Rev. Kenneth Slattery, C.M., NU’s 19th president, dies at 87

The Rev. Kenneth F. Slattery, C.M., the 19th president of Niagara University, died on April 21 at St. Catherine’s Infirmary at the Vincentian motherhouse in Philadelphia. He had been a patient there for the last month of an extended battle against cancer. He was 87.

A native of Brooklyn, Father Slattery served as president of Niagara from 1965 to 1976. Ordained a Vincentian priest May 22, 1948, after studies at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Pa., he was first assigned to Niagara in 1952 after receiving his doctoral degree in philosophy from The Catholic University of America. He then served as dean of studies at Mary Immaculate Seminary from 1954 to 1956 before going to St. John’s University in New York, where he was a philosophy professor from 1956 to 1961. He returned to Niagara that year and served as dean of the Graduate School and the School of Education until his appointment as president.

As president, he guided the university to a new level of quality and achievement despite tensions created by the war in Vietnam and the cultural revolution that was under way in the United States. In the Slattery decade, O’Shea and Seton halls were built to accommodate a dramatic growth in Niagara’s student body, which increased from 1,900 in 1965 to 3,200 in 1975. During these years, the College of Nursing moved into the newly constructed Dunleavy Hall and the Institute of Transportation, Travel and Tourism, the predecessor of today’s College of Hospitality and Tourism Management, was established.

After leaving the presidency of Niagara, Father Slattery continued his career in Catholic education at St. John’s University. For more than two decades, he taught in the department of philosophy, including a term as chairman, and held the office of vice president and academic dean. He has served on numerous boards of trustees of colleges and educational agencies.

“Father Ken Slattery was a lifelong educator who served Niagara University very well,” said NU’s current president, the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M. “He loved philosophy, so after his presidency he devoted more than 20 years to teaching and administration at St. John’s. Our community had great regard for this philosopher-president, who devoted his entire priesthood to Catholic education.”

On May 17, 1998, Niagara University granted Father Slattery the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education and to mark his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He was honored again with other past presidents of NU in September 2006 as the university began its sesquicentennial celebration.

Among his other honors was an honorary degree from St. John’s University, bestowed in 1969. He was also adopted into the Tuscarora Indian Nation in Lewiston in 1966 and given the name Ro-Te-Heh-Thet, which means “Dependable.”

He is survived by three sisters, Audrey Mulholland of Rumson, N.J., Mary Louise Schroeder of North Merrick, N.Y., and Rosemary Stark of Staten Island, N.Y.; and a brother, Harold J. Slattery of Sarasota, Fla.

The Rev. Kenneth Slattery and Tim Dunleavy, ’41, observe the progress on the building of Dunleavy Hall. The building was completed in 1972 and named for Dunleavy and his wife, Albina, its primary benefactors.
Dr. Brian Bennett, associate professor of religious studies, travelled to Moscow in April to present a paper at the “Russia and the Modern World” conference. It was held in the Russian capital’s Institute of Business and Politics. Bennett’s paper, titled “Depictions of Russian Orthodoxy in the American Media,” is based in part on interviews with two New York Times reporters. For more details, log on to www.ihb-moscow.ru/eng/.

Dr. William Boeck, research professor, will deliver the conference banquet talk at the Chapman Conference on the Effects of Thunderstorms and Lightning in the Upper Atmosphere at Penn State University in May. His topic will be “Thinking Outside the Box: The Early Days of Sprite Research.”

Dr. Kathleen Brown, assistant professor of education, gave a poster presentation at the National Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children in Seattle on April 3. The presentation was about including students with disabilities on college campuses.

Dr. Thomas Chambers, associate professor of history, signed a contract with Cornell University Press for his book project, “Remembering the Revolution: Battlefield Tourism and Historic Commemoration in the Early Republic.” The manuscript, due in October 2010, investigates the relationship between Revolutionary War historic sites and memory in American culture, with an emphasis on the importance of place in understanding the past.

Dr. Bob Kane, assistant professor of history, had his article, “Teaching as Counterinsurgency: Enhancing Pedagogical Effectiveness and Student Learning in a Culture of Distraction,” accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed journal, The History Teacher. The research for and writing of the article were made possible by generous grants from the NU Research Council and Committee on College Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Brian Martin Murphy, associate professor of communication studies, presented a paper selected in competition and titled, “Trends in the Political Economy of the Network Centric Warfare Industries,” at the International Communication division of the annual conference of the International Studies Association in New York, N.Y., in February.

Samantha Gust, senior assistant librarian, gave the presentation, “Write that Stellar Resume, Get that Stellar Job!” to graduate students in the department of library and information studies at the University at Buffalo on April 6.

Ronny Priefer, assistant professor of chemistry, had five students attend the second annual Western New York American Chemical Society Undergraduate Conference, held at Canisius College on April 4. Students from as far east as Syracuse, N.Y., and west as Hamilton, Ont., presented at this conference. One of Priefer’s students, Danielle Raymond, was among only four selected to give an oral presentation. The other four students presented posters, including Paolo Grenga, who won best poster. Niagara University will be hosting this event next year.

In addition, six students from Priefer’s lab presented their research at the American Chemical Society’s national meeting at the end of March. More than 20,000 people attended the event, which was held in Salt Lake City. Michelle Ingaelsbe, DiAndra Rudzinski, Brittany Sumbler, Danielle Raymond, Kyle Biegasiewicz, and James Gordon gave posters in different areas of chemistry, including medicinal, physical organic, synthetic organic, polymers, materials, and total synthesis of natural products.

Dr. Suzanne Wagner, associate professor of computer and information studies, attended the New York State American Association of University Professors conference in April and was elected to the association’s executive committee as a conference at-large member. In addition to her responsibilities for the conference, Wagner will be representing NYSAAUP at the national meetings in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Zongqing Zhou, associate professor of hospitality and tourism management, will present a paper in June at the Eighth Wuhan International Conference in E-business in the City of Wuhan, China. The title for the paper is, “E-Commerce and Internet Application in China’s Lodging Industry.” The paper will be published in the Conference Proceedings, which is indexed by Thomson Reuters ISI Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings. The ISI ISPT provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary coverage of proceedings papers delivered at prestigious international scientific and technology conferences.

Dr. Brian Martin Murphy, associate professor of communication studies, will co-chair the 30th anniversary conference of the Union for Democratic Communications May 28-31 at Buffalo State College. Dr. Randal Nichols, assistant professor of communication studies, will serve as the conference panel organizer and NU facilities manager.

Niagara’s department of communication studies was chosen to co-host the event with the communications department at Buffalo State, in part, because of its unique degree in communicating for social justice, the only one of its kind in the United States. The conference will feature a special theme where professors will address issues of curriculum development for social justice in communication studies. It will be highlighted by a panel of NU communication studies students explaining how the social justice curriculum has influenced their fourth-year theses, followed by a round table panel including all the members of NU’s communication studies department.

The UDC is an academic association, grouping scholars researching areas of cultural studies, the political economy of communication and independent/alternative media. Attendance is free to staff and students of NU. Day passes are available. Contact the NU department of communication studies for more information.

Correction: In the April issue of On Campus, Dr. Morgan Brooks, NCC, should have been identified as an associate professor of education. We regret the error.
Lindsay Atkins named NU’s student employee of the year for 2009

Lindsay Atkins, an assistant in the College of Arts and Science’s clinical psychology lab, has been named Niagara University’s student employee of the year for 2009. A senior psychology major with a minor in statistics, the Depew native has worked in the lab for two years.

Atkins was an integral part in the design and execution of several large-scale clinical psychology programs, which included an alcohol intervention and evaluation.

Atkins’ supervisor, Dr. Timothy Osberg, professor of psychology, has relied on her organizational skills and dependability to coordinate activities in the lab. “Perhaps one of Lindsay’s most valuable qualities,” said Osberg, “is her ability to work with and train younger students who are just joining the lab or are less experienced.”

Atkins has been awarded membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma, a national scholastic honor society for students of Catholic colleges and universities, and Sigma Alpha Sigma, the undergraduate honor society at NU. She is the treasurer for the Class of 2009 in Niagara University’s student government association and a member of NU’s dean’s advisory committee.

For the past two years, Atkins has been president of Active Minds, Niagara’s local chapter of a national organization whose aim is to promote awareness of mental-health issues on college campuses.

Atkins will graduate from Niagara in May 2009. This fall, she will enter into the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

ReNU Niagra COPC helps to green the Cataract City

ReNU Niagra, Niagara University’s Community Outreach Partnership Center, recently partnered with the University at Buffalo Law School to present a gardening workshop entitled, “Growing a Green Niagara.” The event was held at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center in Niagara Falls on March 28 and was attended by 40 local residents. The workshop was organized by ReNU Niagra’s two AmeriCorps VISTA staff members, Jessica Collier and Meghan Lytle, and law students from two UB clinics. The workshop featured a panel on community gardening. Panel members included Marge Gillis and Andrew Giarrizzo from the Niagara Beatification Commission and Zoe Hollomon from the Massachusetts Avenue Project. Following the panel, Giarrizzo led a workshop on composting, while Hollomon led a workshop on the benefits of using rain barrels for home gardening. To conclude the workshop, Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster provided words of encouragement for the green initiatives that are currently happening in Niagara Falls. ReNU Niagra is looking forward to this summer’s new community garden in the Highland community of Niagara Falls and will be releasing more information on the project soon.

New Preferred Merchant: Jay Worthy Cafeteria

The Jay Worthy Cafeteria, 1700 Main St., Niagara Falls, is the newest addition to Niagara University’s Preferred Merchant Program. NU employees who show their ID get 10 percent off at the eatery. For more information, contact Joseph Streeter at 285-8494. To see the full list of preferred merchants, visit www.niagara.edu/pmp.

Welcome back! — Niagara University hosted over 50 retired employees at a luncheon on April 27. Marty Troia, the former director of career development (left), and Sheila Hausrath, vice president for student life, shared a moment during lunch.
NU employee mentoring program

By Jennifer Suitor, assistant director of human resources

Did you know that the human resource office provides new nonfaculty employees with mentors? The goal of the mentoring program is to welcome new employees to campus, provide a resource for questions, and meet colleagues from departments who they may not readily meet. Are you interested in becoming a mentor? Here’s what to do:

- Inform human resources of your interest and you will be assigned to a new employee.
- Place an initial call to the new employee. A mentor should call the new employee as soon as possible following the employee’s start date (within their first three days) as provided by the human resources office. The initial call gives an opportunity for introductions and to see if he or she has any questions. Subsequently, a day for a tour and lunch is arranged.
- Give a tour and provide introductions. The new employee is given a tour of the campus, which includes buildings and department locations. This gives the new employee an opportunity to see the campus and meet employees. The tour should include common areas such as ComDoc, the post office, Clet Hall, and Gallagher Center. HR provides a campus guide to use for the tour, which includes relevant history.
- Take the new employee to lunch. The Office of Human Resources provides a coupon for lunch for two at either Clet Hall Commons or the Gallagher Center dining area. This provides an opportunity for the new employee to ask questions and to get better acquainted as well as sample our food services. Contact Human Resources when a date is set for the tour and lunch to receive a lunch certificate.

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, please contact Jennifer Suitor at jrs@niagara.edu or ext. 8691 for further details. Participation is a great way to meet new employees, provide them with an understanding of our culture, and get involved in the university community.

Employee of the month: Valerie Devine

Valerie Devine, Web application developer in the Office of Information Technology, has been named employee of the month for April 2009. She has been a member of the Niagara University community since 2003, when she worked in IT while a full-time student. In June 2005, she was hired as a Web programmer and became the Web application developer in July 2006. Devine has also been a part-time faculty member in the department of computer and information sciences since August of 2007.

“Val has helped offices across campus solve problems with technology and operate more efficiently,” a nomination said. Her work with Web applications; myNU, Niagara’s online portal system for students, staff and faculty; and the Niagara University Web site was noted in particular. Her commitment to “do things right” has been noted by many on campus.

Devine’s attitude and interpersonal skills were also mentioned in several nominations. “Val is a dependable employee, and her work ethic is about as good as it gets,” a nomination said. “She has an added passion for her work here, being a former NU student, and contributes to Niagara not only as a programmer, but as a part-time faculty member in the CIS department.”

Day of Service Is approaching!

Niagara University’s sixth annual Day of Service will be held on June 18. Members of the university community are encouraged to volunteer their time and talent from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. to provide assistance with various office tasks or odd jobs at local agencies and organizations requesting such help. A send-off will take place at 8:30 a.m. in St. Vincent’s fourth-floor atrium. Upon returning to campus, a luncheon will be provided for the volunteers at approximately 1:45 p.m. in St. Vincent’s Hall room 405 and 406, giving everyone the opportunity to reflect on their community outreach experience as a group.

If you have not already done so, please contact the learn and serve office via e-mail at jmf@niagara.edu or phone at extension 8750 to sign up. Don’t forget to mention your shirt size.
Athletics honors student athletes

Niagara’s department of athletics honored its student-athletes at the annual Student-Athlete Awards banquet on April 26 at Antonio’s Restaurant in Niagara Falls. Senior women’s soccer player Stephanie Gartley and sophomore diver Ian O’Rourke were honored with the Vincent O’Malley Award, given to the female and male athlete-of-the-year.

Gartley ended her stellar career at Niagara ranking fourth all-time in career goals with 50 and fifth all-time in career points with 121, while leading the 2008 Purple Eagles in goals (12), assists (5) and points (29). She was named First-Team All-MAAC this season, marking the fourth time that she received an All-MAAC honor in her career.

Following her soccer season, Gartley decided to join the swim team as a sprinter. At the Canisius College dual meet, the senior earned a first-place tie in the 50 free while helping defeat the Golden Griffins in the meet with her lead leg in the 400 relay.

O’Rourke competed at the NCAA Zone Meet for the second consecutive year, improving on his freshman finishes in each category. The NU record holder of all diving marks earned Diver-of-the-Meet at the 2009 MAAC Championships after winning the one-meter and three-meter dives. At ECACs, O’Rourke again took home Diver-of-the-Meet honors after winning the one-meter while taking second at the three-meter.

Senior women’s tennis player Vanja Lakic and senior men’s hockey player Vince Rocco took home the Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to the top graduating student-athlete. Lakic, who has a 3.90 grade-point average, will graduate with a degree in finance in May. She earned a perfect record in MAAC singles, helping the Purple Eagle tennis team reach the 2009 MAAC Championship. Rocco has a 4.12 GPA and will graduate in May with a degree in business. He earned CHA Student-Athlete-of-the-Year while claiming First-Team All-CHA honors for the second straight season.

Softball’s Melissa Markle and men’s hockey goaltender Julian Pagliero took home the Purple Heart Award, given by the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee to the student-athlete who embraces the Vincentian spirit that Niagara was founded upon.

Niagara University’s director of athletics, Ed McLaughlin, honored each team’s departing senior class. He also awarded the Purple Eagle Award to N-Zone coordinator Matt Palmer. This award is given to the non-student-athlete who has demonstrated, through work behind the scenes, a tremendous dedication and pride to Purple Eagle athletics.

Purple Eagles, NUSGA grant wish to young girl

Briana Hansen can now practice her flips and tumbles as much as she would like. Niagara’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Student Government Association collectively raised $5,112.50 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and will allow the 12-year-old Briana to practice gymnastics and dancing.

Briana, who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, accepted the gift on April 23. Her wish is to turn the basement of her home into a dance studio and gymnastics recreation room. Briana was accompanied at the check ceremony by her parents, Brian and Amy, her younger sister, Olivia, and cousins Heather and Jenny Ricciuti of Youngstown. Jenny currently attends Niagara, while Heather is an alumna.

Niagara student-athletes raised more than $2,600 selling Make-A-Wish star magnets; NU’s student government came up with the rest by donating the proceeds of comedian Demetri Martin’s concert on April 26.
Establishing healthy eating habits in your children

By Lori A. Soos, RN, BSN, director of health services

- Start with small, easy to achieve changes, such as offering more fruits and vegetables at meals and snack times.
- Encourage your children to eat slowly. Children can detect hunger and fullness better when eating slowly.
- Eat meals together as a family as often as possible. Make mealtimes pleasant with conversation and sharing, not a time for scolding or arguing.
- Look at portion sizes. Provide your children with an appropriate portion size for their age; it is up to them to decide when they are full. Do not encourage overeating. If they say they are not full, simply inform them of the next scheduled snack time, and adhere to it.
- Involve your children in food shopping and preparing meals.
- Plan for snacks. Continuous snacking can lead to overeating, but snacks that are planned at specific times during the day can be part of a nutritious diet without spoiling children’s appetites at meal times. Young children should eat at least every three to four hours.
- Try to keep a variety of nutritious and appealing snacks in your home such as string cheese, air popped or lowfat microwave popcorn, dried fruit, baby carrots, lowfat yogurt with fresh fruit, frozen juice bars made with 100 percent real fruit, sugar-free instant pudding, Fiber One bars, or whole-grain fig bars.
- Discourage eating meals or snacks while watching TV. Try to eat only in designated areas of your home.
- Slowly cut out soda or other high sugared drinks. Serve only milk at meals. Encourage your children to choose water as their beverage of choice outside of mealtime.

For more information on how you and your family can live a healthier lifestyle go to Learn to be Healthy.org.

Establishing healthy eating habits in children begins at birth and continues through their teen years, until they leave home. It is a program that is continuously changing and evolving; therefore, it is never too late to start. Healthy eating is simply eating a variety of foods from all food groups. It means choosing fewer foods with a high fat or sugar content. However, it does not mean that children cannot eat desserts or other treats. By establishing some simple structure into your daily routine, you will be able to make a difference while giving your children the freedom to choose a healthier lifestyle. Teaching children healthy eating habits early on may allow them to stay at a healthy weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle as an adult.

Poor eating habits may develop in otherwise healthy children for several reasons. Infants are born with a tendency to like sweet tastes. If they are encouraged to eat a wide variety of foods, they will learn to like other tastes because nutritious foods typically don’t taste sweet. When you introduce new foods to children, you are encouraging a love of texture, variety and taste. This is essential because the more adventurous children feel about food, the more nutritious and balanced their diets will become. When introducing new foods, be sure to include them during a meal that includes food your children already like. It may take children eight to 12 times to try a new food before they accept it. This is normal; the key is to offer a new food in a relaxed manner without pressuring your children. Food should never be used as a punishment or reward for your children.

WebMD suggests the following approaches to parents when establishing healthy eating habits for their children:

- Guide your families’ choices; make a variety of nutritious foods available in your home.

Heaggans, assistant professor of education, displayed her poster on “The Effects of Concept Mapping in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.”

Undergraduates display research — Emily Kalinowski was one of more than 100 students to present their research results at the 2009 NU Undergraduate Research Conference on April 24. Kalinowski, who was sponsored by Dr. Raphael
When Thomas Looney, ’74, vice president and general manager of Lenovo North America, arrived at Niagara University on April 21 to accept the Corporate Leadership Award during the 19th annual Business Appreciation Dinner, he also brought an unexpected gift for the university: an Olympic torch, designed by Lenovo for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

The torch was presented to Niagara “as a symbol of Niagara’s commitment to excellence and preparing students to compete in the global economy,” Looney said.

Chosen from among 300 contenders, the “Cloud of Promise” design incorporates elements of both modern design and traditional Chinese culture, according to Lenovo. The primary theme of the torch’s artwork is clouds, and its shape is inspired by that of a traditional Chinese scroll. It is painted deep red and bright silver to signify the fusion of traditional Chinese art and contemporary design. The torch will be housed in Bisgrove Hall, the home of Niagara’s College of Business Administration.

Looney also gave the keynote address at the event, which discussed the concept of “worldsourcing,” a strategy that recognizes ideas, operations and resources are borderless and mobile. Lenovo’s business model, which is based on this strategy, incorporates operational hubs in centers of excellence around the world. “With good ideas from around the globe you can come up with powerful solutions and leverage best practices globally,” Looney explained.

Other honorees at the dinner included Dennis Parass, president of Handling Specialty, who accepted the Canadian Business-of-the-Year Award; Heidi Rodale, developmental editor for Rodale Inc.’s “Men’s Health” and sports books group, who accepted NU’s Family Business-of-the-Year Award; James Keefe, ’70, a partner at the Bonadio Group, who received the Distinguished Accounting Alumnus Award; and students Christopher Sargent and Brenna Zerfas, who were honored as the college’s Outstanding MBA Student and Outstanding Undergraduate Student, respectively.

As of June 1, new international regulations go into effect that will have an immediate impact on how we all cross to and from Canada. As of June 1, birth certificates and photo ID will no longer be accepted to cross the international bridges. The acceptable citizenship documents will be an enhanced driver’s license, passport book, or passport card. In addition, if you travel in your personal vehicle you can purchase a NEXUS pass. If you have any questions, you can contact the Office of Campus Activities in the Gallagher Center or call 286-8510.

Above: Tom Looney, ’74, vice president and general manager of Lenovo North America, presents the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., Niagara’s president, with an Olympic torch designed by Lenovo for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Below: James Keefe, ’70 (right), a partner at the Bonadio Group in Buffalo, was honored with the Distinguished Accounting Alumnus Award. He is pictured with Al Oddo, professor of accounting.

NU goes stomping… again! — Niagara University hosted the third annual Stomp Out Stigma 5K run and fun walk on April 26. The proceeds benefit the Mental Health Association of Niagara County. A total of 223 participants took part in the event, which included a post-race party in the Kiernan Center. The event is sponsored by Active Minds at NU, the Niagara University Student Government Association and the Campus Programming Board. Many thanks to all who participated and the more than 60 student volunteers!
Castellani Art Museum

Through Sept. 14: — “Tom Holt: Sketchbook Practice.” The museum’s TopSpin Series continues with an exhibition by Buffalo artist Tom Holt. This series of solo exhibitions for emerging regional artists is generously sponsored by Tops Friendly Markets. “Sketchbook Practice” opens with a reception on Sunday, May 31, from 2-4 p.m.

Through May 31 — Kara Walker: “The Emancipation Approximation.” Kara Walker is one of the most compelling artists working today. “The Emancipation Approximation” provides opportunities to raise awareness, provoke discussion and educate students of all ages on the legacy of slavery and its ramifications today in the racial inequality that still pervades our communities. Visit our Web site for updates on educational programming related to this exhibition.

Through July 19 — “Artistic and Functional: Aprons from the Karen Anderson Collection” features a diverse selection of 47 aprons collected by Karen Anderson of Lynn Center, Ill. These beautiful pieces of domestic art demonstrate the ingenuity of a century of American women who fashioned aprons from recycled feedsacks, dresses, curtains, handkerchiefs and blue jeans. Visitors will be captivated by the array of styles and awed by the sewing skills of appliqué, embroidery, smocking and tatting.

Through Sept. 20 — “JED: 30 Years of Paintings by Jed Jackson”

Folk Arts Workshops
Celebrating Ethnic Aprons: Sunday, June 7, from 2-4 p.m.
Celebrating Occupational Aprons: Sunday, June 28, from 2-4 p.m.
Folk Arts workshops are free to museum members/$3 others. Call Claire Aubrey at ext. 8290 for more information.

Mixers at the CAM: The Art of Tango!
Friday, June 19 5-8 p.m. Have you ever wanted to dance the Tango but were too afraid to try? Join us for our last mixer of the season and experience the Art of Tango. Dance instructors and experienced tango aficionados will show you how it’s done! The event includes music, dancing, raffles door prizes, and art activities for kids. FREE to museum members, NU faculty, staff and students, $5 general public. For more information, contact Susan Clements at ext. 8201. The museum is pleased to announce that M&T Bank will continue its sponsorship of Mixers at the CAM.

Harold C. Brown & Company, a Buffalo financial services firm, has awarded the Castellani with a $2,500 grant for arts supplies to be used in the museum’s art education programs, including Art Express and kids ’n arts summer camp.

To learn more about the Castellani Art Museum’s classes, exhibitions and special events, visit www.niagara.edu/cam/ or call 286-8200.

To view the calendar of events, visit www.niagara.edu/cam/calendar/calendar.html.

College of Education to host STEM camp

The College of Education’s Institute of Applied Learning will hold the Literacy/Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math camp Aug. 3-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Academic Complex, room 125. The camp is open to students in grades three through eight.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore roller coaster physics, CSI forensics, the chemistry of art, and the green environment.

The cost of the camp is $100 and includes materials, lunch and snacks. For more information or to register, please call Melissa Bonar at 716-286-8309 or e-mail at mbonar@niagara.edu. Checks can be made payable to: Niagara University, P.O. Box 1930, Niagara University, N.Y. 14109.

Professional development training in GIS to be offered at NU

The Office of Continuing Education will offer a professional development training program in Geographical Information Systems beginning May 11.

GIS, or digital mapping, takes information from databases and spreadsheets and charts it on an interactive map. The U.S. Department of Labor has identified GIS technology as “one of the three most important emerging and evolving fields.”

The core course, ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started with GIS, will be offered May 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the university’s dedicated GIS lab in Dunleavy Hall. On June 16-18, ArcGIS Desktop II: Tools and Functionality will be offered. The cost for the first course is $795; the second is $995.

To register, contact continuing education at 286-8181 or online at www.niagara.edu/cce.