Vincentian Heritage Week sees nine honored as Niagara’s Legacy

Nine alumni of Niagara University, several of whom are well-known to Western New York residents, were inducted into the first class of “Niagara Legacy — Alumni of Distinction.” The induction took place Sept. 27 in Alumni Chapel as part of a convocation celebrating Vincentian Heritage Week.

Two other persons were also honored at the convocation. Michael J. Delaney, a 1983 graduate of NU, received the Perboyre Medal for his work as director of humanitarian assistance for Oxfam in Boston and delivered the convocation address. Named for St. John Gabriel Perboyre, C.M., a Vincentian priest who was martyred in China in 1840, the medal recognizes extraordinary contributions and service to the global society after the example of the Gospels, St. Vincent de Paul and Perboyre.

William Newton, assistant director of campus activities at NU, received the Vincentian Mission Award, which is given to members of the university community who seek to emulate the altruistic spirit of St. Vincent, the universal patron of charity. Recipients are chosen from candidates nominated by the university.

Vincentian universities begin lay leadership initiative

The three Vincentian universities in the United States — Niagara University, St. John’s University and DePaul University — announced on Sept. 10 that a new collaborative effort would be undertaken to develop successive generations of lay leaders to support their institutions’ Catholic and Vincentian identities.

The program, Vincentian Mission Institute: Leadership in Higher Education, will include select faculty and staff leaders from each institution who will participate in an intensive three-year continuing education program.

DePaul, founded in Chicago in 1898, and St. John’s, founded in 1870 and located in the New York City borough of Queens, are respectively the largest and second largest Catholic universities in the United States. Together with Niagara, founded in 1856, they currently educate more than 47,000 students.

The institutions want to be able to assure that future generations of students, especially first-generation college and immigrant students, as well as those who come from groups traditionally under-

Dr. Peter C. Butera, professor and chair of the department of psychology, has been awarded a three-year research grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue his research on the hormonal control of feeding behavior and physiological mechanisms involved in sex differences in eating and body weight. The grant, valued at $209,258, will also provide funding for students working as research assistants on the project during the academic year and summer months.

Dr. Thomas Chambers, associate professor of history, traveled to Wales to present a paper entitled “Bonefields as Tourist Attractions: Constructing Memory at Braddock’s Field and Ticonderoga,” at the British Group in Early American History annual conference at Swansea University on Sept. 9.

Dr. Debra Colley, dean of the College of Education, has been appointed the co-chair of the New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching by the New York State Board of Regents. The state board consists of 26 appointed members representing universities, teachers and the general community. The board is charged by the Board of Regents to advance and support quality teaching and student learning in New York state through initiating, influencing and evaluating policy and best practice in the teaching profession.

Rev. Stephen J. Denig, C.M., associate professor in the College of Education, was elected co-program chair for the National Assessment of Education Progress Significant Interest Group during the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association held in Chicago from April 9-13. Father Denig also delivered two presentations with colleagues. The first was “Attitudinal Change and the Dispositions to Teach,” with College of Education colleagues Dr. Vince Rinaldo, Dr. Thomas Sheeran, Dr. Paul Vermette, Dr. R. Michael Smith, Dr. Rafael Heaggans, and Dr. Jacqueline Murphy; and Dr. Richard Cramer-Benjamin, associate professor of mathematics. The second was “Constructivism and Music Education” with Drs. Rinaldo, Sheeran, Vermette, Smith, and Heaggans.

Dr. Zdenka Gredel-Manuele, professor and chair of the history department, had a chapter entitled “Enrico Caterino Davila, Condottiere and Historian” published in European History: Lessons for the 21st Century. This chapter was presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research in 2006.

Ann Heuer, secretary in the department of theater and fine arts and Friends of Niagara University Theater media coordinator, writes freelance articles for several local and national publications during her free time. The winter 2007 issue of Country Accents Magazine features two of her bed and breakfast features, an article on cabin and cottage-inspired collectibles and a Christmas craft article. This national publication is sold locally at Wegman’s supermarkets and will be available in October. Ann also has a travel article on the Clarence, N.Y., Asa Ransom Inn in the Autumn City Guide published by Buffalo Spree Magazine. In the spring, she will have a travel article featured in Kaatskill Life Magazine, among others. Fred Heuer, assistant vice president for marketing at NU, provides photos for Ann’s articles.

Dr. John B. Stranges, university professor, presented a paper, entitled “Love Canal Reclaimed,” at the annual meeting of the International Committee on the History of Technology in August in Copenhagen, Denmark. Dr. Stranges’ paper discussed the complex and often contentious process by which federal, state and community agencies reshaped one of the most symbolic and notorious physical spaces in recent United States history. Of all the issues involved in the remediation and relocation problems in the Love Canal story, none aroused more controversy than the issue of “habitability” for those who chose to return to the site or for new residents. The paper assesses the relationship between technology and policy in determining the methods by which the area would be rehabilitated and by which “habitability” itself would be defined. The paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of the journal ICON.

Dr. Daniel Tompkins, associate professor of commerce, will present a paper titled, “Management Age & Mutual Fund Performance,” at the Southern Finance Association annual meeting in Charleston, S.C., in
November. That paper has also been accepted for publication in Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives, Vol. 32 (2).

**Maria Torres**, assistant director of admissions, was honored with the Hispanics United of Buffalo’s Young Achiever Award at its annual Hispanic Heritage Dinner on Sept. 22.

Maria was honored for her commitment and achievements as a young professional and as a role model to young Latinas and Latinos throughout Buffalo and Erie County. She is a resident of Buffalo.

**Brother Augustine Towey**, C.M., director emeritus of Niagara University Theater, will direct two productions in Buffalo this fall. The first, Eugene O’Neill’s “A Moon for the Misbegotten,” at the Irish Classical Theatre, opens Nov. 2 and plays through Dec. 2 at their Main Street theater. The second, a Western New York premiere of a production of Leonard Bernstein’s “Mass,” plays Nov. 16-18 at St. Joseph’s University Church on Main Street in Buffalo. “Mass” is a production of Opera Sacra, and has musical direction by Debi Overton and choreography by Tommy Ralabate.

**Bonnie Butcher**, adjunct professor in the College of Education, was the guest speaker at the initial meeting of Niagara University’s chapter of the Student Council for Exceptional Children on Aug. 13. **Dr. Kathleen Brown**, assistant professor of education, is faculty adviser for the SCEC chapter, and professors **Dr. Alice Kozen**, **Dr. Susan Sze** and **Dr. Jacqueline Murphy** are also involved in chapter activities. For more information, contact Dr. Brown at ext. 8623, or at kbrown@niagara.edu.

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**NU adds two more to Preferred Merchant Program**

Fred Heuer, assistant vice president for marketing, recently announced two additions to NU’s preferred merchant program. Starbucks Coffee, located inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 228 Old Falls St., is offering Niagara faculty, staff and students a 20 percent discount with valid identification card. Starbucks also offers free WiFi service to its customers. For more information, please contact store manager Dan Wilke at 284-4200.

Great Lakes Real Estate will offer a 14 percent commission reduction to any Niagara employee who uses its services. The company has three locations: Niagara Falls, Williamsville, and Buffalo. For listings, log on to www.greatlakesrealestate.com.

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**Excellence luncheon on Sept. 24. Laura, of North Tonawanda, was one of 11 honorees feted with an award. From left to right: The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, Niagara University president; Laura; Dr. Bonnie Rose, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Gary Praetzel, dean of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management.**
Bill Newton named September employee of the month

Bill Newton, assistant director of campus activities, has been named employee of the month for September 2007. This is the second time Bill has received this award. He has been with the university since June 2001.

Bill is viewed by many on campus as a highly motivated and energetic employee. A nomination stated that he always has an incredibly positive attitude about everything. “Despite the NU men’s basketball team’s loss to Kansas (in the 2007 NCAA tournament), Bill still had a positive attitude,” the nomination said. “This encouraged the rest of the students on the trip to be happy for the team and still have fun.” Another nomination commented that Bill is very organized in arranging trips, and is willing to do whatever he can to make a student’s college experience the best it can be.

Bill’s supervisor, Mati Ortiz, NU’s director of campus activities, said Bill embodies the Vincentian spirit and the university’s mission in all he does. “Bill cares about everyone,” she said. “He always helps anyone in need, whether personally or professionally. They recognize what he does as an employee is not just his job; rather it is his passion and love for what he does.”

Enjoy fall’s bounty!

Grilled peaches and cream

By Tim Bucko, chef manager in hospitality services

½ cup brandy
Six fresh peaches
1 tbsp. sugar
Limon Cello liquor
Walnuts
Vanilla ice cream

Peel peaches, cut in half, and then remove the pit. Pour brandy over peaches and soak for 30 minutes.

Drain brandy and place peaches on pan with cut side up. Sprinkle sugar on the peaches. Grill peaches until they begin to caramelize. Allow peaches time to cool, then slice and place on top of ice cream.

Before serving, drizzle top of peaches with Limon Cello and walnuts.

NU mourns

Ursula T. Flynn, mother-in-law of Dr. Thomas J. Sheeran, professor of education and director of university mission; and wife of the late Edward T. “Bus” Flynn, a graduate and longtime NU employee who was the first layman to serve as director of alumni relations — Sept. 10.

Beverly A. Cutler, wife of Dr. Paul Cutler, a member of the Castellani Art Museum’s advisory board — Sept. 1.

MUSEUM HONORED — The Castellani Art Museum was honored with the “Outstanding Contribution to the Arts” award by the Niagara Beautification Commission at a luncheon on Sept. 20. Pictured (l-r): Kate Koperski, curator of folk arts; Celia Rodino, weekend and off-hours events manager; Sharon Miller, Castellani Art Museum advisory council member; Susan Clements, coordinator of publicity and events; Dr. Bonnie Rose, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; and Marian Granfield, coordinator of education.
Niagara University joined in a nationwide effort to make it easier for prospective students and parents to choose the right college.

The Web-based project, called the University and College Accountability Network, was unveiled in Washington by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, of which NU is a member.

More than 500 independent colleges and universities have joined the network, which presents a level playing field for those seeking to compare one institution against another.

“Niagara University welcomes the opportunity to be part of a consumer-friendly network that helps individuals make informed decisions about which college to attend,” said the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., NU’s president. “We have a wonderful university here at Niagara. We are proud of it, and we are excited about the opportunity to make it known to a broader audience.”

U-CAN was developed to meet consumer demand for more easily accessible information about colleges and in response to calls for greater institutional openness from Congress and the U.S. Department of Education, according to the NAICU. The template for profiles of schools that appear on the site was developed from consumer feedback obtained in focus groups conducted in cities across the nation.

To view the site, go to www.ucan-network.org.
A poem that sits on a shelf inside Bob’s Olde Books, the Village of Lewiston store owned by Niagara University adjunct professor and alumnus Bob Giannetti, is aptly titled. It’s called “Old Book Seller,” part of which reads:

I am a book keeper.
Like a bee keeper
I care for them.
They have never stung me.
I wear the mask and gloves of cultivation
when I touch them
seeking the honeycomb,
taking it from the hive.

The books are the bees, which Bob cultivates with great care and joy. “It is a great delight to collect books,” the 1963 Niagara graduate said. “It is a sense of love and respect that both the beekeeper and a bookkeeper have for their craft.”

Bob, who teaches creative writing at NU, has been a full-time teacher, a foundation executive, and even a human resources consultant. No matter what job he held, the passion for books never waned, even during a time when he could not afford the fine books he really wanted. “I purchased reading editions,” he admitted. When he could finally afford those fine books, the adoration he had for them returned. “All I had to do was pick (a fine book) up.”

History on a shelf
A visit to Bob’s store is like taking a history class, with some of the texts dating back to the mid-1800s and before. “You can learn something about a time period’s design principles,” said Bob, who studied rare books at the University of Virginia. “For example, the color black did not appear on a book cover until 1880.”

While browsing the shelves in the store, you can also see the differences between today’s books and those of yesteryear. Take the dust jacket off a pre-1929 book, such as “Life of Michelangelo” by John Addington Symonds, and you will see a matching illustration on the binding, but richer in texture and tooled right into the cloth cover. “The dust jacket was not meant to detract from the tooling on the cloth binding,” said Bob. “And the fact that (“Life of Michelangelo”) even has a dust jacket is very rare.”

The glory days of book production and design faced a significant change in 1929, according to Bob. The legendary stock market crash during that year caused fine book bindings to disappear. “The crash caused book makers to search for cheaper materials,” Bob noted. “You also do not see illustration in the books like you did before the crash.”

However, if you are still looking for books with leather and Victorian cloth bindings, and art-museum quality illustrations, Bob’s Olde Books has them. According to Bob, you will not find the stock of such finely preserved Victorian cloth-bound books like he has in a several hundred mile radius.

He also has a number of historical gems. One is a self-made Yapp leather binding for the book “The Man from Glengarry: A Tale of the Ottawa,” by Ralph Connor. The other is an item that is one of the oldest in the store — a 1747 book of lessons for nuns. The book is bound in vellum, the same material as parchment, only stiffened to make a cover.

Bob also has a wide range of books in the store on the history of the Niagara region. He calls the current stock in the store the finest he has ever collected. And unlike the major book sellers, no one book in the store is the same.

“If I have two or three fine copies of a particular work in different editions at a time, that is a lot,” Bob said.
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Store a success

Bob has enjoyed many highs in his life, but the early success of Bob’s Olde Books, which opened in December 2006, has brought the former Army captain and business executive much joy. “Frankly, it’s ahead of what I expected,” Bob admitted. “I thought it would take longer to get to this point. I’ve owned businesses before, and I knew what was reasonable.”

The store is not a livelihood for the 65-year old Bob. Although the added income is good, he’s operating the store for personal gratification. “I do not look at these as reclining years, I look at them as years in which you can ascend to a level of satisfaction and integration in your life,” he said.

According to Bob, there is a hunger for books in this age of iPods. “Many feel a particular association with an author,” he said, “something in their youth, or old age, that when customers walk in here, the book finds its way to the right hands.”

Bob also credits the Village of Lewiston’s welcoming nature and scenic location for some of the store’s success. “Lewiston is a Norman Rockwell painting with character,” he said. “It has made the store what it is at this point.”

For Bob Giannetti, the bees continue to produce honey.

Bob’s Olde Books is located at 480 Center St., Lewiston. For more information, call 716-861-9741. Bob is also the author of “Drawn by the Creek,” a book of original poems.

History department honors Father McGourty’s memory

The department of history will establish an award in memory of Father Thomas P. McGourty, C.M. Father McGourty was a nontraditional student who took many of the history courses offered by the department. He was greatly interested in history and the many diverse fields it explored. The history department had honored him last May by induction into its honor society, Phi Alpha Theta.

The award will be given to a nontraditional student who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the discipline and outstanding scholarship in the study of history. The first award will be given in May 2008.

Pasta with the President

The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., Niagara’s president, requests your company for an informal dinner called “Pasta with the President.” This is an opportunity to gather with colleagues and friends, enjoy each other’s company, and have a “five-star” dinner in Meade Hall.

These dinners, which have been very popular, give all members of the Niagara University community an opportunity to meet others. Every dinner has sold out the past three years, and only five reservations are taken in order to make this a nice, family-like atmosphere.

The nonfaculty dinner takes place on Dec. 4 in Meade Hall at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and conversation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. A faculty dinner was held on Oct. 9.

Please make your reservation for this pleasant dining experience by calling the Office of Continuing and Community Education at ext. 8181.

Reservations are extremely limited, so please call today.
Niagara’s Jarvis wins Little Three tourney

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Bentivoglio makes Islanders debut

Former Niagara University forward Sean Bentivoglio made his preseason debut for the National Hockey League’s New York Islanders on Sept. 21 against the Montreal Canadiens. He did not score in the Isles’ 3-2 overtime loss. However, Sean’s line was considered the most dominant.

Sean, who signed a three-year, two-way free agent contract on May 21, scored a goal and picked up an assist, as the Islanders’ rookies beat the University of Moncton (New Brunswick) on Sept. 20.

“This is the beginning of Sean’s dream,” said Niagara coach Dave Burkholder. “He was such a great player and a great person for Niagara and it is exciting to see him getting this chance at the highest level. We are all very proud of him.”


Niagara University senior Mike Jarvis, of Lancaster, N.Y., won the 2007 Little Three Golf Tournament on Sept. 18, held at the Niagara Falls Country Club in Lewiston. The captain of the Purple Eagle men’s golf team earned his first career medalist honors with a 2-under-par 68.

Mike had matching 1-under-34’s on both the front and back nine at the Purple Eagles’ home course. He was the lone golfer to turn in a scorecard with red numbers.

St. Bonaventure claimed the team title for the fourth consecutive year with a four-man total of 292. Niagara came in second with a 297, while Canisius ended the day with a 310.

Niagara’s number-two golfer, junior Don Bryson of Brantford, Ont., withdrew midway through the round with an arm injury, putting head coach Kevin Miller and the Purple Eagles in catch-up mode. Even without Don, Kevin was pleased with his team’s effort, losing by only five strokes.

“Overall, it was a great day for this terrific tournament,” Kevin said. “Most of our guys played well today, and Don’s injury was unfortunate. We felt it would be in our best interest that we pull Don so that he didn’t injure himself further.”

Sophomore Joe Tonnos of St. Catharines, Ont., finished sixth with a final score of 75. He went out with a 35 and came in with a 40. Junior Chris Singleton of Niagara Falls, Ont., and freshman Jeremy Christie of St. Catherines, tied for 10th with matching totals of 77.

Sophomore Jason Polka of Lewiston finished the day with an 81, while freshman Kelly Robinson of Fergus, Ont., competed as an individual, ending the day with an 80.

TALKIN’ PUCKS — Niagara University’s athletics department held its annual media luncheon on Sept. 27. The department released schedules for men’s and women’s basketball and hockey to the press and university community. Men’s hockey coach Dave Burkholder (center) took a moment to chat with a WKBW-TV (channel 7) sports producer about his team’s upcoming season.
Hall of Fame Induction

Six individuals will be inducted into the Niagara Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 27, at noon in St. Vincent’s Hall. Former lacrosse standout Mary Cutia-Giordano, ’01; women’s basketball player Amy Getman-Herrington, ’00; men’s basketball player Ollie Harper, ’79; and a pair of former men’s hockey stars, Mike Isherwood, ’00, and Peter DeSantis, ’00; will join former men’s soccer head coach Al Montagna, ’72, for the ceremony.

Anyone wishing to attend this event is encouraged to call the Niagara athletics department at 286-8600.

Catch the Purple Eagles on TV

The newly established Niagara Sports Network will televise five Purple Eagle games this season as well as 13 editions of the weekly half-hour highlight show, “Sports Night Niagara,” beginning in January. The Niagara Sports Network includes WNGS/RTN 11 in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls area and Time Warner Sports Net in Rochester.

Games slated to be televised are: men’s hockey at Merrimack on Oct. 12, at Cornell on Jan. 5, and at Quinnipiac on Jan. 26; men’s basketball vs. St. Bonaventure on Oct. 27 and at St. John’s on Dec. 15. Additional men’s basketball games will also be televised as part of the MAAC television package on ESPNU.

“Extreme God”

By Father John Maher, C.M.

Have you seen how extreme the use of the word “extreme” has become? We have “extreme sports,” “extreme video games,” “extreme workouts,” “extreme workshops,” and TV’s ever-popular “Extreme Make-Over.” In each instance, we see people take ordinary activities such as sports, exercise, self-improvement, or home improvement and raise them to a new level of interest, enthusiasm and commitment by a new group of people.

I wonder at times why this doesn’t translate into some type of carry-over for God. Oh, I know there are “extreme” ways of understanding and interpreting God’s Word, as well as various religious teachings that represent God. Too often, these teachings and the groups advancing them can be prescriptive rather than descriptive. And “extremism” in religion or spirituality is often viewed as a negative, undesirable trait.

That’s why I like to read and reflect on stories in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. They show us to what lengths our God goes in teaching us how to love, to serve and to forgive. And when we don’t or won’t “get it,” God keeps at it until we do.

Take the central theme of the Book of Exodus: God names the Israelites his chosen people, and delivers them from slavery to their own Promised Land. Yet, being human, they lose sight of this promise when traveling gets tough. They complain, doubt, argue, turn against Moses, and even deny the God who brought them out of slavery. Although behaving badly, God still watches over and protects them. As extreme as they are by their doubt, all the more extreme is God in his persevering love.

Or take Luke’s familiar story of the prodigal son. A son rejects his home and hearth, demanding his inheritance, and tells his father (in effect) he is dead to him. His new-found wealth soon gone, he is homeless and helpless. He returns to his father seeking only a soft landing in the servant shed. Instead, the father welcomes him and restores him to the family, celebrating his passage from the depth of depravity into the compact and care of the family. One who lost all, now humble and honest with himself, is restored.

That’s extreme love, extreme forgiveness, extremely attractive, and if you ask me, extremely necessary in our world today. And also on our campus!

FATHER GAY RETURNS TO NU FOR OPENING MASS — The Very Rev. Gregory Gay, C.M., superior general of the Congregation of the Mission, was the celebrant and homilist for the annual opening of the academic year Mass on Sept. 11 in the upper level of the Gallagher Center. Father Gay, a member of NU’s Class of 1976, was joined by more than 100 members of the university community.
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prepared for and under-represented in higher education, will continue to receive the benefit of a quality and transformative higher education rooted in the Vincentian tradition.

The three presidents of these universities, the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., of Niagara; the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., of St. John’s; and the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., of DePaul have issued the following joint statement:

“As we look with pride at the present generation of lay leaders at our institutions who are so imbued with a dedication to Vincentian higher education, we are confident that a program such as the Vincentian Mission Institute will enable each of our institutions to face our futures secure in our Catholic and Vincentian identity and focused on serving our students in the tradition of Saint Vincent de Paul.”

The program will address the distinctive nature of Catholic and Vincentian higher education with a strong emphasis on Vincentian history, spirituality and service.

Work in the program will be conducted through a mixture of campus- and online-based classes with occasional weekend and extended sessions over the three-year period, including a Vincentian heritage tour of France.


Get well, Sharon!

Sharon Hardenstine, secretary in the department of education, is recovering at home after suffering a heart attack on Sept. 8. Get-well cards may be addressed to her at 5933 Garlow Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

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community. The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of NU, said those chosen as Alumni of Distinction have met the three criteria established by the selection committee: demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and excellence in their fields of endeavor, lived lives that mirror the Vincentian ideals of the university, and have had a positive and lasting impact on society.

“The Niagara Legacy program was established to recognize and publicly proclaim the accomplishments of outstanding alumni who, through their work and achievements, provide an inspiring legacy for past, present and future students of Niagara University,” Father Levesque said.

Those inducted included: Jerry Bisgrove of the Class of 1968, a leading Arizona real-estate developer and philanthropist; Robert J. Dwyer of the Class of 1965, former executive vice president and national sales director for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and chair of the NU board of trustees; and James V. Glynn of the Class of 1957, chairman of the Maid of the Mist Corp. and chair emeritus of the NU board of trustees.

Those inducted posthumously are: Msgr. Nelson H. Baker, an 1876 graduate of the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels (SOLA, the founding institution of the university), who dedicated his priesthood to the poor and less fortunate of society; 2nd Lt. John Paul Bobo of the Class of 1965, a Marine who was killed in action in Vietnam on March 30, 1967, and was awarded The Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award for bravery; Rev. Lt. Thomas Conway of the Class of 1930 and the SOLA Class of 1934, a Navy chaplain who died in 1945 while ministering to the survivors of the torpedoed USS Indianapolis in the Philippine Sea; William J. “Wild Bill” Donovan of the Class of 1903, a World War I Army veteran and major general who is the only American to have received the nation’s four highest awards, The Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the National Security Medal; Dr. Lawrence D. Jacobs of the Class of 1961, an internationally acclaimed researcher who developed the first treatment proven to slow the progression of multiple sclerosis; and Robert D. Wegman of the Class of 1941, longtime president and CEO of Wegmans Food Markets Inc. and one of the nation’s most influential and respected leaders in the supermarket industry.

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Michael J. Delaney, ‘83, received the Perboyre Medal for his work as director of humanitarian assistance for Oxfam in Boston and delivered the convocation address.
Niagara University’s College of Education honored nine distinguished educators from the United States and Canada at a recognition dinner on Oct. 4. The event was held in the university’s new academic complex.

The college presented Administrator of the Year awards to Clark Godshall, Orleans-Niagara BOCES district superintendent/CEO, and Susan LaRosa, director of education for the York Catholic District School Board in Aurora, Ontario.

The Counselor of the Year award was given to G. Robert Williams, a licensed mental health counselor at the Life Solutions Network in Buffalo, and Marie McMullin, head of student services and co-op at Senator O’Connor College School in the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Linda Taylor of Roy B. Kelly Elementary School in Lockport; Andrea Naylor of Branksome Hall in Toronto, Ontario; and David Watkins of Weston Collegiate Institute in Toronto were presented Teacher of the Year awards.

Community Leader awards were given to Arnold Stewart, an international student-literacy advocate, and S. William Collins, director of training for the Special Olympics New York, located in Schenectady.

Niagara University will hold its annual open house for prospective students and their families on Saturday, Oct. 20. Registration begins at noon, with campuswide activities scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Highlights of the day include ongoing campus tours and financial aid presentations in the Castellani Art Museum. Individual academic presentations will take place in a variety of locations on campus.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to participate in informal “table-talk” discussions with representatives from specific academic departments and various offices, including campus activities, the Learning Center, career development, study abroad, housing and athletics.

In addition, Buffalo-area radio stations WKSE-FM, WBLK-FM and CKEY-FM will do live simulcasts throughout the day on campus, providing prizes and giveaways.

For more information or to preregister, call the Niagara University admissions office at 716-286-8700, or 1-800-462-2111. You can also register online at www.niagara.edu.

Niagara faculty, staff and students took a moment on Sept. 11, 2007, to remember the six-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. The department of military science helped lower the campus flag to half-mast in honor of the fallen.
Castellani Art Museum


Saturdays in October and November — ART EXPRESS family workshops begin with storytelling in the galleries at 2 p.m., followed by a tour of selected artworks and a trip to the classroom for exciting art projects. A $3/person fee ($2 for museum members) includes instruction and all materials. To register, call Marian Granfield, education coordinator, at 286-8367, or e-mail mgranfield@niagara.edu

The heart of this exhibition will focus on the “art” of farm marketing: architecture, signage, and display techniques that encourage people to stop, look and purchase.

Now through Jan. 13, 2008 — “Rural America: Remembering the Family Farm — Prints from the Collection of Steven Schmidt” provides visitors with an historical look at the evolution of the family farm. Depicting elements of invention, architecture, and production, artists have captured the American spirit through the print medium.


Museum hours: Tues.–Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. To learn more about the Castellani Art Museum’s classes, exhibitions and special events, call 286-8200 or visit www.niagara.edu/cam/. To view a calendar of events, visit www.niagara.edu/cam/calendar/calendar.html.

NU Theater

Oct. 4-14 — “Our Town” at the Leary Theater. Thornton Wilder’s classic drama examines the significance of everyday life in small town America, from childhood celebrations to a long-anticipated wedding and an untimely death.

For NU Theater ticket information, call the box office at 286-8622.

Niagara University Athletics

Men’s Hockey
Oct. 26-27 vs. Western Michigan 7:05 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
Oct. 20 vs. Fairfield 2 p.m.

Men’s Soccer
Oct. 12 vs. Marist 3 p.m.
Oct. 14 vs. Siena 1 p.m.
Oct. 28 vs. Manhattan Noon

Women’s Soccer
Oct. 19 vs. Rider 3 p.m.

For information about the exciting athletic events held on and off campus, visit www.purpleeagles.com.

Live Music Series

Get ready to jam for another year of Niagara University’s critically-acclaimed Live Music Series! All shows are from 8-11 p.m. in the “Under the Taps” Club, lower level Gallagher Center. Admission is $5 at the door, but is free for Niagara faculty, staff, and students. Admission includes free pizza and wings. Shows are open to the general public.

Oct. 12 — The Fluttr Effect plus The Wynne Band

Oct. 26 — Halloween party with the Headers

To find out more about the Live Music Series, visit www.niagara.edu/rtr.