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ABOVE: *Literary Journal Club with Ms. Woolf*

Letter from the Principal



Dear Friends,

“Jesus grew in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” Written by the evangelist Luke after Jesus is found by his parents in the Temple, this description of Jesus’ adolescence seems appropriate to reflect upon as our girls finish another set of final

examinations and Regents. Our students have bettered their knowledge of Algebra, Physics, Latin and many more subjects. Throughout the year, over 53% of the students earned Honor Roll or Principal’s List status. The freshmen have become wiser about how to study, how to be better friends and how to get to school on time each morning! Our faculty members have discovered new ways to engage our digitally savvy students. Kathy Murnion, ’61, while addressing the class of 2011, exhorted our graduates to be “be open to the present moment, be honest with yourself and above all be kind.” Good advice for us all. Our sophomores enjoyed attending “Sweet 16” parties and are thinking about getting their driver’s licenses. Several of our faculty and staff find themselves at the point of caring for elderly parents, so please keep them in your prayers as they try to balance family and work.

How do we find favor with God? It is not something that we earn but rather something that we participate in... something that we celebrate. This year more girls than ever participated in our school Eucharistic celebrations. At our Baccalaureate Mass alone, over 40 students served in some way: playing an instrument, singing in the Choir, bringing up the gifts, distributing Holy Communion or reading the Scriptures. This year, each of our students provided direct service to the poor. Freshmen and juniors were involved in an Urban Plunge. Seniors participated in a service site that addressed one of the Catholic Social Teachings. Sophomores combined their retreat with an extended service project. I am grateful for alumnae and for parents who gave their time to chaperone these activities. Many of our clubs raised funds for particular charities including the Little Sisters of Assumption Family Health Service and Covenant House. The Campus Ministers just proposed that all of us at D.A. support the TOMS One-for-One Movement that gives one pair of



Caitlin Sullivan, '14, Catherine Kemm, '14 and Amanda Corrigan, '14 with Sister Barbara at the Scholarships+ Benefit



Sister Barbara, Ms. McGowan, Mr. Watkins and Sister Pat participate in the D.A. Challenge during Spirit Week

shoes to a poor child for every pair bought. It is exciting to see our girls reach out to others in need.

All of us at D.A. have grown another year older and hopefully wiser too. The lyrics sung by Tennessee Ernie Ford, *Sixteen Tons*, come to mind: “You load 16 tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt.” While sometimes I have felt like I just loaded 16 tons of email and paperwork and I am surely another day older, D.A. is not deeper in debt, due in part to the support of you, our alumnae and friends. As always, thank you for sharing your time, talent or treasure with us to enable all of us at D.A. to grow. My prayers are offered each day in appreciation for you. Have a relaxing and refreshing summer.

Peace,

Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P.

Sister Barbara Kane, O.P.
Principal

Letter from the Board of Trustees' Chair



Congratulations to everyone on completing another successful year!

As we start the summer, it is important to reflect on what we have learned this year, and what we still need to accomplish to meet our hopes and dreams.

The need to remain relevant is a lifelong quest and Dominican Academy teaches their students to always seek truth, Veritas. The education at Dominican Academy is about *beginning* to understand oneself and one's place in the world.

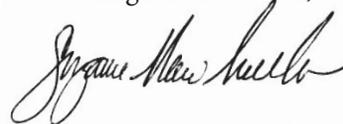
St. Dominic is often referred to as the "athlete of Christ". This is an important reference. As one works on their physical being, one also needs to work on her spiritual self, and continue to grow. Dominican Academy is unique. Dominican Academy prepares her students to work; constantly, and to question; consistently. From the moment a freshman walks in the front door as a student for the first time, to the moment a senior walks through the door as a student for the last time, the young women know that they are just beginning to learn. As stated on their website, one of the guiding principles for the Dominican Sisters of Peace is the search for truth, "Dominicans recognize that, although it may seem contradictory, a major component necessary for this lifelong search is a sense of humility, an understanding that no individual has a corner on truth. Truth never can fully be grasped. It is, therefore, the pursuit of truth – not the possession of it – that guides Dominican life. Sometimes the pursuit of truth even can mean letting go of long-standing, cherished assumptions in favor of previously unimaginable possibilities." St. Dominic experienced how education



Coreen Thompson, Cindy Nowakowski and Lauren Smith are all smiles before Graduation Mass.

benefits an individual; it exposes one to more, so one is trapped by less. He saw that education is what enables one to articulate their vision. Dominican Academy asks students to surrender to learning, in order to grow, and to become the women they never imagined for themselves. It is an unbelievable dream for our girls, and amazingly, each one experiences it in their own individual way.

Thank you to all who have made this year another year of learning for me as well,



Suzanne Marie Musho, '86
Chair, Dominican Academy Board of Trustees



Members of the Class of 2012 before their induction into the National Honors Society

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 52 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2011



Mary Teresa Cole
Valedictorian



Caitlin Marie Vaughan
Salutatorian



Kelsey Villafuerte
Mother Stephanie Award



Kimberly Villacis
All Dominican Girl Award

**The Class of 2011 earned approximately \$8.5 million in scholarships and grants.
Here is where the Class of 2011 is headed in the fall:**

Christina Alice Besheer	Colby College	Christina Joy Millamena	Fordham University
Ashley Bodden	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Marissa Elizabeth Moran	St. Joseph's University
Francesca Brown	Catholic University of America	Cindy Nowakowski	Hofstra University
Olivia Eve Cabrera	Catholic University of America	Makelina Marie Pastorella	Pennsylvania State University
Mary Teresa Cole	University of Notre Dame	Emily A. Quaranta	Clark University
Jessica Lynn Consalvo	Fairfield University	Tiffany Ryan	UMASS, Amherst
Diana Gabrielle Corrado	Bryn Mawr College	Daria I. Schatoff	The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Bronwyn Dávila	Marymount Manhattan College	Carmen Katherine Scoles	University of Vermont
Ania Nicole Dolly	Howard University	Lauren Elizabeth Smith	Concordia College
Nicole Theresa Dzikas	Manhattan College	Mary Margaret Soderquist	SUNY, Geneseo
Alexandra Suzanne Ferraiuolo	Syracuse University	Taylor Stathis	College of the Holy Cross
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	Fordham University	Hannah Margaret Sullivan	Fairfield University
Jodi Anne Galvano	Temple University	Coreen Margarita Thompson	SUNY, Albany
Alexandra Rose Graham	University of Delaware	Francesca Ella Thompson	Providence College
Jareline Maxiel Guerrero	Barnard College	Danielle Melissa Togher	SUNY, Binghamton
Samantha Marie Haber	Belmont University	Korrine C. Torres	University of Delaware
Bronwyn Patricia Hagan	Lehigh University	Sarah Tylko	St. John's University
Lisa M. Hardwicke	SUNY, Purchase	Mariel Leigh VanderLinden	SUNY, Maritime
Jena Marie Johansen	Fordham University	Alison Elizabeth Vanzo	SUNY, Albany
Vanessa Jovel	Fordham University	Caitlin Marie Vaughan	University of Dallas
Tracey Marie Keane	University of Scranton	Kimberly D. Villacis	Lehigh University
Joanna Eleanor Keith	Marymount Manhattan College	Kelsey Nicole Villafuerte	Marymount Manhattan College
Elizabeth Anne Kimmeth	University of Tampa	Kristina Elena Vulin	St. John's University
Monica Marie Koc	Fordham University	Anne Elizabeth Wachowicz	Fordham University
Nicole Mahig	St. John's University	Christine Carly Wong	Boston University
Patricia Bridget Malewich	Providence College		
Victoria Rie Matsunaga	New York University		

THE BARBARA ROBOTTI MURRAY SCIENCE CENTER

RIBBON-CUTTING RECEPTION



Mary Robotti, P'64, Father Philip Judge, S.J. and Bob Robotti

The demolition of the science lab began last June and the renovation was completed in September, just in time for the school year. On Sunday, May 15th, we celebrated the generosity of the Robotti and Murray families and all of our alumnae and friends who contributed to the science lab renovation fund.

Mass was celebrated by Father Philip Judge, President of Regis and current Board Member, in memory of Barbara Robotti Murray '64 and her father, Edward Robotti. After Mass, Barbara's mother Mary and her brother Robert, who also serves on our Board, cut the ribbon at the entrance of the science lab. Over 50 people gathered inside the lab for the blessing and dedication. Father Judge blessed the lab and prayed:

Look on us with love, and hear our prayers today. Grant Your blessing on this Barbara Robotti Murray Science Center and to all who work here. Let their work contribute to the good of all members of this community.

Inspire the teachers with knowledge, wisdom, and holy awe of the wonders of Your creation. Foster their pupils with Your grace, so that they may grasp, retain, and put into practice the many valuable and useful lessons they are taught. May this lab always be a home of Veritas – truth and wisdom, of faith and good will toward all. Through the prayers of St. Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Albert the Great may this Science Center help our community, and build Your kingdom of justice, light, and peace. Father, blessed are You forever and ever. Amen.

Guests gathered for photographs in the lab and many positioned themselves in front of the wall where the name of the lab, the Barbara Robotti Murray Science Center, is painted. A temporary plaque recognizing all of our generous donors was installed outside of the lab for display in time for the event. The permanent, metal plaque will be installed over the summer. The guests then enjoyed a lovely lunch on the Mezzanine and in the Auditorium. Thank you again to all who made this vision a reality.

TOP: The Robotti Family: Larry, Mary, Jacqueline and Bob

SECOND: Mary Beth Wagner Dougherty, '58, Dorothy Filoramo, '58 and Jeanne Glennon McAnaney, '58 represented their class who initiated the science lab renovation fund and are pictured here with Mary Robotti, P'64 and Bob Robotti

THIRD: Mr. Jerry Tomanelli and Ms. Lauren Serpagli from the Science Department with the Robotti's

BOTTOM: Barbara Robotti Murray's closest friends, Jo Ellen Joseph, '64, Patricia Mannion Sugrue, '64 and Margaret Zinsley Bruce, '64 and their spouses are pictured here with Barbara's husband, Ed Murray on the far left



20 Alumnae Inspire the Class of 2012: Acoustical Engineer, Media Buyer, Attorney, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Professor of Accounting



The Annual Career Day for the junior class was held on Tuesday, May 17th. Alumnae from diverse fields participated and imparted their knowledge of careers in law, business, media, medicine and others to the students. The morning commenced with a Skype presentation with Eileen Kane, '77, who has served as a Diplomat at the State Department for the past 22 years. The Skype call certainly set the tone for the day, as Eileen tailored her conversation to focus not only on what she does, but also on how Dominican Academy prepared her for her future.

In an effort to encourage more interaction between the alumnae and the juniors, the Guidance and Development Departments changed the format to accommodate smaller, industry-focused rotational presentations rather than a panel discussion.

The alumnae were put into groups of four or five and the juniors were divided into groups of approximately 15. The girls had the opportunity to hear three presentations of their choice from alumnae in law, business, medicine or media. The presentations were each 30 minutes long and were relatively informal, allowing the juniors to interject comments and questions.

The morning concluded with 30 minutes of networking, which afforded the students the opportunity to speak to the alumnae one-on-one. Per the feedback from the juniors, they would have liked to spend more time networking with the

alumnae and overall, they preferred the small group setting over a panel presentation. Some of the juniors even left Career Day with internship leads!

This event would not have been possible without our successful and inspiring alumnae and the support of the Alumnae Association. Thank you to all who volunteered. If we were not able to accommodate you this year, please consider joining us next year!

If the date does not work with your schedule, we can try to arrange a mutually convenient time to offer a small presentation to interested juniors. In fact, Yelena Bogdan, '02 joined us after school on June 1st for an intimate and motivational presentation about her path to becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon. Please contact the Development Department at 212-744-0195 if you are interested.

CAREER DAY PARTICIPANTS

Theodora Ciaccio Berman, '60

*Buyer of Sportswear, Dress and Accessory
A.S. Cooper & Sons, Ltd.*

Alexandra Peers, '76

Editor-at-large, The New York Observer

Carole Van Almelo, '76

Web Developer, The Rockaway Design Group

Eileen Kane, '77

Diplomat, U.S. State Department

Nahyra Lanzo-Espinosa, '78

*RNC, CCE, IBCLC,
Mount Sinai Medical Center*

Carroll Welch, '81

*Legal Career Advisor and Assistant Director
of a re-entry program for attorneys
Pace University*

Kerry O'Shaughnessy Montaigne, '89

Attorney, Kerry E. O'Shaughnessy, LLC

Aileen Lowry Farrelly, '91

*Professor of Accounting
CUNY Queens College*

Tara Sanabria Davila, '92

*Licensed Clinician and Social Worker
The Clifford Beers Clinic*

Jeanne Rohan, '92

*Obstetrician/Gynecologist
North Shore University Hospital*

Adele Bruschi, '93

Publishing and Marketing, JPMorgan Chase

Kathryn Lopez, '94

Editor, The National Review Online

Denine Pagano, '98

*Medical Malpractice Attorney
Keller, O'Reilly, & Watson, P.C.*

Yelena Bogdan, '02

Orthopedic Surgeon, Boston Medical Center

Tricia Elms, '04

*Acoustical Engineer and Junior Associate
Cerami and Associates*

Mary Eustace, '04

*Media Buyer,
Dom Camera & Company, LLC*

Adrienne Mountis, '04

*Registered Dietitian
Cornell University Cooperative
Extension of New York City*

Bridget Reilly, '06

*Forensic Accountant
ParenteBeard LLC/Associate in Forensic,
Litigation, Valuation Services*

Veronica Florentino, '06

*Corporate Strategy and Business Analysis
Associate, Merisel*

Tara Moran, '06

*Assistant Research Scientist and
Laboratory Manager
The Vogel Lab (NYU)*

D.A. Parents' Association Hosts the Mother-Daughter Luncheon

The Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon cheered up many spirits amidst a rainy spring. Current students, faculty, staff and alumnae joined together with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and godmothers to spend the afternoon at Guastavino's under the Queensboro Bridge. The room buzzed with laughter and chatter as all of the ladies enjoyed lunch and the excitement of the 50/50 raffle and the silent auction.

TOP LEFT: *President of the Parents' Association, Joanne Wachowicz with her mother, Mary Butler and her two daughters, Mary, '06 and Anne, '11*

TOP RIGHT: *Theresa Stewart, P'14 & '10, Emily Stewart, '14, Alexandra DeBard, '14 and April DeBard, P'14*

MIDDLE LEFT: *A group of alumnae reminisced about the old times with their moms!*

MIDDLE RIGHT: *Members of the Class of 2011*

BOTTOM LEFT: *Michelle Costanza, '13, Catherine Zaccardi, '13, Morgan Demartis, '13, Mary Beth McMahon, '13*

BOTTOM RIGHT: *Rosalie Golia, P'88, Donna Golia-Petze, '88, Annmarie Otto Creighton, '88, P'13 and Eileen Creighton, '13*



In Via: From Participant to Retreat Leader

By: Christina Millamena, '11

As a recent graduate, I have been reflecting on my experience at Dominican Academy and one of the many things I enjoyed about high school was my *In Via*. For those who are not familiar, *In Via* is the junior retreat that occurs in the early spring, right when the terrifying college process starts for the soon-to-be seniors. It is a three-day retreat and in my opinion, was possibly the most important and impactful three days of my life at D.A.

As a junior who was just about to go on her retreat, I had absolutely no idea what to expect. There had been a share of rumors and talks of “rituals” circulating, but nothing had been confirmed. All I knew was that we would be there from Wednesday to Friday and that we would be sharing a room with someone else. At that point, sharing a room with someone was my biggest issue. Would I be friends with that person? Had we even talked before? Sure, we were a small class, but even after my sophomore retreat, I still was not necessarily comfortable with everyone.

Those small details of ‘who I would be sharing a room with’ and ‘would we be friends?’ were all forgotten once the retreat started. The senior retreat leaders had done a great job preparing for the retreat and because of that, we, as juniors, were able to respond and enjoy it. We laughed, we cried, we *grew* as people. We grew

closer to God. We grew closer to each other. We became more united as Dominican Academy’s Class of 2011. We made new friendships and grew closer to our old friends. Most importantly, we learned to love and to respect each other. I left the retreat filled with gratitude to the seniors



In Via Retreat Leaders from the Class of 2011

and now looked at my classmates through a new lens.

Even before my *In Via* ended, I knew that I wanted to be a retreat leader the following year. I wanted to help the future juniors to experience all that I had experienced on my *In Via*, so I signed up immediately. When September came, I got all the more excited. I knew that the juniors would enjoy their *In Via*, but it was now a matter of how to make the retreat enjoyable for them. It was then that I realized how much work the previous seniors had done for my *In Via*. As a retreat leader, it was my responsibility to get to know the juniors who I would be specifically responsible for and to gain a better understanding of who they were as a class. On my retreat, all I had

to do was be open to everything and be accepting of everyone. The work involved to make this year’s retreat just as special was a completely different story. I am definitely grateful I had a co-leader to help me. Nevertheless, all the after-school work was necessary with good reason, because I knew that the juniors had a great retreat ahead of them and I was proud of the work that the leaders had accomplished.

My goal was for the juniors to enjoy their *In Via* as much as I had enjoyed mine. The leaders had done all their homework, so it was now up to the juniors to decide whether or not they would be open to the experience. It was a great success and I am confident that the juniors enjoyed it. Just like the class before them, they laughed, they cried, they grew. I saw in the juniors what I had seen in my own class during our *In Via*. Even after they went back to their school schedule, I saw the juniors act so positively towards each other in the weeks long after their retreat. Our work was done.

Dominican Academy is known for being the place where smart girls grow to become intelligent women. I think *In Via* embodies this growth. I saw it in both my own class and the junior class. In just three days, we grew closer as a class and to God. And for us new graduates, we were placed on the continuing path to become intelligent women.

The D.A. Science Club and the Dominican Academy Preachers Raise Awareness of the Water Crisis

Global Awareness Week: March 21-25



**50% OF ALL
SCHOOLS IN
THE WORLD
DON'T HAVE
ACCESS TO
CLEAN, SAFE
WATER. HELP.**

waterforschools.org



Both clubs organized the Amazing Water Race to end the week with a bang! The winners are pictured here with Ms. Sudeikis, Ms. Serpagli and Ms. Leo who are sporting bandanas!

Under Ms. Leo's supervision, the students planned Global Awareness Week, which was centered on the theme of water. The mission for the week was to educate the Dominican Academy community about the severity of the water crisis. Each day had a specific focus pertaining to water: water and its effect on the environment, our health and life and the relationship between water and human rights. The students kicked off the week by putting up posters with information about the shortage of safe drinking water, the scarcity of water resources and water-related diseases. They also put up blue Post-its in the cafeteria with statements about how they plan to make a change, like "taking shorter showers or turning the faucet off while brushing their teeth," suggested Hannah Sullivan, '11.

The students advertised the focus for each day through daily emails which included relevant statistics or video clips. Other activities throughout the week included decorating eco-friendly water bottles and a screening of *Flow*, Irena Salina's award-winning film. Salina documents what experts label as the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - the world water crisis. Ms. Leo led a short discussion of the film afterward.

The students also donated the funds raised from their bake sale and water bottle sale to Charity: Water, a non-profit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations. Please visit their website to see how you can help: <http://www.charitywater.org>.

Be in a D.A. State of Mind

Scholarships PLUS: An Auction, Cocktail Reception and an Opportunity to Give Back

The Board of Trustees *Scholarships+ Benefit* was held on February 10th at Dominican Academy. The Mezzanine and Auditorium were filled with over 100 people who enjoyed an evening of hor'dourves, conversation and philanthropy. This year, alumnae and current parents joined forces to prepare for the benefit, honoring Ms. Roseann Perrone for her 30 years of dedicated service and commitment to Dominican Academy.

Roseann reflected,

...the past 30 years I have spent here at Dominican Academy have been very rewarding for me, and I thank God for every one of them. I have seen my students learn and grow and succeed and mature. I have been able to teach, which is a dream I've had since childhood, and God fulfilled that dream for me here at Dominican Academy...The students themselves play a vital role in their own success stories. They are hard-working and eager to learn, and that has made them a joy to teach.

Roseann thanked the crowd “for investing in our students, [ensuring that] they are truly worth the investment and [acknowledged the guests] for helping to make their education possible.”

There was a silent and a live auction, with quite the selection of items for bid. Auction prizes ranged from vacation homes in the Hamptons and the Berkshires to Yankees tickets to VIP tickets to the Jon Stewart Daily Show taping to a highly coveted pizza lunch on the roof with teachers, Ms. Serpagli and Ms. Leo. In addition to the auction at the live event, we went online for the first time. The online auction opened one day before the event and was open for one week only. It was a great success and allowed our friends who otherwise could not attend the actual event to participate and to feel more connected to the school.

In conjunction with the online auction, we launched the U-Write-A-Desk campaign. Our donors underwrote the cost of one new desk for \$125. As a result, we were able to purchase sixteen new desks to replace the ones in Room 3.

Although some of the funds raised from this event directly support the Board of Trustees Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding incoming freshman for her four years of study, every student truly benefits. Each student is the recipient of a \$3,751 tuition scholarship, the difference between the tuition charged and the actual



Scholarships+ Reception Committee: Tracy Torre, '99, Kristin Shea, '82, Zuzana Vojtek, '88, Wendy Fernandez, P'14, Claire Sarrazin Rennell, '76, Dorothy Kelly, '70, Joanne Costanza, P'13, Aileen Lowry Farrelly, '91, Leslie Poole Petit, P'14, Dorothy Filoramo, '58, Ann Marie Flynn, '69, Izabella Stasicki, '04, Kathleen Walsh Murnion, '61, Annmarie Otto Creighton, '88, P'13



Sister Barbara with honoree, Ms. Roseann Perrone and the Board of Trustees' Scholarship recipient, Hanah Sullivan, '11

expense associated with providing a D.A. education. The Dominican Academy Annual Fund and the monies raised from *Scholarships+* help to bridge that gap.

A special thanks to our dedicated committee members and to all who attended or supported the event. Your support, through donated auction items or monetary gifts, enables intellectually-gifted girls to attend New

York City's most academically rigorous and spiritually enriching Catholic girls' college preparatory high school.

Interested parents and alumnae should contact the Development Department at 212-744-0195 or by email at development@dominicanacademy.org to join the committee.



Plenty of parents joined in on this year's festivities!



Aileen Lowry Farrelly, '91 and Patricia Hillman Pender, '85



Kathleen Walsh Murnion, '61, Izabella Stasicki, '04 and Dorothy Kelly, '70

CELEBRATE CULTURE



Sister Barbara stops to take a picture with a few students outside the Vatican.



D.A. girls try on Venetian masks!

Expose yourself to it, celebrate it and experience it. D.A. girls accomplished all three this spring.

Exposure. The students were exposed to the arts on various culture trips in March. Freshmen visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park and sophomores viewed an exhibit of four centuries of Chinese Cloisonne at the Bard Graduate Center. The juniors and seniors danced in the aisles at *Mamma Mia*. The culture field trips instill a sense of appreciation for the arts in the girls. Exposure to the arts enhances her education and supplements her common course of study at D.A.

Celebration. Shortly after the culture field trips, the students celebrated D.A.'s diversity at the annual Culture Day on April 20th! Students brought in ethnic dishes to share with everyone – everything from Irish soda bread to Filipino noodles were served at lunchtime

and in between performances. Several students represented their culture through dance, song or music. Indian belly-dancing, a song in Gaelic and a rendition of a Beatles song on the guitar were a few of the program performances.

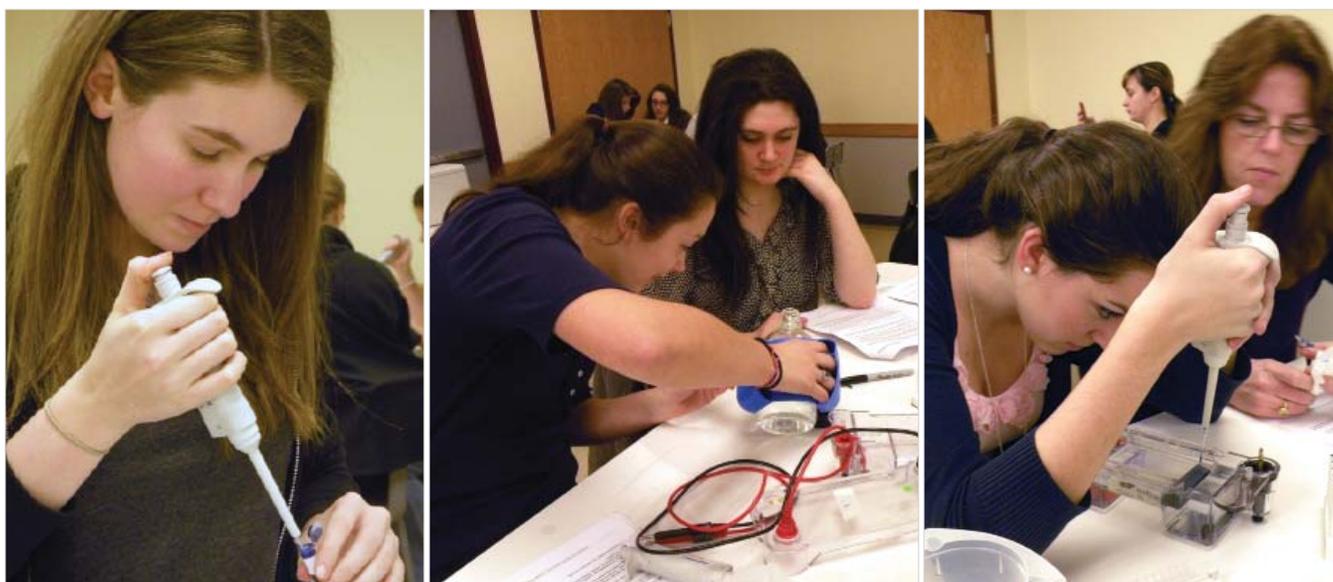
Experience. The day before the school was dismissed for Easter Break, 51 students traveled to Italy to experience all that is Italian. Their tour started in Venice with a stop at the Murano glass factory, then down to Florence, and on to Rome to see the Pope. The girls were able to experience the bliss of eating real Italian gelato and witness Michelangelo and DaVinci's masterpieces first-hand.

Please speak to Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon or check the website if you would like to join Dominican Academy in June-July 2012 for the Grecian Odyssey, including a four day cruise of the Greek islands!

D.A. Students Manipulate DNA

AP Biology Trip to the Dolan DNA Learning Center

By Lauren Serpagli, Biology Teacher



Students busy at work with chaperone, Dr. Margaret Fitzsimmons-Hagan, '83, P'11

On February 18th, the Advanced Placement Biology class took a trip to Lake Success, NY to visit the DNA Learning Center West (DNALC). The DNALC is the world's first science center devoted entirely to genetics education. It is an operating unit of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a laboratory facility renowned for its involvement in developing the field of molecular genetics.

The day began with the AP Biology class, Ms. Serpagli and Sr. Pat filling up three cars, driven by Mr. Fitzpatrick (Elizabeth '11), Dr. Margaret Fitzsimmons-Hagan '83 (Bronwyn '11) and a friend of Dr. Fitzsimmons-Hagan. When we finally arrived, it was time to get to work. We had two labs to complete and we were anxious to get started.

The morning lab was a DNA Restriction Analysis Lab. During this lab, students were able to manipulate DNA using restriction enzymes, which are essentially "biological scissors." Restriction enzymes cut DNA at specific, palindromic sequences along the DNA

molecule. The students were given two restriction enzymes to work with, EcoRI and HindIII. In order to cut each of the four samples of DNA, the DNA samples were mixed with a solution containing a particular restriction enzyme. The students used the EcoRI enzyme to cut their first sample of DNA and used HindIII to cut their second sample of DNA. The third sample of DNA was a control and was mixed with water only. Finally, their last sample of DNA was cut with an unknown enzyme. The objective of the experiment was to get the students to determine if the unknown enzyme was EcoRI or HindIII.

After cutting the DNA samples, the students had the opportunity to run the DNA samples on an agarose gel and complete a gel electrophoresis trial. Gel electrophoresis uses an electric current to separate DNA based on size, which is determined by the number of base pairs per segment of DNA, cut by restriction enzymes. The shorter the length of the DNA fragment the farther the DNA runs down the gel. DNA fragments of identical size migrate to the same

position in the gel. Each segment of DNA forms a band in the gel, which can be analyzed and compared to other bands of DNA. Following electrophoresis, the gel is removed and exposed to ultraviolet (UV) light. After comparing the band pattern from DNA cut with the unknown enzyme to patterns obtained with EcoRI and HindIII, the unknown enzyme was identified. This DNA lab allowed students the opportunity to cultivate different scientific skills, like working on their micropipetting technique and learning how to use a centrifuge.

After a long, yet exciting morning, we were all ready for lunch. During our lunch break we were fortunate enough to take a tour of the adjacent Clinical Core Laboratory, home to one of the largest robotic machines involved in diagnostics.

We were able to see how North Shore – LIJ Hospital blood work is analyzed and tested. Before long, the tour was over and it was back to the lab for a second experiment.

The second laboratory experiment involved a bacterial transformation. The AP Biology class was able to understand and see that there is a correlation between genotype, the genetic makeup of an organism and phenotype, the physical manifestation of genes. Students introduced a gene for antibiotic resistance into the bacterium *E. coli*. They did this by carrying out a process known as transformation, where the genetic makeup of an organism is altered by incorporating the DNA of another organism. In order to determine if the transformation was successful, they also introduced a gene that causes the bacteria to glow green. The gene for the green fluorescent protein (GFP) is found in some jellyfish and is responsible for their bioluminescence. If the transformation was successful, the colonies of bacteria would glow when exposed to ultra-violet light, allowing us to see the manifestation of the transformed gene. The students then plated the bacteria onto four petri dishes. One

petri dish, with the ampicillin and nutrient rich medium in the agar, was plated with the transformed bacteria cells (they contained the genes for ampicillin resistance and GFP). The students were expected to observe growth in the form of green colonies following an overnight incubation. All groups achieved the desired results. Another petri dish, which also had ampicillin and the nutrients, was plated with a control

of bacteria that did not have the transformed genes. As expected, the students did not observe bacterial growth. A third petri dish contained nutrients, but no ampicillin, and the students found growth in the form of a “lawn”, which is growth across the entire plate. The lawn formed because all bacteria were able to grow on this dish, whether or not the gene transformed. The final

dish also only contained the nutrient broth and the bacteria plated here were not transformed with the ampicillin resistant genes. There was also a lawn of growth on this plate.

The AP Biology students successfully completed this lab, with accurate results and can take this knowledge with them in many future endeavors. For example, they have been exposed to the production of transgenic crops, such as herbicide resistant plants and are capable of carrying out the same techniques used to treat human genetic diseases, like making insulin to treat diabetes. After completing both labs, Ms. Ward (Tess’11) drove a group of us back into the city. It was a long day, but it was certainly full of exciting discoveries.

We hope to return again next year with the 2011-2012 AP Biology class and would enjoy having some D.A. alumnae experience the excitement as chaperones. If you work in the science field and would be interested in hosting D.A. for an experiment, tour, or shadow day, please contact the Development Department.



Results of the gel electrophoresis lab

A Personal View: Relay For Life to Honor Ms. Marjorie Rende

By Margaret Gander, '10

My sister Victoria, '08 and I participated in the Relay for Life event at St. John's University in April. We were members of a team with our service scholarship program, the Ozanam Scholars. Thanks to several experiences at D.A., I am very familiar with the American Cancer Society, but I had never participated in Relay before college. Relay gives people around the world the opportunity to not only raise awareness and funds for cancer research, but more importantly, to celebrate the lives of people who have fought the disease and to remember the loved ones who we've lost along the way. The event is very popular at St. John's. In fact, 131 teams from campus clubs, ministries, sports and Greek Life participated and together we raised close to \$44,000. We all came together in the gym at 6pm on April 8th and walked around the basketball court until 6am. Everyone has their own individual reasons for participating. My sister and I walked for two people, our father who is a colon cancer survivor and our beloved math teacher from our *alma mater*, Marjorie Rende.

I participated in the event as not only as a relay-er but I also served as a committee member. I wanted to be as involved as possible, since the cause means so much to me. As I reflected on my experience, I realized that raising awareness, raising interest and raising spirits among the other scholars was not a problem; however, raising money was a struggle. Fortunately, I knew a very generous and loving group of people who would be willing to help us out - everyone at my second home at 44 E. 68th Street. I emailed Sister Barbara on March 23rd, a date which marked the one-year passing of everyone's favorite math teacher. I explained what I was involved in and how much it would mean to both the team and me if the school would contribute to our efforts. Despite tough economic times, Sister Barbara was very open to the idea. Not only did she personally offer to donate, she also went out of her way to forward my e-mail to Student Government c/o Mr. Sayaman. The very next day I got a personal phone call from him

saying how thrilled he was that we were honoring Ms. Rende in this way and that Student Government would be more than happy to contribute. I can't say I was surprised - D.A. hasn't let me down in five years, but I was definitely overjoyed. D.A. was our team's major donor.

The night was a huge success and Team Ozanam raised \$1,040. We

lit a candle in a luminaria bag for Ms. Rende, which was the most special part. The luminaria bags lined the track for a special lap of silence to celebrate those who survived the disease and commemorate those we've lost to it. This was a personal way to honor Ms. Rende. It was bittersweet celebrating my dad's life, while remembering Ms. Rende. After thinking about all of the moments that I spent with her, I understood that Relay for Life was a powerful way to celebrate her life.

My time with Ms. Rende as a teacher was cut short, but I still have so many fond memories of her in the classroom and on her trips. I have not taken a math class at St. John's yet, but next semester I know I'll be ready, thanks to Ms. Rende's preparation. She taught me everything I need to know about math, accessorizing and the importance of wearing tights. It is already boosting my confidence knowing that I have my own well-dressed-math-genius guardian angel on my shoulder.



Ms. Marjorie Rende

An Update from the Alumnae Association

Staying connected to D.A. starts with providing an updated mailing address and email! Please contact the Development Department by phone at 212-744-0195 or by email at development@dominicanacademy.org to update your information or fill out the form on the back page and send it in!

The Alumnae Association is always looking to grow, so here are a few ways to get involved:

- Attend quarterly meetings
- Chaperone student retreats
- Attend our events such as the Rooftop Reconnection Reception and Career Day
- Become a Class Representative to serve as a liaison between the Association and your classmates

The D.A. Alumnae Association Board is comprised of a President, Vice President and Secretary. The Association is looking for a new Vice President and Secretary. The two-year term will begin in January 2012. If you are interested, please email the Alumnae Association at alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Rooftop Reconnection Reception

Friday, September 16, 2011

6:30-8:30 at D.A.

If you are a Class Rep, please join us at 5:30 for an opportunity to meet other reps!

50th Reunion for the Class of 1961

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Mass at 4:00, followed by cocktails and dinner at 5:00

All Class Reunion for Class Years ending in "1" & "6"

Saturday, October 22, 2011

2:00-6:00 at D.A.

Young Alumnae Welcome Back

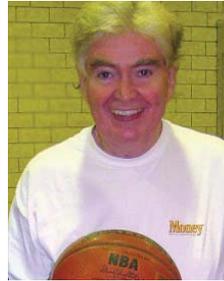
Wednesday, December 21, 2011

8:30 Mass and Glee Club concert at

St. Catherine's of Siena. All are welcome.

9:30-11:00 Classes of '08, '09, '10 & '11 are invited back to D.A. for breakfast

A message from the Athletic Director



Charles McDermott
Athletic Director

D.A. had an exciting year of sports in the gym and out on the field in Central Park. The Volley Girls (volleyball) and D.A. Tigers (basketball) each won three games playing in the very competitive Manhattan Division of the CHSAA league. D.A. United won all three of its games on the soccer pitch. The

track team raced in the Ronald MacDonald charity run in Central Park for the first time this past fall. The softball team finished its spring season (when weather permitted) with a 4-1 record but notably concluded its past four seasons with an impressive league-leading 20-2 record.

Two seniors were honored:

Alex Ferraiuolo, the captain of the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams, was awarded Scholar Athlete of Class 2011 at Commencement.

Olivia Cabrera won the Most Valuable Player trophy as the top pitcher (15-2) and home run hitter on the softball team for the past four years.



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Alum Notes

1951

Diane Farrell Mauch's daughter Anneliese and her husband live one hour away in San Francisco with her precious grandchild, Mia. Her other daughter Bronwen just moved out to California after living in Manhattan for 19 years. Diane retired from her position as Professor of Voice at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL right before moving to Walnut Creek, California. She still works in her field, lecturing on Opera and Vocal Literature & Technique for various organizations in the East Bay. She also teaches Master classes in singing at schools and colleges.



Patricia Mostlyn Aker, Jim Leddy and Mary Beth Wagner Dougherty at 1958's 50th reunion.

tragic shock to all of us, largely because of Janie's extraordinary spirit. Despite her medical struggles, Janie remained full of good humor, enthusiasm, and loyalty to her many friends. She especially enjoyed reminiscing over happy and hilarious memories of our years at D.A. We remember her in many wonderful ways, but the fondest is the picture of Janie in the auditorium during lunchtime dancing the Savoy. A special memory. Janie's husband of 48 years, Danny Murphy, died in December, 2008. She is survived by her 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.



Members of the Class of 1954: L-R: **Mary Rudden Novak, Carol Kirwan Aikenhead, Juliet DiLorenzo Heery, Gerry Mulligan, Georgianna Lang Shugrue, and Julie Pagnucco Varca** got together for lunch in May.

1958

Jeanne Glennon McAnaney writes, "Sad news for our class. Our beautiful, fun-loving classmate **Mary Jane "Janie" Donoghue Murphy** passed away on April 12th. Although she had been fighting poor health over the past year, this came as a



BL-R: Gerry Murphy Fiero Pasquale, Dorothy Filoramo, Mary Jane (Janie) Donoghue Murphy, Marilyn Reynolds Canty, Maureen McPartland Brokaw, Jeanne Glennon McAnaney and Lauretta Clancy Leddy had lunch together.

Just as we were dealing with Janie's passing, we learned that Jim Leddy, **Lauretta Clancy Leddy's** husband suffered a serious fall. He sadly passed away on May 8th. Jim was well known to many of us, since he and Lauretta dated during her D.A. days. They were married in 1963 and had 5 children including **Susan Leddy Midas '83** and a daughter-in-law, **Regina Menna '85** and 17 grandchildren. Jim often attended the Trustees Reception and loved our 50th reunion where he enjoyed a long conversation with Sr. Barbara. He was a man of extraordinary integrity and devotion to his family and his faith and had a great sense of humor." Both families greatly appreciate the notes they received from members of the Class of 1958.

1959

Monica Lennon Golden enjoyed a large family reunion with her two siblings and grandchildren in N.E. West Virginia. Monica also met **Susan Heaney Antinori** in Jupiter in February. **Sue Farrell Tiffany** also drove down from Port Saint Lucy to Boca Raton to visit Monica at her sister's home.

Continued prayers please for **Josephine Kelly** who has been in a nursing home coping with complications from diabetes and for **Pam Keating** who recently had a knee replacement on May 3.



The "Golden Group" at their family reunion

After Mother's Day weekend, **Joanne Milo Salaverry & Dottie Yee Kong** met in the City & traveled up to Cape Cod to meet **Maureen Dunican Touhey**. They took the ferry over to Martha's Vineyard to visit **Gretchen LaPointe Jacobs**. Gretchen was very ill at the time and passed away peacefully three weeks later.

1961

Reminder. DA's 50th Reunion Weekend is September 23-25, 2011. Please email **Nancy Wagner LaValle** at nanlv1@aol.com or **Judy Murphy Norton** at norton152@aol.com if you plan to attend. It is not too late to join us and celebrate this major milestone.



Get ready for our 50th reunion, Class of 1961!

1969

Barbara J. Compiani graciously hosted a mini-D.A. reunion at her lovely home in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in late April. "Sassy '69" classmates (left to right) **Joan Bodgen Brandt, Joanne Guarasci Yost, Ann Marie Flynn, Marise Mack Allen, Mary McNulty Kral, and Alice Consigli Onady** joined Barbara poolside for a pre-dinner group photo. Much fun was had by all reminiscing about their studies (and escapades!) at D.A. and poring over the photos in their yearbooks.

Diane E. Kelly was appointed U.S. Consul General in Marseille, France in March 2011, and recently presented her credentials to Prince Albert II of Monaco.



Members of the class of 1969 **Joan Bodgen Brandt, Joanne Guarasci Yost, Ann Marie Flynn, Marise Mack Allen, Mary McNulty Kral, and Alice Consigli Onady** joined **Barbara J. Compiani** poolside



Diane E. Kelly, '69 with Prince Albert II of Monaco

1970

Dr. Melody DeCara Deprez has received tenure from Georgetown College in KY and has been promoted to Associate Professor. She is also Program Director for Teaching Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities. She will celebrate this achievement with a family trip to Brussels and Paris.

Jeannette Hanna has been working on the branding for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games. The second largest sporting event in the world after the summer Olympics, it will attract 10,000 athletes to Southern Ontario. Viva PanAm-ismo!

Myra Drazul Koszykowski and husband Ed, who are both retired Air Force, celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 15th, congratulations! They raised three children to adulthood and are now working on the next generation--two granddaughters (ages 16 and 2 1/2). Myra says she still works for

the federal government and defense (very misterioso!) but denies she was part of the Navy SEAL raid in Pakistan.

Maureen McCarthy travels to Italy in June, singing with the West Village Chorale. They will perform Mozart's *Requiem* in Venice, Vicenza and Verona, and do some sightseeing (and shopping!) in Florence, Padua, and Milan. Maureen plans to spend an extra four days in Paris, and hopes she will remember how to say a bit more than "dis-donc, ou est la bibliotheque?"

Denise Ortiz Powers had lunch in Hollywood, Florida with classmate **Annalinda Pandolfi Ragazzo** and her husband Rich while they were on vacation. Denise's parents, Carmen and James, and her sister, Judy Ortiz (D.A. '77) also joined the party.

Annalinda Pandolfi Ragazzo's son Andrew graduated from Canisius College and is now the Development Assistant for the Genesee Country Village and Museum. Annalinda and husband Rich ended a 6-week road trip in Cincinnati, OH to visit with daughter Adriana, who is a small animal vet. Now that she teaches "virtually" (i.e. online) Annalinda's motto is "Have laptop, will travel."

Patti Vianna Sasserath proudly announces that her oldest grandson is graduating from high school and will be attending Penn State in the fall. Patti's seven (!) grandchildren range from 18 years to 2 years.

Connie Brignole Sawicki sends love and hugs along with this exciting news: "I have met a wonderful man, Jeff Silvasy...he lost his wife 3 years ago; Lou has been gone for 4. I am very happy and extremely content!! The wedding is set for June 24th, in Buffalo, with an outdoor reception at the Niagara River!!!"

RoseMarie Tamburri's daughter Erica Iverson graduated from NYU Law School on May 18th.

1975

As a precursor to their October 22 reunion, the Class of 1976 had a mini-reunion at Chelsea Trattoria on Friday, June 17. In attendance were **Maria LaRussa Palamara, Barbara Plen Lindgren, Liz Sheehan Bourke, Claire Sarrazin Rennell, Annette Mehr Posencheg, Ceci Recalde and Susan Byrnes**. They enjoyed catching up and also

had a good laugh about the old photo from Ring Day 1975!



Class of 1975's ring day photo

1982

Claudia Alves has been living in Los Angeles and working in the entertainment industry for the past 18 years. She has worked on past notable TV series such as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Star Trek: Voyager," "Roswell," and "Pushing Daisies." Currently, she is the Post Production Supervisor on the upcoming sci-fi series, "Terra Nova," which premieres in the fall. She enjoys So Cal life and the sunny weather and has realized her blood has definitely thinned since leaving NY, but she will always be a New Yorker at heart. After all, NY is the "greatest city in the world!"

1985

Noelle Nathan Giesse's daughter Lauren received her communion on May 14th at Sacred Heart Church, in Glendale, NY.

Sunny Cummings Hostin's son Gabriel Cummings Hostin (8 yrs old) celebrated his First Holy Communion on May 7, 2011. He attends Fieldston in Riverdale, New York and his fencing team just placed first in the end-of-year fencing tournament. Her daughter Paloma Cummings Hostin (5 yrs old) will be attending Kindergarten at Hackley in Tarrytown, NY.

Jackie Massa Proctor's youngest daughter Josephine made her First Holy Communion at Saint Ignatius Loyola Church on May 7th. Jackie's oldest daughter is starting to look at high schools, including Dominican Academy! Jackie just celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary at the beginning of May.

Vanessa Contrastano Reggiardo was recently promoted to President of Mark., a division of Avon that specializes in beauty and fashion products for women aged 18-29.

Sandra Juanico Slane recently changed positions and is now an Assistant Vice President at Barclays Capital. She also received



Jackie Proctor, '85 and her husband Andrew with their daughter, Josephine



Sunny Cummings Hostin, '85 and her husband, Dr. Emmanuel Hostin with their two children, Gabriel and Paloma.



Arianna Unger Lee's son on his First Holy Communion



Noelle Nathan Giesse's daughter on her First Holy Communion

her MBA from Fordham University in May 2011. She and her husband are moving to a new home in White Plains, New York.

Arianna Unger and Kevin Lee's son, Nolan Carey Lee, made his First Holy Communion on May 7th at St. Anne's Church in Garden City, New York.

1993
Cristina Lopez O'Keeffe and her husband Thomas welcomed their third daughter, Patricia Aurora, into the world on January 13th. Her big sisters, Dalia (4) and Juliana (2) are pleased to have someone else to share their passion for princesses, fairies and, of course, *Dora the Explorer*. The O'Keeffe family lives in Stewart Manor, NY where Cristina is a freelance writer. She would be happy to connect with fellow alumnae via her website: www.lookoutcommunications.com.

1996
Nora Lynch Triolo and her husband John welcomed their second child, Giuseppe, on December 10, 2010. He joins big sister, Maggie, born on November 6, 2009.



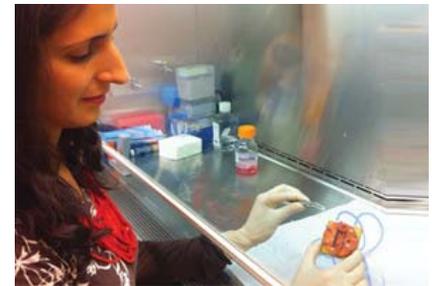
Noral Lynch Triolo's, '96 children, Giuseppe and Maggie

Vanessa K. Valdés ran the New Jersey Marathon on May 1, 2011. Vanessa ran as part of Team in Training (www.teamintraining.org), a program that raises money that goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org). She raised \$2,500 for that organization. The New Jersey Marathon was her first marathon and it was amazing. She had never run an endurance event before - they gave her a training schedule, coaches, a mentor, group training sessions. Vanessa encourages anyone who has even the slightest inkling about wanting to walk or run a half-marathon or marathon to do so. You can also participate as a team. If anyone has any questions or interest, she

would be more than happy to speak to you.

1997
Samantha Dell'Olio welcomed her first baby, Nancy Raffaele, into the world on January 4, 2011.

Nina Tandon was recently chosen for a TED fellowship. Nina has her Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering and her Masters in Biomedical Engineering from MIT. She earned her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in Cardiac Tissue Engineering from Columbia University in 2009. Nina is working with medical



Nina Tandon '97. Photo Credit: "The Body Electric" Business Week

researchers to explore how electrical stimulation can grow heart tissue.

1998
Katrina Ryan D'Onofrio and her husband Leonardo joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Massimo Angelo D'Onofrio on April 15, 2010.

Donna Pagano married Steafan Delaney on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Donna's twin sister, **Denine Pagano '98** served as Maid of Honor.



L-R: **Mirjana Vuga '97, Donna Pagano '98, Denine Pagano '98 and Hannah Balanza '97**

1999

Evita Nancy “Tracy” Torre was admitted to the New York State Bar Association. She is an Adoption Attorney at Greenberg & Greenberg, and serves as Legal Counsel at Spence-Chapin. Tracy also hired **Samantha Nikic ‘07** and **Carolynn Fitzgerald ‘08** as summer legal interns. If you are interested in a career in law, please contact her at www.evitanancytorre.com.

2000

Nellie Wu and her husband Chad Berndtson welcomed their first child, Emma Wu Berndtson, on February 27, 2011. Born at 12:01 PM at 6 lbs. 6 oz and 19 inches.



Nellie Wu’s daughter, Emma

2004

Louise Wen is finishing up her third year of medical school at Stony Brook University. Having discovered her passion for operative medicine, she is considering residencies in anesthesiology and surgery. She will be researching obstetric pain management this summer at Stanford University through a fellowship funded by the Foundation for Anesthesiology Education and Research. Louise and **Andrea Arata, MD, ‘94** worked together for three years as steering committee members of the Stony Brook HOME clinic and only recently learned that they were both D.A. grads. The clinic is entirely student-run and provides primary care services for the uninsured. Clinic operations are entirely dependent on donations. To learn how you can help, visit us at <http://www.stonybrookhome.com>.

2006

Lauren Jobson has completed presenting and authoring research on schizophrenia at Columbia University/NYSPI. Starting this summer, she will serve as Programs Associate with Creative Arts Workshops for Kids, empowering Northern Manhattan’s underserved and adjudicated youth through

the power of the visual arts. This summer, you can find her mural-making with both these inspiring young adults in Harlem and also with a team of female former freedom riders in the Lower East Side. Her brother, Leland, completed his first year of architecture at Pratt and his work was cultivated for the University’s archives. “Congrats to my InVia Juniors-now-College Graduates! So proud! Follow that yellow brick road!”

Michelle Pinto is a graduate of St. John’s University with a bachelor’s degree in Television and Film production. During her time at St. John’s, she also acquired minors in Italian and Business. After graduation last May she became a part time Production Associate for the YES Network. While she still holds this position, Michelle is now also a full time employee of NBC Universal working in the audience department of a syndicated talk show.

2007

Christina Marie De Cola graduated from Brown University with a double major in Art History and English on May 29, 2011.

Samantha R. Farley graduated from the University of Hartford on May 15 with her Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. Samantha will begin working towards her Masters of Engineering, specializing in Transportation Engineering this fall.

Siobhan Fisher graduated from Hunter College with a degree in Political Science and German. After interning with an Anti-Money laundering task force for three years, she was offered a full time position upon graduating. On January 12th, after a



Samantah Dell-Olio’s daughter, Nancy

In Memoriam

Jane Wolfertz Bohan, ‘52

Gretchen LaPointe Jacobs, ‘59

James Leddy, husband of Lauretta Clancy Leddy, ‘58

Joseph Lutz, father of Joanne Lutz, ‘68

Robert Mauch, husband of Diane Farrell Mauch, ‘51

Dan McCarthy husband of Veronica Wright McCarthy ‘72 and brother of Rosemary ‘74, Cecilia ‘75, Kathleen ‘77 and Mary ‘80

Olympia Medina, grandmother of Abigail Evangelista ‘12

Mary Jane Donoghue Murphy, ‘58

Paul Nicholson, father of Laura Nicholson-Pinson, ‘75 and grandfather of Sarah Pinson, ‘07 and Megan Pinson, ‘08

Maureen Pender, mother-in-law of Patricia Hillman Pender, ‘85

Edward Robotti, father of Barbara Robotti Murray, ‘64

Jean Stanton, mother of Eileen Stanton Walsh, ‘62

Alicia Murtha Tague ‘44

Vivian Alotta Wing, ‘64

Yvonne Zaborowski, mother of Lisa Zaborowski, ‘84

helicopter ride to Grand Canyon, Siobhan said yes to the proposal of marriage by her boyfriend Neil Ainsworth from Mayo, Ireland. The two spent the next two weeks travelling the West coast. The wedding is set for April 2013. Whether it will be in Ireland or New York has yet to be decided...

Sarah Pinson graduated from the University



Hillary Duffy '08 with her cousin **Caroline McConnell '13** in Italy.

of the South in Sewanee, TN with a BA in English. She will attend The New School in September pursuing an MFA in Fiction.

2008

Elizabeth Cappello was accepted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and Phi Sigma, the Biological Sciences Honor Society this



Kelsey Purcell's daughter, Maeve

past semester. Elizabeth also received the Jennifer Lea Evans Memorial Scholarship, given to a rising senior with an interest in pediatric medicine.

Hillary Duffy traveled with Dominican Academy to Italy over Easter break.

Kathryn McCann recently received the Father Philip A. Smith, O.P. Student Fellowship for Study and Service Abroad from Providence College through which she will be traveling to Kisumu, Kenya to serve at Our Lady of Grace School and orphanage this June and July. The trip will also involve hiking Mt. Kenya and going on safari. To stay updated on her travels, visit Katie's blog at <http://kathryncorriganmccann.blogspot.com>.

Megan Pinson graduated a year early this May with a BFA in Film and TV Production from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She plans on a career in her field of study.

Kelsey Purcell had her first child, Maeve Allison Kyne-Purcell, on April 9, 2011. She was 8 lb 14 oz, 20 and 3/4 inches long. Mom and Daughter are happy and healthy!

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UPCOMING EVENTS
FEBRUARY 2011 — JUNE 2011

SEPTEMBER 16

Annual Rooftop
Reconnection Reception
6:30pm-8:30pm at
Dominican Academy

SEPTEMBER 24

50th Reunion for the
Class of 1961
Mass at 4pm, followed by
cocktails and dinner at 5pm

OCTOBER 22

"1" & "6" All Class Reunion
2:00pm-6:00pm at
Dominican Academy

NOVEMBER 3

Major Benefactors Reception
6:00pm-8:00pm at
Dominican Academy

DECEMBER 21

Young Alumnae Welcome
Back ('11, '10, '09 & '08)



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