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*Juniors went to see War Horse at the Vivian Beaumont Theater on Culture Day.*

## Letter from the Principal



Dear Friends,

Welcome to another excellent edition of *Veritas*. This is our chance to show off our talented girls and dedicated faculty. It is also an opportunity to keep you informed about what's happening at D.A. and with your classmates and friends. In this issue you will read about the variety that exists here. The British poet William Cowper in his Poem *The Task* (1785) wrote, "Variety's the very spice of life; that gives it all its

flavor." The variety that excites me the most is the diversity of our girls. Not only are they geographically diverse, coming from all five boroughs, Westchester, Long Island and New Jersey, but they are also culturally diverse. Forty percent of our girls speak another language at home. What a gift to be bi (or even tri) lingual!

This year's graduates also display a variety in their choices of universities; traveling throughout the nation and the world— California, Florida, Maine and even Italy – to attend college. They will bring a wide variety of talents with them, especially their experience and knowledge of social justice and service to the poor and marginalized. The members of the Class of 2012 were the trailblazers for a successful program we introduced this year with Regis High School called the Senior Service Seminar.

As we end another school year, I would also like to celebrate the variety that exists among our faculty and staff. They share their gifts and talents with our girls; each day challenging them to reach their full potential whether in the classroom, in a club or on an athletic field. My special thanks and farewell to Mr. Pablito Sayaman and Sr. Geraldine Milbert, O.P. who will be leaving us this year for retirement and other ministries. They have greatly influenced the girls over their many years of service.

I would also like to thank the alums who have stepped up to reorganize the Alumnae Association. I hope it will be an even stronger and more helpful organization for all our alumnae. Please join the Association's LinkedIn and Facebook pages to connect with other alumnae. The variety

of our alumnae was also evident in the many who spoke at the Junior Career Day. You truly inspire our girls! We say goodbye to our Board members, Suzanne Musho, '86, Fr. Phil Judge, S.J., Ann Downey O'Brien, '76 and Sr. Pat Thomas, O.P. Thank you for giving your time, talent and treasure in guiding D.A. toward a bright future.

My life is spiced up each day by the variety of students, parents, faculty, problems and opportunities that come to my office. It does give my life flavor and there is never a dull moment! I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Veritas* – perhaps at the beach or relaxing in the evening. Have a marvelous summer!

May God's peace be with you,

*Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P.*

Sister Barbara Kane, O.P.



Above Left: National Honors Society Induction Ceremony.

Above Right: Sister Barbara offers words of thanks at the Spring Auction & Benefit.

## Letter from the Board of Trustees Chair



Welcome Class of 2012 to our esteemed Dominican Academy Alumnae! Now, there are a few things you should know about what it means to be a graduate from Dominican Academy. I will begin to explain, but I hope other alums will also chime in. Feel free to write on Facebook what it means to you to be

a Dominican Academy alum so that this incredible group of young women will know what to expect as they enter the world of higher education and beyond. Here are my initial seven, in no particular order...

One: When you graduate from college or graduate school, and enter the work force, you will be the only person who questions authority constantly and who has an unwavering work ethic. Do not worry. These are good traits. They are talents that will help you to be promoted before any of the other new employees (and enable you to hire interns from Dominican Academy!)

Two: Your work will be scrupulously organized. You will know how you developed your project, why it was developed that way, and be able to explain to others why you organized your project that way. Some might say this is a curse, but it really is just what it means to be a graduate from Dominican Academy. It is who we are.

Three: You will be invited to many dinner parties. There is a very good reason for this. It is because a Dominican Academy graduate has a lot to say and knows what she is saying. The hostess of the party will quickly ask you to join her, at her end of the table, so that her party is featured in the Wall Street Journal or the New York Times, and not Page Six!

Four: This is unfortunate, but you will be the first voted off of *Survivor* and any other reality show, for that matter. There are two good reasons for this. You will be the strongest contestant and you will be the one least interested in cheating. There is no place for a Dominican Academy graduate on reality TV, unless you want to write the show, or create it, or produce it. If that happens, you will try your

best to elevate the discourse! (I should probably qualify this- you *may* win *Dancing with the Stars*...)

Five: You will make others happy. Dominican Academy educates young women to be scholars, but we are also trained to have a lightness about life. Little did you know, as you walked through the hallowed halls of Dominican, that the four pillars would help you retain an optimism and cultivate a joy about life. Study, prayer, community and service are four facets of every graduate from Dominican that ensures that we remain visionaries. We continue to believe in the goodness of humanity, and we have empathy for others. If you don't think this will set you apart from the others around you, well, there is that optimism at work again....

Six: You will always be chosen for jury duty and you will usually be the foreman. It won't matter if your brother is a police officer, or if you are a lawyer - you will always be chosen. One reason may be that you will be the only person in the room who knows what *voire dire* means....

Seven: The final item for now is that you will travel. Dominican Academy opens doors for her students. You learn so much about others, and yourself, that you need to see the world. You need to learn as much as you can so that you are trapped by nothing.

I really do hope that my fellow alumnae let the Class of 2012 know that they are very welcome and also that they have a lot to which they can look forward. The Class of 2012 should know that they will have it all, that they will do it well, and that they will enjoy it!

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees!

My very best for a great summer,

Suzanne Musho, '86

## Congratulations to the Class of 2012



Jessica Marie Lavery  
Valedictorian



Abigail A. Evangelista  
Salutatorian



Agatha Lucy Kehayas  
Mother Stephanie



Mary Elizabeth Hughes  
All Dominican Girl

**Loyola University New Orleans**  
Allyson A. Aleksey

**Assumption College**  
Meagan Adrianna Simplicio

**Auburn University**  
Erin Ainsley Hughes

**Barnard College**  
Catherine Wu

**Boston University**  
Brittany Lynn Edwards  
Simran K. Sekhon  
Tiffany May Stawiarski

**Bowdoin College**  
Kathleen Gina Dorado

**City University of New York  
Hunter College**  
Christina Marie Rodriguez

**Colby College**  
Emma Teresa Reuland

**College of Charleston**  
Julia Jennifer Jones  
Melba Anne Madamba

**College of Mount Saint Vincent**  
Ashley Nicole Canastra

**Concordia College**  
Samantha C. Costanza

**Cornell University**  
Nilda Natasha O. Valenzuela

**Dartmouth College**  
Casidhe-Nicole Ramirez  
Bethancourt

**Fairfield University**  
Mary Margaret Gaughan

**Fordham University**  
Amanda Ballenger  
Marcelis Elizabeth Campo  
Erin Marie Halpern  
Gabrielle Alexandra Montes  
Natalie Anne Studt

**Guilford College**  
Kaitlin Turner Sullivan

**Hofstra University**  
Daisy Rose More

**Hollins University**  
Sara Marie Knoblock

**Iona College**  
Olivia Rose Laino

**John Cabot University**  
Lorraine Falcon  
Noelle Marie Tabone

**Le Moyne College**  
Ashley Alaysia Colon

**Lehigh University**  
Amy Zane Haber  
Lauren Zane Haber  
Carolina Carrara O'Connor

**Long Island University**  
Carolina Fernandez

**Loyola University of Maryland**  
Nicollette A. Ruiz

**Macaulay Honors College  
at Lehman College**  
Christina Marie Santiago

**Marymount  
Manhattan College**  
Claudia Paulina Nowakowski

**New York University**  
Makenzie Jade Vega

**Providence College**  
Sophia Johnston

**Roger Williams University**  
Sabrina Caserta

**Rutgers University**  
Caitlin Patricia Keating  
Jessica Patricia Rutyna

**Sacred Heart University**  
Catherine Luna

**Santa Clara University**  
Paulina Garan

**St. John's University**  
Sylwia Beata Jaroszevska  
Oyshi Nabi  
Patricia Ni  
Martina Vi Nha Tran

**State University of New York  
Binghamton**  
Abigail A. Evangelista  
Alexandra Odette Paredes  
Christine Ann Costanza

**State University of New York  
Purchase**  
Sarah Yasmin Harun

**Syracuse University**  
Laura Zic

**The Catholic University  
of America**  
Amanda Jasmine Cabrera  
Aidan P. Schmitt

**The Ohio State University**  
Sarah Elizabeth Colgan  
Erika Marie Paguirigan

**The University of San Diego**  
Mary Elizabeth Hughes

**The University of Miami**  
Kai Poldroo

**The University of Scranton**  
Raechel N. Hillery  
Jessica Marie Lavery

**Union College**  
Jenna Marie DiFalco  
Danielle Marie Lypen

**University of  
California Berkeley**  
Agatha Lucy Kehayas

**University of Dallas**  
Angelica Shannon Hanley

**University of  
Massachusetts Amherst**  
Kiera Keegan

**University of the Sciences**  
Alexandra Gabriella Zawisny

**Xavier University**  
Clare Burke

## STUDENTS TEACHING: Juniors Host Advocacy Expo

Dominican Academy’s Christian Ethics class was assigned a challenging capstone at the end of the semester. Under the tutelage of Theology teacher, Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis, the 54 juniors took the idea of service to others to the next level. Each small group of three classmates chose a certain issue of injustice present in our society. The serious subjects included teen dating violence, abortion, bullying and rape.

The students identified ways to advocate on behalf of the people affected by the given injustice and then developed a lesson which they presented to their classmates and to the rest of the student body. The culmination of the project was on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at D.A.’s first “Advocacy Expo” in the auditorium, where the juniors presented to a panel comprised of D.A. alumnae who are activists in their own right.

These students are passionate about building awareness on issues of injustice and about educating their peers and parents on how they can help fight for truth and justice. After all, “advocacy is an integral part of living and ethical life, namely, of becoming an *Altus Christus!*,” according to Ms. Sudeikis.

*Top: Family and friends were invited to attend the Expo.*

*Middle: A majority of the junior advocates offered their audience something to take home, like pins or brochures, to provide more information about their topic and to encourage the dissemination of their message of truth and justice.*

*Bottom: Students raised awareness of the homeless youth population and shared how the Covenant House strives to serve their needs.*



## CAREER DAY

*“If you are interested, you are interesting!”*

One alumna spoke these inspiring words at the annual Junior Career Day. Eighteen other alumnae from various fields, including media, law, engineering, education and more, participated in Junior Career Day and seemed to share the same sentiment. Diane Kelly, '69, U.S. Consul General in Marseille, France called via Skype and Analie Hintz, '05, ESL teacher, called from Korea. The juniors were impressed by their work and were interested to hear more about their experience living and working abroad. Many of the students hope to gain a global perspective by studying abroad in college.

Career Day gives the juniors an opportunity to hear about careers

that interest them and to open their eyes and minds to career paths that they may have never considered. The juniors and alumnae were divided into four groups. The juniors moved from group to group to ensure that they heard from all alumnae and time was allotted at the end of the presentations for networking. The students were invited to approach the alumnae that interested them to ask questions and exchange contact information. A few students walked away with plans to shadow alumnae at their offices this summer.

We thank our alumnae who took the time out of their day to spend it with the D.A. junior class and the Alumnae Association for making this

a successful event. We welcome all professions and hope to see even more alumnae participate next year. If you are unable to attend Career Day, there are other ways to help out:

- 1) Schedule a time to meet with a small group of students at D.A. who are interested in your profession.
- 1) Offer an externship (job shadowing experience) or internship for upperclassmen to gain office experience and a better understanding of your profession.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the Development Office at 212-744-0195 or the D.A. Alumnae Association at [alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org).



*Professionals in Communications, Accounting, Business and Engineering share how the strong academic foundation that D.A. provides has helped shape who they are today, both professionally and personally.*



*The intimate group setting was conducive for dialogue rather than a lecture.*



*Mothers and daughters dance the afternoon away aboard the Spirit of New York.*

## 2012 Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon

*By: Virginia Schmitt, P'12*

From its humble beginnings at a backyard in Queens, its long run at Central Park's Tavern on the Green and then a few hits at Guastavino's under the Queensboro Bridge, the 2012 Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon ventured to go sailing in the New York harbor. This year's Committee, headed by Beth Pollastro, P'13 and Kirstin Haybern, P'13 & '16, took more than 300 D.A. moms, daughters, aunts and grandmothers aboard the *Spirit of New York* on a beautiful sunny day on April 29. D.A. faculty and staff also joined the crew.

This year, the Mother-Daughter Luncheon also shifted gears to become a "fun-raiser" and community-builder, with the *Spring Auction and Benefit* becoming the major fundraising event for Dominican Academy. The timing could not have been better. Due to the limitations of space and time aboard a 150-foot long yacht and a cruise time of two and a half hours, the Committee had to minimize the pre-production costs and efforts while maximizing the entertainment value aboard the yacht. The usual 95+ raffle baskets were reduced to 25 (each homeroom class delivered beautiful baskets with an array of valuable goodies); the silent auction listed fewer items but made up for friendly bidding wars. It was quality over quantity.

Reminiscent of ocean-going cruises, pre-boarding included smiling for a keepsake photo and once aboard, beverages were served and all were free to explore the ship. We pulled away from the dock at Chelsea Piers with streamers in hand and a festive Bon Voyage toast. After saying grace,

Sister Barbara invited everyone to the Grande Buffet where the menu was made for every palette: simple green to classic potato salads, Wild Alaskan salmon, herb-roasted chicken, and apricot glazed pork loin for the meat and no-meat diners. But the favorite of this crowd was the Three-cheese Pasta al Forno a.k.a. mac 'n cheese!

In tradition, Mary Hillery, outgoing 2011-2012 Parents' Association President and her senior daughter, Raechel, delivered poignant speeches about their years at D.A. As a finale to the ceremonies, the Class of 2012 embraced in a circle to sing their song *Build You Up* as their moms stood by and enjoyed the "senior" moment.

And then the boat started to rock. If you closed your eyes when the live singers came on stage, you would have imagined Maroon 5 and Christina Aguilera were on board singing *Moves like Jagger*. Needless to say, an opening act like this and the DJ spinning to the girls' playlists guaranteed to set the dance floor in motion. Daughters dancing. Moms dancing. Ms. Marin dancing. Even Sister Geraldine was sighted having a great time! It was a "girls-just-wanna-have-fun" moment. The rest of the afternoon beat the D.A. spirit into high gear with Lady Liberty and the Manhattan skyline just outside the panoramic windows.

If by land or if by sea, this old tradition continues to be an unforgettable day in the life of a D.A. mom and daughter.

*Note from the author*

Aidan and I attended our first Mother-Daughter Luncheon as an incoming freshman and we really enjoyed the special afternoon as a team. As a junior mom, I first volunteered to be on the Mother-Daughter Luncheon Committee and introduced e-vites to the event using interactive emails to moms to simply spend an afternoon together with their daughters. It was through this that I met other remarkable D.A. moms, who through their generous spirit of volunteerism have made an impact on helping our school. This year, I served as Co-VP of the D.A. Parents' Association and was part of the 2012 Spring Auction and Benefit Reception Committee. I highly recommend all parents to take this opportunity to spend this time with your daughters' school before they leave for college. It is rewarding and you still get to see your daughter at school!

*Aidan graduated with the Class of 2012 on June 1 and will be attending the Honors Program at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in the fall.*



*Sophomores take a break from dancing to take a picture!*

## Global Awareness Week

Genocide was the theme of Global Awareness Week, which was held in late April. The highlight of the week was a lecture by Taylor Krauss, founder of the organization, *Voices of Rwanda*.

According to their website, “*Voices of Rwanda* is dedicated to recording and preserving testimonies of Rwandans, and to ensuring that their stories inform the world about genocide and inspire a global sense of responsibility to prevent human rights atrocities.”

*Voices of Rwanda* records testimonies of Rwandan people who have been personally afflicted by genocide. Stories of

genocide are communicated by means of proverbs, song and words. The organization incorporates educational outreach as a part of its mission with the hope to shape today’s youth to become advocates and leaders of change. Under the guidance of Ms. Katie Leo, Theology Department Chair and Campus Minister, the students linked genocide to another relevant issue in our society today, bullying. The Dominican Academy Preachers (DAPs) organized an anti-bullying party, allowing people the opportunity to stand up against bullying. Michelle Costanza, ’13 reflected on the week and felt that she and her classmates “recognized even more so the need to create an environment of tolerance, cooperation and love in a world that fosters so much hostility.”



Taylor Krauss addressed the Prophets of Non-Violence class and said he was impressed by “how attentive and engaged the students were.”

## D . A . D E P A R T U R E S

*This year D.A. bids farewell to two valued and long standing members of our faculty.*



After 25 years at Dominican Academy, Mr. Pablito Sayaman is retiring. Mr. Sayaman was an active member of the D.A. community as a math teacher and as the moderator of Student Council. Mr. Sayaman had the opportunity to get to know the students in and out of the classroom. Overall, his most rewarding experience at D.A. was the challenging academic work. Geometry has been his favorite subject to teach for over 40 years. Mr. Sayaman reflected on his teaching career, and he realized that “it is hard to measure [his] contribution, but it is just rewarding to be a part of [the students’] educational growth.”

*“I learned as much from them as they learned from me. Actually, I think I learned and benefited even more than they did.”*

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Sayaman moderated the Student Council, organized the annual Ski Trip and chaperoned the dances, which he thoroughly enjoyed “because I could help the girls engage in social activities. It kept me moving and allowed me to get to know all of the students from a different perspective,” said Mr. Sayaman.

Mr. Sayaman started his teaching career in the Philippines, where he taught math for 11 years. He then moved to Nigeria with his family to teach for seven years. Living in Nigeria “enriched and enhanced my cultural, social, and professional growth,” commented Mr. Sayaman. He helped his students do the same during their time at D.A. “Mr. Sayaman taught us how to love math and have fun with this subject in school. He also taught us how to

embrace our cultures, especially because he is also from the Philippines. He really encouraged me and my classmates Sarah Yango, Katrina Arguelles Lawson, Lalaine Mercado, Charisse Begawen, and Tracy Torre to participate in the school’s annual culture day. Although the six of us grew up here in New York, he helped us remember our roots in the Philippines,” said Amanda Cruz Oxenberg ‘99.

After his seventh year in Nigeria, Mr. Sayaman and his family took a vacation to the United States, which was when he interviewed for the job at Dominican Academy. Some of his Filipino friends were already living in the States and connected him to the Archdiocese of New York. Mr. Sayaman feels fortunate to have been able to come to the United States to do what he was trained to do. He cannot believe how quickly the 25 years at D.A. went and remarked, “There is no other place like it! After D.A., to what better school could anyone go to teach?”

The Dominican Academy community also bids adieu to our Librarian of 17 years, Sister Geraldine, O.P. Sister G. introduced the internet to D.A., generated over \$500,000 from Federal and State funds to help defray the cost of instructional materials, textbooks, computer software and online databases and shared a unique sense of humor with the community. Sister G.’s most rewarding experience at D.A. “is realizing how helpful my efforts in research and technology have been for students and faculty over the years.”

Aside from her steadfast dedication as the Librarian, Sister G.’s fondest memories include dancing at parties, enjoying plays and sharing stories with her students and other faculty members.

Sister Geraldine is not retiring and will continue to work part-time for her religious community. In her words, “my plans are to continue to use my skills in research and technology in the Mission of my Blauvelt Community.”

We hope to see both of these popular teachers at reunions and other D.A. events in the future.

## Spring Auction & Benefit Reaches New Height

*For the First Time, D.A. Raised Over \$100,000 in Revenue*

Over 175 alumnae, parents and benefactors came together under a new roof for this year's *Spring Auction & Benefit*. The D.A. community celebrated and supported academic excellence at The Penn Club in midtown Manhattan on Friday, March 23. One committee member, Annmarie Otto Creighton, '88 & P'13, commented that The Penn Club is "definitely D.A. style." Guests milled about the beautifully appointed room upstairs, browsing the silent auction, while enjoying refreshments and talking with friends.

This was the first year that Dominican Academy raised a one-year scholarship at the live auction segment of the event. We greatly appreciate the enthusiastic support of our donors. A recipient of the Board of Trustees' scholarship, Michelle Costanza, '13, addressed the crowd. Her message was filled with gratitude: a word of thanks to the benefactors who made it possible for her to attend Dominican Academy, to her teachers for providing guidance and a challenging course load and to her parents for their continuous support.

We were proud to honor Florence Jachara Mirti, '58 and Anthony E. Mirti for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Tony served on the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee in 2008 and 2009. In 2008, on the occasion of Florence's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, they established a scholarship in Florence's name to sponsor one student for her four years of study at D.A. This scholar will be attending the Honors Program at The Ohio State University in the fall, where she received The Ohio State University National Buckeye Scholar Scholarship and The Ohio



*Edward McAnaney, Esq. and Jeanne Glennon McAnaney, '58 presented the honorees, Florence Jachara Mirti, '58 and Anthony E. Mirti, with their award.*

State University Provost Scholarship.

This event would not have been possible without the impressive dedication of the auction committee. Wendy Fernandez, P '14 & '16, Ann Marie Flynn, Esq., '69 and Izabella Stasicki, '04 served as co-chairs and led a team of 13 current parents and alumnae. Our volunteers were

instrumental in helping D.A. run the online auction for the second year in a row. The planning for both the live event and the online auction started at the beginning of the school year and the committee was busy up until the day before the big event. D.A. counts on the commitment of our volunteers and always welcomes new ones! We hope to engage more

current parents for next year's event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Izabella Stasicki at [izabella.stasicki@gmail.com](mailto:izabella.stasicki@gmail.com) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR:  
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013



Top left: Wendy Fernandez, P'14 & '16, Izabella Stasicki, '04 and Ann Marie Flynn, '69, Esq., Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Bottom left: Young alumnae came in numbers!

Top Right: Smiling Student Ambassadors.

Middle right: Izabella Stasicki, '04, Tracy Torre, '99 and Julie Grimes Sniffin, '77 are all smiles after their hard committee work paid off.

Bottom right: '90's alumnae enjoyed catching up.

# Senior Service SEMINAR



*Director and Producer, David Darg and Olivia Wilde, spoke to D.A. and Regis seniors about the disastrous introduction of cholera in Haiti.*

D.A. and Regis instituted a new program for their seniors – the Senior Service Seminar. We began this joint social justice program with our brother school in the third quarter. The program began and ended with Eucharistic celebrations. Seniors from both schools met at Regis every Tuesday afternoon during the third and fourth quarters to listen to activists in diverse fields who shared their expertise and passion on topics ranging from food justice to sexual ethics. A complete list of the speakers and topics is available below.

A special highlight was a presentation by activist/actress Olivia Wilde about her experience producing the documentary, “Baseball in a Time of Cholera.” D.A. and Regis seniors made up the audience for the third public showing of the documentary directed by David Darg and Bryan Mooser and produced by Olivia Wilde and Elon Musk. The other two showings were at the Tribeca Film Festival the prior weekend. Darg and Wilde addressed the receptive audience of 200+ seniors and they spoke passionately about the importance of getting the message

out about the recent disastrous introduction of cholera in Haiti. They stressed the impact that this young generation can have via their use of social media. After a brief release in theaters, the film is available at no cost on the web site of the same name.

After hearing insightful presentations, the students had the opportunity to discuss questions about the presentations, preparing them for similar intellectual discussions in college. 15 girls and 18 boys were selected to be discussion leaders. They attended two training sessions to prepare them for their task. These seminars were the perfect complement to the service the students from D.A. and Regis have been providing throughout their senior year. Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis from D.A. and Mr. Kevin Lardner from Regis headed this successful program and plans are already in place for next year.

To learn more the documentary, please go to: [www.Baseballinthetimeofcholera.com](http://www.Baseballinthetimeofcholera.com).



Top: D.A. and Regis students participated in break out sessions after every presentation.

Bottom: Olivia Wilde and Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis.

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

Opening Mass and Orientation

political correctness when applied to sexual ethics”  
Miriam Grossman, MD

#### **Tuesday, March 6**

“Behind the Swoosh: Team Sweat – Social Justice and Sweatshops”  
Jim Keady,  
Director and Founder  
Educating for Justice

#### **Tuesday, April 17**

“Art and Social Justice”  
Christian Talbot,  
English Department  
Chair, Regis High School

#### **Tuesday, March 13**

“Vision of the Human Person”  
Anna Halpine,  
CEO and Founder  
World Youth Alliance

#### **Tuesday, April 24**

“Contemplation as Service”  
Rev. Michael Holleran  
Columbia University  
Catholic Ministry

#### **Tuesday, March 20**

“The Hidden Face of the Modern Food System”  
Chris Parrucci,  
New York City Director  
The Humane League

#### **Tuesday, May 1**

“Baseball in the Time of Cholera” documentary about Haiti  
Olivia Wilde,  
actor, producer & activist  
David Darg, director & activist

#### **Tuesday, March 27**

“Unprotected: A campus psychiatrist challenges

#### **Tuesday, May 8**

Closing Mass and Evaluations

## D.A. Utilizes New York City and Greece as a Second Classroom

The Dominican Academy education works to expose students to the arts and to encourage them to develop an appreciation for educational pursuits outside of the classroom. The faculty members remind the girls to never take NYC for granted and to seize all of the cultural opportunities right in their backyard. We need to continue to promote the idea that New York City is their classroom. For instance, Ms. Gwyneth Mooney arranged for the Glee Club and Liturgical Choir to sing in a treble choir concert at Carnegie Hall. They were able to work with one of the top youth choir conductors in the country and have the unique experience of singing in a great venue with a professional ensemble accompanying them.

Additionally, every spring Ms. Eleanor Bunker organizes culture trips for all four grades. This year, the freshman visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park. The sophomores went to the Onassis Cultural Center and then traveled to The Cloisters. The juniors and seniors saw the Tony Award winning *War Horse* at the Vivian Beaumont Theater. These trips are not only relevant to their studies but also expose our students to the cultural resources that NYC offers.

Cultural discovery doesn't only take place in New York. Every year, Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon, '68 organizes trips abroad.

In the past, students have traveled to Italy, France and Spain. Twenty-seven D.A. students, accompanied by chaperones and family members, traveled to Greece at the close of this school year. They climbed the Acropolis in Athens to see the Parthenon and toured Delphi, the site of the most important oracle of the ancient world. At Olympia, D.A. student athletes ran or walked the stadium at the home of the original Olympic Games. D.A. singers tested the perfect acoustics of the ancient theater at Epidaurus. The travelers also explored the Greek Islands on a four day cruise that included stops in Rhodes, Santorini, Mykonos and Turkey, with an excursion to ancient Ephesus. One student remarked that before leaving she hoped to see crystal clear water. Not only did she see it, she swam in it!

Places are still available for next year's trip to England and France at Easter. Walk the streets of Paris, see Mona at the Louvre, say a prayer at the cathedrals of Notre Dame and Chartres. Experience high speed train travel through the Chunnel, and then explore London, Stratford and Oxford. For further information, contact Jo Ann Fannon at [jfannon@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:jfannon@dominicanacademy.org). The trip is open to D.A. students and alumnae, their family and friends.



*D.A. at Cape Sounion.*



*Irish step dancers perform during Culture Day.*

## A Message from the Athletic Director

### BASKETBALL

D.A. won seven of its 11 basketball games this past season in its CHSAA league during a three-month period starting last December. It is one of the few times that D.A. has posted a winning season in its nine-year basketball history. The D.A. team had nine players this year: Laura Zic, '12, Melba Madamba, '12, Sabrina Bode, '13, Vasiliki Soldatos, '13, Samantha Nelson, '14, Jozefina Preci, '14, Rachael Johnston, '14, Rebecca Carney, '14 and Helene Schneider, '14. Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis from the D.A. faculty was the new coach this year.



### BILLIARDS

Billiards is a winter activity snugly situated between the end of the basketball season and the start of the softball one. Anya Cullen, '14 and Shannon Walsh, '14 were leaders in the revival of this once-a-week endeavor. Mr. McDermott, D.A.'s Athletic Director, led a procession of ace-ball strikers on Thursdays in mid-February to East Side Billiards on



East 86<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and Third. Devotees included Katie (Killer) Zaccardi, '13, Aleksandra Swiech, '13, Victoria Pineyro, '13, Katrina Bernhardt, '13, Christina Ragone, '13, Jennifer Truong, '13, Jeanne (OJ) Tang, '13, JiangMin Liang, '13 and Rebecca Carney, '14, Claudia Pelczarska, '14, Charlotte Jones, '14 and Ronnie Bzura, '14.

### SOFTBALL

Softball is a popular sport in which D.A. has had a lot of success (including a 28-game winning streak over a three-year period). D.A. was scheduled to play ten games in its CHSAA league this past spring but half the games were rained out (as they were last year as well). Despite the cloudy skies, Mr. Joe Abbruzzese, the team's new coach, and father of Taylor Abbruzzese, '14 continued to stay upbeat. Veterans like Sarah Colgan, '12, Agatha Kehayas, '12 and Laura Zic, '12 helped the new additions to the squad who were Amanda Corrigan, '14 and Claudia Pelczarska, '14. The highlight of the short season was the one-hit shutout pitched by Sabrina Bode, '13 who normally plays short stop in spectacular fashion.



### TENNIS

Tennis was served this spring after a one-year hiatus when D.A. secured a permit in early April to use two courts in Central Park on ten consecutive Tuesdays. Maria Hershey, '13 helped to get the permit. Mrs. Nancy Feldman volunteered to be the coach. More than two dozen baseliners signed up to play, including such "all-stars" as Priscilla Canals, '13, Ashley Krammer, '13, Cristina Pelin, '13, Hannah Stanke, '14, Kayleen Sanchez, '14, Pam DaSilva, '15, Emma Glennon '15, Ellie Rufen-Blanchette '15.

# Empowering the Youth to Preach

*“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!”*  
— *St. Catherine of Siena*

Four students, two rising seniors and two rising juniors, were selected to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan under the supervision of Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan. The mission of this five-day conference is to empower high school students to discover and deepen the preacher within themselves through prayer, study, community, service and interaction with members of the Dominican Family.

Each day of the conference focused on a theme central to the four Dominican pillars: prayer, study, community and service. The first day was focused on preaching in the Dominican tradition and provided a foundational understanding of the history of the Dominicans. The students were introduced to the founding saints through a creative theatrical performance. One of the presenters focused on the plethora of ways that one can preach and that one is not limited to preaching behind a pulpit. He challenged conference participants to *be the pulpit*. He reminded the group to not just focus on one pillar but that it is important to live all four pillars in order to achieve an organic sense of faith.

Day Two focused on preaching the “signs of the times.” Presenters from all over the country came to discuss topics of social injustice. There were six presentations: The UN and Brazil 2012, Ecology of Permaculture, The Parish Response to Immigration, Our Family in Iraq, African Experience and Human Trafficking. Conference participants attended four presentations in the morning and afternoon. The D.A. girls were motivated to call the attention of the D.A. community to some of these issues during Global Awareness week.

The theme of Day Three was preaching in action: the pillar of service. Small groups were assigned to volunteer at various sites like the Boys & Girls Club of Lenawee, Goodwill Industries, Hope Center, Salvation Army, Hidden Lakes Garden, among others. This day of service offered the students and mentors an opportunity to reflect on how important it is to help those who are in need. After a day of giving back, the students and mentors had the opportunity to have dessert at the Motherhouse with the Sisters who had been praying for their respective schools.



*DAPs members enjoyed dessert at the Motherhouse with two Dominican Sisters.*

On the last day, participants explored ways to preach through the creative arts. Liturgical Movement, Tai-Chi Chih, Liturgical Preaching, Rosary Making Rope, Collage Contemplation, Mandalas, Dances of Inclusion and Taize were all offered. The focus on preaching through the arts taught the students that there are creative and fun ways to pray.

At the end of the conference, before the final banquet, all school groups were asked to meet together to develop an action plan based on what they learned and experienced at the preaching conference. In the words of the students, Dominican Academy is committed to:

- 1) *Demonstrating to the student body that prayer can be expressed in a plethora of ways, not only through words. We hope that the different forms of prayer that we learned this week will include and engage more members of our school community.*
- 2) *Continuing to fulfill our school's advocacy mission and raise awareness of the idea of human trafficking during Global Awareness week.*
- 3) *Incorporating preaching activities such as the dances of inclusion during freshman retreat. We hope this will help cultivate strong relationships between the girls.*
- 4) *Inspiring our peers to be present in every moment, especially during Mass, by choosing lively music and selecting inclusive Gospels.*

## D.A. Launches Summer Program to Great Success

By: Madeleine Metzler, '07

This July, Dominican Academy opened its doors for a week of inspiration, friendship, and creativity with the debut of the *Summer Connection*. While many high schools sponsor summer camps and programs, Dominican Academy's new one-week summer program centers on developing the skills necessary for success in high school.

Dominican Academy launched two sessions of the *Summer Connection* to great success. Thirty-seven girls, including many incoming D.A. freshmen, participated in the Program from July 9th through July 20th. The program was led by me; D.A. instructors, Lauren Serpagli and Mary Lou Somboonchoke; and three rising D.A. senior chaperones.

The idea for the *Summer Connection* arose after the success of Dominican Academy's summer Math and TACHS prep courses. The goal? To offer a program that balanced academics with extracurricular activities while giving girls an opportunity to become familiar with the school. Principal, Sister Barbara Kane, O.P. invited me to design and direct the two-week program, targeted to rising eighth-grade girls.

I devised a program that would be as entertaining as it was enriching. It's important that the girls take something from this week, whether it's better writing skills, a heightened awareness of the high school application process, or increased comfort in interacting with new people. The inspiration for the *Summer Connection* stemmed from my belief that girls need a better awareness of their skills and interests as they enter high school. The early teens are the most formative years for students; that's when they start to identify their skills, passions, interests, and perhaps even career paths. My goal was to give students a taste of everything—from creative writing and playwriting to lab work and public speaking—in hopes of inspiring them to try something new.

The theme for the week was Alice in Wonderland: just as Alice embarked on a journey where the life

she took for granted got turned on its head, the *Summer Connection* challenged students to embrace the unexpected and the extraordinary in the quotidian. The program combined extracurricular visits with writing and science classes that explored the themes and topics covered in each visit. Visits included a guided tour of Central Park landmarks, tours of the Frick and Guggenheim Museums, and a theatrical performance and drama workshop with Fordham University's Theatrical Outreach Program (TOP). At the end of each day, girls reflected on their experiences, goals, and how their expectations had changed.

Students and parents alike shared their enthusiastic response to the *Summer Connection*. "My daughter...had an extraordinarily positive experience," wrote the parent of an incoming freshman. "She was thrilled with the trips, the counselors, and staff and...it was an excellent opportunity to get familiar with the D.A. routine and make some new friends with future classmates."

"My daughter was already familiar with the quality of Dominican Academy's exceptional educational program," wrote the parent of a rising eighth grader. "The *Summer Connection* enhanced her desire to apply to Dominican Academy next year. As a parent, I was impressed with the professionalism and thoughtfulness of the staff. My daughter's enthusiasm has helped me understand why she has such a strong desire to attend Dominican Academy."

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Sister Barbara Kane, O.P., Jo Ann Fannon, and the Dominican Academy and Program staff, the *Summer Connection* met with great success and will, hopefully, become a cherished Dominican Academy tradition.



The group went to visit the Alice in Wonderland statue in Central Park.



Campers gather samples from Turtle Pond for science lab experience.

## Dr. Vera L. Junkers Inducted into Hunter College Hall of Fame



Dr. Vera L. Junkers was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame on Friday, May 18. Each year the Hunter College Alumni Association selects and honors graduates who have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields and services. Dr. Junkers has taught in the Department of Romance Languages at Hunter for 25 years and also teaches language classes for Hunter's Continuing Education Program. In addition,

she has been teaching French and Italian at Dominican Academy since 1985.

Dr. Junkers has served on the Hunter Alumni Association's board and is co-chair of her class year. Long active for the Phi Beta Kappa Society chapter at Hunter, she has been a chapter officer and the secretary-treasurer of the Middle Atlantic District for over 20 years, and received the Certificate of

Recognition for long years of dedicated service to the Phi Beta Kappa Society and to the advancement of liberal learning.

She is a life member of the American Association of Teachers of French and has been a member of the Association's Board of Directors and the treasurer, vice-president, and president of the New York Chapter. In 1987 she was presented with a plaque in recognition of her dedication and devotion to the chapter.

In 2008 Dr. Junkers was awarded the insignia of "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques" at a ceremony held at the French Embassy in New York. The Order, founded by Napoleon in 1808, honor educators for their role in the preservation and spread of the French language and culture through teaching, research, or other service. Her French students have called her "an inspirational and creative teacher who weaves French language, history, and culture throughout her lessons, thereby expanding the world view of her students."

—*The Alumni Association of Hunter College, Hall of Fame Program*

## MEET THE BOARD



### DENNIS CAPPELLO, P'08

*Occupation:* Attorney and CPA (Self-Employed); Assistant Professor, Law & Ethics, Fordham University - Gabelli School of Business

#### Why did you decide to serve?

After all the Dominican Sisters and Dominican Academy did for (our daughter) Liz, Victoria and I owe a debt that we hope to repay by helping D.A. continue to provide opportunities for young women. My experience on the Board of Directors and as a Finance Committee member for Maspeth Town Hall, a community service organization serving the Maspeth, Woodside & Elmhurst neighborhoods of Queens County has helped me with my service to Dominican Academy.

#### What committee(s) do you serve on at D.A.?

Finance; Executive Committee

#### What is your message to the readership of alumnae, parents and friends?

Dominican Academy is a place of opportunity. My experience on the Board has helped me to answer the question, "what else can I do to help?" I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Sisters and my fellow Board members. Every member of the Board is genuinely working toward the same goal in supporting the mission of the school. After Liz graduated, my wife and I remained close to the D.A. community, so I can confidently say that D.A. not only changes your daughter; it will change you.



### KRISTIN ROSS

*Occupation:* Assistant Principal, Regis High School

#### Why did you decide to serve?

Through my work at Regis over the past 14 years, I have developed an enormous respect for the many students and faculty I have known at Dominican Academy. I have always been thankful for the various opportunities that have allowed me to connect informally with D.A. over the years, and the chance to formally serve on the Board of Trustees

is an opportunity for which I am immensely grateful. It has been a pleasure to join with such an outstanding school, one with a strongly inspiring sense of mission and excellence that seems to permeate the entire educational community.

#### What committee(s) do you serve on at D.A.?

Kristin serves as Chair of the newly formed Education Committee. As a committee Chair, I also serve on the Executive Committee.

#### What is your message to the readership of alumnae, parents and friends?

I have been impressed with the way each student is consistently at the heart of every conversation or decision or new initiative at D.A. When it comes to the intellectual, spiritual and extracurricular needs of the young women at D.A., it seems to me, this is a community that genuinely strives for excellence every step of the way. The faculty, staff, administration and board approach each endeavor with an eye toward fulfilling the core mission of D.A. As the alumnae and parent community well know, this really is a very special school community that works every day to promote the strengths, talents and well-being of the young women in its' care. I believe a great future lies ahead for the young women of D.A., and I look forward to being a part of it.

## An Update from the Alumnae Association

Eight alumnae joined the leadership committee of the Alumnae Association in January. Bridget Reilly, '06 and Mary Wachowicz, '06 serve on the Class Representatives Program and Alumnae Communications Committee, Kristin Ardit, '03 and Mary Eustace, '04 serve on the Special Events Committee and Caitlin Carragee, '05, Analie Hintz, '05 and Tracy Torre, '99 serve on the Social Media Committee. These women have been very involved in helping with events, recruiting volunteers and engaging new members of the Association.

The *Spring Auction & Benefit* was well attended by the younger demographic thanks to their hard work and the Auction Committee's marketing efforts. Junior Career Day was another great success, with the Alumnae Association handling the recruitment. The Class Representative Program committee maintains the Class Representative list, so please share with the Alumnae Association at [alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org) if your contact information has changed. Also, please feel free to reach out to the Association if you are interested in serving.

Please make an effort to attend the quarterly meetings held at D.A. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming more involved at the committee level, please reach out to the President, Antoinette Mirsberger Freeman, '99 at [alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Friday, September 14

Rooftop Reconnection Reception (21+)  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, September 22

Class of 1962 50th Reunion  
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Every Thursday in October –  
Art History Seminar with Mrs. Rita Salfeld  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 20

All Class Reunion for Class Years  
Ending in "2" & "7"  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Dominican Academy Alumnae Association fosters close relationships among alumnae and encourages the participation of alumnae in ways that develop the growth and advancement of Dominican Academy. Alumnae work together to support the mission of the school.



Tricia Elms, '04 and Kristin Ardit, '03 at the fall Rooftop Reconnection Reception.

## Alum Notes

D.A. Reunion in Chicago! Save the date - Join Sister Barbara and Sister Pat for tea on Sunday, October 7th at the Westin Hotel North Shore.

### 1942

**Catherine Odierna Lapadula** writes, "Our twins blessed us with six grandchildren. This year the oldest two are freshman in high school: Mercy Academy, Long Island and Ursuline Academy, Westchester."

### 1948

**Joan M. Gaus McKeown** writes, "My class graduated from Dominican in June 1948. Many of my friends from that class are not with us. I still remember all of the wonderful teachers we had, especially our Principal who was liked by everyone. After Dominican, I attended Wood Secretarial School, worked and married. My husband and I raised and educated through college five children and now have 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild."

### 1958

**Jo Ann Liberali Cardone** could fill a book with funny and interesting tidbits that she and classmate **Barbara Sullivan Ertel** have shared since attending their 50th reunion at D.A. only four years ago. The two 58ers have started a world tour! They have rekindled their friendship and have shared many trips and laughs along the way.



Jo Ann Liberali, '58 pictured here with Barbara Sullivan Ertel, '58, writes, "Here we are at the Bocca Della Verita, the Mouth of Truth in Rome, 2009. Notice my hand is on the nose as I'm not sure if the legend is true. I'd hate like heck to lose my hand trying to prove it."

Jo Ann writes: "Italy in '09 (disaster!), a Dalmatian Cruise in '10 and the rerun of Italy in '11. We will be going to Michigan and Canada in September to visit our other travel partner, Nancy (not a DAer). We have hopes of Turkey and Greece next spring and Italy again in the fall. Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise! We have several other adventures on our bucket list so all we have to do now is stay alive and relatively healthy!!"

**Beth Dougherty** writes, "One can call my son, Lieutenant Colonel now! I spent five days in May visiting Chris and my daughter-in-law in Los Angeles in beautiful weather, eating luscious oranges from their backyard trees, then continued to Vermont for a week opening up my house for the summer.

I competed in my annual New York Empire State Games in swimming in early June and medaled in all six events of freestyle and backstroke, qualifying me for the Senior Nationals next year. Unfortunately due to that conflict, had to miss my CNR college reunion but was honored with a "Women of Achievement" Award at that event."

**Jeanne Glennon McAnaney** welcomed her 11th grandchild on February 15th. Dylan Muir Kramer was born to Jeanne's youngest daughter, Aisling. Jeanne says, "This still leaves a long way to go to catch up with classmate **Lauretta Leddy's** 17 grandchildren!"

### 1959

Sister Barbara had a wonderful visit with **Monica Lennon Golden** and her husband, Dennis, in St. Louis in June.



### 1965

**Anna Rose Perrone Geary** and her husband, Bob, spent three weeks on the Queen Mary 2 traveling to England and Norway. They also traveled on the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Syracuse. Anna Rose's latest adventure was a trip to Spain with the Order of Discalced Carmelites. She sends her best to all her D.A. friends.

**Teri McGill** has finally retired from teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She plans to continue working part-time teaching math in some of the local private schools. Teri kept a scrapbook of her four years at D.A.- DC freshman trip, Senior Prom, boat rides, notes from **Dor-Ann** and **Marianne Willis** discussing their favorite Beatles. She also had an original copy of their graduation picture. Teri thought her classmates looked adorable in our big white hair bows! She plans to make it to the 50th reunion.

**Dor-Ann Pucciatti** is the primary caretaker for her mom who suffers from dementia. Belly dancing and her grandchildren keep her sane. Dor-Ann is the proud grandmother of three new step-grandchildren and two more grandchildren that came along "the old fashioned way". She sends her greetings to all.

**Ann Caronna Randall** retired from the Middle County New York School district and loves retirement. She is busy helping veterans and is the state treasurer of AMVETS as well as secretary of her local post. Ann spends time having fun with her children and grandchildren and is looking forward to more opportunities for travel.

**Barbara Sisk Troxell** headed to Steamboat Springs, Colorado in June for son Scott's wedding. Her three granddaughters were flower girls. Barbara writes, "tons of our classmates are on Facebook so check it out! 50th reunion is in 2015 - right around the corner. Let's try to have a large turn-out!!"



### 1969

Since the American Ambassador was not available, **Diane Kelly** was invited to open the American Pavilion at the Cannes Film Festival with Ann Curry of the "Today" show.



### 1972

**Barbara Cavanagh-Farley** is now associated with Prudential Douglas Elliman Real Estate, New York's largest real estate services company. She is based in Elliman's newest office in Long Island City, one of NYC's hottest, emerging markets. Spectacular views, luxury high rises and warehouse conversions, trendy bars and restaurants, museums, expansive green space and only four minutes from Manhattan!

### 1976

**Grace McGarty** writes, "my son graduated from Rutgers University with high honors in two majors. I feel so blessed and proud. It was the best Mother's Day present I could have ever received."

### 1985

**Kristin Masturzo Cuddihy's** daughter, Maddy, graduated from Georgetown Visitation in June.



After four wonderful years there, she will be attending Catholic University in the fall to pursue a degree in Musical Theater (quite like her mom!). Her brother

Thomas is a junior at Gonzaga High School where he is on the rugby team - one of the team's goals is to beat their NYC Jesuit rival, Xavier where his dad Jimmy attended.

Kristin will also be switching jobs to teach English to 7th and 8th graders at St. Andrew's Episcopal School (K-12) in Potomac and also is the moderator for the School's newspaper.

You can now watch **Sunny Cummings Hostin** on three different channels. She is on ABC from 2:30-4:30 and In Session (formerly Court TV) from 9-3pm daily and CNN at 3:30.

**Arianna Unger Lee's** son Brennan graduated from St. Anne's in Garden City and will be attending Regis High School in September. His brother Ryan will be a junior there.

We are happy to announce that **Jackie Massa Proctor's** daughter Madeleine will be attending Dominican Academy in the fall as part of the Class of 2016. Congratulations!



## 1986

Congratulations to **Suzanne Musho's** daughter, Jacquelyn on her Holy Communion.

## 1990

**Edith Bellinghausen** writes, "I am happy to announce that I've received my Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Pratt Institute. I can be reached at [edith.bellinghausen@gmail.com](mailto:edith.bellinghausen@gmail.com) or follow me on Twitter @3DMonocle."

## 1994

**Marie-Paule Landa Maniscalco** writes, "We are eagerly expecting baby number two in August! Our eldest is a two-year old toddler! We will definitely have our hands full!"

## 1997

**Ana Teresa Fabrega Mata** writes, "My husband, Teo, and I had our second baby girl on November 11, 2011 in Caracas, Venezuela. Her name is Veronica Isabel and she is already five months old!!! Now we are a family of four!!"



## 1998

**Julieta Valenzona Doyle** writes, "I graduated from University of South Alabama with a Master's in Nursing Science under the Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Track and passed my certification from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in March. I start working as a Nurse Practitioner with an interventional pain management group in June. My oldest son, Liam, is starting first grade in the fall. My youngest son thinks he's a super hero."

## 2000

Congratulations to **Artemisia Bruno**, who gave birth to a baby girl in April.

## 2004

**Louise Wen**, MD, graduated from Stony Brook University School of Medicine and will begin her anesthesia residency at Stanford University Hospital. The program integrates a research fellowship, allowing her to pursue her passion for medical education and simulation development. She is deeply grateful to **Yelena Bogdan**, MD, '02 who has been a most incredible mentor and big sister throughout the past ten years. Any D.A. student or alumna interested in or active in medicine is welcome to contact her at [Louiseywen@gmail.com](mailto:Louiseywen@gmail.com).

## 2006

**Veronica Florentino** is starting a new position as an Analyst for Coach.

**Lauren Jobson-Ahmed** was married to Nadeem Ahmed at Ft. Tryon Park, with several D.A. alumnae as maidens of honor, including: **Margaux Fleuranges, '06, Margaret Ptak, '05, Christina Wilson, '08, Anamaria Crespo, '08, and Monica Semczyk, '08.**

After another summer of mural-making in Harlem with Creative Arts Workshop (CAW) (and, this year, with the help of a few D.A. students), Lauren is shipping up to Boston to pursue her Ed.M. in Arts in Education at Harvard University.



**Tara Moran** received a Master's in Biology from New York University in May 2012.

**Lauren Spillane** finished her two-year term with *Teach for America* and is back in New York working for the Board of Education as the Associate Director of Strategic Planning.

## 2007

On May 16, 2011, **Eileen Kidder** married Joshua Kachuck at the Norwich University Chapel in Northfield, Vermont. The day before, both had graduated from the University, with Eileen receiving a Bachelor's Degree in both Political Science and History. During July 2011, Eileen was commissioned

# In Memoriam

**Juliette Molloy Arcario, '46**

**Helen O'Shea Hebb, '47**

**Dr. Frederic I. Kalishman**, father-in-law of Tatiana Serafin, '90

**Mr. Picardi**, father of Laura Picardi Buchanan

**Edward Sturz**, father of Vivian Sturz, '70

**Bart Varca**, husband of Julie Pagnucco Varca, '54

**Guiseppe Viccini**, father of Josephine Mazzara

**Joanne Maher Weis, '54**

into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. This past March, Eileen graduated from the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course, and is currently serving at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.



**Madeleine Metzler** graduated from Fordham University in May 2011 *summa cum laude* in *cursu honorum*. She will be starting as a Master's student in English at Yale University this fall.

## 2008

**Caitlin Hopkins** graduated *cum laude* from The University of Scranton.

**Kathryn Corrigan McCann** graduated from Providence College *magna cum laude*. She will begin teaching for a two-year period at Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in November 2012 through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps International Program.

**Monica Semczyk** graduated from Bard College in May 2012 and completed a year-long Senior Project in Art History: "Patterning the Past: Arthur Szyk's Kaleidoscopic Reimagination of Historical Identity."



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All Class Reunion for Class  
Years Ending in "2" & "7"  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 8

Major Benefactors Reception  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER 21

Young Alumnae  
Welcome Back  
(’12, ’11, ’10, ’09)



*Windy day aboard the Spirit  
of New York for the Mother-  
Daughter luncheon!*