

Associate Dean's Message

It's hard to believe that the first month of the fall semester is upon us already! However it has been a refreshing sight to see the hustle and bustle of students going to and from classes.

There were some noteworthy events these past few months for the graduate admissions office. First, Rafael E. Venturini is returning as our graduate assistant and will be participating in graduate school fairs in New York and Pennsylvania. Rafael's responsibilities include welcoming interested students to Niagara and conducting campus tours. You can also go to one of his classes with him to experience what a graduate course is like at Niagara University.

The second highlight is our 4 + 1 agreement with SUNY Fredonia. Niagara University and SUNY Fredonia worked out an arrangement that enables undergraduate business students at Fredonia to obtain an MBA at Niagara in one year (see story below for details).

You will also see a new section in the Purple Press entitled "In the News" where we will focus on Niagara graduates and their successes. If you know a past graduate or you are a graduate and want to be included in a future issue of the Purple Press, please feel free to e-mail your accomplishments to the address listed below. Your message should be no longer than three sentences.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about the advantages of a graduate degree, please feel free to contact me at 716-286-8769 or ctejada@niagara.edu. Enjoy the fall semester!

Carlos E. Tejada
Associate Dean for Graduate Recruitment

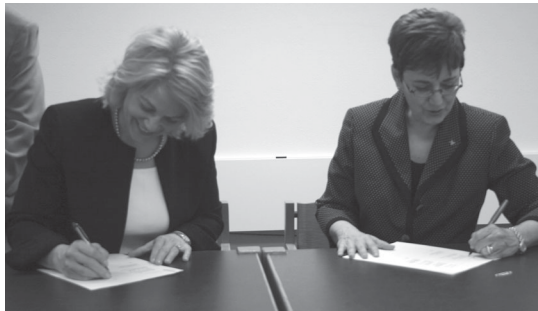
Venturini returns to graduate admissions



The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, Niagara's president (left), speaks with graduate assistant Rafael Venturini.

NU Agreement

NU & SUNY Fredonia sign MBA agreement



Dr. Virginia Horvath, Fredonia's assistant vice president for academic affairs (left), and Dr. Bonnie Rose, NU's executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, sign the agreement.

Niagara University and the State University of New York at Fredonia recently signed an agreement that grants Fredonia business graduates admission into Niagara's one-year master of business administration program.

SUNY Fredonia graduates who have completed the foundation courses and meet the prescribed admission standards will be considered for admission to the Niagara program. The plan offers graduates an opportunity to plan their academic program carefully and take advantage of the experience afforded by full-time study for the MBA degree. After five years of college study, the graduate will have obtained both an

undergraduate degree from SUNY Fredonia and a MBA from Niagara University.

For more information, please contact Carlos Tejada at 716-286-8769.

MBA

Message from Dr. Peggy Choong, the new director of the MBA program



I want to thank everyone for the warmth and support I've received as the new MBA director. This is an exciting time for the MBA program. Our students receive quality education from distinguished faculty and business experts who are well-published and experts in their field. I am committed to exposing our students to innovative, cutting-edge technologies and instruction that will set them apart in the hypercompetitive marketplace. Check out our Matlab, Crystal Ball, Thompson One Investment Management and ERP system in the financial services lab and in our classes.

The faculty and I have been working to bring new classes and concentrations to the program to meet the needs of our students and the market. For example, the portfolio management class will allow students to research, buy and sell securities and manage the \$100,000 Monteaule Fund. How exciting is that! I will keep you posted on new developments in the program and our students. My door is always open: come by to chat with me anytime, call me at 716-286-8051, or e-mail me at mbadirector@niagara.edu.

Criminal Justice

NU alum Falco joins CJ faculty

Dr. Diana Falco joined the criminal justice faculty this fall. She received her undergraduate degree in political science and criminology and criminal justice, as well as her graduate degree in criminal justice administration, at Niagara University. After graduating with her master's degree, she worked as a project director at the Research Foundation of SUNY – Research Institute on Addictions on a project that examined malt liquor use among both college and noncollege populations. She then completed her doctoral studies in criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Falco has participated in various research projects examining public opinion toward punishment including her dissertation entitled "Assessing Students' Views Toward Punishment: A Comparison of Punitiveness Among Criminology and Non-Criminology Students." Falco teaches the following courses at NU: Research Thesis, Criminology, Drugs and Crime, and Policy Paper. She is a member of the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Her main research interests involve punitiveness, criminal justice policy, illicit drugs and substance abuse, public opinion, capital punishment, sentencing, and corrections.

Contact Falco at 716-286-8049 or dfalco@niagara.edu.

"Any change, even a change for the better is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."

— Arnold Bennett

Did You Know?

The Library Is Your Friend

Hours of Operation

Sunday

Noon to Midnight

Monday – Thursday:

8 a.m. to Midnight

Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit the library's

Web site at

www.niagara.edu/library

library

or call

716-286-8000

for exceptions to these

hours during exam

week, breaks and

holidays.

Borrowing Books

To obtain a book that the Niagara University library does not own, you can use:

1) ILLiad, the library's interlibrary loan system, or

2) the Library Access Project, which will

allow you to go to and check out books from

other college libraries in Western New York.

You can get a special card to do this at the

Niagara University library reference desk.

It is called a **LAP** or **INFOPASS** card and

will allow you to check out books from

most of the college libraries in Western

New York.

Upcoming Events

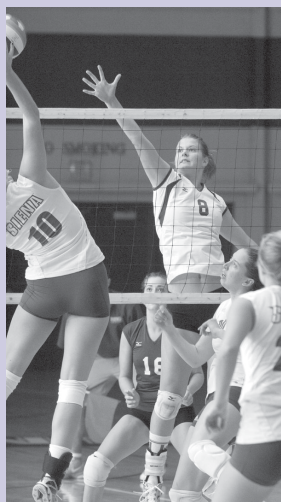
Set some time aside from your busy schedule and head over to the Gallagher Center to support our women's volleyball team! Cheer on our Lady Purple Eagles as they dazzle you with service winners, spikes, dinks and aces. You'll dig it!

Listed below are a few of the home games for the 2008 season*:

Oct. 11 vs. Iona
Oct. 12 vs. Manhattan
Oct. 18 vs. Rider
Oct. 19 vs. Loyola
Oct. 22 vs. Canisius
Nov. 1 vs. St. Peter's
Nov. 2 vs. Fairfield

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

For an extended schedule, visit www.PurpleEagles.com



Lindsey Kriger

Education

College co-sponsors inaugural African Night



*Performance by Le Ballet
Touba N'Dame Fall.*

The African Education Alliance of WNY held African Night at Niagara University's Castellani Art Museum on April 19, 2008. The event served to introduce Africa in its cultural diversity to Niagara and to Western New York, as well as to raise funds for scholarships to support African immigrant and refugee students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and civic attitude in their host community.

African Night offered the more than 150 attendees an opportunity to learn about various features of the African cultures through food, music, dance, and clothes. The event was also a moment of reflection on several issues, including Darfur, through paintings by Mimi Schiff and traditional African music and dance by the group Le Ballet Touba N'Dame Fall. The event helped

to fund scholarships for five African students this fall.

The event was held in accordance with the alliance's mission of "promoting cultural awareness and knowledge among educators, parents, students and community members to help enhance the social development and academic achievement of the African child," and made possible by the generous support of many individuals and community groups, including Dr. Debra Colley, dean of the College of Education, who arranged for the college to co-sponsor the event. Featured guests included Dr. Bonnie Rose, NU's executive vice president/vice president for academic affairs; Kate Koperski, director of Castellani Art Museum; and Hon. Antoine M. Thompson, New York state senator, 60th district.

To learn more about this event, contact Dr. Haoua Hamza, associate professor of teacher education, at 716-286-7388 or hhamza@niagara.edu.

MA-IS

Graduates put their degrees to work

Our newest students are beginning classes this semester, with programs of study including sports management, communications, international relations, and theater management. Classes in fundraising fundamentals and grant writing provide unique opportunities for students to advance their careers in nonprofit management.

The program's two newest graduates are putting their MA-IS degrees to work. Stephanie Cattarin is now assistant director of graduate business programs at Canisius College, a promotion both in responsibility and compensation. Adrienne Leibowitz is now secretary of the board of directors for Malawi Children's Village, the nonprofit agency she studied as part of her capstone project. These successes demonstrate how the MA-IS degree can help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

For additional information on the 33-credit-hour program, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.

In the News

Catching up with NU's graduate students

This new section is dedicated to Niagara University's graduate alumni. We want to acknowledge the professional successes of our graduate students. If you would like your successes to be highlighted, please e-mail me at ctejada@niagara.edu.

James Spanbauer has officially made the move from in-house principal to chief educational administrator at Niagara Falls High School. Spanbauer began teaching physical education in 1987; he came back to Niagara University to earn a master's degree in education.

Jennifer Sedar, an Orchard Park High school graduate currently finishing her master's degree in special education at Niagara University, has received the Teacher of the Year award at Alva Elementary School in Fort Myers, Fla.

John T. Russell is the Democratic candidate vying for the Fifth District U.S. Congressional seat. John holds an MBA from Niagara University.

Stephanie Cattarin (pictured at right) recently earned her master's degree in interdisciplinary studies and was hired as the assistant director of graduate business programs at Canisius College.



Fair Warnings

Job fairs scheduled

Below are two job fairs that the Office of Career Development is sponsoring for Niagara students. Make sure you don't miss out on these opportunities! For more information call the career development office at 716-286-8500.

Job Quest

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3 to 6 p.m. at HSBC Arena

This job fair is for students and alumni of all majors to meet with local and national recruiters to discuss employment opportunities.

Canadian Teacher Career Fair

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Niagara University's Kiernan Center
Canadian students in education programs can meet with representatives from the Ontario school boards.

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