Education That Makes a Difference. For more than 150 years, Niagara University has been educating students in the Catholic and Vincentian tradition. This tradition emphasizes ethics, lifelong learning, and service to others and prepares our graduates for lives and careers that are both successful and fulfilling. Within these pages, you will learn how the university is making a difference in the lives of our students — and how those students in turn are using the knowledge gained here to make a difference on campus, in the surrounding community, and in the world at large.

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Mind, body, heart, and soul. A Niagara education is designed to nurture all areas of a student’s growth, resulting in graduates who are primed for leadership roles in their careers and in their communities. Our curriculum and approach to teaching offer students many opportunities for applying knowledge to solve real-world challenges.

Our liberal arts core, in conjunction with a student’s academic major, invites every student to start on the path of lifelong learning. General education classes are anything but, teaching students how to think critically, speak and write clearly, work with diverse groups, and examine and develop the values and ethical standards that will define their lives and careers. This purposeful academic curriculum is supported by:

- **Extraordinary faculty.** Ninety-six percent of Niagara faculty members have earned the highest degrees in their fields, and our professors are regularly published in research and professional journals. Even more importantly, they are committed to teaching and helping each student realize his or her potential.

- **A strong mission.** As a Catholic university founded in the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, Niagara places social justice and service to the poor and oppressed at the heart of our mission. This heritage informs everything we do, from our unique communication studies major that emphasizes social justice to the more than 100 courses that involve a service-learning component.

- **National recognition.** U.S. News and World Report ranks Niagara in the category “Best University-Master’s” in the North.

How NU is making a difference for **MALLORY VAN DONGEN**, chemistry major from Columbiaville, Mich.

“In high school, I only had two colleges on my list: Niagara and a large public university. What caught my eye about Niagara was the one-on-one experience you get with your professors. I’m in my third year now, and I’ve already been involved in three research projects with faculty. Right now I’m working on computational modeling and analysis of experimentally synthesized organic molecules to predict their antimicrobial activity. The two areas rarely overlap, but because I am interested in both, my organic and computational chemistry professors, Dr. McCourt and Dr. Priefer, helped me design the study. The research opportunities I have at Niagara make the difference for me. NU is providing me with the kinds of experiences I need to get into graduate school – experiences that I wouldn’t have had at a larger school.”
Choices, choices. With more than 50 majors, seven preprofessional options, and several five-year combined master’s programs, you can design a course of study that meets your career goals. Whatever you choose, you can’t go wrong: All four of the university’s academic colleges have received the highest rankings from the top accreditation boards in their fields.

College of Arts & Sciences
www.niagara.edu/coas
All students will take classes in the College of Arts and Sciences at some point, as it offers the most majors over a wide variety of disciplines as well as many of the required classes in the university’s liberal arts core curriculum. From biochemistry and international studies to theater and political science, the programs in this college provide a rich opportunity for creating courses of study that reflect today’s interdisciplinary job market. In fact, more than 70 percent of the college’s students carry a minor, and many take on double majors. Research is a key feature, and last year alone, more than 100 students engaged in research with faculty members that resulted in co-authoring papers and presenting at university, state, and regional research conferences. In addition to seven preprofessional options, the college offers a five-year BS/MS degree in criminal justice.

College of Business Administration
www.niagara.edu/business
Accredited by the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the College of Business Administration follows a project-based model of business education, which means students gain substantive experience that is equivalent to the work of a consultant. More real-world learning occurs through internships and study-abroad programs as well as involvement in research being conducted in several business-focused campus centers: the Family Business Center, the Center for Supply Chain Excellence, and the Center for International Accounting. Business students are well-prepared to enter the business world through a solid foundation of courses in finance, economics, marketing, supply-chain management, technology, and strategic management, and they can also pursue one of the college’s five-year combination programs in accounting (BBA/MBA) and commerce (BS/MBA).

College of Education
www.niagara.edu/education
Because Niagara’s College of Education holds the highest accreditations possible in both the United States and Canada – the U.S. National Council on Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) and Canada’s Ontario College of Teachers – our graduates have the option of earning dual certification to teach in both
countries. Also, unlike education majors at many other universities, those at Niagara get into classrooms starting freshman year. In fact, our teacher candidates perform more than 30,000 hours of volunteer teaching in local schools each year. One-third of education majors conduct research, and 37 percent carry a double major or a minor. As an education major at Niagara, you will be entering a program with a strong history of success. Last year, the college boasted a 99 percent pass rate on national exams.

**College of Hospitality & Tourism Management**

[www.niagara.edu/hospitality](http://www.niagara.edu/hospitality)

Ranked as one of the top hospitality programs in the country, the College of Hospitality & Tourism Management is a founding member of the Leading Hotel Schools of the World. This network of internationally renowned hotel schools provides students with cutting-edge educational experiences through 430 five-star member hotels worldwide. The college’s experienced faculty offers students prestigious connections and hands-on experiences, including internships at Walt Disney World and at one of the world’s top luxury hotels in Lake Como, Italy; a cruise course that is conducted on board a Carnival cruise ship; and excursions to major sporting events, such as the Super Bowl and baseball spring training, where students work as behind-the-scenes volunteers. Accredited by the Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA), Niagara was the first in the country to offer a four-year degree program in tourism. Our annual career fair attracts scores of well-known employers, including major hotel companies such as the Four Seasons, Hyatt, Sheraton, Wyndham, and Marriott.

**Where “Undecided” Means “Opportunity”** At Niagara, we don’t mind if you haven’t yet decided exactly what you want to do with your life. In fact, it’s entirely normal: Nationwide, two-thirds of college students change their academic major at least once. Through our award-winning Academic Exploration Program (AEP) – rated among the top programs of its kind by the National Academic Advising Association – students who haven’t declared a major can embark on a personalized and systematic exploration of life and careers with the guidance of a professionally trained academic adviser. The best part: Advisers assist students in selecting class schedules that allow them to “try out” various majors while fulfilling university requirements, so they won’t lose valuable time or credits. AEP students may then transfer into their desired major any time during their first four semesters. Learn more about this unique program at [www.niagara.edu/aep](http://www.niagara.edu/aep).

**List of Majors**

- **Colleges of Arts & Sciences**
  - Biochemistry: BA/BS
  - Biology: BA/BS
  - Chemistry: BA/BS (grades 1-6)
  - Communication Studies
  - Computer & Information Sciences
  - Criminal Justice: BS/Ms Criminal Justice Administration five-year program
  - English
  - French
  - History
  - International Studies
  - Liberal Arts
  - Life Sciences
  - Mathematics: BA/BS
  - Philosophy
  - Political Science: Environmental Studies
  - Psychology
  - Religious Studies
  - Social Sciences
  - Social Work
  - Sociology
  - Spanish
  - Theater Studies
  - Design & Technology
  - General Performance
  - Associate Degree: General Studies
  - Preprofessional Tracks
    - Pre Dental
    - Prewedical
    - Pre pharmacy
    - Pre pharmacology
    - Pre veterinary
    - ROTC- Army
  - College of Business Administration
    - Accounting: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (grades 1-6)
    - BBA/MBA five-year program
  - College of Hospitality & Tourism Management
    - Hotel & Restaurant Management
    - International Business Management
  - Management: BBA/MBA Management five-year program
    - Marketing
    - Supply Chain Management
  - Associate Degree: Business
  - College of Hospitality & Tourism Management
    - Hotel & Restaurant Management
      - Foodservice Management
      - Hotel & Restaurant Planning & Control
      - Restaurant Entrepreneurship
    - Tourism & Recreation Management
      - Special Event & Conference Management
      - Tourism Destination Management
      - Sport Management
  - College of Education
    - Childhood (grades 1-6)
    - Adolescence (grades 7-12)
    - Areas of Dual Certifications
      - Early Childhood and Childhood (birth - grade 6)
      - Childhood and Middle Adolescence (grades 1-9)
      - Middle Adolescence and Adolescence (grades 5-12)
    - Special Education and Childhood (grades 1-6)
    - Special Education and Adolescence (grades 7-12)
    - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (grades 6-12)
  - Academic Concentrations
    - Biology
    - Business Education (5-12)
    - Chemistry
    - English
    - French
    - Liberal Arts (birth - grade 6, TESOL, & special education dual certification only)
    - Mathematics
    - Social Studies
    - Spanish
When it opens in the fall of 2007, Niagara’s new academic complex (below) will be one of the premier educational facilities in the region. Home to the university’s colleges of Education and Business Administration, it will provide not only high-technology classrooms and office space for faculty and academic organizations but also meeting rooms, a conference center, and a coffee bar. The business wing, called Bigrone Hall, will house a financial services laboratory and a financial trading floor. Education majors will benefit from state-of-the-art diagnostic rooms, a model classroom, hands-on experience in the Family Literacy Center, and an education library. Next on the campus-construction docket: renovation of the Gallagher dining facility and Leary Theatre, plus a new dining commons.

STUDENT'S TESTIMONIAL

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Satisfied Students

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What’s the true mark of a successful university? Happy students. In a nationwide study of more than 260,000 college students, Niagara University seniors ranked their college experience higher than the national average in four key areas: active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences, and supportive campus environment.

Seventy-seven percent of NU seniors, for example, said they did either a practicum, internship or field experience, compared to 53 percent nationally; more than 30 percent said they had worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of class, compared to 19 percent nationally; and 84 percent participated in community service or volunteer work, compared to 59 percent nationally.
Niagara Fact: Founded in 1856, Niagara University is the oldest of three Vincentian universities in the United States. The others are St. John’s University (1870) and DePaul University (1898).
How NU is making a difference for Jason Jones, business major from North Tonawanda, N.Y. “This past semester has been pretty important to me because all of my classes have provided me with real-life experience. ● In my marketing research class with Dr. Choong, we did a project for the Castellani Art Museum on campus. Its gift shop was struggling to meet sales quota, so we conducted focus groups and an online survey and then used SPSS software to analyze the data. We presented our findings and recommendations to museum administrators. ● In my promotional strategies class with Dr. Richardson, we did a market research study for a local apartment complex, researching how they can fill their apartments. We drew up storyboards for two print ads, two radio ads, and two TV commercials. When I get into the work force, this kind of work won't be new to me. I have a portfolio of all the work I've done that will give me a real advantage over other job candidates.”
A taste of things to come. Whether it’s chemistry major Mallory van Dongen’s research creating antibacterial surfaces or hotel and restaurant management major Sarah Pikul’s internship at the world’s most renowned luxury hotel in Lake Como, Italy, a key benefit of the Niagara experience is students’ ability to take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it in real-world settings.

As a student at Niagara University, you’ll have many opportunities to put your knowledge into action.

- **Undergraduate research.** Starting freshman year, Niagara students can roll up their sleeves and work one-on-one with their professors on primary research studies. Many go on to present their findings at the annual Niagara University Undergraduate Research Conference, at state and regional research conferences, or at professional conferences in their fields of study.

- **Study abroad.** Each year, more than 100 Niagara students pack their bags and spend a semester, January term, or summer session at one of the many international universities or centers that Niagara partners with for study abroad. NU faculty members join some of the trips to teach classes and assist students with logistical needs. Any student may choose from more than 80 programs, including Argentina, Australia, Chile, England, France, Ireland, Mexico and Spain, and the university has also created major-specific programs in Italy (business and hospitality and tourism), the Netherlands and Thailand (education), and Taiwan and Japan (business). Learn more at [www.niagara.edu/sap](http://www.niagara.edu/sap).

**Niagara Fact:** In addition to university-sponsored study-abroad programs, Niagara students may choose from more than 80 other programs in 30 countries available through the university’s membership in the College Consortium for International Studies.
Hands-on training. Nothing beats real-life experience in your field of study. Some Niagara courses require an internship, and faculty members and career development counselors help match students with the employers that are best for them. Many internship and co-op experiences are even paid!

Someone who truly knows the value of internships is Niagara alumnus Gary Damon, who graduated in May 2007 with a degree in secondary education. During his four years at Niagara, Gary completed internships in several inner-city public schools, where he could begin working toward his goal of becoming a school principal. His internships were coordinated through Niagara’s Learn & Serve office, which paired him with schools and teachers that matched both his personality and his career interests.

“My education at Niagara surpassed all my expectations,” Gary says, noting that he was able to start teaching in a classroom his freshman year. “I received a job offer senior year and started a full-time position teaching high school English four days after graduation. I was elated.”

How NU is making a difference for Sarah Pikul, hotel and restaurant management major from West Seneca, N.Y. “The highlight of my college career was the work-abroad program in Lake Como, Italy. I lived at Villa d’Este, one of the most renowned luxury hotels in Europe, and commuted across the lake by boat every morning to my job at the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni. I worked at the front desk and quickly became the hotel’s English-speaking concierge, doing a lot of VIP work. The experience confirmed what I wanted to do and that I had picked the right school and the right major. • Niagara University has met and exceeded all my expectations. In my first year, I did an internship with the Carlson Companies, and at that time they offered me a job for when I graduated. This past January, they flew me out to Minneapolis for a final interview, and this summer I’ll start working as a management trainee at one of their new luxury properties in Philadelphia.”
Walking the talk. In the fall 2006 semester alone, Niagara students recorded 55,000 hours of community service. It’s no surprise, then, that Niagara was one of 16 colleges nationwide named as a finalist in the 2006 President’s Higher Education Community Service Award for Excellence in Community Service. It’s proof of how important service is to the mission of the university. In fact, you’ll find a service component in almost everything you do at Niagara.

There are three main avenues for connecting with service opportunities at Niagara:

- **Learn & Serve Niagara** focuses on service learning; that is, service activities that are built into course curricula to help students experience how concepts they are learning in the classroom can be applied to the actual needs of a community. More than 100 Niagara classes have a service requirement, and education majors routinely log thousands of hours of volunteer teaching in local schools.

- **NUCAP (Niagara University Community Action Program)** organizes a wide variety of activities to aid the local community. Students invite disadvantaged youths to skating and swimming parties; others volunteer in local nursing homes and soup kitchens.

- **BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)** sends bus-loads of students and campus ministers every semester break to spend a week immersed in fulfilling the university’s Vincentian mission by serving disadvantaged people in poor neighborhoods. They have traveled as far as Panama and stateside to Philadelphia; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Trenton, N.J.; and, recently, New Orleans, working in local schools, at homeless shelters and nursing homes, and anywhere else there is a need. Students who have participated in these trips call their experience both “eye-opening” and “life-changing.”

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“Expert-in-Residence” Niagara University is corralling its intellectual and physical resources to help revitalize and advance the region’s economy and build the tourism industry. In fact, the John R. Oishei Foundation recently awarded the university a $600,000 grant to implement this initiative. To kick-start the program, the university invited Eddie Friel (right) – a distinguished international specialist in destination marketing who is credited for the amazing revitalization of Glasgow, Scotland, as a major tourist destination – to serve as “expert-in-residence” in the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management. His work will involve Niagara University students and faculty members in a major research study and industry training in cultural tourism.

Giving Back to Our Community

Niagara’s Catholic and Vincentian heritage inspires students and faculty to serve all members of society. What better place to start than in our own backyard? Niagara students and professors are active members of the Niagara Falls community, from the accounting students who provide tax-preparation services for elderly and low-income residents to the biology students who are conducting a study through the university’s Academic Center for Integrated Sciences in partnership with the Heart Center of Niagara, researching genes that are involved in regulating heart disease.

“The BASIC trip to Pennsylvania was one of the greatest things I’ve done at Niagara. At first, all I could see was that the neighborhood looked very run down. After working with the people, I realized that there was a real community there trying to make it better. BASIC is one of the reasons that everyone who comes to Niagara leaves feeling the need to serve.”

JARED KARBOWSKI, CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR FROM SCHENECTADY, N.Y.
We’ve got game. As a Division I school, Niagara offers the best of NCAA competition. Basketball and hockey games are some of the most popular events on campus; games are pretty exciting when you consider that last year, the NU men’s hockey team was ranked 16th in the nation and the women’s soccer and men’s basketball teams advanced to the NCAA tournament.

As a Purple Eagle fan, you’ll be a part of a tight-knit, admittedly crazy group of NU fanatics. The stands are almost always full on game nights at the Gallagher Center and Dwyer Arena, and students often travel together to cheer on the Purple Eagles at away games.

You’ll want to join the more than 500 students who make up the N-Zone – the student spirit group that cheers together in a special section at games. Some of the fun benefits include:

- Guaranteed seats and early admittance to every home game
- Special “N-Zone” t-shirts
- Invitations to parties before every home game, with free pizza and soda
- Pregame “chalk talk” with the coaches
- Bus trips to out-of-town games
- Lots of free stuff at every home game!

Niagara Fact: Since 2002, Niagara teams have appeared in 10 NCAA tournaments, won nine conference championships, and earned seven regular-season conference titles.

How NU is making a difference for TYRONE LEWIS, a student in the Academic Exploration Program from Levittown, Pa.

“In high school in Pennsylvania, I had never heard of Niagara, but it was the first school to offer me a scholarship. Later, more schools offered me scholarships, but I visited Niagara and just really liked the people and the environment. My college experience has been great. The basketball team won the conference championship last year and then went to the NCAA tournament. As we walked around Chicago, people were yelling, ‘Upset, upset!’ at us, because we were the 16th seed playing against the first seed, Kansas, and people really wanted to see us succeed. Academically, I didn’t know what I wanted to major in, so I joined the Academic Exploration Program. Personality testing uncovered my strengths working with people, so I’m going to major in sociology. I would like to work in group homes helping guide kids’ lives.”
Athletics

Men’s Varsity Athletics
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Women’s Varsity Athletics
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Club Sports
- Men's and Women's Ice Hockey
- Men's Lacrosse
- Men's and Women's Rugby
It’s all about options. If Lewiston is going to become your new hometown (at least temporarily!), you want to know that you’ll have something to do when classes are over. We can guarantee you’ll have plenty of activities from which to choose.

At Niagara University, you can continue pursuing current interests as well as discovering new ones. You’ll find opportunities in:

- More than 80 student clubs and organizations. Whether it’s the EAGLE leadership society or the lacrosse club that catches your interest, you’ll find a variety of social, cultural, athletic, and educational groups to choose from. For a full list of organizations, go to www.niagara.edu/cao.

- Residence-hall life. If you live on campus at Niagara, you won’t be alone: More than 1,500 students live in our residence halls and apartments.

- Road trips. When you’re craving a change of scenery, it’s easy to cross over the border to enjoy the sights and sounds of Toronto (90 minutes away) or hop in the car for the quick ride to Buffalo (20 minutes).
Have Fun, Keep Fit

Kiernan Center, Niagara’s student recreation center, is the hub for the university’s popular intramural, recreational, and health and wellness programs. It offers fully equipped weight rooms, aerobics areas, an indoor track, saunas, basketball and racquetball courts, and a six-lane pool. Our very active intramurals program includes teams and tournaments for the following:

- Basketball
- Broomball
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Floor Hockey
- Roller Hockey
- Kickball
- Indoor Soccer
- Softball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wiffle Ball

Getting Involved. Below is just a sample of the many student clubs and organizations you can participate in at Niagara University. For the full list, including more than 30 honor societies, go to [www.niagara.edu/cao](http://www.niagara.edu/cao).

**ACADEMIC**
Accounting Society
Biology Club
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO)
Future Teacher’s Association
Hospitality and Tourism Association

**LEADERSHIP**
Experience and Growth in Leadership Education (EAGLE)
Student Government Association
University Judicial Board

**GREEK LIFE**
Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority
Delta Chi Epsilon fraternity
Phi Sigma Sigma sorority

**SERVICE AND SOCIAL**
Bienvenidos (Hispanic society)
Campus Ministry
Campus Programming Board
College Democrats
College Republicans
Gospel Choir
Live Music & Broadcast Club
NUCAP (Niagara University Community Action Program)
N-Zone (athletic spirit club)

For a sneak peek at what’s going on at NU every week, add the screen name “NUActivities” to your IM buddy list.
Our success is your success. In a recent survey of the graduates of Niagara’s Class of 2005, almost 90 percent were employed and 48 percent were attending graduate school – that’s well above the national averages for four-year colleges of 78 percent employed and 22 percent attending grad school. Behind these impressive statistics lies a long history of support and guidance that leads our graduates to achieve career success and meet life goals.

Starting freshman year, Niagara students join a network of faculty and peers who show them how they can apply what they learn to make a difference in their lives and careers. Resources include:

- **Faculty Advisers.** Each student is assigned a faculty advisor to help him or her choose a major and plan course schedules that meet university requirements. Undeclared students meet with counselors in the Academic Exploration Program (AEP) who lead them through the process of choosing a major and selecting coursework. Most students also build an informal network of faculty mentors through departmental social functions, classes, and extracurricular activities.

- **Office of Academic Support.** This office offers everything from tutoring services, a Writing Center that provides critiques of student-written essays and papers, and individualized support services for students with special needs.

- **Office of Career Development.** The counselors in this office help students identify career options and explore opportunities for employment after graduation. They offer a wide variety of services, including self-assessment testing, resume critiquing, etiquette dinners, job databases, and graduate-school exam preparation. The annual Career Expo is open to all students; in addition, the office organizes specialized job fairs for teaching, accounting, hospitality and tourism, and human services.

"One of the reasons I chose Niagara is because it really rewards academic achievement – not many schools could offer me such a great financial package. I knew Niagara had a strong science program, and I was also looking for an atmosphere where I could get to know my professors. For the past two years, I’ve been working on a research project with a professor, studying mastitis in cows, a disease that affects milk production. It’s a big problem in the dairy industry, a huge financial drain. We use samples from a major research lab, which shows the type of connections you can have at Niagara. Prestigious organizations are very willing to work with our student and faculty researchers. Niagara really catered to my individual needs. I wouldn’t have been able to do undergraduate research at other, larger schools. Thanks to that experience, this August I’m heading to veterinary school at Cornell."
Places you will find Niagara University graduates making a difference:

EMPLOYERS
Buffalo Bisons
Citibank
Coca-Cola Enterprises
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Gap Inc.
HSBC Bank
IBM
Marriott International
Newport News Public Schools
New York State Police
Niagara Wheatfield Central School District
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Royal Bank of Canada
Sea World
Severn Trent Laboratories
Sodexo USA
The Ritz-Carlton Company L.L.C.
U.S. Department of Justice

GRADUATE SCHOOLS
Case Western Reserve University
Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine
Harvard Law School
Kent State University
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Loyola University School of Law-Chicago
Northeastern University
SUNY Buffalo School of Dentistry
SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine
SUNY Buffalo Law School
Syracuse University
University of California Irvine
University of Maryland
University of Toronto

With more than 30,000 living alumni, the NU alumni network can help students connect with university graduates for informational interviews, job-search advice, or possibly a room to crash in while on an out-of-state job interview. This network stays active long after you graduate. You can stay in touch with fellow alumni through regional alumni chapters and annual reunions, tapping into the Niagara “family” whenever you need advice or connections as you change jobs along your career path. To get a feel for just how active the NU alumni club is, go to www.niagaraalumni.com.

BREAK A LEG. Clet Hall, one of the original buildings on campus, now houses 200 students as well as dining halls and the NU Theatre.

Alumni of Distinction

Rev. Nelson Baker
Humanitarian priest, founder of Our Lady of Victory, and a candidate for sainthood

Carol Cassel
Senior vice president for operations at Independent Health

Frank Clark
Erie County district attorney

Maryalice Demler
News anchor, WGRZ-TV Buffalo

James Glynn
Owner, Maid of the Mist

Cheryl Klass
President, Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo

Frank Layden
Former coach, general manager, and president of the Utah Jazz

Rev. Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus and a candidate for sainthood

Sheila McIntyre
Founder of a national organ donation program

Paul McManus
President and CEO, Leading Hotels of the World

Calvin Murphy
Member of the Basketball Hall of Fame and a current NBA announcer

Rev. David O’Connell, C.M.
President, Catholic University of America

William Press
Prominent radio and TV talk-show host, founder of CNN’s “Crossfire”
How NU is making a difference for Kristen Smiley, theater studies major from Erie, Pa. “A group of theater majors traveled to Memphis, where nine theater companies were holding group auditions. I got called back by the Lexington Children’s Theater in Kentucky, and they offered me a job performing in statewide shows and teaching in an after-school theater program. It was great to know I had a job well before graduation!”
Niagara University: Just the Facts

Who we are. Niagara University is a private, coeducational liberal arts university founded in 1856 by the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers. As the oldest Vincentian university in the United States, we have a rich Catholic heritage that enriches every aspect of life at Niagara. We welcome students of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

- **Mission.** Niagara University seeks to develop the whole person—mind, body, heart, and soul—for the benefit of each student’s personal and professional life. We draw inspiration from St. Vincent de Paul, who organized his contemporaries to respond compassionately to people’s basic needs. Continuing this tradition, Niagara seeks to inspire its students to serve all members of society, especially the poor and oppressed, in local communities and in the larger world.

- **What We Offer.** Niagara students may choose from more than 50 majors—including preprofessional tracks in predental, prelaw, premedical, prepharmacology, prepharmacy, prevetinary, and ROTC-Army—as well as the award-winning Academic Exploration Program for undeclared students.

- **Combined Master’s Programs.** Earn your undergraduate and master’s degrees in just five years with our combined programs in accounting (BBA/MBA), criminal justice (BS/MS), and commerce (BS/MBA).

- **Nursing Degree Completion Program.** Registered nurses (RNs) seeking to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may apply for Niagara’s nursing completion program.

- **Preprofessional Partnerships.** Niagara University offers several preprofessional opportunities in conjunction with other universities. Dentistry: 3+4 partnership with the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. Medicine: 3+4 partnership with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM). Pharmacy: 3+4 partnership with SUNY Buffalo and a 2+3 partnership with LECOM.

- **Why We’re a Great Value.** U.S. News and World Report ranks Niagara University in the category “Best University-Master’s” in the North. The Princeton Review chose Niagara as one of its select colleges and universities in the Northeast (see our profile in the 2006 edition of “The Best Northeastern Colleges”). The university is also one of only approximately 250 institutions nationwide selected as a member of the Colleges of Distinction, chosen for possessing four key attributes: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community, and successful outcomes.

When you enroll at Niagara University, you are getting a prestigious private college education for a cost that is often comparable to that of a state institution when you consider our generous financial aid packages.

Niagara Fact: Niagara University enrolls more than 2,900 undergraduates and 900 graduate students.
COST For 2007-2008, the annual cost to attend Niagara is $21,400 (tuition), $9,300 (room and board), and $900 (student service fee).

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS Ninety-eight percent of entering students receive some form of financial aid, with an average financial aid package of $17,510 per year. This package may combine scholarships, grants, student employment (work study), and loans.

LOCKED-IN TUITION RATES To help manage tuition cost, NU offers the unique Level Tuition Plan (LTP) that stabilizes the cost of tuition over four years. Open to new, first-time, full-time, undergraduate freshmen, the plan allows students to pay a slightly higher rate for the first year, so that they will be guaranteed that same rate for the remaining three years.

When to Visit. The best way to find out if Niagara University is the place for you is to come visit our campus. You’ll meet current students who can tell you firsthand how the university has made a difference in their lives, and you’ll talk with professors who can show you how it might make a difference in yours. We offer a variety of visit events to choose from: OPEN HOUSE This annual event usually takes place in October. Discover all the advantages of NU through presentations on admissions and financial aid, one-on-one conversations with faculty members, an academic presentation, and a tour of the campus. You may even catch our ice hockey or basketball teams practicing for the upcoming season. DISCOVERY DAYS We describe these as “mini Open Houses.” Enjoy an afternoon with sessions on admissions and financial aid, presentations on academics and student life, lunch, and a campus tour.

NIAGARA NIGHTS. Stay for an overnight visit in a residence hall while classes are in session. With a current student as your host, you’ll eat meals in the dining hall and attend classes and activities on campus.

WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY APPOINTMENTS We will schedule a personal interview with an admissions counselor and a student tour of campus for you.

SIGN UP NOW! To make a reservation for your campus visit,* call 716-286-8700 or 800-462-2111, e-mail admissions@niagara.edu or go to www.niagara.edu/admissions/visit.htm.

Applying to Niagara

You may apply online at www.niagara.edu/admissions/apply.htm. You may also download a printable PDF of the application to fill out and mail. A paper application is included in the back of this viewbook.

Niagara Fact: The average class size at NU is 25, for a low student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1.

*If you have a disability and need accommodations to participate in visit activities, please advise the Office of Admissions when you schedule your appointment.
Welcome to Niagara. Now that you’ve read all about our university, we hope you’ll soon be a part of it.

From the moment you are accepted, we consider you a part of the Niagara family. We know the transition to college is an important one for every student, so we take extra measures to make sure you feel at home and begin meeting new people even before you begin your first class. Special programs just for new students include:

- **CARE.** Last year, close to 700 new students descended on the Niagara campus in the middle of July. What was the big deal? CARE – or Collegiate Advisement Registration Experience – our intensive summer sessions, where incoming students take care of anything and everything they’ll need to start off the year at Niagara. There’s an insider’s campus tour, class registration, ID-card processing, and a student activities fair, plus a concert and an overnight stay in the residence halls.

- **New Student Orientation.** In August before classes start, new students enjoy three days of fun while they get to know their new classmates. Activities include New Student Convocation, entertainment (bands, hypnotists, comedians, and more), a carnival and barbecue, a group community service project, and Sports Day, in which teams of students compete in zany events for prizes.

- **First-Year Niagara.** This semester-long learning and bonding experience introduces new students to academic life at Niagara. It includes a seminar course limited to 18 freshmen in each class with sessions on the university mission, time management, campus activities, career exploration, social events, and more.

Where to Find Us. Niagara University’s picturesque 160-acre campus is located in the town of Lewiston, N.Y., two minutes off of I-190 on Route 104 (just four miles north of the famous Niagara Falls).

The university is easily accessible by car, air, bus, or train. We are three miles from the Amtrak station, 30 minutes from Buffalo-Niagara International Airport, an hour and a half from Toronto, and an hour’s flight from New York City. For directions, go to www.niagara.edu/admissions/visit.htm.

The board of trustees and administration reserve the right to change the programs, schedules or other provisions described herein as they deem necessary.
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