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Save the Dates!



Deacon's Fest

Saturday, September 28, 2013 • On the Quad

This year we will be celebrating with Bloomfield Township as they hold Harvest Fest the same weekend. See page 27 for a schedule of the day's events.



BCAA Spring Gala 2014

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 6:30 pm
Galloping Hill Country Club, Kenilworth, N.J.



Alumni Event in Atlantic City

Thursday, March 7, 2014 • Harry's Oyster Bar at 8 pm

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Bar Anticipation, Lake Como, N.J.

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To prepare students to attain academic, personal, and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Bloomfield College Community,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are refreshed and eager to start a new academic year.

Here is a short update since my last message to you.

With great pride and enthusiasm, we celebrated our 140th Commencement in May. Even with the threat of a downpour, we successfully graduated 304 excited students whom we now welcome into the ranks of Bloomfield College alumni. We heard inspirational remarks from our honorary degree recipients, Grammy-winning musician Maxine Roach, and National President-Elect of the Hispanic Bar Association attorney Miguel Pozo. It was a very happy day.

If you haven't ventured into downtown Bloomfield lately, I urge you to do so. We recently broke ground on the corner of Broad and Franklin Streets to begin the construction of a new four-story residence hall, complete with retail space that will include a Barnes and Noble Bookstore. This is the largest construction project in our history. Completion is scheduled for September 2014.

Other new construction projects include renovations to the nursing labs in College Hall, Westminster Room 110, as well as the Learning Hub and the Scott H. Kaplan '02 Gallery in the library. Take some time to visit these great spaces.

Please join me in welcoming two new members to the College's Board of Trustees. Carmen Amalia Corrales is an attorney with the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb in New York City, and Bloomfield College alumnus Josean Fernandez '06 is assistant vice president with Oppenheimer Funds. We are fortunate to have their expertise.

Our NCAA Division II athletic teams continue to bring us great pride. Please check out the new sports section in this issue of *On the Green* to read of their successes.

Lastly, a new academic year always fills me with anticipation and promise. It is an opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments, and to look forward to new journeys. Our special thanks go to the many friends and supporters who are the Bloomfield College community.

See you in the fall.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Levao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard A. Levao, *President*

“I was convinced that I didn’t need an education to be successful.”

John Skowronski '91 made that statement during an interview for this article. His story of not only getting a Bloomfield College degree in accounting, but continuing his education at Fairleigh Dickinson University and earning a master’s degree in taxation, was a circuitous journey that ultimately led him back to Bloomfield College as a generous scholarship donor and active volunteer.



Sean Jimoh '13 and John Skowronski '91 chat during the recognition dinner.

Self-confessed to being somewhat lost in high school, John took the routine standardized tests which showed his aptitude for math, and was convinced by guidance counselors to pursue a degree in engineering. With no other foreseeable course for his future, Skowronski pursued just that at a large university. The experience lasted only a year and a half, though, as John returned home disenchanted. “Not having an interest in what I was learning and feeling completely lost in a large university setting, I had zero motivation,” he said of the experience.

Returning home to disappointed-yet-supportive parents, Skowronski took a job in a one-hour photo lab for minimum wage, and slowly began to realize it was not going to lead to the kind of future he had envisioned. He then took a full-time job in a video store owned by a Cuban immigrant, a man who had fled the communist nation with nothing but what he could carry in his pockets.

Determined to make it in America, he earned his college degree at St. Joseph’s University. After learning of his inspiring story, and how his education had allowed him to ultimately succeed and raise his family, John began to strongly consider giving the pursuit of a college degree another chance. Heeding his manager’s advice, he utilized his skills in numbers and business and returned to school to major in accounting.

“After working for minimum wage, I began to realize that maybe going to college wasn’t so bad after all,” he explained. “I started taking a few classes at Union County College, then chose to transfer my credits to Bloomfield College. It was close to my home, and had a night program in accounting that would accommodate my schedule.”

John Skowronski '91 *(continued)*

Bloomfield's evening program fit John's full-time work schedule perfectly, allowing him to fulfill his financial obligations while pursuing his degree at night. His flexible work schedule also allowed him to take an occasional class during the day, satisfying his liberal arts requirements and allowing him to rapidly progress towards his degree.

The circumstances allowed him to flourish at the institution, finding his niche as an accounting major and as a member of the Bloomfield College community. Challenged by professors such as **Robert Collmier '74** to reach his full potential, Skowronski capitalized on the school's personalized attention and small, intimate environment to maximize his academic experience, earning magna cum laude honors upon graduation.

Beginning his career with a job at Monroe Systems for Business prior to earning his cap and gown, John parlayed his newfound affinity for state and local taxation into a position at AT&T Capital Corporation, specializing in both sales and property tax. Once unenthused about even earning an undergraduate degree, Skowronski earned his master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson during his time at AT&T, with the organization funding his graduate work.

Moving on to organizations including Deloitte and Touche during his career, John currently works at Automatic Data Processing (ADP) as a director, assisting its many clients with economic and tax-related issues. Though he continued his education elsewhere, Skowronski credits his time at Bloomfield and the education he received at the institution for allowing him to work in the field he loves today.

But while he always recognized his alma mater for helping change both his personal and professional life, he hadn't done more to give back to the school outside of monetary donations. It wasn't until a representative of the college contacted him, however, that he realized giving back could take on a much greater meaning, and that the time was right for him to take the plunge.

"...as the college becomes better known for its academic excellence, my own educational credentials grow with it."

"I saw myself in the faces of the students," John said of his time spent volunteering at the College's Center for Career Development. "This was my opportunity to help them the way I was guided when I was here. I told them not to be fixated on one path, but to be open to all opportunities; a good education allows you to explore lots of paths along the way."

Skowronski's paths aren't just limited to the business world, as the Bloomfield Alumni Association member is extremely active in his wife Kerry Mooney's nonprofit animal rescue organization Brendan's Meadows. Also an avid boater, the couple enjoys traveling to Europe as often as their busy schedules permit. But while John has allowed his educational experience to enhance his hobbies, he hasn't lost sight of the continued work that must be done to further the institution's impact on its future alumni, whether it be creating an endowed scholarship fund through his employer's matching gifts program or simply helping a future graduate polish their resume.

"Having excellent students come from Bloomfield College and moving into the corporate world enhances the reputation of the college," he remarked. "And as the college becomes better known for its academic excellence, my own educational credentials grow with it. So, I figure whatever I can do to help the college and its students also benefits me."

It is because of this important dynamic, in addition to the simply rewarding nature of the experience, that Skowronski urges his fellow alumni to become more involved at their alma mater.

"Get in touch and give back," he implored. "Bloomfield College is where you learned what you needed to know to get started, so it is somewhat of an obligation to reach back and help those coming up. Look at Bloomfield College graduates when you need an intern or are hiring, mentor a student in your field, spend some time on campus talking to students about the realities of their chosen careers. It will make you feel good; it's done that for me."

Now one of the College's most influential alums after nearly giving up on a college degree, John hopes to someday welcome another family member into the fraternity of Bloomfield College alumni; His 14-year-old son, Alexander.

"Alex is a great son and I am blessed to have him in my life," he said. "He is into athletics, and is an avid baseball and basketball player. He would like to pursue a career in physical education and also become a coach. He is a very good student academically, and I would be extremely honored and proud if he decided to attend Bloomfield College." ■



DONOR PROFILE

Kurt and Hilde Munchheimer

Healing mind, body, and soul

A passage from the Talmud states, “Live well. It is the best revenge.” While revenge was hardly on Kurt Munchheimer’s mind as he faced the extraordinary complexities and obstacles of his life, his well-lived life proved that his spirit could not be extinguished by the forces that created those obstacles.

Born in Paris, France in 1911, his first years were idyllic. The outbreak of World War I caused his family to return to their native Germany where he saw the horrors of war in the faces of his parents. He remembers hunger and fear for years before the Kaiser abdicated and the war ended. The gentle family life returned and he developed interests in traveling and seeking new adventures. This proclivity would serve him well later in life.

Kurt was influenced by family friends to become a missionary, and his father challenged him to take up medicine in order to do more good for those he would serve. Modeling his life after Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Kurt entered medical school in Frankfurt, Germany, where he earned exemplary grades and took theology courses along with his medical studies. Again, his life was to take a dramatic turn, when Adolf Hitler was named chancellor and the Nazis began their horrific rise in Europe. Although Kurt was raised Christian, because his grandfather was Jewish, he and his siblings were considered half-Jewish, and thus subject to the increasing swell of anti-Semitism sweeping the country. With an anonymous benefactor, Kurt managed to finish his schooling and internship, although he was considered ineligible to work under the Nurem-

berg laws. With the oppressive government bearing down on him, he could not practice medicine and he could not apply for a missionary position within the religious organizations based in Germany. Persevering, he found a medical position in which he

Munchheimers were isolated from the ravages of war. As England declared war on Germany, the family – which had now expanded by one – were put on parole and then deported to an internment camp in Jamaica. Here, the family was split up,

“Live well. It is the best revenge.”

The Talmud

was able to get a license from the British Colonial Office to serve as the managing doctor for a leper colony in Nigeria. Going with him was his soon-to-be wife, Hilde.

Kurt and Hilde enjoyed their work in Africa, making friends and expanding the medical facility. As Hitler continued to march through Europe, the

with Kurt living in the men’s quarters and Hilde and baby Peter living in the women’s. Kurt put his mind to good use as he and some other prisoners organized a high school for merchant marine dropouts and through the Swiss Consul, were able to award valid diplomas. Eventually, the family was reunited in a family camp, where daughter Helga Christa was born. When

Healing mind, body and soul *(continued)*

this camp closed at the end of the war, the family split up again, into the YWCA and the YMCA.

At this point in their lives came a critical juncture: should they return to Germany, try to gain employment in Africa, or attempt to immigrate to the United States? Kurt tried desperately to find employment – anywhere – but was repeatedly turned down. He went to a Presbyterian church where he was stationed as a quasi-minister to serve four country churches. He continued trying to gain access to the U.S., applying to seminaries. He was accepted at the Reformed Seminary in New Brunswick, but because getting the necessary documentation took so long, he eventually lost the sponsorship because he had missed so much of the academic term. Through another series of harrowing plane and train rides, Kurt and his family met Dr. Schweitzer and Dr. Jung, two seminary professors at Bloomfield Theological Seminary.

At Bloomfield, Kurt, Hilde, Peter, Helga Christa, and new baby Walter began their new life. Bloomfield Theological Seminary welcomed his medical background and he served as a biology professor and ran the dispensary while taking classes in theology. He and his family lived a few blocks from campus and he was able to support them with his work at the seminary. After graduating from Bloom-

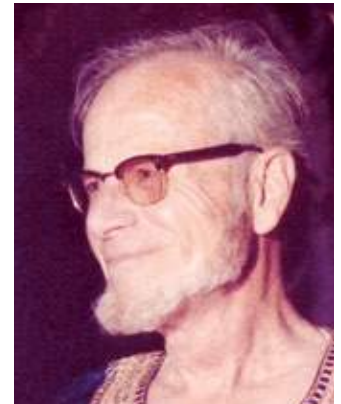
field magna cum laude, he was ordained in 1949 and accepted a pastoral position at the Park Avenue Church, offering services in both English and German. His dream of having a doctorate in divinity was dashed when Princeton Theological Seminary turned down his application because he already had an advanced degree in medicine. Once again, a new plan had to be developed, and along with

became involved in conservation efforts. A life-long outdoorsman, he took advantage of the pristine environment in northern California with hikes and exploration. He also served on the city council, including one term as mayor. He and his family travelled the world. Kurt retired from his medical practice in 1977, only to become a medical missionary in Cameroon, realizing the dream of his youth.

Christa says. “He was afraid that the Nazi mentality could bubble up and hurt his family again.” Kurt’s father, Josef, was murdered in Auschwitz and his brother survived Buchenwald. If Kurt had stayed in Germany, he most assuredly would have been imprisoned as well.

Christa Lyons and her husband John set up an endowed scholarship fund at Bloomfield College for immigrant students

“He did not tell us of our Jewish ancestry until we were adults, he was afraid that the Nazi mentality could bubble up and hurt his family again.”



his pastoral duties, he completed an internship at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, N.J. For six months thereafter, he studied his textbooks and passed both the Maryland and New York state medical boards. The family wanted to settle on the west coast, though, and after a year in Youngstown, Ohio, he took the California state boards and passed.

Kurt and Hilde set up house in Rio Dell, Ca, practicing medicine and preaching. He also

According to Christa Lyons (the “Helga Christa” in the story), her father had a constant abiding faith in spite of his travails. He always believed that things would work out. His mission in life was to heal the mind, body and soul, especially for the less fortunate. “Because he knew hardship, he was energized to help others,” explained Christa. Yet his early years instilled a quiet fear in him that history would repeat itself. “He did not tell us of our Jewish ancestry until we were adults,”

based on financial need and merit. “Bloomfield Theological Seminary gave us our foothold in America,” says Christa. “The college gave us room and board and made sure my family’s needs were met. They opened the doors to America.” The scholarship is designed to continue the family tradition of better education, a chance for improving one’s life and opening new doors to foreign students. ■

Josean Fernandez '06

The youngest member of the Bloomfield College Board of Trustees, **Josean Fernandez '06** has accepted an appointment to the distinguished group, furthering his continued impact on his alma mater.

Currently the Assistant Vice President, Global Private Banking and Strategic Account Manager at Oppenheimer Funds, Fernandez is responsible for the delivery of company products (including mutual funds and separate accounts) to private banks around the world. Fostering relationships with key centers of influence, Fernandez also spearheads strategic sales campaigns with partner firms, utilizing all aspects of the Business Administration degree he earned at Bloomfield.

Serving as president of the Alpha Chi National Honors Society, a Student Ambassador and a member of the baseball team during his college tenure, Fernandez chose finance as his academic concentration after attending one of Bloomfield's signature career development events.

"While the faculty was in fact influential, I felt the biggest impact from members of the college staff," Fernandez noted of his time at the institution. "I was invited by Anna Marie Tutiven (from the Center for Career Development) to attend an event put on by Citigroup and the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) highlighting a day in the life on Wall Street."

"Since that event, I knew Wall Street was where I wanted to take my career. There were countless instances when staff members went the extra mile to make sure I had the appropriate arrows in

my quiver when it came to job searches and interviews."

Fernandez's job search led him to Neuberger Berman, LLC, where as Regional Director, External Wholesaler he was responsible for delivery of company products including mutual funds, separately managed accounts, private equity and hedge funds. Also responsible for the creation and distribution of Lehman Brothers structured notes (derivatives), Fernandez initiated new business in the northeast region and was directly responsible for over \$1.2 billion in inflows.

Making his mark in the business world, Fernandez credits the education and opportunities he received at Bloomfield with helping him get off to such an impressive start to his career.

"Immediately after graduation, I realized the gift I was given at Bloomfield College," he said. "From the relationships I built with professors and staff to the scholarship money I was awarded, my tenure at the college was filled with lasting memories, and I was surrounded by people who really cared about my progression. "

"Adam Castro (Vice President of Admission and Enrollment Management) gave me the opportunity to speak in front of thousands of prospective students and parents. Immediately I realized the benefits of becoming comfortable in speaking to large audiences, which has since helped my career. These opportunities were available because of Bloomfield's small size. It was such an advantage to have an entire community backing me as I stepped out into the real world. "



After seeing the impact Josean's experience at Bloomfield had on his journey into the workforce, Fernandez decided to begin giving back to the institution that had made such an impact in his life.

"I had a preconceived notion of the difficulties in volunteering as a relatively young alumnus," Josean said of his newfound role as a Trustee. "Most young alums are just starting their career, and need to make the right impressions within their respective fields. Time is scarce and the last thing on your mind is volunteering."

"I learned that serving the college does not have to be a large time commitment. Even the smallest of contributions (financial or time-related) can have lasting impressions. I've also felt that speaking with eager students or attending Open Houses always reenergizes me at home and in the workplace.

"I encourage my fellow alums to give back. I assure you that if you do, both you and the College will gain tremendously." ■

On the Quad

Franklin Street Residence Groundbreaking

Prominent members of Bloomfield's political landscape and college alumni, trustees and students gathered in front of Knox Hall on May 9 to celebrate a new era not only for Bloomfield College, but for the historic city it resides in. The day marked the groundbreaking for a new 80,434-square-foot residence hall at the corner of Broad and Franklin Streets, a symbol of the collective effort of the city and the institution to breathe new life into one of the area's most iconic locations.

Featuring one, four and eight-bedroom apartments, the new structure will also house six study rooms, lounges, activity centers and multiple-purpose areas. Additionally, the building will include a student fitness center, movie theater and rooftop courtyard, making it a premier destination for on-campus residents.

To aid in the revitalization of downtown Bloomfield, bookseller Barnes and Noble will reside in over 5,000 square feet of the complex's bottom floor, with a café, convenience store and the college's official bookstore open to the public. With the state-of-the-art building set to open in September, 2014, Bloomfield College will soon take a major step forward in its efforts to not only remain an attractive institution for prospective students, but a college that is truly making an impact in its community. ■



Plans for the near term phase of the Division of Nursing



New Nursing Labs

Construction plans also began in College Hall this June, as new nursing labs will replace outdated and undersized rooms to greatly enhance learning environments for one of Bloomfield's signature programs. Part of the building's near-term (1-5 years) construction plans, the new labs will incorporate the latest in health care technology to simulate an actual hospital environment, including a/v technology and barrier-free accessibility. With expanding instructional space and advancements in educational technology, the Division of Nursing will soon boast a strong presence in Bloomfield's primary academic building, and an identity synonymous with the essence of College Hall. ■

From left are Assemblyman Thomas Giblin, BCSG Vice President Sharif Thomas, Board Chair Martin McKerrow, **Assemblyman Ralph Caputo '63**, President Richard Levao, and Mayor Raymond McCarthy.

HOTL

Bloomfield College and Montclair Art Museum present **A STEP BACK IN TIME**

In today's society, technological advancements have made it stranger *not* to have a cell phone, creating a generation of current college students that have never experienced the frantic search for a roadside pay phone. With mobile communication now taken for granted, Bloomfield College and the Montclair Art Museum partnered to give its younger audience a window into the past, and a greater appreciation for how much the way we interact has evolved.

Earlier this year, the organizations collaborated to create the Bloomfield Avenue Prize, offering the opportunity for artists to develop an innovative public art project that plans for community programming while spanning both the College's campus and the Museum's venue. Artists Karina Aguilera Skvirsky and Liselot van der Heijden were selected from 35 proposals to take on the task (with Bloomfield associate professor of creative arts and technology Laura Nova and the Museum's curator, Alexandra Schwartz, among the judges), erecting an artistic experience involving phone booths at each location.

"This joint venture brings together two institutions that value art as a way to unite communities," said Bloomfield vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty Marion Terenzio. "We are creating greater access to the arts and education for the public by pooling our resources and expertise."

Titled "The Bloomfield Avenue Hotline", the project concept was aimed at creating nostalgia, and developing a greater understanding of how we communicate. An interested patron could enter the booth at either location (with Bloomfield's library and the Museum's main entrance, Lehman Court, the destinations), pick up the phone, and hear prerecorded messages based on conversations the artists had with members of the corresponding communities.

Users could also leave messages themselves and share their thoughts on the respective locations, showcasing how anonymity can allow people to share their true feelings. The messages were then combined, creating a portrait of each location told through the eyes of its inhabitants.

"We're delighted to be a partner in this inaugural collaboration between the museum and Bloomfield College," Montclair Art Museum director Lora Urbanelli said. "Especially on a public project that unites not only our two institutions, but our larger community as well." ■

Top left: Artists Karina Aguilera Skvirsky and Liselot van der Heijden demonstrate and listen to messages from Montclair residents.

Left: Abigail Pena '13, Past President of the Student Government is the first to use the Bloomfield Avenue Hotline.



Fire Department trains at Franklin Street site

Before demolition made way for the Bloomfield's new multi-use residence hall, the city's bravest utilized the primary building on Franklin Street to gain hands-on experience in conducting various search and rescue operations.

Creating simulated scenarios, Bloomfield firefighters practiced all aspects of entering an inflamed building and securing potential victims. Trainees also learned the proper mechanics to cut holes in floors to reach basement fires, and ventilate walls and ceilings. Fire Department Deputy Chief Joe Critchley, who served as training officer for the exercise, stressed the importance of capitalizing on the rare opportunity to get his workers into situations that are as close as possible to a real-life rescue mission.

"We don't often get buildings like this," Critchley said of the Franklin Street location. "This is the perfect scenario to train everyone where we can do the cutting and tearing down, learning teamwork and watching for hidden dangers."

Nearly 70 firefighters completed the training exercises including deputies and junior firemen, making the two-week slate of activities an incredibly impactful experience for the city's fire department.

"We are grateful to Bloomfield College that they have provided this building," Critchley said. "We were able to get so much training done during this time. Book learning is great, but having the hands-on experience is invaluable." ■



Hidden gem becomes newest Westminster staple

A project to increase space in room 110 of the Westminster Arts Center and create new offices for faculty took an unexpected-yet-welcomed turn this past year, as workers discovered a beautifully constructed ceiling in the immediately adjoining room.

Hidden by a previously-installed drop ceiling, workers stumbled upon the breathtaking piece of architecture during construction, and changed course in order to refurbish and preserve the cathedral-like structure. A long-hidden gem on Bloomfield's campus, the project has now been completed, giving members of the campus community a window into the building's storied past.

Official opening of the Scott H. Kaplan '02 Art Gallery

Over 100 classmates, family, friends and faculty gathered in the Bloomfield College library on April 18, to help formally dedicate the Scott H. Kaplan '02 Art Gallery in remembrance of the talented Creative Arts and Technology graduate.

Passing away from complications related to muscular dystrophy in 2003, Kaplan's surviving family members established the Scott H. Kaplan '02 Endowed Scholarship Fund to help give back to the institution that had helped profoundly shape his life.

"I believe Scott was at Bloomfield College for a purpose," Kaplan's father, Marc, said during his remarks at the ceremony. "His four years at the college were the happiest of his life. We made sure that his life was as normal as possible, so that he could inspire others to achieve. It is wonderful to see his name above this gallery." ■



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Invest in Bloomfield College by securely making your gift online at <http://alumni.bloomfield.edu/make-a-gift> today, or send your gift by mail to the Office of Institutional Advancement – 68 Oakland Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.



The President's Dinner

The evening preceding Commencement is reserved each year for bringing together members of the college community to hear tales of perseverance and triumph, as Bloomfield honors the remarkable success stories of its honorary degree recipients and distinguished graduating seniors at the annual President's Dinner. Student speakers included: **Thelesha Gray N'13**, Nursing; **James Lethbridge '13**, Humanities; **Danielle Patterson '13**, Natural Science and Mathematics; **Carlos Gomez '13**, Business; **Michelle Bacot-Edwards '13**, Education; **Armen Sahakyan '13**, Social and Behavioral Science; and **James Gearhart '13**, Creative Arts and Technology.



1. From left are Dr. Jason Slosberg, Trustee Hannah Richman, and Steven and Sharon White.

2. ITPS Associate Director of Global Internships Joonseob Park, on left, with colleagues from Korea.

3. Mentor Adebola Taiwo '09 with her mentee Jessika Genius '13.





4. Seniors **Ashley Taylor '13** and **Amelia Maamogwa '13** enjoying the evening.

5. Student speaker **Michelle Bacot Edwards '13** and Education Division chair, **Nora Krieger**

6. Standing from left are **Toni McKerrow**, Board Chair **Martin McKerrow**, Trustee **Hector Banegas**, **Gretchen Prater**, Trustee **Sandy Prater**, Honorary Degree recipient **Miguel Pozo, LLD H'13**, and former trustee **Donald LaTorre**. Seated from left are **Abbey Banegas**, **Armen V. Sahakyan '13**, President **Richard Levao**, Bloomfield Township Mayor **Raymond McCarthy** and **Janet McCarthy**.

7. Standing from left are Professor **Sandy Van Dyk**, Dr. **Khalil Muhammad**, Director of the **Schomberg Center for Research**

in **Black Culture**, **New York Public Library**; **Elliott Lee**, Vice President of the **JP Morgan Chase Foundation**; **Candace Goldstein**, Director, Special Programs, **Orange Public Schools**; Trustee **Carolyn Roberson Glynn '69**, **Joanne Marren** and **Alan Goldman**.

Seated from left are Trustee **Rosemary Iversen**, **Carlos Gomez '13**, **Alfred Iversen**, and **Stephanie**

Lawson-Muhammad, Director **National Network Operations**, **Verizon Wireless**.

8. Student speaker **James Gearhart '13** thanks the **BCAA** for their scholarship support.

9. Standing from left are **Stuart Koperweis**, Creative Placemaking board member; **Joseph Barris**, Creative Placemaking board

member; **Honorary Degree recipient Maxine Roach DFA H'13**; **Daryl Roach**, student speaker **Danielle Paterson '13** and **Judith Orlando**. Seated from left are **Suzanne Ishee**, Creative Placemaking board member; **Dr. Marion Terenzio**, **Dr. Patricia O'Connor**, **Barbara Heisler**, Creative Placemaking board member and **Gina Elliott**.

Commencement Celebrations

The day preceding Commencement holds a special place each year for some of Bloomfield's brightest, as members of the institution's honors societies and nursing program were honored at the College's annual Baccalaureate ceremony May 22.

Highlighting students who achieved high grade-point averages while seeking honor society membership in their chosen fields, the service featured a powerful message from distinguished speaker Thelma Jean Grossholtz, Ph.D. A professor emerita of politics and women's studies at Mt. Holyoke College, Grossholtz channeled her political background in women's issues and global human rights to challenge students to create positive change and a more humane society.

Dr. Grossholtz talks with an honors student after the ceremony.



“Change in our global society is required, not just by making adjustments, but also by changing the way we think,” she noted during her address. “We must understand that we are part of the biodiversity of the planet, not superior to it.”

Personifying Grossholtz's calls for positive change, Bloomfield's nursing graduates were also honored during the event, receiving their divisional pins in the program's annual Pinning Ceremony. Thirty BSN and three RN to BSN candidates were honored during the festivities, with each senior being pinned by Dr. Neddie Serra, chair of the Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing.

Professor Anita Pasmantier embraces a student after the presentation of honor cords during Baccalaureate ceremony.



The class of 2013 BSNs.



The event featured several award recipients, with program alum **Helene McKnight N'84** presenting **Kedisha Lloyd N'13** with the annual Nurse with a Heart Alumni Award. Professor Lori Ann Palmieri awarded seniors **Thelesha Gray N'13** and **Erin O'Sullivan RN, N'13** with the Florence Nightingale/Nursing Faculty Award, with senior **Kripa Patel N'13** receiving the Mary Kuyper Award for Community service from Dr. Serra to conclude the night's festivities.

The award marked the second accolade of the academic year for Patel and Gray, who joined seniors **Jessica Leandre N'13**, **Valerie Miller-Mollo N'13** and **Katie Sanchez N'13** as inductees into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society during a ceremony at William Paterson University in December, 2012. ■



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Bottom: Nursing graduates recite the Nurses Hymn.
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140th Commencement

From left: **Armen V. Sahakyan '13**, **Miguel A. Pozo LLD H'13**, **James C. Lethbridge '13**, and **Maxine Roach DFA H'13**



Bloomfield College's 140th Commencement celebrated the success of more than 300 students May 23, with graduates receiving degrees in bachelor of arts, bachelor of sciences and master of science disciplines.

Heartfelt messages of perseverance, triumph and service marked the addresses of the day's keynote speakers, with honorary degree recipient **Miguel A. Pozo LLD H'13**

beginning the morning by urging graduates to define their own version of success and then become successful. For Pozo, a life as a premier attorney and the head of the nation's largest organization for Hispanic lawyers was preceded by a childhood in which a school guidance counselor (referred to during his remarks as "Mrs. Smith") dictated that a college education would not be in his future. Instead of accepting his perceived fate, Pozo instead

chose to use the criticism as motivation, defining and achieving his own success while helping others along the way.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Pozo remarked. "As you chase your dreams, do not forget to help others."

The day's second recipient of an honorary degree, musician **Maxine Roach DFA H'13**, echoed Pozo's calls to redefine one's ideals. Chronicling her life's journey towards becoming successful in the music industry, Roach articulated her views on the concept of privilege, and how it may not always mean financial wealth. Blessed with a mother who insisted on a good

education, a music teacher whose personal interest in her talents on the violin made it possible to further her musical dreams, and a father who helped nurture her love of all music by exposing her to various disciplines, Roach showed graduates that privilege can come in various shapes and sizes.

"Carry your privilege forward,"

she urged her fellow degree recipients, words intertwined with those of the ceremony's first student speaker, co-Valedictorian **James C. Lethbridge '13**.

One of two summa cum laude graduates to earn Valedictorian honors, Lethbridge also implored his fellow graduates to charge forward, challenging them to embody the College's motto, "Lux in Tenebris", and be the light in dark societal times.





“Our experiences at Bloomfield College have trained us to be the champions of reason in an age of madness, the combatants for truth in a day of falsehood, and the soldiery of wisdom in a time of folly,” Lethbridge said.

“We must show the world how it is possible to care for each other in brotherly love. We must be the light in the darkness.”

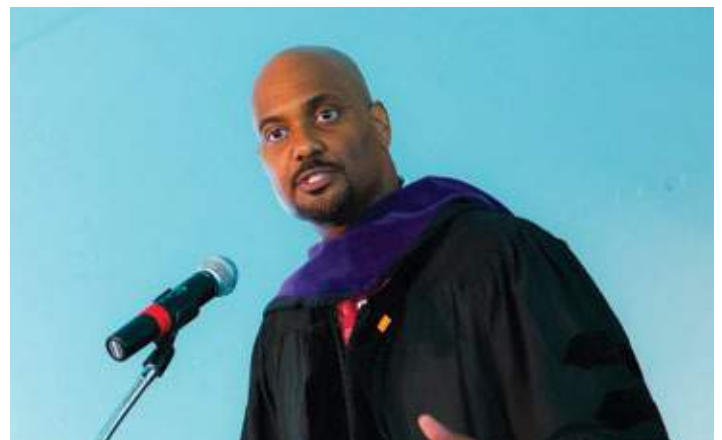
The class’s second Valedictorian and final speaker of the day, **Armen V. Sahakyan ’13**, ended the ceremony by offering fellow graduates a way to achieve Lethbridge’s high hopes. It was a way that had served him well as an Armenian immigrant, who

at age 15 came to America and seized opportunities to work with the Armenian National Committee and will now further his education in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

“My message today to you is to first, have a dream,” he said. “A big one. If your dreams do not frighten you for a split second, then you probably do not dream big enough.”

“Go after your dreams no matter what and do not give up early. It might take some time, but if you have faith and work hard, you will succeed.” ■

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Message from the BCAA President

Dear Alumni and friends,

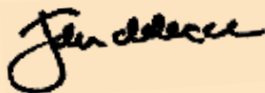
I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and you are all ready to kick off the new school year. Deacon's Fest is right around the corner on Saturday, September 28, and I hope each one of you will join us in our annual celebration.

Last year was an extremely exciting one for the BCAA. Our group of alumni spent the year giving back to Bloomfield College, raising nearly \$40,000 and showcasing our largest turnout ever at our annual Spring Gala. We also awarded nearly \$25,000 in scholarships to full-time undergraduate students based on financial need and academic merit.

The group also spent an amazing evening at a senior class/alumni networking mixer, giving Bloomfield students on the cusp of graduation the chance to mix with successful alumni in their chosen fields. Our alumni were incredibly impressed with how prepared the students were to enter the work force, and enjoyed spending time with our next generation of leaders and Bloomfield College graduates.

On behalf of the BCAA, I want to thank everyone for your continued support of Bloomfield College.

Best Wishes,



John Delucca '66, *President, BCAA*
Vice Chair, Bloomfield College Board of Trustees



BCAA members gather at the Spring Gala.

Over 250 alumni, trustees and friends of Bloomfield gathered at The Bethwood in Totowa, N.J. to enjoy an evening of dining and dancing on April 20, in honor of four members of the College's family who have made a tremendous impact on the institution's community.

Introduced by longtime friend and classmate **Tom Hart '64**, **Rev. Tony MacNaughton, Jr. '64** received the annual Alumni Hall of Honor Award. Described as a "person of the highest quality", MacNaughton's remarks included a trip down Memory Lane, with the honoree highlighting the influential professors and experiences – including meeting his future wife - that helped shape his time at Bloomfield.

The work of Lynne and Archie Palmer has allowed for countless students to have experiences like McNaughton, Jr.'s, making the couple extremely deserving winners of 2013's Trustee Service Award. Presented with the honor by vice president of student affairs Dr. Patrick Lamy, the Palmers fund several initiatives to give students the extra benefits they need to enhance their learning and college experiences.

BCAA Spring Gala is a great success

"We have been blessed by God," remarked Archie during his comments upon accepting the award. "And we are thankful to give back".

Bloomfield's Athletics department was highlighted at the conclusion of the evening, as **Christina Crespo '01** was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame. A standout guard for the women's basketball team during her college career, Crespo was introduced by former coach **Don Manfria '80** and thanked her mentor (along with longtime women's basketball assistant Doug Hedli and athletic director **Sheila Wooten '85**) for stressing a balance between academics and athletics.

"No one gets here alone," Crespo said of the trio who helped guide her during her college years. "I thank all of you who supported me on my journey."

The night's festivities helped raise over \$40,000 for the Bloomfield College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and alumni programming, showcasing the strength and unity that continues to be the institution's driving force. Plans are already in place for next year's event, so save the date for April 12, 2014, as the Gala moves to the Galloping Hill Country Club in Kenilworth, N.J.

Bloomfield College wishes to thank lead event sponsors **John Delucca '66**, Provident Bank, Investor's Bank, Liberty Mutual and PSE&G for their support. ■

Gala Co-chair **Mary Jessup '03** and men's basketball coach **Gerald Holmes**.



Young alumni **Dre'Shonda Williams '13** and **Gage Daye '12**.

This Tau Alpha Kappa photo album brought back a lot of great memories.



BCAA Spring Gala is a great success (continued)



Dr. Patrick Lamy, vice president for student affairs; Mayeana Kamara and **Sekou Sheriff '09**.

Delta Phi Chi Fraternity brothers with their traditional red ties. Standing from left are **David Goode '69**, **Joe Kacirek '69**, **Ken Sunberg '68**, and **Don Freedman '75**. Seated are **Bob Reick '69** and **Frank Corrado '69**.



Standing from left are Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Alfred Iversen, President Rich Levao, Trustee Hector Banegas, and Trustee Glenn Reiter. Seated from left are Trustee Rosemary Iversen, Ann Banegas, and Lyn Reiter.

Zaida Buena and **John Murdock '73**.





Honoree **Christina Crespo '01** and **Don Manfria '80**.



Dr. George Zahorian '70 and **Gabriella Zahorian** enjoy the Soul Cruisers.



Dr. Patrick Lamy with honorees **Lynne** and **Archie M. Palmer, Jr.**



Yvette Januszewski, honoree **Christina Crespo '01**, **Kevin Udo**, **Marisol Guerra-Morales** and **Ashleigh Williams '13**.

Deacons earn CACC Division II Identity Award for second straight year

For the second consecutive year, the Bloomfield College Athletics Communications office has been honored as the recipient of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference's (CACC) Division II Identity Award, which recognizes the conference institution that best supports the NCAA Division II platform through the college's publications and website.

The award is presented annually to the CACC school that best utilizes Division II materials on their website, game day programs, media guides and other publications and printed materials. The accolade also takes into consideration the institution's ability to integrate the philosophy of the CACC into its publications. The CACC values are learning, spirit, character, community, fair play and balance.

Members of the Bloomfield College Athletics Communications office include Director of College and Athletics Communications Andrew Mees, and Assistant Director Gladstone Harris.

Bloomfield was honored for a number of its 2012-13 athletic department publications, including men's soccer, women's soccer, volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball media

guides. The staff produced video presentations to promote upcoming athletic events and charity projects. In addition, NCAA Division II promotional videos are prominently displayed on the institution's athletics site, bcdeacons.com.

"I continue to be impressed with the usage of the Division II and CACC logos and videos throughout the media campaign at Bloomfield," CACC Commissioner Dan Mara said. "Andrew and the Athletics Communications staff at Bloomfield continue to produce publications and video presentations consistent with the intent of this award."

The Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference is an NCAA Division II Conference composed of 14 institutions in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The member institutions are Bloomfield College, Caldwell College, Chestnut Hill College, Concordia (N.Y.) College, Dominican (N.Y.) College, Felician College, Georgian Court University, Goldey-Beacom College, Holy Family University, Nyack College, Philadelphia University, Post University, University of the Sciences and Wilmington University. ■

The 2012-2013 women's basketball media guide cover.

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November 9	Saturday	Virginia State @Elizabeth City	Away	6:00pm
November 10	Sunday	Elizabeth City State University	Away	3:00pm
November 13	Wednesday	Dominican College	Away	6:00pm
November 15	Friday	The College of St. Rose	Away	3:00pm
November 23	Saturday	C.W. Post University	HOME	1:00pm
November 26	Tuesday	Caldwell College	Away	6:00pm
November 30	Saturday	American International College	Away	2:00pm
December 4	Wednesday	Concordia College	Away	5:00pm
December 7	Saturday	Chestnut Hill College	HOME	1:00pm
December 18	Wednesday	Post University	HOME	6:00pm
December 21	Saturday	Assumption College	Away	1:30pm
December 22	Sunday	Merrimack College	Away	1:30pm
January 4	Saturday	Wilmington University	Away	1:00pm
January 8	Wednesday	Felician College	HOME	6:00pm
January 11	Saturday	Nyack College	Away	1:00pm
January 14	Tuesday	Dominican College	HOME	6:00pm
January 22	Wednesday	Nyack College	HOME	6:00pm
January 25	Saturday	Philadelphia University	Away	2:00pm
January 28	Tuesday	Concordia College	HOME	6:00pm
February 1	Saturday	Holy Family University	HOME	1:00pm
February 8	Saturday	Goldey Beacom College	Away	1:00pm
February 11	Tuesday	Felician College	Away	6:00pm
February 15	Saturday	Georgian Court College	HOME	1:00pm
February 18	Tuesday	Post University	Away	6:00pm
February 22	Saturday	University of the Sciences	HOME	1:00pm
February 25	Tuesday	Caldwell College	HOME	6:00pm

For more information go to www.bcdeacons.com



Junior men's tennis player Ceran Messam earned his second career CACC Spring All-Academic Team selection in 2013.

Student-Athletes receive All-Academic Team honors

Bloomfield College has placed eight student-athletes on the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) 2013 Spring All-Academic Team, in results released by the conference June 5, 2013.

In order to be named to the All-Academic team, recipients must have participated in a CACC-Championship sport in the spring of 2013. They must be at least a sophomore academically and athletically, be a student-athlete at their current school for at least two semesters, and achieve a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.50 or higher through the spring semester.

Senior softball outfielder **Ashton Corley '13** (Escondido, Ca.) and senior men's tennis player **Steven Hobart '13** (London, England) earned the honor for the third time in their Bloomfield College careers, the duo helping comprise a total of 24 student-athletes across the conference taking home the award for the third time in their collegiate tenures. Softball seniors Lindsey Ciresa (White House, N.J.) and **Ashleigh Williams '13** (Manassas, Va.) earned the accolade for the second time, with men's tennis senior **Michael Beeson '13** (London, England), softball junior Katie Aumann (Colgate, Wi.) and men's tennis junior Ceran Messam (St. Andrew, Jamaica) joining the duo as two-time honorees. Softball senior **Brandi Hoffman '13** (Clara City, Mn.) rounded out the Bloomfield College award winners, earning a spot on the team for the first time in her two-year career.

"We are always so proud of our student-athletes who receive this type of recognition for their work in the classroom," athletic director Sheila Wooten said. "They embody the term 'student-athlete', and set an example for the rest of our young people in our athletics programs. We hope to have even more student-athletes receiving this type of recognition in the future, and hopefully it gives the rest of our players something to strive for academically." ■



Former Deacons return home to lead women's basketball, cross country programs

Bloomfield College Athletics welcomed two former Deacons back into the fold this summer, as former men's basketball assistant coach David Caputo returned to the institution to assume the role of head women's basketball coach. Former Bloomfield cross country standout **Elson Smajlaj '13** also returns to his alma mater, taking on the roles of men's and women's cross country coach. Caputo returns to Bloomfield for the second time in his decorated coaching career, having served as an assistant for the men's team under current head coach Gerald Holmes from 2002-2006. His first tenure at the institution saw Caputo help the Deacons to three consecutive CACC Tournament titles and two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances – including the first in program history during the 2004-2005 season.

The 34-year-old native of Bernardsville, N.J. takes the reigns of the women's program after a stellar two-year stint at Louisiana Tech under WNBA legend Teresa Weatherspoon, in which he helped guide the Lady Techsters to back-to-back Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Tournament appearances and a berth in the Tournament Finals during the 2011-2012 season.

Prior to arriving at Tech, Caputo served as head coach at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida, where he helped lead the program to three consecutive Southern Conference championships and three trips to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Region VIII Elite 8. Caputo recorded a mark of 54-26 during his tenure, setting a school record for wins in a three-year period en route to earning Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors in 2009-2010.

New head women's basketball coach David Caputo takes over the Lady Deacons after spending two seasons at Division I Louisiana Tech.

"I am so excited to be back home and especially to be back at Bloomfield where I started my career over a decade ago on the men's side," Caputo said of taking over the women's program. I will push to instill a relentless work ethic in these young ladies, so that they will learn to love and embrace hard work."

A 2013 graduate of Bloomfield and a four-year member of the men's cross country team, Smajlaj was a three-year captain for the Deacons and one of the top runners in the CACC during his stellar college career. Also a standout in the

classroom, Smajlaj earned three consecutive CACC Fall All-Academic Team selections from 2009-2011, concluding his Bloomfield tenure as one of the model student-athletes within the institution's athletic department.



Bloomfield alum **Elson Smajlaj '13** (left, in a 2011 race) has returned to his alma mater to take over the school's cross country programs.

Smajlaj will begin his collegiate coaching career by taking over a men's program that ran to a fifth-place finish at the annual CACC Championships in 2012, with the women's team placing tenth in the event. With talented veteran runners returning for the 2013 campaign, Smajlaj will look to help both programs take a positive step forward in his first season at the helm.

"I am blessed and humbled to be given this opportunity and to be welcomed back into the Bloomfield College Athletics family," Smajlaj said of his new position as head coach. "Running requires a uniquely strong mentality, combined with determination and dedication. It reveals character, and teaches student-athletes the importance of hard work. Those are the values I plan on instilling in our runners, and I am excited to start building these programs and moving them forward." ■



Softball reaches CACC Tournament, places three on All-CACC teams

The Bloomfield College softball team reached the CACC Tournament for the fifth time in seven seasons under head coach Rocco Constantino, reaching at least the Tournament Semifinals for the third consecutive year before falling to Georgian Court University to end the 2013 season May 3.

The team's 21-21 overall record marked the third-straight season of 20 or more victories for the program, with their tournament victory over Holy Family University marking giving the club a postseason win over a higher-seeded team for the third-straight year.

Bloomfield placed three players on All-CACC teams, with junior shortstop Angie Yoshizu (Kaneohe, Hi.) earning First Team honors. Senior first baseman **Krystina Poloni '13** (Pearl River, N.Y.) and Amanda Svenson (Middletown, N.J.) each earned Second Team honors.

One of the premier shortstops in the East Region, Yoshizu finished the regular season second in the CACC and 30th in the nation in batting average with a .447 mark. Her .474 on-base percentage and 15 stolen bases during her junior campaign placed her fifth in the CACC in each category, while her 64 total hits were good for sixth in the league. The 2011 CACC Rookie of the Year, Yoshizu earned First Team honors for the second consecutive season, having earned the accolade as a sophomore in 2012.



Senior first baseman **Krystina Poloni '13** earned the third All-CACC selection of her decorated career in 2013.

A two-time First Team All-CACC selection, Poloni earned All-Conference honors for the third time in her decorated Bloomfield College career after finishing ninth in the league with five home runs on the year. One of the top run producers in the league, Poloni's 29 RBI led the Lady Deacons in 2013, with 14 of her 34 hits going for extra bases. Svenson takes home All-CACC honors for the first time in her two-year career at Bloomfield, after finishing second on the club in homers (three) and RBI (26). The senior posted a .331 average in 2013, while slugging .451 and totaling 44 hits.

"I am extremely proud of these three players for the way they played this season, and they certainly deserve this recognition," Bloomfield head coach Rocco Constantino said. "They have all worked extremely hard to improve each year they have been here, and it shows in the types of seasons they had. They have each had a tremendous impact on our team this year, and they are all extremely deserving of these awards." ■



FALL 2013 BC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

September 13	Friday	Roberts Wesleyan/St. Rose	Away	5/7:00pm
September 14	Saturday	LeMoyné/ Ursuline College (Ohio)	Away	2/4:00pm
September 17	Tuesday	Post University	Away	7:00pm
September 21	Saturday	Daemen College/ AIC-AIC Tournament	Away	3/7:00pm
September 22	Sunday	ESU/ Pace University-AIC Tournament	Away	12/2:00pm
September 25	Wednesday	Nyack College	HOME	7:00pm
September 27	Friday	Georgian Court University	HOME	7:00pm
October 1	Tuesday	Concordia College	Away	7:00pm
October 4	Friday	Dominican College	HOME	7:00pm
October 5	Saturday	USCI/ University of New Haven	Away	12/ 2:00pm
October 11	Friday	Felician College	Away	7:00pm
October 12	Saturday	Wilmington University	Away	12:00pm
October 15	Tuesday	Concordia College	HOME	7:00pm
October 18	Friday	Caldwell College	HOME	7:00pm
October 19	Saturday	Goldey-Beacom College	Away	12:00pm
October 23	Wednesday	Felician College	HOME	7:00pm
October 25	Friday	Dominican College	Away	7:00pm
October 26	Saturday	Chestnut Hill College	HOME	12:00pm
October 30	Wednesday	Nyack College	Away	7:00pm
November 1	Friday	Post University	HOME	7:00pm
November 2	Saturday	Holy Family University	Away	12:00pm
November 6	Wednesday	Caldwell College	Away	7:00pm
November 7	Thursday	Mercy College	Away	7:00pm
November 9	Saturday	Philadelphia University	HOME	12:00pm



Fall 2013-2014 BC MEN'S BASKETBALL

November 13	Wednesday	Dominican College	Away	TBA
November 15	Friday	Tarleton State	Away	TBA
November 16	Saturday	Texas A&M Commerce	Away	TBA
November 20	Wednesday	Dowling College	Away	TBA
November 23	Saturday	Long Island University	HOME	2:00pm
November 25	Monday	Caldwell College	Away	TBA
November 30	Saturday	University of New Haven	Away	2:00pm
December 4	Wednesday	Concordia College	Away	TBA
December 7	Saturday	Chestnut Hill College	HOME	3:00pm
December 18	Wednesday	Post University	HOME	8:00pm
December 21	Saturday	St. Rose College	Away	1:00pm
December 22	Sunday	Adelphi University	Away	3:30pm
January 4	Saturday	Wilmington University	Away	TBA
January 8	Wednesday	Felician College	HOME	8:00pm
January 11	Saturday	Nyack College	Away	3:00pm
January 14	Tuesday	Dominican College	HOME	8:00pm
January 22	Wednesday	Nyack College	HOME	8:00pm
January 25	Saturday	Philadelphia University	Away	TBA
January 28	Tuesday	Concordia College	HOME	8:00pm
February 1	Saturday	Holy Family University	HOME	3:00pm
February 8	Saturday	Goldey Beacom College	Away	TBA
February 11	Tuesday	Felician College	Away	TBA
February 15	Saturday	Georgian Court University	HOME	3:00pm
February 18	Tuesday	Post University	Away	TBA
February 22	Saturday	University of the Sciences	HOME	3:00pm
February 25	Tuesday	Caldwell College	HOME	8:00pm



Fall 2013 BC WOMEN'S SOCCER

September 6	Friday	Roberts Wesleyan College	Away	7:00pm
September 7	Saturday	LeMoyné College	Away	2:00pm
September 10	Tuesday	Mercy College	Away	4:00pm
September 12	Thursday	Dominican College	Home	7:00pm
September 14	Saturday	Georgian Court University	Home	11:00am
September 18	Wednesday	St. Thomas Aquinas	Away	TBA
September 21	Saturday	Holy Family University	Home	11:00am
September 25	Wednesday	Nyack College	Home	7:00pm
October 1	Tuesday	Concordia College	Away	TBA
October 5	Saturday	Lincoln University	Away	3:00pm
October 9	Wednesday	Felician College	Away	TBA
October 12	Saturday	Wilmington University	Home	11:00am
October 15	Tuesday	Post University	Away	TBA
October 19	Saturday	Goldey Beacom College	Away	TBA
October 23	Wednesday	Caldwell College	Home	7:00pm
October 26	Saturday	Chestnut Hill College	Home	11:00am
October 31	Thursday	Philadelphia University	Away	TBA



Fall 2013 BC MEN'S SOCCER

September 5	Thursday	AIC @ Merrimack College	Away	4:00pm
September 7	Saturday	Merrimack College	Away	4:00pm
September 12	Thursday	University of Bridgeport	Away	TBA
September 14	Saturday	LIU-Post @ Bridgeport	Away	TBA
September 19	Thursday	Georgian Court University	Away	3:30pm
September 21	Saturday	Holy Family University	HOME	1:00pm
September 24	Tuesday	Mercy College	HOME	7:00pm
September 28	Saturday	Philadelphia University	Away	TBA
October 1	Tuesday	Nyack College	HOME	7:00pm
October 3	Thursday	Concordia College	Away	TBA
October 8	Tuesday	Caldwell College	Away	TBA
October 12	Saturday	Wilmington University	HOME	1:00pm
October 15	Tuesday	Dowling College	HOME	7:00pm
October 19	Saturday	Goldey Beacom College	Away	TBA
October 22	Tuesday	Felician College	HOME	7:00pm
October 26	Saturday	Chestnut Hill College	HOME	1:00pm
October 29	Tuesday	Post University	Away	TBA
November 1	Friday	Dominican College	HOME	2:00pm

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CLASS NOTES

1965

Rick Boschen will be on the golf course this summer, but not as a tournament participant. The Treasure Golf Junior Golf Tour has recruited him as an official. Rick is looking forward to this new golfing activity in Florida.

1969

Dick Dewitt called and said, "Thanks so much for taking my call and your help in forwarding to Tony (MacNaughton '64). I graduated from Bloomfield a few years after Tony. Having spent more than 30 years in the business world and 23 of those as an Air Force Reserve officer, I sold my business 12 years ago, was licensed, ordained and called into full-time ministry. I lead an organization with 2,800 chaplains across 44 states and 4 other countries and simply wanted to catch up on Tony and his work after having read the article about his induction into the Alumni Hall of Honor. I likewise was a Rotarian for 30 years, but my only singing prowess was The National Anthem in the meetings!"

1971

Charles H. Schinck has been promoted to the position of Safety Director for TerraSource Global, a division of Hillenbrand, Inc. Responsibilities include the safety, environmental, and health programs for operations in Illinois, Ohio, and South Carolina.

1972

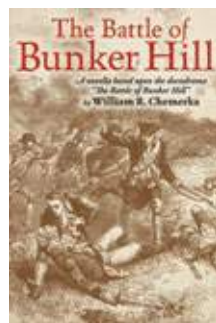
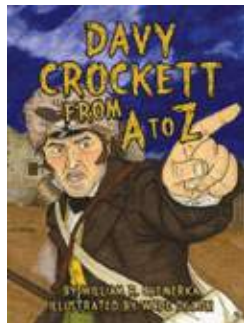
"Howdy!" from **Bill Chemerka**. "Three new books for me this year (one is out and two will be published in the autumn): *General Joseph Warren Revere: The Gothic Saga of Paul Revere's Grandson*, *The Battle of Bunker Hill: A Novella Based Upon the Docudrama*, and *Davy Crockett from A to Z*, a book for young readers. I'm involved in a series of lectures/book signings



Rev. Richard "Dick" DeWitt '69 and his wife of 45 years, Marvel.

for General Joseph Warren Revere: *The Gothic Saga of Paul Revere's Grandson*. My talk on May 30 was covered by C-SPAN.

Wisconsin. I have been with my boyfriend, Dennis, for 20 years. For all of us, our biggest passion is still traveling. I sit on the Board



1973

Elaine Deutsch sent the following: "After graduation, I took a second semester on World Campus Afloat and then moved to Los Angeles in 1974. In 1979 I moved to San Francisco. I have been in financial services most of that time (25 years) with Credit Suisse and then the past 11 as director of west coast sales for Tradeweb, an online trading platform for institutional money managers.

I was married for a brief time and have a daughter, Hannah, who is a senior at the University of

Trustees for Semester at Sea (the current name of World Campus Afloat), so I get to travel from time to time on our ship, MV Explorer. Most recently, while Hannah was aboard the full semester of SAS, Dennis and I joined her for 3 weeks, sailing up the Amazon on the ship.

Dennis and I also enjoy the ballet as he is a huge ballet fan, as well as a baseball fan. So we get good balance between the two. But it's the A's, not the Giants, for whom we root."

1983

Patricia Onion wrote on the Bloomfield College Alumni Association page: "I graduated in 1983. My name then was Patricia Strack. I am trying to reach a dear friend from those days. Her name then was Lynn Strickland, and she later became Lynn Lazaar. The last time I knew of her location she was in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I would love to hear from her, if anyone knows where she is." If you have any information about Lynn for Patricia, please call the alumni office at 973-748-9000 ext. 1293 or email advancement@bloomfield.edu.

1993

The new PBI-funded CHAMPS program offered career advice during a special seminar. Speakers included alumni **Kenneth McDaniel**, an Assistant Principal at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne, New Jersey and an at-large councilman in Paterson, and **Matt Stevens**, Director of Community Affairs at Orange High School and head of the CHAMPS program at Bloomfield College.

2005

Jennifer Heintz sent in this note: "In 2007 I graduated from Boston University with an M.A. in criminal justice. In 2009, I received a certificate in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. In 2011, I received an M.A. in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. I am presently attending Immaculata University for my Psy.D. in clinical psychology. I just started my second year this May."

2013

Shakira Gittens writes: "I just got accepted to Notre Dame of Maryland University to go on to my master's, and am being considered for the Resident Director posting there."

IN MEMORIAM

2001-2012

Nine Bloomfield College alumni, all in the healthcare fields, returned to campus to illustrate the varied career paths found in the healthcare system. They talked with prospective students about their Bloomfield College education and what they have subsequently accomplished.

Bloomfield College thanks: Dr. **Adeleke Adesina '08**, founder and CEO of Future Teaching Physician Lectures LLC; **Jonathan Cotton RN '13**, founder and director of My Aid for Haiti; **Ashley Day BS '09 MS PA-C**, physician assistant; **Humberto Fong '04 DPT**, licensed physical therapist; **Eric Franchino '01 DC**, chiropractor; **Paulina Kumar '12 CT**, cytotechnologist; **Felix Ollenu '10**, telemetry technician and assistant infectious diseases control educator; **Rachel Swarrow '04 DO, CT**, pathology resident; **Jessica Walter '08 RN**, assistant nurse manager.

2013

Thelesha Gray N'13 has accepted a position as an RN at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Thelesha recently stopped by the office and filled us in on her exciting news.

Joan Lebson Bildner H'02 passed away on June 23, 2013 after a short illness. She and her husband **Allen Bildner H'02** were a philanthropic couple that supported arts, education, and diversity initiatives. Mrs. Bildner received numerous honors and awards recognizing her community service, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Lifetime Achievement Award at Dartmouth College, Volunteer of the Year from the National Society of Fundraising Executives (New Jersey), and honorary doctorates from Rowan University and Rutgers University in addition to her degree from Bloomfield College.

Joan and Allen Bildner established the Bildner New Jersey Campus Diversity Grant from the Bildner Family Foundation. In 2002, Bloomfield College was one of eight colleges to receive this grant in recognition of its commitment to implementing the systemic changes needed to promote and build intergroup understanding, reduce prejudice and bigotry, and more adequately prepare students for their lives following graduation. More than 26 institutions applied for the Diversity Grant.

The Bildner New Jersey Campus Diversity Grant helped create the Institute for Cross Cultural Communication. It also supported the certificate in Diversity Training program and work done between the college and the Bloomfield Township Mayor's Office to offer diversity training to township employees.

Eric L. Bianco passed away on April 19, 2013 in Scotch Plains, N.J.

Ethel Botto N'33 passed away in 2011.

Harold "Stumpy" Cromer DHA '08 passed away on June 8, 2013 at his home in Manhattan

Shawn C. Davis '97 passed away on March 11, 2013 in Newark, N.J.

Leonard Danduone '61 passed away on April 20, 2013 in New Providence, N.J.

Ellen Roby Diehl N'43 passed away on December 29, 2012 in Lakewood, N.J., at age 91.

Shirley Sorg Dowd N'44 passed away on May 24, 2013 in Charlottesville, VA.

Rody Fanfan '06 passed away on April 22, 2013, in Orange, N.J.

Madeline Moore Groh N'41 passed away on June 12, 2013 in Norwich, VT.

Selma Haines Ness N'43 passed away in Mount Arlington, N.J.

Elizabeth A. Heaton '76 passed away on December 10, 2012 in Boise, ID.

Suzanne Rowland Holmberg N'45 passed away on March 23, 2013 in Neptune, N.J.

Sally A. Golden Roche Kaufman passed away on March 26, 2013 in Lutz, FL.

Anna Bromel McGarry N'51 passed away on December 13, 2012 in Weaverville, N.C.

Barbara Carlson Roberts '70 passed away on March 8, 2013 in Charlottesville, VA.

Anita L. Hester Ruth '54 passed away on February 8, 2013 in Newark, N.J.

Priscilla A. Hurdle Scott '87 passed away on February 9, 2013 in Plainfield, N.J.

Elsa Leighton Strachan N'58 passed away in January 2013 in Flanders, N.J.

David G. Thomas '51 passed away on April 25, 2013 in Fort Pierce, FL.

David B. Williams '75 and an honorary brother of the Sigma Pi fraternity passed away on April 28, 2013 in Verona, N.J.

Bloomfield College Community

Adjunct Professor of Accounting **Stephen A. Sachs** passed away in January, 2013 in Livingston, NJ.



Two milestones in one day! Robert "RJ" Pastures '13 asked Veronica Dodrill '13 to marry him moments after the commencement ceremony ended. Of course she said yes! Congratulations!

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Email updates

Did you know that once you graduate Bloomfield College your bloomfield.edu email address is no longer active? To receive notices about the *On the Green*, invitations, and college updates we need your current email address. Please send your address to advancement@bloomfield.edu. While you are doing this, how about attaching a class note about yourself, your news, accomplishments, job, moves, marriages, births, etc. Statistics show that most alumni will turn directly to class notes before reading the rest of the magazine. We have had instances of connecting long-lost friends through class notes. Send us your email address and updates today.

Alumni website

You may have noticed that the old alumni website has a new look. We will no longer be at bc-community.org, but rather at www.bloomfield.edu/alumni. As the site evolves, there will be an opportunity to submit class notes to read on the site, peruse current and back issues of the *On the Green*, register for events, and get alumni news. We would love to hear your thoughts about the new look of our alumni site. Please let us know your suggestions by emailing us at advancement@bloomfield.edu.



Lost in the Field Productions presents *Lost in the Field*

Friday September 6 and Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 pm
Based on a true story written by Keith E. Brown, this play offers an entertaining, sharp and in-your-face look at the foster care system. Soulful, funny and influential.
Visit www.lostinthefield.com for ticket prices and reservations.

Women Too Women Productions presents Stand-Up Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer

Saturday, September 14 at 8:00 pm
She's brave, bold and comic gold. The real deal in a post-modern world seeking to pump out reproductions, Suzanne Westenhoefer is the reigning shtick chick worth noting. Her individual style and unique sense of self set the stage for all walks of life – young, old, gay, straight, lesbian, bi, and every descriptor imaginable in between.
General admission: \$32.50 www.women2womenproductions.com

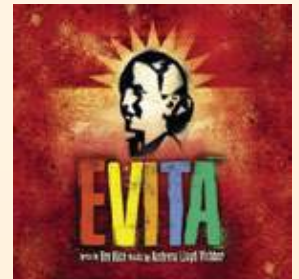


4th Wall Theatre presents [title of show]

Friday, September 27 and October 4 at 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 28 and October 5 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 29 and October 6 at 3:00 pm
Music and lyrics by Jeff Bowen; book by Hunter Bell
A love letter to musical theater; it is a musical about writing a musical and chasing after a dream – whatever that dream may be.
General admission: \$25; Seniors: \$22; Students \$18.
www.4thwalltheatre.org

MOC Musical Theatre presents *Evita*

Friday, November 8 and 15 at 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 9 and 16 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 10 and 17 at 2:00 pm
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; lyrics by Tim Rice
The Tony Award-winning musical that follows the rise to power of Argentina's Eva Peron with a story and songs that audiences will enjoy witnessing live in the theatre.
General admission: \$25; Seniors: \$22.
www.mocmusicals.org



New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts presents *Class Acts*

Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 pm
An evening of 10 short one-act plays featuring characters ranging from the sweetly deranged to the insanely blissful.
General admission: \$15 (973) 566-9700 www.njactors.org

The Westminster Arts Center is a disabled access facility, located on the corner of Fremont and Franklin Streets on the campus of Bloomfield College, in Bloomfield, N.J.

For reservations: 973-748-9000 ext. 1279



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In Focus



Danielle Patterson, Class of 2013

MAJOR: Biology, McNair and LSAMP scholar

COURSE OF STUDY: Danielle originally went into the nursing program, but switched to biology when she discovered she loves the fields of epidemiology and infectious diseases.

MCAIR AND LSAMP EXPERIENCE: she attended the National Health Disparities Conference in 2011 and met a number of professionals in public health. Here she discovered areas in infectious diseases and epidemiology that intrigued her and she decided to make it her life's work. Danielle did research during the summer of 2012 on the bacteria that causes leaf scorching among oak trees in Brookdale Park. She learned that no results are

results in and of themselves meaning that more research is required. "I increased my critical thinking skills and my ability to work on research independently." As a McNair scholar, Danielle learned how to present research, network with professionals and get a glimpse of graduate school.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Danielle was a resident advisor for three years, the treasurer of the Bloomfield College Student Government for one year, served as a mentor/tutor in the Student Support Services (SSS*Star) program including as an embedded tutor in ACF 94. She is the founder of the Bloomfield College –N– Control, a public health organization which offers up-to-date information about diseases. Off campus, she was a teaching assistant at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in the biomedical engineering department. Danielle volunteers at the community food bank in Hillside, Habitat for Humanity and participates in health-centered walks for charities.

ABOUT BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE: "My journey has been very successful!" The SSS*STARS program has been most supportive in helping her grow personally and academically. Mrs. Gail Ponder '00 was her counselor and "my role model." Dr. Leila Koepp in the science department guided her through her research in microbiology and "made me the scholar I am today."

GRADUATE SCHOOL: Danielle plans to get her master's degree in public health/epidemiology from the University of Maryland at College Park. She attended the McNair Scholars conference here and met the director of the division.

CAREER GOALS: Danielle is keeping her options open. She would like to consider joining the United States Air Force and become a public health officer. Why? "I want to learn how to fly!" She also plans to pursue her doctorate and work with the Center for Disease Control as an epidemiologist, which she proclaims would be her dream job.

WORDS OF ADVICE: "Trust in the LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" - Proverbs 3:5-6