

## Associate Dean's Message

## NU Across the Country

It's hard to believe another academic year has come and gone! We at the Office of Graduate Admissions would like to congratulate the Class of 2010 on their accomplishments!

The Office of Graduate Admissions has already been hard at work in recruiting the next class of students. This past academic year, we participated in several college fairs, visited local companies, hosted a successful Graduate School Open House, and utilized our networking system to recruit students. As of now, our numbers for the fall semester look very good!

At the end of April I attended the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals conference in San Francisco, Calif. I was able to learn and plan to implement some new techniques in the areas of communication and branding, diversity, recruitment and marketing. It was very enlightening to get the perspective of others in our field. While in California I was able to visit two childhood friends of mine. As you can see in the photo they are fans of the Niagara University Purple Eagles!

As always, if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Niagara's graduate programs, please feel free to contact me at (716) 286-8769 or [ctejada@niagara.edu](mailto:ctejada@niagara.edu). Have a great summer, and I look forward to helping you with your graduate school needs.

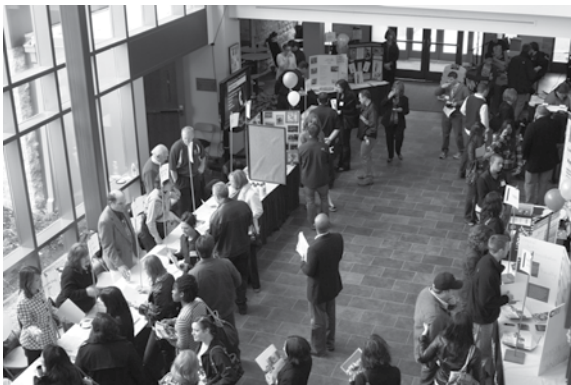
Carlos E. Tejada  
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*Carlos Tejada, Paul Lawrence and Roger Garcia.*

## Open House Check It Out!

On the morning of April 17, Niagara University held its annual Graduate School Open House. The nearly 90 prospective graduate students who attended were able to learn about various educational opportunities NU has offer. The photos will give you an idea what happened at our open house. If you were unable to attend or would like to learn more about Niagara's graduate programs, feel free to contact the graduate admissions office at (800) 462-2111.



## MBA

# Seitz Named Outstanding MBA Student

We are happy to announce that Keith Seitz, senior manager at Greatbatch Medical, Inc., was awarded the 2010 MBA Outstanding Student-of-the-Year award at Niagara University's 20th Annual Business Appreciation Dinner on April 27 at the Conference Center, Niagara Falls.

Here is the citation read at the dinner by Maryalice Demler, '86, news anchor for WGRZ of Buffalo, N.Y.:

"When most people think of an outstanding MBA student, they may think of someone who is trained in business operations, marketing or accounting. The 2010 Outstanding Student-of-the-Year for Niagara University's MBA program has followed a slightly different path to his MBA.

"This year's honoree, Keith Seitz, brought a science perspective to his MBA classes at Niagara University. Keith had already earned bachelor and master of science degrees in ceramic engineering before entering the classroom at Niagara. His professional work has been in the field of science, but now he was beginning to focus on more of the business side of operations at work.

"That workplace is Greatbatch Medical, Inc., a leading supplier of critical technologies that support and empower its customers in their pursuit of revolutionary technology solutions. For the past eight years, Keith has been the senior manager in charge of product development of implantable medical devices. Keith also provides leadership and direction to a team of 22 engineers and six managers in multiple states and across multiple countries.

"Keith started his work career at TYCO Electronics in Buffalo, N.Y., as a process development engineer. While there, he was responsible for all engineering development and manufacturing of thick film inks and thick film screen printing.

"Keith also holds patents for the Cathode Pad Printing Process, Capacitor Interconnect Design, and an electrolytic capacitor capable of insertion into the vasculature of a patient. He has also been honored with the Harry J. Odink Memorial Award in Ceramic Engineering and he is a member of the American Ceramic Society."

## Did You Know?

**Hubert J.**

**"Hubie" Brown  
Class of 1955**

**Niagara Legacy –  
Alumni of Distinction  
2008**

"Hubie" Brown, one of the nation's foremost teachers of the game of basketball, coached the Atlanta Hawks, earning NBA Coach-of-the-Year honors in the 1977-78 season. Replacing Red Holzman as coach of the New York Knicks in 1982, he led the team to two playoff appearances over four seasons. He returned to the coaching ranks in 2002 with the Memphis Grizzlies, again earning Coach-of-the-Year honors the following season. Hailed as "the most knowledgeable commentator in the NBA," he was twice nominated for a Sports Emmy Award and received the Basketball Hall of Fame Curt Gowdy Electronic Media Award in 2000. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2005.



## Criminal Justice

# Graduates on the Move

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration is a great tool to prepare you for a number of potential career paths. Two of our recent graduates have found two different career paths after completing the program.

Graduate assistant Cassie Swartz (pictured left) will attend law school in fall 2010 at the Charlotte School of Law in North Carolina. After given the opportunity to help teach a class as a graduate assistant, she decided she would prefer to pursue a career as a criminal lawyer.

Our other graduate assistant, Maggie Lisuzzo (pictured right), is joining the University of Florida's Ph.D. program in criminology, law and society. After taking graduate courses, she gained an interest in research and hopes to conduct research for the government in the future.



## Upcoming Events

### Pardon Our Dust

The Clet Dining Hall at Niagara University will undergo an extensive makeover this summer which will include physical improvements and a menu overhaul.

The physical renovation will include renovated food stations, additional lighting, new booths, an improved entrance way, and an improved customer service area.

The construction will begin in June and the dining hall will reopen for the upcoming fall semester.

**“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## Education

## College of Education Faculty Recognized

Dr. Kristine Augustyniak, associate professor of school psychology; Dr. Morgan Brooks, Dr. Vincent Rinaldo, and Dr. Roselind Bogner, associate professors of education; and Dr. Shannon Hodges of Antioch University New England, a former professor at Niagara University, were honored at the American Counseling Association’s annual convention in Pittsburg on March 20 for their recent scholarly contribution to the *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*. The article, entitled “Emotional regulation: Considerations for school-based behavioral interventions,” was based on original empirical investigation of 110 child/adolescent participants and their parents/caregivers regarding the relationship between emotional regulation and multiple developmental aspects of at-risk youth. The study specifically addresses the National Institute of Mental Health’s recent call for the integration of basic research on the role of emotion regulation with clinical research on affective disorders among children and adolescents.

The publication was selected as the “Best Article” in the journal for 2009. The journal is the flagship publication of the Association for Specialists in Group Work, a division of the American Counseling Association dedicated to extending counseling services through the use of group process and providing a forum for advancing innovative practices in group work. In addition to the aforementioned journal-based award, the work of Augustyniak, Brooks, Rinaldo, Bogner, and Hodges also received the prestigious recognition of “Research Article of the Year” by the Association for Specialists in Group Work Research Committee. This distinction was based on the association’s evaluation of the strength of the research purpose, design, and implementation among all group work-related research published in journals representing the 19 divisions of the American Counseling Association for 2009.



*Dr. Vincent Rinaldo, Dr. Morgan Brooks, Dr. Kristine Augustyniak, and Dr. Roselind Bogner.*

## MA-IS

## Four Graduate from MA-IS Program

Four students will graduate this summer with their Master of Arts—Interdisciplinary Studies degrees. Susan J. Clements, Dina Martin (pictured at right), Michelle Clements, and Sabha Utarid completed capstone projects focusing on effective museum volunteer programs, recruiting transfer students, peer mentoring, and sustainable growth in the developing world, respectively. All four were able to finish their degrees while working a full-time job, which is no small accomplishment. Congratulations!

These students self-designed their degree curriculums and created courses that enabled them to work with individual faculty members. Their capstone projects applied course work and research to practical issues that will help advance their careers.

For additional information on the 33-credit hour program, go to [www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm](http://www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm).



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## Graduate Honors Honor Society Inducts 20 Grad Students

Twenty Niagara University graduate students were recently inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society. These students were selected from a field of 39 applicants on the basis of excellence in academics and leadership. Kappa Gamma Pi, established in 1926, is committed to faith, services and leadership.

The inductees include:

**Business Administration**

Anthony John Dell'Isola  
 Michael Zaeh

**Criminal Justice**

Erica Hoskins  
 Margaret Lisuzzo  
 Hannah Loeffert

**Education**

Lindsey Cooper  
 Christina Duarte

**Elementary Education**

Joslyn Heinold  
 Amy M. Nazarian

**Interdisciplinary Studies**

Michelle Lynn Clements  
 Susan J. Clements  
 Meagan McCormick

**Literacy Instruction**

Alison R. Getchell  
 Janelle Wegener

**School Psychology**

David Banks

**Secondary Education**

John D. Schneider Jr.  
 Mary Ellen Stacklyn

**Special Education**

Jennifer L. Jones  
 Karrie Jones  
 Lori Ohanessian

Two honorary inductees were welcomed into Kappa Gamma Pi this year as well. These two new members are Fran Boltz, coordinator of Learn and Serve Niagara, and Rev. William Allegretto, C.M., who graduated from Niagara University in 1981.



*Newly inducted members of Kappa Gamma Pi with Bob Swanson (back row, left), moderator, and the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of Niagara University (back row, second from right).*

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