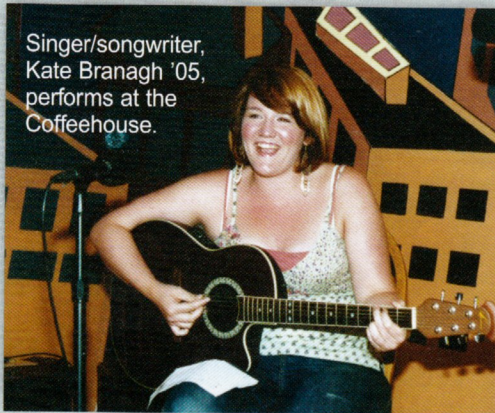
Remember your years at Wagner? Perhaps you have not returned to your alma mater recently. Look around your home and get out your Wagner photographs. Laugh at all the memories of good times on Grymes Hill.

Then make your plans to join us for Reunion 2005.

Special reunion classes for 2005 are the Class of 1955 celebrating its 50th and the Class of 1980 marking its 25th milestone. Classes ending in 0s and 5s will be gathering for milestone reunions. Join us — we promise you will have a great time!

For more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations in Reynolds House at 718-390-3224.

REUNION 2004



Singer/songwriter, Kate Branagh '05, performs at the Coffeehouse.

June 4 to 6 was a weekend to remember as alumni assembled for food, fun and memories.



Members of the Class of '64 gather on the roof of Harbor View Hall for cocktails to celebrate their 40th anniversary.



Dr. Ammini Moorthy catches up with Louise Repage Kaufman '75 M'78.

Above: The '64 Reunion Committee from the left are Bruce Liozzi, Fred Williamson, Don Fox, Julia Sinisgalli Barchitta, Donald "Butch" Savage and Bill Johnson.

Left: A Living History of Wagner College alums: Wanda Schweizer Praisner '54, Henry Murphy '63 M'69, Ken Nilsen '88, and Trustee Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 share their memories.





Left: John Dudas '64 and wife, Linda Rossi Dudas '64 look at Kallista yearbooks.



Right: A smiling group of alumni gathers around a table in the tent on Sutter Oval for a photo. From left are Ernie Jackson '87, Lisa DeRespino Bennett '85, Christian Miller '84, Ken Nilsen '88, Karen McNiece '87, and Annmari Lambiasi '85.



Accompanied on the dance floor by her husband, Butch Savage '64, Jayne Savage offers a suggestive wink to Vincent Baldassano '64 and wife, Carole, assuring them that they've still "got it."



Right: Saturday's reunion luncheon in the Union brought over 200 friends together spanning the decades and celebrating Wagner's past, present, and future.

Left: President Richard Guarasci and John Deane '55 get acquainted at the president's reception.



Always a reason



Wagnerians gather at an event hosted by Anthony Capetola '67 at his East Meadow, New York club, The Carlton.

Pictured from left are Corey Shapiro, assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions; Joe Stasi, head track coach; Cara Coppola '02; Cindy Sforza '03; Walt Hameline, director of athletics; Jennifer Merschoff '01; and Kristen LeClair '03.



Pictured from left to right are Don MacKenzie '61, Vito DeStefano '02, and Anthony Capetola '67.



Andrew Senese '72, athletics director Walt Hameline, and William Senese are all smiles at The Carlton.

for alums to get together



Bridgette Colleran '04, Sarah Madej '04, and Katie Munson '04 pose for a quick *Link* picture at the Stanley Drama Awards.



Co-chairs of the California 2004 committee, Dr. Ed Rudinger '51 and Karen Robinson '00 meet up in San Diego, Calif.



Trustee Aletta Kipp Diamond '65, President Guarasci, Margaret Christie '49 and Michael '49 Nicolais, Carin Guarasci and Trustee Louise Repage Kaufman '75 M'78 at the president's house.



A family of Wagnerians: Jamie Scholz '01, Jack Scholz '68, Jason Scholz '98, and Jack Scholz Jr. '92 at the annual Joe Jilts football golf outing.



Sarasota Weekend: Over a dozen alumni gathered in Florida in February 2004 to attend an estate planning seminar. From left to right are hosts Greg '66 and Pat Knapp, with Henry '63 and Margaret Murphy.

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1958

Class Agent: Milton Keen
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Al Wagner (Cape Carl, Fla.) who served on the Department of Education faculty from 1961 to 1995, was recently appointed to the School Board for the Christ Lutheran Church K-8 school in Cape Coral, Fla. where he has lived since 1996.

1962

Class Agent: Robert A. Straniere
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718-667-0314

Beverly Hoehne Whipple, Ph.D, RN, FAAN (Medford, N.J.) received the Professional Standard of Excellence Award from the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists in June 2003. She is currently the vice president of the World Association for Sexology.

1964

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Class of 1964: The challenge is on!

An anonymous member of the Class of 1964 has generously offered us a class gift challenge of \$50,000. What does this mean to us? Well, it means that our class has been asked by this donor to match this gift dollar for dollar. If we are able to do this, the 1964 40th anniversary class gift to Wagner College will be an impressive \$100,000.

Please help us achieve this goal and help to ensure that Wagner remains as great a place as it was when we attended. Wagner has a bright future—help be a part of it by making your gift to the Annual Fund.

If you have already made a gift, please consider raising your gift. If you have not yet given, please include your class gift in the envelope provided with *The Link*, and mark it "Class of 1964 Reunion Gift."

Thank you for your support! Hope to see you all soon, but certainly at our 45th class reunion in 2009!

— Fred Williamson '64
Class Agent

1970

Looking for Class Agent

Deborah Wynne Stockton (Bay Head, N.J.) after living in Vero Beach, Fla. for 11 years working in real estate, has moved back to New Jersey. She would love to hear from old friends at DWStockton@yahoo.com.

1972

Looking for Class Agent

Anthony Ferreri (Staten Island) was appointed the new president and chief operating officer at Staten Island University Hospital.

Dr. George C. Trachtenberg (Vestal, N.Y.) married Katherine Finnegan in November 2003. He is a podiatric physician and surgeon in private practice in Vestal, N.Y.

1973

Class Agent: Henry E. Gemino
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Emily Youssouf (Staten Island) was appointed president of the New York City Housing Development Corporation.

1976

Class Agent: John M. Zawisny
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718-447-4290 / jzawisny@aol.com

Rayna Upton-Haigh (Ridgefield, Conn.) has joined James P. Murphy & Associates as a sales and marketing executive.

Donna Christie Bredholt and **Peter Bedholt** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June.

1977

Class Agent: Maarten van Hengel
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(914) 631-7574 / mrvh@bellatlantic.net

Gerard A. Zunno (Mineola, N.Y.) has been named to Central Suffolk Hospital Board of Directors. He is vice president of Patient Care Services.

1979

Looking for Class Agent

Kathleen H. Healy (Staten Island) holds a new position at VNS of N.Y. as RN, Home Care Consultant and became engaged to Robert DiNora, also of Staten Island. Both of these events occurred in June 2003.

Dr. Meryl Efron (Staten Island) was honored by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City and Congressman Vito Fossella's Office for dental identification efforts following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the crash of Flight 587 in Belle Harbor, L.I.

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A Fine and Bitter Snow



Poems by
Wanda S. Praisner

The power of words

The beauty of the written word, the power of poetry, of expression to convey a person's deepest feelings is so evident in Wanda Praisner's new book of poetry, *A Fine and Bitter Snow* (Palanquin Press, 2003). Everywhere there is evidence of her extraordinary gift with words. A retired educator and talented artist, Wanda is currently a Poet in the Schools for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Her work has appeared in journals nationwide, including the *Atlanta Review* and *New York Magazine*.

Wanda has received a poetry fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and three scholarships to the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Her poetry has won recognition through numerous awards, including the Kudzu Prize from *The Devil's Millbopper*, The Maryland Review's Egan Award, and a nomination for the Pushcart Prize.



1980

Class Agents: Edward L. Garlock
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Billy K. Tyler
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323-462-711 / Blutobilly@aol.com
Dr. Jeff Dailey's (Brooklyn, N.Y.) New York University's dissertation, *The Successful Failure: Arthur Sullivan's Ivanhoe* won the National Opera Dissertation Competition.

Dr. Elizabeth Speakmon, Ed.D, RN (Cherry Hill, N.J.) has been appointed associate professor of nursing with a joint appointment to the School of Graduate Studies at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa.

1981

Class Agent: Rose Sicihano
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Lake worth, FL 33463
561-963-9240

Thomas A. Masella (New Britain, Conn.) has been appointed as the new head football coach at Central Connecticut State University, New Brighton, Conn.

Shannon Stakofsky-Davis (Virginia Beach, Va.) was promoted to business manager of the Cayce/Reilly School, Virginia Beach, Va.

1982

Class Agent: John Spadaro
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Randy De Meno (Staten Island), more popular as the baseball team's leadoff batter on Wagner's first ever NCAA Division I playoff team was also Wagner's first

computer applications major. Since 1994, he has been working at CommVault Systems, a provider of enterprise data management, backup and recovery software. Randy has acquired numerous patents, including application specific rollback in a computer system, and system and method for archiving objects in an information store.

1983

Looking for Class Agent
Dr. Lisa Esposito (Staten Island) received the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City's Outstanding Service Award.

1985

Class Agent: Andrew G. Williams
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Alice Armstrong (Staten Island) was promoted from assistant director to director of the Learning Center Pre-School at Celebration for Kids.

1986

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Diane Szwaja Broderson (Middletown, N.J.) married Michael in May 2003. She is a registered nurse in ICU at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

1989

Looking for Class Agent

Santino Scarcella (Staten Island) married Gina Cipriano May 2004. He is a self-employed real estate title examiner and owner of Elite Abstract in West Brighton.



1990

Looking for Class Agent

Louis Anarumo Jr. (Huntington, W.Va.) was appointed defensive backs coach at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Idaho, shown above.

Arlene Garcia Cucuzza (Staten Island) married Anthony in March 2004. The Alpha Omicron Pi sorority member is now a lieutenant in the city's Police Department in Brooklyn.

Diann M. Johnston (Secaucus, N.J.) was nominated for the 2004 Governor's Nursing Merit Award.

William C. Maxwell (Peekskill, N.Y.) was recently displayed in a solo exhibit at the Mooney Center Exhibit Hall at The College of New Rochelle, Westchester, N.Y.

1991

Class Agent: Jennifer A. Norton
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732-458-5149 / skippytee1@aol.com

Helen Hernandez (Staten Island) received the Dr. Norbert H. Leeseberg Alumni Award for ODK at Wagner College.

1992

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Scott Allen Boccia (Herndon, Va.) and Emily Blair Greene were married on April 24, 2004.

1993

Class Agent: Stuart Plotkin
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718-982-6898 / splotkin@pclient.ml.com

Donna Testa Lynch (Monmouth Beach, N.J.) married Jim in August 2003.

Dr. Christina Klein is joined in her private practice, Dynamic Dental, P.L.L.C. by her sister, **Diane '99**.

1994

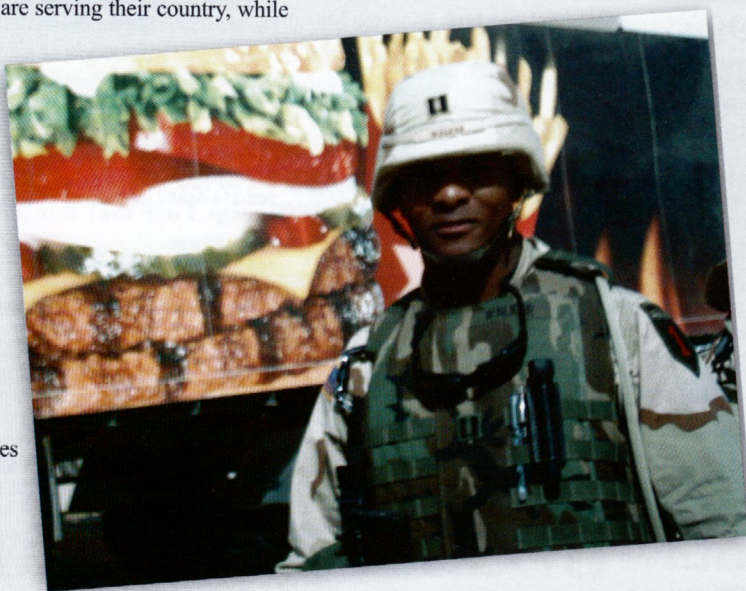
Class Agent: James J. Hickey
81 Ramblewood Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10308
718-967-4845

James J. Hickey (Staten Island) was recently named principal of Old Bridge High School, Old Bridge, N.J.

Adam Newman (Staten Island) married Shara Marquis in

A message from a world away

Iraq is literally and figuratively a world apart from Wagner College, but two Wagner alums are serving their country, while helping to create a better future for another country that is worlds apart from our own. Though Robert '94 and Rachel '94 Walker couldn't be with us for their ten year reunion, they sent their thoughts and good wishes along to all their classmates and Wagner community.





Among the crowds of smiling alumni who returned for Reunion 2004. One face stood above (or should we say below) the crowd. Malcolm, who resides with Don '64 and Susan Fox, illustrated Wagner's perennial international appeal as his

Reynolds House welcomes ...

Malcolm was unable to attend Wagner himself (for obvious reasons), the Reynolds House staff bestowed upon him an honorarium, and he now enjoys the appellation Malcolm RH'04.

January 2004. He is a special education teacher at Barnes Intermediate School, Great Kills.

Dr. Kenneth Popler (Staten Island) was reappointed as chairman of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Community Services Board.

1995

Class Agent: Nancy L. Salgado-Cowan
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201-240-6395 / nursenancy@hotmail.com

Alice Giovanniello Cohen (Staten Island) married Michael in July 2003. She is a seventh grade math teacher at Tottenville Intermediate School, Staten Island.

1996

Looking for Class Agent

John Monahan (Staten Island) has been promoted to vice president of corporate accounts at Swissray International, Elizabeth, N.J.

1997

Class Agent: Alison Boyd
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Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Kimberly Rehak (Staten Island) and Anthony Tessitore have announced their engagement to be married. Miss Rehak is a school psychologist at the Gingerbread Learning Center, Greenridge.

Laurie Mucelli McDermott (Staten Island) married Patrick on May 29, 2004.

1998

Class Agent: Tara L. Yeo Laguna
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Shannon Hurley Barca (Franklin, Mass.) married Joseph February 2004. She is a teacher employed by Westboro Public Schools, Mass.

Jennifer Doss Borrelli (Staten Island) married Santo in December 2003. She is a special education teacher at Hughes Elizabeth Lakes Union School, Lake Hughes, Calif.



At the May wedding of Courtney Fuglein '97 and Keif Matera. From left to right: Danielle Gianfortune Inserra '97, Sara Frazier '98, Courtney, Keif, Erin Healey '98, and Amy Mancini '00

Anthony Guadagno (Staten Island) married Lauren Paragallo. He is a city police officer, assigned to the Staten Island Borough Anti-Crime Unit and is a personal trainer at the YMCA South Shore Center, Eltingville.

Iva Hull Reuven (Staten Island) married Oshri in June 2004.

1999

Class Agent: Vinnie S. Potestivo
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Roseanne Pianelli Antoniello (Staten Island), who is now the assistant vice president in investment bank recruiting at JP Morgan Chase and Co., Manhattan, married Anthony in May.

Kristyl Cuenca (Holbrook, N.Y.) got engaged to **Robert G. Sisko** '97 in May 2003. They were married on Long Island in August 2004 and will be living and working in Manhattan.

Nore Di Biasi (Staten Island) and Anthony Setteducate are engaged to be married in October. She is a trade support analyst for Bear Stearns, Manhattan.

Dr. Diane Klein (Staten Island) graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from New York University School of Dentistry. She will join her sister **Christina** '93 in private practice on Staten Island.

Jeanine Carlucci McDonnell (Staten Island) married John in February 2004. She is a vice president working in corporate technology as a project manager at J.P. Morgan Chase, Jersey City, N.J.

Lee Morenzi (Bayonne, N.J.) and Lori Matassa have been engaged to be married in July 2005. Morenzi is a senior floor operations specialist on the New York Stock Exchange for Charles Schwab, Manhattan.

Erica Smith (Thetford, Vt.) is engaged to be married in June 2005 in Cape Cod, Mass. to Vincent G. Caloiero. She is the director of study abroad at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

2000

Class Agents: Matt Acanfora
Japan
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Nicole Spitzer Pawliczak (Staten Island) married Jason in April 2004.

Karen L. Robinson (San Diego, Calif.) received a Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in May.

2001

Class Agents: Simone A. McBride
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Michael E. Poole
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Katherine Sorrentino Coletti (Staten Island) was married to Thomas in February 2004. She is a budget analyst with the New York City Office of Management and Budget, Manhattan.

Nicole Holczinger Moore (Holmes, N.Y.) was married in August to William Thomas Moore. She is a teacher in the Pawling Central School District.

2002

Class Agents: Peter J. Herbst
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Renee M. Sudol
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Kimberly Gambino and Donna Miele (Staten Island) were named head coaches for the Staten Island Xotics dance team.

2004

Class Agent: Alexis Hernandez
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lex382@aol.com

Megan Anderson was appointed assistant lacrosse coach at Long Island University, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jon Fazio (Staten Island) began his job at JP Morgan in investment banking.

Morgan McLean (Washington, D.C.) is happy to be working at Amnesty International in Washington, D.C., saying "It has begun to sunk in that I'm working in my dream organization!"

Wagner College is seeking **class agents**

Consider giving your time to your alma mater by becoming a class agent. Class agents help out in various ways, fulfilling a crucial role by serving as liaisons between their classmates and the College. Volunteers from any classes are welcome, but we are particularly interested in graduates of the following years: **1941, 1944-1948, 1950, 1952, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1990, 1996, 2003**. If you are interested in this role, please send an e-mail to alumni@wagner.edu, or call Tevah Platt at 718-420-4165. Find out more about class agents online at www.wagner.edu/alumni/classagent.

Crib notes **The Wagner Family welcomes the following members to the Classes of 2025, 2026:**

Garbielle Hope, daughter of **Robert Marronaro '85** and wife Lynette, born February 2004. She joins brothers James, 12, and Andrew, 7. Robert would like to hear from friends and classmates. His e-mail address is marronaro@aol.com.

Jaedon Scott, son of **Gretchen Busch Wolfrum '86** and husband Scott, born January 2004. He joins sisters Emily, Aubrey and Joelle.

Kasey Madeline, daughter of **Francine Hupfer Kelly '89** and husband Kevin, born February 2004. She joins her brother, Keith, 5, and sister, Kayla, 3.

Gianni Christopher, son of **Chris Caccese '90** and wife Jenna, born December 2003.

Joseph Carlo, son of **Vita Quartara Squillacioti '92** and husband Lewis, born June 2004. He joins brother Anthony.

Elizabeth Marie, daughter of **Marybeth Gallagher Morrison '92** and husband Brian, born July 2003.

Olivia, daughter of **Lisa Dalessandro Cordova '93** and husband Angelo, born April 2004.

Michael Louis LaPera and Christina Marie LaPera born to **Jennifer Olsen LaPera '94** and husband **Steven LaPera '95**.

Alexandra Ellen, daughter of **Tina Ostensen Gavioli '96** and husband Gregg, born February 2004.

Corrine, daughter of **Robyn Ruehl-Lippert '97** and husband David, born June 2003.

Cecilia Ann, daughter of **Flavia Manske Feltner '97** and husband Shaun, born July 2004.

Calling all young alumni

Did you graduate in the past ten years? The Young Alumni Council (YAC) was formed this past summer to serve the needs and interests of young alumni. We hope to maintain the sense of community that recent graduates feel-with the College, and with one another. To this end, the YAC communicates via e-mail to discuss young alumni events and services, and reaches out to fellow young alumni to encourage engagement with the College. Founding members of the council are:

Kate Branagh '05, Alexis Hernandez '04, Kinsey Casey '02, Cindy Sforza '02, Renee Sudol '02, Peter Herbst '02, Mike Poole '01, Matt Acanfora '00, and Tara Yeo Lagana '98.

If you would like to become a member of the YAC, please e-mail Tevah Platt, assistant director of alumni relations at tplatt@wagner.edu. And, check out young alumni services and upcoming events at www.wagner.edu/alumni/youngalumni.

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Kinsey Casey '02



Cindy Sforza '02



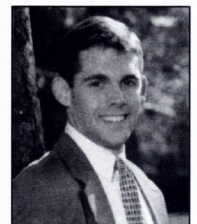
Renee Sudol '02



Matt Acanfora '00



Alexis Hernandez '04



Mike Poole '01



Tara Yeo Lagana '98



Peter Herbst '02



Kate Branagh '05

Remember when...

Campus Community Chest was the big spring event

It began as an old-fashioned carnival in the 1960s, and thrived as Campus Community Chest in the 1970s and 1980s. But by any name, the annual event organized by students in the gym was always a success because it brought the Staten Island community to campus and raised money for dozens of charities. Patrons gladly plunked down 50 cents or a dollar to dunk a student in a barrel of water or throw a chocolate cream pie at a friend. There was pie-throwing and face-painting, and a lot of fun moments that became fond memories. Do you have a Campus Community Chest memory to share? E-mail it to thelink@wagner.edu.





Gail Kelley '97 is named director of alumni relations

Wagner is pleased to announce the appointment of Gail Kelley '97 as the new director of alumni relations. She assumes this role after three years at Wagner, working with alumni from around the country as special gifts officer.

"As a Wagner alumna, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet and get to know more alumni. I am particularly looking forward to traveling to different areas of the country to help more graduates reconnect with Wagner. It's great to

know that I will play such an important role in Wagner's future," Ms. Kelley says.

Prior to joining the staff at Wagner, Ms. Kelley worked at Christie's, the fine arts auction house, as an account manager. She graduated a semester early in December 1996 with a degree in arts administration and remains an active member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Wagner is pleased to have an alumna working in such a vital

role. Says Terry Karamanos, vice president for institutional advancement, "We are indeed fortunate that such a skilled and talented alumna will be filling this role for us in Reynolds House. Her leadership skills will be invaluable to us as we work to extend our reach with alumni from across the country."

Ms. Kelley looks forward to hearing from alumni. You can reach her by phone at 718-420-4164 or by e-mail, gkelley@wagner.edu.

Family Weekend

Oct. 15-17

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Join us for a main stage theatre production of *Swing!*, Seahawk football vs. Iona, Big Onion tours of Manhattan, a visit to the Garibaldi Meucci Museum, plus performances by the choir, the jazz ensemble, and the dance troupe.

In the next issue of *The Link*

Advances in technology have changed the way students learn. Wagner recently received a \$75,000 grant from the Alden Trust to create mobile technology carts that will deliver the latest high-tech educational tools to classrooms across the campus. The grant is just one of many initiatives in academia at Wagner. In the next issue, read about how these advances have altered the shape of learning and teaching.

What's news with you?

Use this form to bring your fellow alumni/ae up-to-date with recent developments including new jobs, promotions, addresses, weddings and children. Mail to Wagner College Alumni Office, One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301 ♦ Fax: 718-390-3217 ♦ E-mail: alumni@wagner.edu

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Home phone _____ Home e-mail _____

Business title _____ Business company _____

Business address _____ Business phone _____ Business e-mail _____

Class note [please attach another sheet of paper if more space is needed] _____

In memm

Emil Bommer '38 A retired tool designer at the Singer Engineering Company, Emil lived in Wilmington, N.C. While at Wagner, Emil was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. He passed away in January 2004.

Werner Johnson '41 Werner was a member of Wagner's football and track teams. He also received with the National Alumni Service Award in 1974.

Thomas D. Searl '41 A former Kappa Sigma Alpha member, Thomas retired from the Exxon Research Company where he worked. He lived in Staten Island before passing away in May 2004.

Stephen J. Kost '42 Stephen was a retired member of the United Engineers and Constructors.

Col. Martin F. Schroeder '42 A resident of Toms River, N.J., Martin was an Alpha Sigma Phi member while at Wagner. He passed away in January 2004.

Rev. Robert H. Arnold '44 A retired pastor, Robert was a member of both the men's football and baseball teams in addition to being a member of Alpha Sigma Phi at Wagner.

August C. Drubel '44 A Cum Laude graduate of Wagner as a Sigma Delta Pi member, August was a retired worker for the BASF Corporation. He lived in Williamsburg, Va. with his wife, Beatrice.

Frank D. Wall '44 Frank worked in Sandy Hook, N.J. before retiring to Cape Coral, Fla. He passed away in February 2004.

Jeanette Cuthbert Balagurchik '46 Jeanette was a resident of Staten Island. She passed away in January 2004.

Doris Mc Cullough Gardner '46 Doris was a resident of Locust Grove, Va. She passed away in April 2004.

Theodore E. Arthur '49 A retired technical service engineer, Mr. Arthur was a resident of Baton Rouge, La. He passed away in June 2004.

Dr. William A. Morrison '49 A member of Alpha Sigma Phi, Mr. Morrison was married to a Wagner alum and was a retired principal of Weber Junior High School.

Richard Paugh '49 A retired worker for the General Electric Foundation, Mr. Paugh passed away in June 2004.

Daniel Teitelbaum '49 The retired owner of ACE Furniture on Staten Island, Mr. Teitelbaum passed away on June 25, 2004.

George W. Niederhauser '50 Mr. Niederhauser was a retired administrator for the Board of Education. At Wagner, he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He passed away in June 2004.

Irving Cohen '51 Irving resided in Manhattan and retired from Irving Sales Co. before passing away in March 2004.

Joan Enger '51 Joan was employed by the Tressler Lutheran Services Association. She passed away in February 2004.

Arch W. Henry '52 A retired vice president of sales at Imo Industries, Mr. Henry was a member of the men's football and track teams in addition to being a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Robert L. Schinkel '52 At Wagner, Mr. Schinkel was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi as well as the men's basketball team. He was the retired president of RJS Courier Services.

Victor A. Cranston '53 A married resident of Mendham, N.J., Victor was the vice president and senior personal officer of the First National State Bank of N.J.

Charles Peters '53 While at Wagner, Charles was a member of the ski club. He resided in Cincinnati, Ohio and passed away in November 2003.

Dr. Austin S. Litvak '54 While at Wagner, Dr. Litvak accomplished a great deal academically and athletically. He was a member of the men's football and track teams in addition to working for the Nimbus and the Wagnerian. He was the CEO of Continence Care, Inc., a medical management company.

Harold Wanzer '55 resided in Randallstown, Md. and passed away in December 2003.

Jeanne Bracken Eberbach '56 An employee of Pfizer Inc., and a resident of Sanford, N.C., Jeanne passed away in April 2004.

John M. Klindtworth '57 A retired auditor of the Verizon Foundation, John was a resident of Manchester, N.J.

Dolores Butz '60 Residing in Manhasset, N.Y., Dolores was a retired laboratory manager for Queens Hospital Center. She was also a member Alpha Delta Pi at Wagner.

Carol A. Trachte Zucconi '60 Married to George R. Zucconi, M.D., a Wagner alum, Carol was a member of Beta Beta Beta. She passed away in November 2003.

Frank Monahan '61 Frank received his undergraduate degree in 1961 and his master's degree in 1966 from Wagner. He passed away in December 2003.

James J. Bobbitt '62 A retired employee of Pier-Angeli, Mr. Bobbitt was married to a Wagner alumna.

Richard J. Diem '62 Richard was employed by the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation. He passed away in June 2000.

Dr. Frederick Moor Binder H'64 Dr. Binder served as president of Whittier College from 1970 to 1975 and Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. from 1975 until his retirement in 1986.

Victor J. Rossi '64 A Bridgewater, N.J. resident, Victor passed away in February 2004.

Ronald A. Dario '65 A retired teacher for the Hoboken Public School System, Mr. Dario served on Wagner's football team during his stay here. He passed away in June 2004.

William O'Donnell '68 A fiscal Officer at the Craig Development Center, William was once a member of Wagner's Radio Station team. He passed away in April 2004.

Gloria J. Flynn '69 A Staten Island resident, Ms. Flynn passed away in May 2004.

Robert Witowsky '69 Robert received his undergraduate degree in 1969 and his masters in 1974. He was also a member of Delta Nu.

Roland T. Sprague '70 Roland owned and managed his own business, Sprague Screen Graphics before passing away in November 2003.

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John Molinelli '74 John was a member of the men's football team at Wagner. He passed away in March 2004.

Kenneth S. Fraser '81 A member of Alpha Sigma Phi at Wagner, Kenneth was a computer consultant in Staten Island.

Elizabeth D. Clements '82 A Pittsburg resident, Elizabeth was a manager of quality assurance for the Heinz Company.

Francis J. Byron III '87 A resident of Staten Island, Francis passed away in April 2004.

Dr. Richard Diamond H'91 Richard was the publisher of the Staten Island Advance. He passed away in January 2004.

Phyllis J. Crane DeLaRosa '92 Ms. DeLaRosa was the director of the Koicheff Clinic. She passed away on June 11, 2004.

This list is comprised of information received from alumni, friends, and relatives through August 10, 2004. We extend our apologies for any omissions. The Wagner community extends our condolences to their families.

Frederick Willecke '40



Dr. Frederick E. Willecke, 86, died January 18, 2004 in Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass.

He attended Trinity Lutheran School in Stapleton and graduated from Curtis High School. Dr. Willecke went on to attend Wagner where he met his future wife, the former Eleanor Jensen.

In 1942, Dr. Willecke joined the faculty at Wagner and also married Eleanor that same year. They moved to Grymes Hill in 1954. His teaching career, however, was interrupted by World War II, in which he served in the Coast Guard as a chief petty officer. He resumed his duties at Wagner in 1946, serving in teaching and administrative capacities.

When he retired in 1983, he had the distinction of serving longer than any faculty member in the college's history. During his 38-year career at Wagner, he was instrumental in establishing the college's study abroad program, which opened an affiliate campus in 1962 in Bregenz, Austria. In recognition of his service and accomplishments, he was awarded with professor emeritus standing.

After his retirement, Dr. Willecke and his wife relocated to Wellfleet, Mass. where they enjoyed taking his 19-foot sailboat out in Wellfleet Bay. They also enjoyed traveling.

Dr. Willecke's wife of 58 years, Eleanor, died in 2000. Their son, Frederick, Jr., died in 1989. Dr. Willecke is survived by his daughter, Dorothea Kane and six grandchildren.

Mary Alice Carroll '64



Born in Detroit and raised in Canton, N.Y., Ms. Carroll received her B.A. degree from Wagner after spending her junior year at Presidency College in Calcutta, India, where her parents were working.

She began her teaching career in a Middletown, N.Y., elementary school and commuted to New York University. On answering an oil company ad for a teaching position in a small school in Abu Dhabi, she shared teaching all the subjects for grades 1-12 with another teacher for nine months.

During the following three years, she taught in a larger oil company school with 12 teachers, in Masjid Sulemein (Mosque of Solomon) in Iran.

She moved to Maryland in the 1980s and took a position in the Juvenile Justice Department, first in Montgomery County, then in Prince George's County for ten years. In 1989, she moved to Greenbelt.

Five years ago, she returned to teaching at Lyndon Hill and more recently at Cherokee Lane Elementary School in Adelphi, Md.

Ms. Carroll passed away in November 2003. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother John and his wife Nancy, two nieces and a nephew in Friendswood, Texas.

JoAnna DeSilva Berggren '96



On January 31, while returning home from baby-sitting her sister's children in Mastic Beach, Long Island, JoAnna DeSilva Berggren '96 and her husband, William, both 29, were just three blocks

away from their home in Shirley, N.Y., when their car was struck by a driver in a stolen Jeep Cherokee.

Ms. Berggren, who was in the passenger seat, died from injuries that night at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center. Her husband was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital, but survived.

She always had a passion for music and a beautiful voice. At Wagner, in addition to being a member of Alpha Delta Pi, she belonged to the choir.

She earned a B.A. degree in music from Wagner and later received a master's degree from Stony Brook University. She sang every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass at St. Jude's Church in Mastic Beach and last summer, she sang the National Anthem at a Long Island Ducks baseball game.

She was married in August 2003.

Ms. Berggren was a music teacher for Boyle Road Elementary School in Port Jefferson Station, where she was also the choir director. This was only her first teaching position, but she had been there for nearly six years.

The power of ONE

Late August and early September are the most invigorating of times on campus. Undergraduates return. Some, such as Brianna Doughty '06 and Jess Friswell '06 return from stimulating international travel. Others, like Stephen Depasse '05 and Michelle Buonfiglio '05 are fresh from internships at J.P. Morgan. A handful have spent the summer volunteering for their favorite candidates for president.

The presence of so many returning and new students fills me with pride. I am here because they are here. And I'm not talking about enrollment or financial bottom lines. It is the incipient power, a palpable kinetic energy possessed by each student, that fires the souls of my colleagues and me. I am always asked about the class. Did we make our goals? How's the quality? What about diversity? My questioners want me to respond with numbers, in that aggregated shorthand of which college guides are so enamored.

I can answer them in their language, and do. But I prefer to think of individuals. I wonder who among our new students will be the next Morgan McLean, the feisty former president of Wagner's Student Government Association. What a bright light she was, passionate with opinion, energetic to the core, a thinker, a talker, a doer, and a person who cared and wanted you to know it. Now with Amnesty International in Washington, D.C., Morgan is one woman who will continue to make a difference in every life she touches. She is gifted with the power of one.

It is tempting to think of the power of one in tectonic terms. It's said, for instance, that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wields unusual individual influence on the Supreme Court. Though she was the first woman appointed the high bench, her power has little to do with gender. She says that wise old men and wise old women reach decisions in much the same manner. They both just need wisdom. Justice O'Connor is, nonetheless, an exemplar of the power of one.

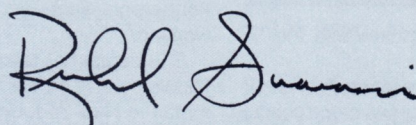
Few of us will find ourselves in, or be able to inject ourselves into, the raging torrent of current events with sufficient force to change the direction of the flow in any way that will be readily apparent to all. I continue to be amazed, however, at how few people it takes to make a difference. When recount of Florida's ballots in the 2000 presidential election was halted on December 8 of that year, George W. Bush appeared to have won by only 193 votes, or a group of people less than half of the size of this fall's freshmen class.

Now imagine that the November elections are equally close – a margin of fewer than 200 votes. But this time, the ballots cast in state of New

York or in your state would decide the presidency. Here on campus, if each of our 18-year-old first-year students exercised her or his responsibility as a member of this society based on democracy, collectively they might well determine the next president of the United States.

The Census Bureau tells us that holders of bachelor's and advanced degrees are very likely to vote. I would like to believe that there is something intentional in their college experiences—as there is in *The Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts*—that inculcates a commitment to practice the arts of democracy and exercise the power of one.

This fall, each of our first year students will leave Wagner's hill to work in businesses and as volunteer staffers in community service agencies. They will see first-hand the economic and social issues at stake in the election. In paralleling courses and seminars, faculty and staff will help them gain perspective, reflect on their experiences, and develop perhaps a touch of the wisdom about which Justice O'Connor speaks. It is my hope Wagner's curriculum and our energetic and talented faculty and staff will inspire each student, as it has motivated our alumni, to demonstrate our power of one.



Dr. Richard Guarasci
President



What's happening at Wagner

Saturday, September 18

Wagner Football Kick Off Classic vs. Stony Brook

This year's Kick Off Classic will honor the 1964 Football Team. Kickoff at 1:00 p.m. Call the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics for more information at 718-390-3433.

September 29

Mentorship Dinner

Mentors and proteges are invited to dinner at the Faculty Dining Room on Wagner's campus. For more information about the Mentorship program, call Career Development at 718-390-3181.

Thursday, October 7

Dinner and a Show: *Swing*

Wagner College Theatre presents *Swing!* Join alumni for a great dinner on campus at 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Then enjoy ideal seats at what promises to be an exceptional per-

formance. The curtain goes up at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224 or to

alumni@wagner.edu by September 16th.

October 23

Homecoming

Wagner is scheduled to play Robert Morris. Kickoff at 1:00 p.m. Look in your mailbox for details coming soon, or call the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224.

December 2

Dinner and a Show: *South Pacific*

Join alumni for a great dinner in the campus' Faculty Dining Room at 6:00 p.m., followed by a fabulous, 8:00 p.m. performance of *South Pacific*. We have a limited number of great seats, so RSVP today to 718-390-3224 or alumni@wagner.edu .

December 11

Black Tie Gala

Inner Circle members are invited to this annual black tie event. Call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 718-390-3303 for more information.

Homecoming and
the Far Hills Races
are on the same day,
October 23. Check
your calendar!

Wagner around the country

September 17-19

Estate Planning Seminar in Martha's Vineyard

Hosted by Greg Knapp '66 and Pat Knapp, and Tom Moles '65 and Polly Peck Moles '68 at this gorgeous location. The presentation will show you how to pass on more of your assets to your loved ones. If you are interested in attending, please call Betty McComiskey, coordinator of special events, at 718-420-4014.

Monday, September 20

Sal Alberti Golf Classic

The 15th annual event promises to be the best and the biggest yet. Honorary chair, Lou De Luca, and chairmen Walt Hameline, Wally Pagan '61, and Bob Peirano '50 invite alumni to play in this annual gathering at Richmond County Country Club. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit the Wagner Athletic Endowment Fund. For more information, call The Athletics Office 718-390-3433, or contact Corey Shapiro at 718-420-4008 or cshapiro@wagner.edu.

October 18

Career Networking in Manhattan: Business

Faculty, Business upperclassmen and all alumni are invited to get together at a mixer in Manhattan. Venue and details to be posted soon... The event will feature a guest speaker, free consultation and resume or professional bio review from the Office of Career Development, and more. Call the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224.

October 23

Far Hills Races

Over 50,000 spectators converge on the rolling hills of Moorland Farms in Far Hills, N.J. for the state's largest social event of the fall season—the Far Hills Race Meeting. Bring your family! Call the Alumni Office at 718-390-3224 for more information.

November 12-14

Alumni Events in San Diego, CA

Friday, November 12

Social Gathering (Informal so bring the kids)

Golf (so bring your clubs)

Saturday, November 13

Pre-game brunch at USD (so bring your appetite)

Seahawk Football (so bring your Green and White pride) Call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 718-390-3303 for more information.

Between Thursday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 9 Wagner College Choir will be on tour. The trip will take them from points in Pennsylvania through New Jersey, New York, Connecticut to Massachusetts and back. Concerts in Doylestown, Pa., Glen Rock, N.J., Pearl River, N.Y., Hartford, Conn., and Worcester, Mass., are taking shape already. The Home Concert will be given at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, Staten Island on Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. We hope to see you at one of our concerts in March.

Wagner College Theatre 2004-05 Schedule

Reserve your seats today. Call 718-390-3259

Swing!

October 6-17

SOUTH PACIFIC

November 17-December 5

CHESS

February 3-March 6

The Music Man

April 6-17

The Dance Concert

May 4-8

Wagner College's 2003
production of *Cabaret*.

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