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THE Power OF Partnerships

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Collaboration creates community

For the past 114 years, D'Youville has stood as a pillar of education, service, equity, and community. From our founding as the first college for women in Western New York, we have focused our considerable efforts on going beyond the process of educating students, to include the objective of uplifting the individuals and communities living in under-resourced areas.

This issue of D'Mensions magazine is a dedication to the Collective Impact of our efforts in conjunction with our community, partners, students, and global connections. Collective Impact is the organizational objective of layering collaborations and partnerships in ways which benefit the students, institution, community, and economy simultaneously, and has been the foundation upon which we have achieved the groundbreaking results that you'll read about in this issue.

As an institution of education, we remain intently focused on providing transformative educational experiences for our students. We aim to inspire students to take control of their learning, begin living their dreams, and support their trajectory of upward mobility in society. Through these pursuits, we are an institution striving to create engaged, compassionate, and fully informed members of the world.

Through celebrating the partnerships and collaborative relationships our institution has fostered, we hope to highlight the enhanced capabilities for fulfilling our impactful mission beyond the walls of our campus. Partnerships have helped us grow in a time of challenge, expand in a time of contraction, and continue to develop the future world view and best-in-class education for which D'Youville is known.



More importantly, partnerships enable deeper and more lasting forms of collective impact.

Building on our previous issue which focused on D'Youville's Health Professions Hub, you will read how partnerships are expanding opportunities throughout a cross-section of institutional perspectives, within the health sciences and beyond. From design awards and donations of new equipment to urban housing and mental health care, our partners in education have been foundational for the realization of the truly incredible accomplishments and growth we have had this past year.

You will also read about our most recent achievement, the New York State Board of Regent's decision to approve the change of designation from D'Youville College to D'Youville University. This historic evolution describes an over 15-year strategic pursuit of changes which comprehensively expanded the depth and breadth of the institution's capabilities and impact.

For more information on our university designation, please see the Special Edition of D'Mensions included within this publication.

Our new status as D'Youville University will allow us to explore ever-greater opportunities to engage in the types of partnerships this magazine celebrates. Increased name recognition and reputation as a university will leverage our standing as a premier institution to engage in meaningful work with leaders in healthcare, business, entrepreneurship, government, and community.

We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with this array of amazing partners who continue to push the boundaries of possibility, strengthening the services we have to offer our students and community.

On behalf of D'Youville, I thank all of our alumni, parents, friends, and partners for their support and commitment to this incredible community.

Lorrie A. Clemo

LORRIE A. CLEMO, PHD
D'YOUVILLE PRESIDENT

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Sister Denise Roche with D'Youville Trustee Rev. Msgr. Robert Zapfel and President Lorrie A. Clemo, PhD. Photo: Dylan Buyskes

Sister Denise Roche receives honorary degree

Sister Denise Roche GNSH '67, former president of D'Youville, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the 2021 December Commencement ceremony, in honor of her 37 years of service and of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, of which she is president.

The citation for her degree read, in part, "Sister Denise A. Roche GNSH has been an exceptional influence at D'Youville, spanning generations of time. For 37 years, she guided D'Youville through

ups and downs, deficits and surpluses; from low enrollment to healthy numbers, typewriters to computers. She oversaw a period of tremendous growth and left a legacy that will continue to serve many future generations seeking education at D'Youville."

In her Commencement address, Sister Denise recalled the life and mission of St. Marguerite d'Youville, our namesake, and her followers like Sister Rita from Buffalo, and urged graduates to live a life of service to others.

Hub receives top AIA Buffalo/WNY design award

The Western New York chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Buffalo/WNY) recognized the D'Youville Health Professions Hub with a prestigious 2021 design award.

During a ceremony in November, the Hub, a project D'Youville worked on with Cannon Design, received the top honor – the Buffalo Design Award – for its beautiful and impactful design. The award recognizes the significance the Hub has had in elevating and expanding health education at D'Youville while also nourishing Buffalo's traditionally underserved West Side community.

The Hub, featured extensively in the Fall 2021 issue of D'Mensions, features spaces for innovative learning, a workforce center, public art, virtual training resources, a pharmacy, and a clinic offering primary care. It was developed to improve community access to healthcare services, introduce educational opportunities to help break the



PHOTO: CANNON DESIGN

cycle of chronic illness, prepare a new workforce for in-demand healthcare jobs, and support the Buffalo's West Side residents.

New senior leadership named

JASON MACLEOD, PHD, was named chief of staff to President Lorrie A. Clemo, PhD, in November, and will be responsible for overseeing the coordination of the president's office staff, communications, and Board of Trustees relations. As chief of staff, MacLeod also joins the President's Council while maintaining his managerial responsibilities over campus operations.



For the past three years, MacLeod has served as associate vice president for operations and administration at D'Youville, leading the vision of nearly \$15 million of campus modernization efforts. MacLeod also served as COVID Compliance Officer, a co-investigator of a \$1.5 million Department of Education grant aimed at improving secondary teachers' adoption of geospatial information systems (GIS) technology, and as an instructor in the Doctor of Educational Leadership program at D'Youville.

Prior to D'Youville, MacLeod spent three years in Wuhan, China, where he completed his doctoral studies at Central China Normal University. A native of Syracuse, New York, MacLeod earned an MBA and a bachelor's degree in technology management and facilities planning at the State University of New York at Oswego.

KIMBERLY A. PIETRO was named vice president for institutional advancement in September, following a nationwide search. In this role, she works closely with leadership to determine long-term expectations for a best-in-class advancement organization, including planning, developing a timeline, allocating resources, and working closely with deans and campus leaders to support their fundraising needs and cultivate big ideas to attract funding.



Most recently, Pietro served as director of development with the Crouse Health Foundation where she led fundraising strategy and implementation for the \$22 million Crouse Cares Campaign, while overseeing operations for annual giving, alumni, corporations/foundations, and advancement services. She previously held leadership roles with Syracuse University, State University College at Cortland, Onondaga Community College, and Le Moyne College.

Pietro earned an MBA from Le Moyne College, a master of science in higher education administration from Syracuse University, and a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of South Carolina.

SHABEER H. AMIRALI joined D'Youville as the new vice president for enrollment management in March, overseeing recruitment, admissions, financial aid, and enrollment marketing. Amirali is responsible for the implementation of a comprehensive enrollment ecosystem, data-driven marketing and communications strategy, national recruitment strategies, financial aid packaging, and the development of robust external partnerships.



Amirali joins D'Youville after several years at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, where he served as director of graduate admissions and enrollment management. In this position, he led significant growth in the university's graduate programs, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amirali is currently completing a doctorate in leadership from the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky. He holds an MBA from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, a master's degree in biomedical sciences from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, and a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Madras in Chennai, India.

Clema highlighted as visionary leader

The Education Magazine, a top digital platform covering global educational trends and updates about colleges and universities, named D'Youville President Lorrie A. Clema, PhD, as one of the "10 Most Visionary Education Leaders of 2020."

President Clema was lauded as a "pace-setter" and credited for the university's swift actions in addressing the COVID-19 crisis last year as the first Western New York college to digitize classrooms and move students,

faculty, and staff to a remote environment when the pandemic shutdown began.

As a visionary leader, President Clema guided numerous programs to success during the challenging year, including the construction of the new Health Professions Hub, the move to Division II athletics, new online programs, and cultivating a continuous culture of service, following in the footsteps of its namesake, St. Marguerite d'Youville.





Grant from James H. Cummings Foundation will help purchase high-tech manikins

A \$100,000 grant from the James H. Cummings Foundation will allow D'Youville to purchase a high-fidelity human patient simulator manikin to help train healthcare students in the Hub's Interprofessional Simulation Center.

The Simulation Center allows students from as many as eight different health professions (nursing, physician assistant, pharmacy, physical therapist, occupational therapist, dietetics, chiropractic and health administration) to work as teams on the same case. Although D'Youville often uses live actors in these simulations, there are some

scenarios where this is not possible, such as intubation, OBGYN care and birthing, critical incidents, & shock and death, necessitating the use of medical manikins.

Top-of-the-line manikins can cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000, including the supporting equipment such as monitors, hardware and specialized educational programming. They allow for an intensive training and real-time procedure responses through integrated digital display methods.

The Cummings Foundation, headquartered in Buffalo, New York, focuses on supporting

nonprofit organizations making strides in medical research, science and post-secondary education. D'Youville has been a proud beneficiary of their support for many years.

For more information on funding equipment within the Health Professions Hub, please contact Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Lindsey Jakiel Diulus, PhD, at diulusl@dyc.edu or 716-829-8086.

D'Youville launches two online doctoral programs

Spurred by the new education models introduced during the COVID-19 crisis, D'Youville has developed two online doctoral programs for health-care professionals – a three-year online Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and an 18-month Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ppOTD).

“The accelerated PharmD program will allow our students to earn their pharmacy degree in three years instead of four, allowing them to save a year’s worth of tuition and living expenses before entering a well-paying profession,” says Canio Marasco, PharmD, dean of the D'Youville School of Pharmacy.

Students in the three-year online pathway will receive the same education as those in the standard four-year program. The online

program will run on a trimester schedule, with cycles of 14 weeks of online instruction, one week on campus for skills assessment, and one week of break or remediation before starting the next cycle. After six cycles, students will spend their last year doing clinical rotations alongside professionals in a variety of settings.

The Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ppOTD) is a 32-credit-hour online program designed for current occupational therapists who seek an expanded role in healthcare and education.

“The online ppOTD is ideal for working clinical occupational therapists” says Theresa Vallone, EdD, OTR, chair and program director for occupational therapy. “The research-based curriculum supports current professionals to attain competency as research-consumers

and research-producers. These skills, along with the leadership coursework, will provide advanced skill in understanding and applying evidence-based practice in clinical or educational contexts.”

Key features of the program include a cohort-based learning model, which is the preferred method for students; and convenient, eight-week courses. “The program was developed with the working professional in mind. By creating an asynchronous program, clinicians can advance their degrees to remain competitive in the workplace while also maintaining their current jobs,” says Amy Nwora, chair and director of health professions education, who designed the curriculum.

For more information on each program, visit online.dyc.edu.

Constantine family funds scholarship and study lounge in honor of mother

The family of Elizabeth Boland Constantine, Class of 1927, including her five children and numerous grandchildren, made a gift to D'Youville toward an endowed scholarship and to name a study lounge in her honor, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of her graduation.

The increased support of the Elizabeth Boland Constantine Scholarship, established originally in 1993, provides access to education and opportunity for students with financial need to attend D'Youville. The glass study lounge that is now dedicated to Elizabeth is located on the second floor of the Health Professions Hub, near the Interprofessional



Simulation Center. It is a collaborative working space that can be easily reconfigured to adapt to the needs of students and faculty.

In her senior yearbook, Elizabeth was described as being “gracious and yet critical, stately and yet fun-loving, Elizabeth possesses our highest love and esteem.” We are grateful for her family’s continuing generosity in her memory.

For more information on how to endow a scholarship or name a space on campus, please contact Kim Pietro, vice president for institutional advancement at pietrok@dyc.edu or 716-800-5413.



PHOTO: TOM WOLF



Honoring our history

PHOTOS: TOM WOLF

Our new History Corridor on the first floor of the Koessler Administration Building commemorates D'Youville's long, celebrated history, from being the first all-women's college in Western New York to our new identity as D'Youville University. The displays feature archival photos, historical documents, and video screens which display even more history.

Students, alumni and visitors can learn about the life of our patroness, St. Marguerite d'Youville, the legacy of the Grey Nuns,

the school's reaction to social changes and societal needs, and how D'Youville survived and thrived over our 114-year history, in our beautifully remodeled corridor. We hope you will have a chance to visit and see the History Corridor yourself. To set up a tour with the Office of Alumni and Community Engagement, contact Kate Hammer at hammerk@dyc.edu or 716-829-7805.

The background is a solid red color with a repeating pattern of white, hand-drawn, star-like shapes. These shapes are irregular and have a rough, brush-stroke texture. They are scattered across the entire page, with some appearing larger and more prominent than others.

COLLECTIVE impact

BY JANA EISENBERG AND CATHY WILDE

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**THERE IS A SYNERGY BETWEEN US: D'YOUVILLE
IS CREATING A HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE,
AND WE NEED WELL-TRAINED EMPLOYEES.**

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JOYCE KONTRABECKI MARKIEWICZ '80
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, CATHOLIC HEALTH



From left, Tara A. Ellis, president and CEO of FeedMore WNY, Lorrie A. Clemo, PhD, D'Youville President, and Joyce Markiewicz, executive vice president/chief business development officer for Catholic Health, celebrate the launch of the Food Farmacy partnership.

In modern times, universities must find ways to meet their needs through partnerships with the community where they dwell – fostering collective impact within society. These types of layered collaborations among students, educational institutions, and the private sector provide transformational learning experiences for university students while offering deeper and more lasting benefits to society.

D'Youville University is focusing on collective impact in a big way. The Health Professions

Hub was a representative example of this, but looking across the institution, there are so many other great examples worthy of recognition which are increasing the greater good we can offer to the world.

HOUSING AND THE BUFFALO RENAISSANCE

A key aspect of D'Youville's identity is our location on Buffalo's West Side. From the earliest days of the Grey Nuns ministering to the Italian and Irish immigrant population, D'Youville was a school, and a church, and a home for its West Side neighbors.

Carl “CJ” Montante III has a mission to improve underserved and underinvested areas of Buffalo and sees D'Youville as the perfect partner for his up-and-coming development company, Terzo Development. Montante is the grandson of D'Youville alumna Carol Lyons Montante '64 and D'Youville Trustee Carl Montante, founder and executive chair of Uniland, one of the region's largest developers and property owners.

“I learned from my father and grandfather that the best business usually happens when you

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CARL J. MONTANTE III
FOUNDER & CEO, TERZO DEVELOPMENT



have strong relationships,” Montante says. “My grandfather helped me reach out to D’Youville to see if we could find any areas of mutual interest, expanding both institutions’ capacity for serving others.”

Montante is currently working with D’Youville on a project called Bush Lofts, which is repurposing a West Side photography studio and residence just a few blocks from D’Youville into 13 apartments. Three of the apartments are set aside in partnership with Erie County to be rented at a reduced rate based upon income and financial needs.



“We wanted to offer D’Youville something a little different, helping them diversify their on-campus housing options. It’s also really great for us, because we know we have a tenant we can trust for years to come,” he says.

Montante says he is following the example of Cincinnati Center City Development Co., or 3CDC, where he worked after finishing college. 3CDC is responsible for the redevelopment of Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, which went from being named one of the most dangerous places in America to a hip, Greenwich Village-like destination.

“If development is done responsibly, it not only benefits the company, but also the residents, the businesses, and other members of the community, such as D’Youville,” he says.

EXPANDING ACCESS AND EQUITY THROUGH DIGITAL SERVICES

While the Terzo partnership has a local focus on housing and urban redevelopment, other partnerships are leveraging digital technologies to strengthen student support services in ways which are ubiquitous – everywhere and all the time.



For example, students can now receive academic help through a partnership with Tutor.com, an online educational services company which provides 24/7 access to high-quality educational assistance. These digital resources supplement the university’s campus-based peer tutoring program and go well beyond in terms of quality for a wide variety of specializations. Through Tutor.com, professional academic tutors are available around the clock for more than 100 subjects, so students who are stuck doing homework in the middle of the night can still find assistance.



Through a partnership with TimelyMD, D’Youville offers SaintsCare, which provides on-demand counseling and mental health services any time of day or night.

Amy Hahn, a mental health counselor at D’Youville, says SaintsCare is especially helpful because it is available from any location. “For students who on break, or

away from school for clinicals or field work, they can still access it,” she says.

In addition, it’s proved very helpful for graduate students, many of whom work outside of classes, because they do not have to be on campus during the counseling center’s regular office hours during the day to talk to someone.

“I was able to connect with a counselor that was more specialized in relationships and things of that nature when I first started using it and then when my mother passed, I was able to find another counselor who was more appropriate for grief counseling,” says a D’Youville graduate student who asked to remain anonymous. “The grief counselor has been amazing and linked me with a lot of outside resources. If I didn’t have the convenience of SaintsCare I don’t believe I would have gotten counseling right away.”

PROMOTING WORKFORCE TRAINING AND RETENTION

D’Youville is focusing on a variety of partnerships and programs which help people upskill to obtain new job, or to help companies retain good employees.

Three efforts have been underway since 2021: the Corporate Partnership Program, the Rural Outreach Initiative, and the Pathways Program.

“After seeing many of our existing health-care partners, like hospitals and agencies, experience COVID-related workforce issues, we wanted to focus more on these types of programs,” says Jeremiah Grabowski, PhD, D’Youville’s dean of online learning.



ECMC (Erie County Medical Center), a leading healthcare provider and employer in Buffalo which already partnered with D'Youville in offering clinical placements for students, was an early entry in the Corporate Partnership Program.

Judy Jordan Dobson '89, '04, ECMC's vice president of medical surgical nursing services, says the partnership program is a great benefit. "Research shows assisting employees with further education also improves the quality of care, and patient safety; that's extremely important," she says. "In addition, investing in your own workforce is a crucial measure for retention and recruitment."

With the Corporate Partnership Program, employers identify employees who may need additional training to advance within the organization. With contributions from the employer, the employee can attend D'Youville at a discount to get a master's degree or further certification in their field. The discounts are offered to spouses and dependents of these employer-partners as well.

Other local employers who participate in the program include Independent Health, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Veterans Administration Western New York Healthcare System.



Sean Smith, an oncology nurse coordinator at Roswell, says, "I am in the process of trying to pay for school out of pocket, so the Corporate Partnership tuition discount reduced that burden and the stress that comes with paying for school." He adds that it feels good knowing his employer and university have a mutual interest in supporting him both as an employee at Roswell Park and a graduate student in the MBA program.

The success of the Corporate Partnership Program moved the university to pursue its Rural Outreach Initiative. "We've been really good at serving Buffalo and the West Side, but haven't been as focused on other areas—now with everything

online, we can be accessible to partners in more rural areas," Grabowski notes.

Initial partners with the Rural Outreach Initiative include Columbia Memorial Health, located in Hudson, New York, which provides services to more than 100,000 residents in three counties, and Wyoming County Community Health System, in Warsaw, New York, which is the only comprehensive healthcare provider in the county and its largest employer.

"We've had positive reactions from these new partners; they are eager to form the relationship, partly because they can see real value in the program," says Grabowski. Rural locations also typically have more difficulty recruiting and retaining top talent, so the program helps develop talent from within, while at the same time providing a gateway to establish more locations for D'Youville students to participate in clinicals.

Closer to home, the Pathways Program offered through the D'Youville's Health Professions Hub seeks to help residents of the West Side prepare for stable,

well-paying careers in healthcare. Working with key partners such as West Side Community Services and the Community Network for Engagement Connection and Transformation (CONNECT), the Pathways program offers training in several healthcare professions, such as community healthcare, nursing, and pharmacy.

Recently, the Pathways program has partnered with Catholic Health and with the McGuire Group, which runs several skilled nursing facilities in Western New York, to offer certified nursing assistant training.

"We truly believe programs like the Pathways Program will help generate the workforce of tomorrow," says Aaron Polanski, administrator of McGuire's Autumn View Health Care Facility and a 2003 D'Youville graduate. "It's a great opportunity for individuals who are interested in career development within the world of healthcare-related services. The Pathways program provides a college-like experience for individuals who are interested in taking this first step into an adult education experience which would project them into a career ladder in healthcare."



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DELIVERING TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

With a student body in which ~90 percent are enrolled in the healthcare programs, it's no surprise that many of D'Youville's strongest partnerships are with healthcare systems. Over decades, D'Youville and Catholic Health, one of Western New York's largest healthcare systems, have developed a mutually beneficial relationship.

The greatest testament to that relationship is the Health Professions Hub, which includes a primary health center run by Catholic Health's Sisters of Charity Hospital. The partnership demonstrated in the Hub shows how a strong bond can not only benefit the partners, but also extends into the community as well. At the Hub, medical staff and administration help the university meet its goals of training healthcare students while also serving the healthcare needs of Buffalo's underserved West Side.



"Catholic Health is a mission-based organization," says Joyce Kontrabecki Markiewicz '80, Catholic Health's executive vice president and

chief development officer. "We are committed to this work, serving everyone, and especially those who can't afford it. During the planning stages for the Hub, what struck me and the rest of our leadership team was Dr. Clemo's vision; her awareness that healthcare is changing, and that primary care is so incredibly important. Her acknowledging the needs of the community meshes so well with our mission and vision as a Catholic health system.

"Now that the Hub doors are open, we're finding new ways to collaborate," adds Markiewicz. "Within Sisters Health Center, and in their field placements at our other facilities, we want D'Youville students to have a positive experience at Catholic Health—and to understand what it's like to work for a Catholic health system. There is a synergy between us: D'Youville is creating a healthcare workforce, and we need well-trained employees."

TACKLING THE ISSUE OF FOOD INSECURITIES

An exciting newer partner is FeedMore WNY, which was formed in 2019 by the merger of the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels. Helped by a generous grant from United Healthcare, the Food Farmacy in the Hub was launched last year as a partnership between FeedMore,

Catholic Health and D'Youville. The Food Farmacy offers a multi-pronged approach to reducing food insecurity while educating people about health, food, and nutrition.

"FeedMore WNY believes that food is medicine; we are grateful and encouraged to have



the opportunity to work with Catholic Health and D'Youville within a teaching health center," says Catherine Shick, FeedMore's chief communications officer. Through the Food Farmacy, FeedMore provides a registered dietitian who helps primary care patients fill their "food prescriptions," as well as offers personalized nutrition counseling, health cooking demos, and health assessments.

"The Food Farmacy partnership is unique in that, through the food pantry, we can provide nutritious food to West Side residents, Catholic Health/Sisters patients, and D'Youville students who may need it, and also provide nutrition education and health monitoring, using the Hub's holistic approach," Shick says.

OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONS HUB PARTNERSHIPS

The Hub was designed to encourage and support partnerships, and it has welcomed a number of community organizations to the facility, where participants can interact with our students, staff and faculty in pursuing their goals.

"Creating and fostering community is an 'all hands on deck' experience," says Chris Nentarz, director of Thrive, the Hub's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. "Whether it's an academic, nonprofit, or strategic partner, we're using an interprofessional approach; hearing what people's needs are, not just giving them a space. This keeps the relationships active and authentic."

An example of such a partnership is with C-HOPE, a nonprofit with programs designed for the social, adaptive, recreational, and vocational interests of adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities, which brings its Afternoon Club to the Hub on weekly basis.

"C-HOPE aims to create opportunities for participants in the transitional phase—they may be around the same age as college students, and they're looking for that next

step,” says C-HOPE Program Director Amanda Muldoon. “It’s great for them to be on an academic campus, with peers who are learning and growing. They are exposed to the arts and socializing and take part in recreational activities.”



C-HOPE’s participants have a range of disabilities—some in wheelchairs for mobility, some with limited vocalizations—and their presence at the Hub also offers D’Youville students

from different disciplines, such as occupational therapy, to work with and support them.

“The relationship with D’Youville is fantastic, and the facilities, with their accessibility are beautiful,” says Muldoon. “Everyone is focused on creating new opportunities, and we’re in constant conversation about new programs. It’s very exciting.”

Other groups which have partnered with Thrive include Cantalician Center for Learning, Parkinson’s Boxing, and Summit Educational Resources. (See sidebar for more.)

When we partner with organizations—from the largest healthcare employers in the region, to a nonprofit agency or a tech startup—we know that we are both creating a brighter future and continuing a proud tradition for our university, community, city, and our region.

To learn more about partnership possibilities, contact Institutional Advancement at 716-829-7556.

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

D’Youville’s partnerships touch nearly every aspect of the university experience. Here are a few more examples:

ATHLETICS:

PEGULA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT (PSE) hosted May 2021 Commencement at Highmark Stadium; through a Buffalo Sabres program, connected university with youth girls’ hockey network to help develop more women’s athletics at D’Youville; helped book Sam Rapoport, the NFL’s senior director for diversity, equity and inclusion, as our 2022 commencement keynote speaker; helping with Lead Her Forward, a free girls youth sports and leadership clinic.

COACH ME PLUS Buffalo-based tech company, sharing their software to benefit the sports programs

ERIE 1 BOCES’ SPORTS PROGRAM Education programs where our students can gain experience

HEALTHCARE:

SPIDERTECH Monthly funding for D’Youville’s free clinic, plus free “kinesiology tape,” which reduces inflammation and supports muscles

EVIDENCE IN MOTION National company providing post-professional and continuing education

RESTORATION SOCIETY, INC. Peer-operated agency offering recovery-based, person-centered services

UB PEDIATRIC DENTAL Opportunities for occupational therapy students to gain clinical experience while helping all stakeholders have a more positive experience

PARKINSON’S BOXING After losing their workout space, the Hub welcomed the group, which helps people with balance and other Parkinson’s-related issues

STUDENT SERVICES:

FARLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY partnering with D’Youville to offer study abroad opportunities at Farleigh Dickinson’s campus at Wroxtton College in England. A unique opportunity available to only 20 students per year who will pay D’Youville tuition and room and board, it will offer a variety of options that will not delay completion of their D’Youville degrees.

ERIE NIAGARA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER helping identify young people interested in exploring healthcare careers

SAY YES TO EDUCATION D’Youville provides unlimited scholarships to students who graduate from Say Yes eligible schools in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Cleveland, Ohio

BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH provides mental health counselors for D’Youville students as needed

PARTNERS HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:
AURORA ADULT DAY SERVICES

CANTALICIAN CENTER FOR LEARNING

FANTASTIC FRIENDS OF WNY

GIGI’S PLAYHOUSE

HICKOK CENTER FOR BRAIN INJURY

SCHOFIELD’S ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

MOVING FORWARD

Caring for both

D'Youville expands partnership with Catholic Health

The relationship between D'Youville and Catholic Health, marked by its mutual vision of caring for the Buffalo community, is now stronger than ever, thanks to a generous gift from a Catholic foundation dedicated to improving the health of vulnerable New Yorkers.

A \$400,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation will fund a new Mental and Behavioral Health Center (MBHC) at D'Youville that will work in conjunction with the Sisters Health Center, run by Catholic Health, in the Health Professions Hub. In addition to serving patients at Sisters Health Center and residents of Buffalo's West Side, the MBHC will provide training and clinical opportunities for students studying for healthcare professions at D'Youville.

"The Hub was born when we started to envision how we could enhance our students'

education while also improving health outcomes in our own community," says D'Youville President Lorrie A. Clemo, PhD. "We found the perfect partner in Catholic Health to run the health center at the heart of the Hub, and now, with this grant, we can work together to treat the whole person – addressing both physical and mental healthcare needs."

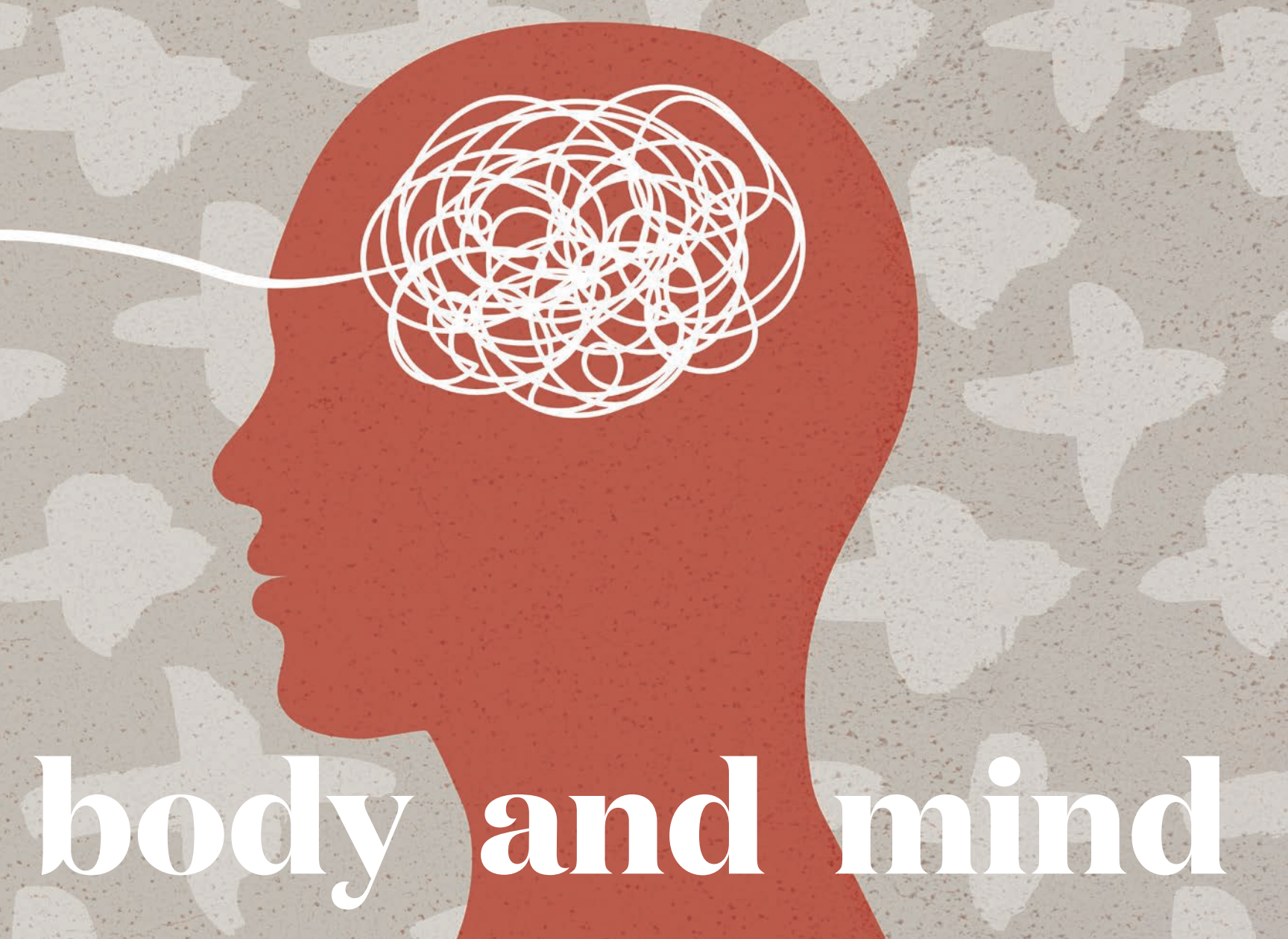
The MBHC will provide a range of services and programming related to mental and behavioral health, including diagnosing and treating psychiatric and substance use disorders, managing other acute and chronic mental health problems of adults and children, triaging and offering crisis intervention services, offering group and individual counseling, and prescribing medication.

An interdisciplinary team including a psychologist and a psychiatric nurse practitioner will collaborate to provide services to patients

of Sisters Health Center and the West Side community, as well as train the next generation of practitioners in these fields.

"Mental and behavioral health are such an important part of a person's overall health and wellness," says Maria Orellana, MD, physician provider at the Sisters Health Center D'Youville. "Having the resources of D'Youville's Mental and Behavioral Health Center available to our patients will enable us to provide more complete care to ensure we are able to meet the primary care needs of our community as well as the mental and behavioral health of those who need this specialized care."

Lisa Morelli Daly, PhD, PMHNP-BC, director of the psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner program at D'Youville, will help lead programming at the MBHC. "Not only will the MBHC offer our students hands-on experience in mental and behavioral healthcare,



body and mind

by offering range of mental health services at the Hub

but it also will help address the disproportionate lack of mental healthcare options in neighborhoods such as the West Side.”

Addressing mental health issues has been, and remains, an urgent need among Buffalo’s lower-income communities. According to a 2018 report entitled “Poverty in Buffalo: Causes, Impacts, Solutions,” more than 8% of adults with income below the federal poverty level experience serious psychological distress, compared with only 1.2% of those with incomes of at least 400 percent of the poverty level. And the COVID 19 pandemic has only heightened the mental health crisis.

Addressing healthcare disparities across New York State is a key characteristic of the grants awarded by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, including this grant to D’Youville.

“To complement its statewide grantmaking efforts and improve the health of underserved and vulnerable New Yorkers in a truly impactful way, this year the foundation is continuing its commitment to strategic, long-term grants to address key issues of health equity and access as they impact low-income and vulnerable populations,” said Kathryn Connerton, president and CEO of Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton and chair of the foundation’s statewide grants committee overseeing strategic grants.

With plans underway to add a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) to D’Youville’s degree offerings in the near future, even more students will be able to benefit from training and clinical opportunities at the new Mental and Behavioral Health Center.

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Caring in the Caribbean



Cedieu Fortilus speaks at a fundraiser for the Haiti Rehab Project held at D'Youville in 2018.

D'Youville's mission of "never refusing to serve" often extends far beyond campus. In one special partnership, it reaches all the way to the Caribbean.

For several years, D'Youville has served as a partner with the Haiti/Community Rehab Project, founded by Ginger Oliver, a physical therapist in Vernon, New York. The partnership has encompassed efforts to help build and equip a rehabilitation center in Gonaives, Haiti, to serve people with disabilities, as well as raise necessary funds and provide training to Haitian healthcare workers.

The need for physical and occupational therapy services in Haiti greatly increased after a massive earthquake hit Haiti in 2010. Many Haitians lost limbs or experienced other life-changing injuries as a result of the devastation.

Cedieu Fortilus, a rehabilitation tech from Haiti, saw the need and worked to open a rehabilitation clinic to help those affected. In 2016, thanks to efforts by Oliver, he visited D'Youville to receive training that

he could bring back home to other practitioners. Sarah Pictor, PT, DPT, PCS, clinical associate professor of physical therapy at D'Youville, helped arrange and host the visit, where Fortilus met with many local practitioners as well as students.

Fortilus returned for the next several years, before the Covid pandemic made travel impossible. On some of these trips, Wilfrid Macena, a prosthetic tech who lost his right leg above the knee in the 2010 Haiti earthquake, joined Fortilus. They were able to visit ECMC and community clinics, in addition to Buffalo School 84, where they received pediatric experience.

The visits grew each year to encompass more fields of expertise to help the Haitian professionals provide the best care to their patients, benefiting from the interprofessional nature of D'Youville's healthcare education mission. They received training from dietetics, physician assistants, physical therapy, occupational therapy, healthcare administration programs, and the IT department, to learn more about every aspect of

patient care and administrative needs of the clinic. And every time they visited, they were sent back with bins of prosthetics and other medical resources to assist their work.

Pictor says the bonds formed on these visits between the two men and the students, alumni and faculty from D'Youville have continued and grown. "As part of our physical therapy code of ethics, we are encouraged to reach out globally and share our skills," Pictor says.

The latest effort in D'Youville's partnership with the Haiti Rehab Project is to fill a shipping container with items that will equip the new rehabilitation center in Gonaives, including rehab equipment, office supplies, medical supplies, computers, and much more. The shipping container will be placed on the D'Youville campus and a number of fund-raising efforts are underway to meet the goal.

For more information about the effort, visit haitirehabproject.org.

— CATHY WILDE

Scholarships

give rise to the dreams of others

When we support D'Youville students with the access, training, resources and experience to succeed, we prepare them to excel in their careers and become the game changers of tomorrow. D'Youville invests in bold and creative thinking, bringing together diverse ways of approaching global challenges.



An anonymous donor funds the Del Santo Family Community Health Scholarship, which honors both Sister Donna Del Santo SSJ '75 and her late sister, Diane Del Santo '82. The scholarship supports nursing students in their junior or senior year who demonstrate a commitment to community service and are pursuing a career in community health. Sister Donna visited campus in February to meet this year's recipients.

"I established the Michael Bihari Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2006 in memory of my son, Michael, who passed away from cancer while a freshman at D'Youville. Michael absolutely loved D'Youville, and the outpouring of support from the school when he died was incredible. Despite his continued visits to Roswell from Marguerite Hall, it was the happiest he'd ever been. Michael was hoping to be an Occupational Therapist. While undergoing cancer treatments, he volunteered at Our Lady of Victory Hospital and was exposed to the work of OTs, which led to his career choice. Michael's memory will live on at D'Youville by helping students in the Health Professions pursue their career goals with the help of his scholarship."

JEANETTE SWARTZ, A PARENT WHO LOST HER SON, MICHAEL,
WHEN HE WAS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AT D'YOUVILLE

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Effective June 1, named endowed scholarships can be established for \$50,000 payable over five years. Until June 1, you can still endow a scholarship in your name or in honor of someone special for \$25,000 payable over five years.

CURRENT USE SCHOLARSHIPS

Current use scholarships, which are not endowed, are offered to meet the needs of students who've experienced loss—both financially and in other ways. Donors make a \$5,000 gift for each of five years that the university immediately uses to assist students with their scholarship and financial aid.

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DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY AND ENGAGEMENT, AT 716-254-0611 OR VOLPEM@DYC.EDU.**

FROM BANKER TO PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Patrick E. Green '92

It was the late 1980s and life looked good for Patrick E. Green '92. After the crash of 1987, Wall Street was making a comeback and, with a degree in economics from the University at Buffalo, Green had landed a position at a bank with plenty of room for advancement.

There was only one problem, he says.

"I came to realize I didn't want my boss's job. I didn't want my boss's boss's job, and I didn't want my boss's boss's boss's job," Green said of his work in finance.

Or, as his mother, Sheila Coughlin Green, '56 put it: "He had a job in banking and he hated it. Hated it. Hated it!"

Fortunately for Patrick Green, the personal side of his life was the opposite of the professional. He was happily married to a woman he had first met in kindergarten and had dated since high school in East Aurora, N.Y. If anyone knew what was good for him, it would be his wife, Susan.

An occupational therapist herself, Susan Green believed her husband's talents were in human interaction and service.

"My wife talked me into going back to school," Green said. His choice was the physical therapy program at D'Youville, where his mother, the young Sheila Coughlin, had earned her nursing degree 35 years earlier. (She was also something of a legacy, since her great-aunt Eleanor Coughlin also was a D'Youville graduate.)

"It was a good experience," Green said. "A lot of things were changing in our lives (the couple had one child and was expecting their second) and I was a much more focused student. I found I like working with people in this different way."

It has worked out well for the Greens. After getting his master's in physical therapy in 1992, Green put in brief stints working in Buffalo and as director of rehabilitation at a hospital in Punxsutawney, Pa., before returning to New York State and settling in Chautauqua County. The couple opened their own clinic in Jamestown in 1996 and things since then have only grown.

The Greens' Chautauqua Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy now has three offices, in Jamestown, Mayville and Dunkirk, N.Y. The business has 36 employees, among them therapists who also earned their degrees at D'Youville.

Green, who now holds a doctorate in physical therapy from Utica College, said he is impressed with the caliber of applicants they have at their facility.

"D'Youville students are well-prepared, and they do a good job. That's really across the board (with schools)," Green said. "I actually think the educational system has gotten better; students are better prepared."

In May 2022 Dr. Green will have been practicing for 30 years, and he has never regretted his decision to change careers. He said that, despite the pandemic, in 2021 their therapists conducted more than 40,000 patient visits – at the clinics, in homes and in schools and preschools.

"We love it here," Green said of his adopted county. The couple lives in Bemus Point and their children are now grown, but their work continues.

Green jokes, "I have neighbors who say 'I haven't come to your place yet,' and I say, 'Don't worry. It's just a matter of time.'"

— MELINDA MILLER



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LIVING A LIFE OF SERVICE

Laura Fudala Thompson '87, BSN, RN, CGRN

Like so many D'Youville alumni, Laura Fudala Thompson '87 walks in the footsteps of St. Marguerite d'Youville, dedicating her life to serving others, not only in her profession as a nurse, but also as a community member.

"Being a nurse is not just a job, it's who you are as a person," she says. "That person who helps give CPR to someone laying on a sidewalk, or giving a reversal agent to someone who overdoses on a train...someone who pulls over to help at a car accident, staying with that person until EMS arrives. I love what I do and get such great satisfaction in being able to help people in need."

These are all ways Laura has used her nursing training to help people in the direst emergencies over the years. Her commitment to serve others also takes place outside of nursing – by serving at soup kitchens, through her work with United Way, teaching literacy to children and adults, and giving regularly to D'Youville.

Laura is a generous and consistent donor to D'Youville's annual fund. "I am proud to be a D'Youville graduate. Giving back to help students in need and helping D'Youville is a great honor. We feel very blessed as a family and believe it is our duty to 'pay it forward.'" She adds, "My donations continue to help support the original intent of St. Marguerite d'Youville: to serve others."

It was that mission of service that inspired Laura to choose to attend D'Youville. Laura knew by the age of nine that she wanted to be a nurse. Upon graduating from West Seneca East High School, Laura knew she had three options: 1) going to "diploma school" (a nursing program sponsored by a hospital); 2) pursuing an associate degree; or 3) pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Laura's mother strongly encouraged her to get a bachelor's degree, and while studying at D'Youville, Laura worked at Children's

Hospital in the oncology unit as a CNA and then in the NICU as a "runner" for the nursing staff. She also worked at Mary Agnes Manor Senior Living Facility across from D'Youville. Despite these hands-on experiences, diploma students at her first job called Laura and her fellow D'Youville alumni 'D'Youville Dollies,' which was "not a compliment," Laura recalls. "They had more hands-on experience, we had more time in the classroom, but by the end of that first year, we were all equal," she says.

After graduation, Laura began her career at Children's Hospital, then switched to Buffalo General Hospital, working on a medical surgical unit until she specialized in gastroenterology (GI) nursing. In 2003, she moved her family to Baltimore and continued her career as a clinical leader and then as interim manager in GI nursing at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. She became certified in GI nursing and went through the Sinai leadership program. She was involved in the Chesapeake region's SGNA (Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates) and was the educational chair for this society for many years providing continuing education programs to the GI society. She eventually moved to Connecticut where she continues to work as a GI nurse, keeps up her professional certifications, and volunteers in her community.

Laura is proud of the mission of D'Youville and supports D'Youville's university accreditation. "D'Youville becoming a university is kind of like me keeping up on my professional certifications," she says. "There is ever-changing knowledge, and you have to keep up with those changes."

Laura adds, "Achieving university status won't change what was started by St. Margaret D'Youville, but it's important to keep up with the times."

— TRACY REED



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BEING A NURSE IS NOT
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Eric Lipkind, the university's account representative, led D'Youville students on a tour of the Goldman Sachs offices in New York City.

Classes. Labs. Papers. Exams. Study. Pass. Rinse. Repeat. The rigorous routines of university life require considerable focus from D'Youville students.

But if these students don't occasionally raise their gaze beyond academia, how will they know where they are headed?

And what better place for a change of view than the biggest city in the country?

In early December 2021, 13 student leaders from D'Youville spent four days in New York City on a college-sponsored "field trip." From their base in a Midtown hotel — 300 miles and a world away from their compact campus on Buffalo's West Side — it can be said for certain that each of them gained more than one new experience.

That, of course, was the point.

The "firsts" started before the group even left Buffalo, according to Benjamin "BG"

Grant, D'Youville's chief student affairs officer. BG, who helped organize the trip, said that six of the students had never been to New York City and four of the students had not been on a plane before. (Getting to the airport and gate on their own was an easy, early "soft skill" they got to practice.)

And none of them had ever spent a day visiting the headquarters of international investment bank Goldman Sachs to learn more about the world of finance. That was a key part of their tour.

"Goldman Sachs was fantastic," Grant said. "Being able to meet with their people and see that Corporate 500 setting was eye-opening to (the students)."

Just ask them. Adam F. De Arcos is assistant resident director in the Department of Student Engagement and a student on the combined Accounting and International Business BS/MS track. He said the trip exceeded his expectations. The visit to

Goldman Sachs, he said, "really had me more centered on my future."

"There I was able to listen to an investment manager and a couple financial advisers talk about their experiences in a top Big 4 firm, and what their day-to-day responsibilities are," he said.

Peyton Smith, chair of student outreach for the Student Government Association, is studying occupational therapy, not finance, and said the visit to the investment bank was "like another world."

Even so, she added, "I really appreciated being in a space meant for a specific type of profession, where all of the employees seemed knowledgeable and passionate about what they were doing."

While the meeting was particularly fulfilling for a finance major like Adam, she said, it also helped her become more comfortable with how investments work and their importance.

NEW (YORK CITY)

"This was an experience that I wouldn't have seen myself having, but I'm so happy that I was able to have it."

Along with the novelty of the encounter, the student representatives received some practical advice for the SGA. John Rizk, a candidate for Doctor of Pharmacy at D'Youville, is also president of the Student Government Association, which has some investment plans of its own.

"With Goldman Sachs, I was able to share some of the goals on behalf of the student body that the Student Government Association has for the new endowment we are creating," he said. "I loved being able to learn more about financial literacy, what university endowments with companies like Goldman Sachs typically look like, and what financial advisors do daily with several types of clients."

On the other end of the spectrum, the students also met with representatives of Centivo, a health insurance start-up that is based in Buffalo with offices in New York City. Centivo bills itself as an alternative to traditional health insurance providers, working with employers who want to self-fund their benefit systems. Peyton Smith rated this type of exposure as "invaluable."

"Being able to visit a new place while also gaining insight on industries that you are a part of, but also industries that you aren't, allows you to gain a broader understanding of the world and how it works," she said. "I may not be someone who works in insurance, but I learned how insurance coverage might affect patients of mine once I begin practicing occupational therapy."

Beyond Centivo's insurance work, John Rizk said, "It was also extremely insightful learning about the journey, struggles and triumphs of starting a new business."

The same held true for meetings the group had with two newer members of the D'Youville Board of Trustees: Melissa Agnes, founder and CEO of the Crisis



D'Youville Board of Trustee members Melissa Agnes, founder and CEO of The Crisis Ready Institute, and Ofo Ezeugwu, founder and CEO of WhoseYourLandLord, led a talk-back session with the students.

Ready Institute, which helps students and others develop resilience to face life's crisis moments, and Ofo Ezeugwu, son of immigrants and the founder and CEO of the online rating website WhoseYourLandlord, which has been called "the MVP of Landlord Review Sites" by ApartmentTherapy.com.

The most "D'Youville" experience of the four days had to be a reception the college sponsored for alumni from the Tri-State area, with D'Youville President Dr. Lorrie Clemo as speaker.

John Rizk said it was an awesome experience to network and learn from the alumni, and Peyton Smith was impressed by the love alumni still had for the college 10 or 15 years after they graduated. She noted that some were left speechless by the college's growth since they were students.

"They encouraged us to look into certain professions and gave us advice on what could come next for us," she said.

Although COVID-related shutdowns cancelled the students' planned outing to



Mike Volpe, MBA '21, with Wall Street's Charging Bull



Athletic Director Ona Halladay, President Lorrie Clemo, and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Jogy Das attended the men's basketball game at Barclay's Center.

see "Wicked" on Broadway, the city still was dressed in its full holiday regalia, making it a beautiful time for a visit. Staying at the Archer Hotel just steps from Times Square, the group was able to stroll down Fifth Avenue and see the Bryant Park Winter Village, among many other sights.

Grant said the choice of hotel, with its central location, was "very intentional." It was important that the students get a feel for the scale of the city and for what large cities have to offer.

"I encouraged them to go out on their own and just explore, and at one point or another every student did go out exploring. They didn't get overwhelmed," Grant said.

And, under the heading of lessons learned, he added, "They only did one thing I didn't approve of. They bought meat sandwiches out of a food truck."

Even so, everyone made it back just fine.

— MELINDA MILLER

P E R S P E C T I V E S

FACULTY Q&A

Lisa Daly, PhD, PMHNP-BC

Lisa Morelli Daly, PhD, PMHNP-BC, joined D'Youville last year as the program director for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program and will help lead the new Mental and Behavioral Health Center at the Health Professions Hub. (To learn more about the Mental and Behavioral Health Center, see pages 14-15.)

What brought you to D'Youville?

I ended up at D'Youville because a colleague at Binghamton University emailed me about the search for the director of the PMHNP program. She and I are both originally from Buffalo. I was excited to join D'Youville because the PMHNP program is only five years old and the only master's program in the area, where there is a great need for more mental health clinicians. By growing the program at D'Youville we will be able to help fill that gap right in our West Side community.

What do you like most about D'Youville so far?

It's very mission-focused. Everyone is here for the purpose of serving our students and community. D'Youville recognizes the struggles college students can go through. If one of my students needs a meal, I can tell them where to find the Campus Cupboard. If they are having a rough day, they can go visit Saint (the university's St. Bernard mascot). I really enjoy the small class sizes. They allow me to understand their learning styles and facilitate my teaching to what best works for [my students]. I know them on a first name basis as opposed to a number like larger universities.

What's your favorite spot in Buffalo?

Delaware Park.

What might alumni find surprising about you?

I was part of Leonardo da Vinci High School's second graduating class in 1992.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration in life is my mother, Marie Theresa Morelli. She worked so hard when we were growing up to make sure we had what we needed. A month before I was scheduled to do my comprehensive exam for my PhD, she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away two weeks to the day. She had a chest X-ray that revealed a mass and in a week she was on Hospice, one week after that she passed away in her sleep at my home. She was so incredibly brave knowing there were no options. From her diagnosis to her death she didn't shed one tear. Two weeks after she passed, I defended my comps. On the one-year anniversary of her passing I defended my dissertation,

that I dedicated to her, with my family there. I know she was there shining down on me. She is my inspiration and my strength in life.

What's the last book you read?

"Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor Frankl (chronicling the author's experience as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps) and I'm currently reading "The Greatest: Mohammad Ali."

What's your personal motto?

My personal motto is a quote from the Shawshank Redemption: "Get busy living or get busy dying." It might sound rather blunt, but we are each given a life here on earth and we need to live each day to its fullest.

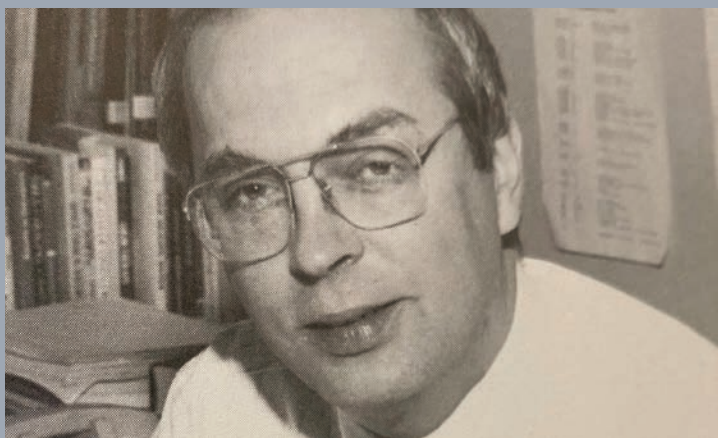


IN MEMORIAM

Remembering beloved faculty



JEROME KRESSE, PHD, a retired professor of chemistry, passed away on March 18 at the age of 90. Dr. Kresse was a D'Youville faculty member for 35 years, retiring in 2000, and was dedicated to the institution. All five of his children graduated from D'Youville, earning degrees in education and healthcare – Jennifer '85, Michael '86, MaryEllen '88, David '92, and Kenneth '92. When Kresse joined D'Youville when it was still an all-women's college and he greatly admired the dedication of the Grey Nuns. "They were very conscious of their role in education and making sure the students appreciated it. They were very involved in student life and cared about the students very much," he said in a recent interview. This philosophy was shared by the lay faculty, as well. "There was a strong feeling among the faculty to do the very best for our students," Kresse said. "I saw it wherever I went, no matter what department. We would do anything to help our students. And the students realized it and returned that feeling to the faculty."



PAUL T.J. HAGEMAN SR., a retired professor in the Patricia H. Garman School of Nursing, passed away on January 9 at the age of 75. Hageman retired in 2014 after more than 30 years at D'Youville. He also was a D'Youville alumnus, graduating with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1973. During his tenure at D'Youville, he was instrumental

in helping launch and accredit the school's chiropractic curriculum. In 2014, D'Youville's chiropractic clinic was named in his honor. At the dedication ceremony, former executive director of chiropractic program Dr. Kathleen L. Linaker said, "Without his dedication and hard work our program would not exist today," noting that the chiropractic faculty requested the clinic be named for him. Dr. Hageman's obituary stated, "Paul embraced and treasured teaching at D'Youville and enjoyed the mentoring he did with his students throughout the years."



JOSEPH FENNEL, a retired professor in the Department of Business, passed away on January 4 at the age of 77. While serving as an associate professor and chair of the department, Fennell was instrumental in the start-up of many diverse programs on campus including management, accounting, dietetics, health services administration, exercise and sports studies, international business, the MBA program, and the Advance program. He led the department in adopting distance learning technology and was one of the first to teach courses entirely online. He retired in 2015 after serving D'Youville for 47 years and impacting thousands of students. "Throughout a large segment of the business department's history, Joe provided the students and faculty with steadfast leadership, friendship, and guidance," said Susan Kowalewski, PhD, professor of business and health administration. "He served as a leader, friend, and trusted colleague to individuals throughout D'Youville."

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WE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP OUR STUDENTS. AND THE STUDENTS REALIZED IT AND RETURNED THAT FEELING TO THE FACULTY.

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JEROME KRESSE, PHD



SAINTS ALIVE

D'Youville Athletics is in its second year of transitioning to NCAA Division II athletics and competing in the East Coast Conference.

In Fall 2021, the Saints saw 12 athletes named to the USCAA All-Academic Team. Women's soccer had three (Jordan Pachla, Laurie Poeller, and Lauren Zwolenkiewicz) and women's volleyball had four (Kelly Cleversley, Keara Ludu, Carly Milleville, and Emma Wlostowski). The men's soccer team led the way with five individual athletes: William Anderson, Nejamin Credanti, Matt Davis, Jake Kowalewski, and Alec Muniz.

The Saints also saw three athletes each from men's soccer, women's soccer, and women's volleyball named USCAA All-Americans. From men's soccer, Nick Dumond led the way with 12 goals and four assists, Felipe Santos had seven goals, and Noah Steele had four goals. From women's soccer, Maggie Leeds had seven goals and four assists, Dani Camilleri

had one goal and two assists, and Laurie Poeller had a 1.69 goals-against average, while making 91 saves and recording one shutout.



Freshman runner, Riley Burns, finished the ECC Championships with a 21:57.60. She earned the ECC Elite 19 Award for highest cumulative GPA of a competing athlete at the conference championship.

From women's volleyball, Emma Wlostowski recorded 6.56 assists per set, nine double-doubles, was first in the ECC in aces per set (0.52), third in the ECC in aces (43), and recorded 30 assists at least six times on the season. Samantha Killane from women's volleyball was second in the ECC in digs per set with 4.04 and had four matches with at least 20 digs. Eve Musielak, also from women's volleyball, led the Saints with 139 kills, a 1.72 kill per set average, and recorded double digit kills three times on the season.

The men's and women's cross country teams had an impressive season in Division II. The women's team placed third at the USCAAs. Freshman Riley Burns earned Elite 19 honors at the ECC finals, recording the highest cumulative GPA for female runners in the conference. Hannah Kennedy finished 28th at ECCs. For the men, freshman Henry Smith led the way for the Saints at the USCAAs finishing seventh. Smith also led the way at ECCs, finishing 19th.

Women's tennis saw Camilla Dutiel named ECC Rookie of the Week early on in the season. Dutiel is the first women's tennis player to receive a weekly award since October 2019.

SAINTS ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The first class of the D'Youville Athletics Hall of Fame was inducted September 23, 2021, in the new Health Professions Hub.

The three-member class, announced in March of 2021, consisted of the 1999 men's volleyball team and women's basketball alumni, Carrie Stevens Owens '03 and Judy Po-Chedley Wilkins '74.

The 1999 men's volleyball team was Division III national runners-up and finished 32-3 overall. The team had a perfect 20-0 record in the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association, finishing No. 2 in the country. Jeff Rosowski was named NECVA Player of the Year.

Carrie Stevens Owens graduated from D'Youville in 2003 as the women's basketball



Hall of Fame inductees: Carrie Stevens Owens, Judy Po-Chedley Wilkins, and the 1999 men's volleyball team.

all-time leading scorer and rebounder. The forward was named Rookie of the Year by the Independent Small College Athletic Conference in 1999 and helped the Saints to back-to-back Upstate Athletic Alliance titles in 2000 and 2001. After graduation, Stevens Owens stayed at D'Youville, becoming an assistant coach. She is currently the head coach at Sacred Heart Academy.

Judy Po-Chedley Wilkins was a driving force for D'Youville, averaging 20 points per game

throughout her career. She was named an Outstanding Athlete by the American Colleges News. Upon graduation in 1974, Po-Chedley Wilkins earned D'Youville's highest honor, the D'Youville Medal. The medal is given to a student whose character, intellectual achievement, service, leadership, and loyalty to the college render them outstanding.

— KAITLYN LAYMAN



Senior, Nick Dumond, was named a USCAA First Team All-American, leading the Saints in points, goals, and shots.

BACKSTAGE AT THE KAVINOKY

A new season and a new MFA program



PHOTO: GENE WITKOWSKI

What happens when you have a professional Theatre on campus but no theatre program?

You create one.

In 1978 when Edward Kavinsky began the campaign to fully restore the beautiful Edwardian style theatre, there was no theatre program at D'Youville. There were at least four area colleges who offered undergraduate degrees in theatre, so with that competition, it didn't make sense.

Over the past year, it was discovered that what the area didn't have was a Master of Fine Arts Program in Theatre/

Acting. In fact, outside of New York City, there was no such program in all of New York State. Until now, that is.

This fall, the new D'Youville program becomes the first and only MFA in Dramatic Theatre Arts/Acting in New York State outside of New York City.

We've already interviewed hundreds of potential graduate students who are intrigued with furthering their studies attached to an award-winning professional theatre.

As part of their coursework, grad students will audition to act on the Kavinsky stage, as well as other partnering professional

theatres like the Irish Classical Theatre, Musically, Alleyway Theatre, and Shakespeare in Delaware Park.

Working on stage with professional actors is the cornerstone of this program that will train students academically as well as giving them hands-on, real life/work experience in a professional theatre setting.

As we make our way out of this global pandemic, it turns out the light at the end of the tunnel is a spotlight.

— LORAIN O'DONNELL
Executive Artistic Director

Announcing the 2022/23 season

Don't stop believing — live theatre is back! And we've got a musical, adaptations of two classic movies, a hilarious smash hit comedy, and a critically acclaimed new drama to prove it. Get your tickets at KavinokyTheatre.com.



ROCK OF AGES SEPTEMBER 2—25, 2022

In this hit jukebox musical, a small-town girl and a city boy meet on the Sunset Strip while pursuing their Hollywood dreams.



MISERY OCTOBER 28—NOVEMBER 11, 2022

Stephen King's classic follows the disturbing relationship between a successful romance novelist and his "Number One Fan."



THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 19, 2023

In this beloved West End and Off-Broadway smash hit, an amateur theatrical troupe attempts to stage a production of a 1920s murder mystery. Disaster and hilarity ensue.



NETWORK APRIL 21—MAY 14, 2023

During his final broadcast, news anchor Howard Beale unravels live on air. But when the ratings soar, he becomes a populist prophet in this adaptation of the eerily prescient 1976 film.



THE SOUND INSIDE JUNE 9—25, 2023

A brilliant Ivy League professor. A talented yet mysterious student. An unthinkable favor. Everyone has a story—the question is how that story will end.

Alumni updates

Meet our new director of alumni and community engagement

We are excited to welcome Kathryn (Kate) Hammer as our new director of alumni and community engagement. In this role, Kate will help connect alumni, students and the community with D'Youville through a variety of programs, events and communications to encourage their continued involvement and support. She will work closely with the Alumni Association Board of Directors to lead events including Alumni Weekend and the Alumni Awards Dinner, in addition to identifying new opportunities to meet alumni needs, supporting D'Mensions magazine, and working on student-alumni initiatives.

Kate joins us after spending 14 years at Daemen College, including nine years as their director of alumni relations, where she planned local, regional and virtual engagement events, managed the Alumni Awards program, developed alumni focused communications outreach, developed a dedicated National Alumni Board and advised the most awarded student organization on campus. Kate has been honored by numerous organizations for her alumni engagement efforts, including the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the Buffalo Urban League and the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

"I am proud to serve as the alumni and community engagement director," Kate says. "There is a dynamic energy on campus and it's an exciting time to be at D'Youville. I look forward to collaborating across campus and with the WNY community to strengthen the connections with D'Youville graduates. Alumni are ambassadors for the school, role models for the next generation and the link to our incredible history. I'm passionate about finding different ways to engage and support alumni."

Kate has been busy learning more about D'Youville and our amazing alumni. She can be reached at 716-829-7805 or hammerk@dyc.edu.



On the road with President Clemo



In Syracuse, President Clemo visits with alumna M. Katharine Ringwood Fitzgibbons '64 and her granddaughter, Samantha Rowland, who has been accepted to D'Youville.

Throughout the fall and spring, President Lorrie Clemo traveled throughout New York, Pennsylvania and Florida for a series of Presidential Receptions where she met with alumni, parents, prospective students and friends. Receptions were held Rochester, Syracuse, and New York City, New York, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Sarasota, Naples, Fort Myers, The Villages, and Orlando, Florida. Guests enjoyed food, drinks, gifts and a special presentation about all the great things happening at D'Youville. More receptions are planned for the 2022-23 school year. Hope you can join us!

Alumni Weekend brought friends together

After a Virtual Reunion in 2021, we were so pleased to welcome alumni back to campus the last weekend of September for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Alumni traveled from as far away as Florida, South Carolina, Oregon, Colorado and California to join us. We even had three alumnae from the Class of 1956, who came to celebrate their 65th Reunion! Our alumni guests enjoyed campus tours, presentations on D'Youville, great food, Mass, and much more, including just spending time with old friends.

At the Alumni Awards Dinner, three exceptional women were honored. The Young Alumni Award was presented

virtually to Shenika McIntosh '11, in honor of her work and professional leadership in the field of occupational therapy in the Bahamas. Alison Carey Wacławek '19, from the School of Pharmacy, was honored posthumously with the Delta Sigma Award. Alison died tragically in childbirth and her family has established a foundation in her honor. The Anne Lum Award was presented to Cecelia Scuto Kohlmeier '69 in honor of her many years of philanthropy to D'Youville and to many other organizations in Western New York.

For more photos from the past year's events, visit alumni.dyouville.edu/event-memories.



Alumni Award winners Alison Carey Wacławek '19 (posthumous), Shenika McIntosh '11, and Cecelia Scuto Kohlmeier '69.



Alumni enjoyed an awards dinner, Mass, campus tours, presentations, and seeing old friends.

Class notes

HELEN (BETTIE) SCHNACKY

LINDLEY '63 is retired English department chair with Rochester city schools and still enjoys promoting young women in their careers.

MARGUERITE DITUSA COLLESANO

'64 would like her classmates to know her beloved husband, Stanley, passed away on January 15 of this year.

ANNAUREEN MCKELVEY WEDIG '67

is retired and recently moved back to Georgia after living in California. She enjoys playing pickleball, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren.

DIANE CIMINELLI GEERKEN '71 retired from SUNY Cobleskill where she served as interim dean of liberal arts and professor of mathematics. She and her daughter, Katie, enjoyed returning to D'Youville for her 50th Reunion in September and seeing how the college has grown and thrived. She and Katie relocated to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, in 2020. Diane says they have a guest suite and would love to hear from classmates. She welcomes emails at dgeerken@twc.com.

MARY JACKSON '71 retired three years ago after 33 years as a family practice physician at Family Care Medical Group in Manlius, New York, and enjoys camping and reading in her retirement.

JULIE WHITE

MILLER '73 retired from public health after 38 years. She is now helping out with two local health departments, trying to start a program at her church for retired persons, and looks forward to traveling.



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MARY LA ROWE

'78 was named to Buffalo Business First's Power 200 Women list of 2021. She is the president and CEO of the Brooks-TLC Hospital System

and interim president and CEO of Upper Allegheny Health System.

KATHLEEN SPALTI-FUCIK '87 is an RN staff development nurse in surgery at Nebraska Methodist Hospital.

PATRICIA HIGGINBOTHAM

SORRENTINO '89 is a pediatric nurse practitioner and clinical nursing instructor for pediatric clinicals at Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo. She graduated in May with a Doctorate in Nursing (DNP). Her doctoral research project focused on children with persistent asthma during COVID-19. A research study she participated in, entitled "Project ASTHMA," was published in Asthma Journal.

LAURI HUNTER GARDNER '93

is proud to report her daughter, McKenzie, is "following in her mama's footsteps" and studying to be a physical therapist at D'Youville.

BARBARA ANN DE OLDEN PAGE '94

is a physical therapist at the Guthrie Clinic. She enjoys downhill skiing with her family and participating in DEKA indoor fitness competitions.

MOLINDA LALSINGH-KEARNS '97 is a professor of pharmacology at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

CHERYL FRIEDMAN '98

was named to Buffalo Business First's Women of Influence 2021 list. She is senior vice president of health care services and population health at Independent Health.



DANA MCGUIRE '98

was appointed clinical associate professor of physical therapy at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. She previously served as public health director of St. Lawrence County.



KATHLEEN REILLY GOLDSTEIN '99

is a lead therapist at Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).

JEFF ZIBLUT '01 was named vice president of clinical operations for Orchid Medical, an ancillary medical management and cost-containment firm, where he will lead all clinical aspects of the company's physical medicine and home health programs.

ANDREA JAKUS WIGHT '06 joined PeaceHealth Peace Island Rehabilitation in Friday Harbor, Washington, as an outpatient/acute physical therapist. She holds Casely Smith Lymphedema Certification and specializes in oncology management and upper extremity management.



ASHLEY Y. BRASS-KARRAN '09, '11

was named Teacher of the Year at Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida, where she is CSS department site manager.

JEREMY SAJDAK

'10, '15 received the 2021 Young Professional Award from the Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce. He is the clinic director and a physical therapist at Lattimore Physical Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation's North Chili location.



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KATARINA BRUBAKER-ESCOBAR SEPULVEDA '12 opened a new clinic, Centered Care Chiropractic, in Pahrump, Nevada.

JEREMY LINNICK '13, '14 married Ashley Gladden in October 2021 in Charlotte, North Carolina.



SHONDRA BROWN '14, '17 recently published her first book, "The Black Professional's Guide: How to Navigate White Privilege in the Workplace," based

on her observations of a changing workforce while working in various positions as a nurse practitioner. Shondra says, "Although the title is unsettling to some, it is necessary that disparities are spoken about openly and honestly in order for us to move forward and truly be the great nation we're expected to be." She would like to offer the book to all alumni. Visit her website at shondrasplace.com to learn more.

LISA PETTY O'CONNOR '14, '17 is a physical therapist with Orleans Niagara BOCES.



ADRIANE LANG '15 is an RN at the St. Mary's Campus of the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

MICHAEL GATES '15 was promoted to senior vice president at Merrill Lynch. He is a senior financial advisor with the Hahn Scott Klein Gates Gandolfo Group in Williamsville, New York.



SHARI MCDONOUGH '16, chief executive officer for the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo, was honored as a Highmark Community Hero by the Buffalo Bills during their Monday Night Football game against the New England Patriots in December. McDonough was recognized for her advocacy and efforts on behalf of all children served by the organization.



JENNIFER GILMORE '16 is a chiropractor at Peak Performance Chiropractic.



COURTNEY JARKA '17 was appointed to lead Catholic Health's newly launched Psychiatric Pharmacy Clinical Consultation Service.

The program offers psychiatric pharmacotherapy review and services to manage behavioral health medication regimens, mitigate adverse drug reactions, and plan for transitions of care.

She also serves as a site coordinator for psychiatry and behavioral health/substance abuse rotations for Catholic Health's Pharmacy Residency Program.

DAN POPKIE '17 opened a new clinic, Premier Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab, in North Bay, Ontario.

HANNAH TUREK '17, '18 has been promoted to construction manager at Uniland Development Company. In this role, she executes the process of construction administration to deliver all Uniland and third-party construction projects on time and under budget.



AVONLEA FRYE HEBDA '18 and **MATTHEW HEBDA '18** welcomed a baby girl, Brooke Anne, in October.

RUKIA SAWYERS '19 resides in Ontario, Canada, and is a registered nurse with Catholic Health in Buffalo.



ANNA MARIA SCHIAVI '20 was married to **KARL AUSTIN JAUCH '20** in September 2021. Anna works as a Licensed Occupational Therapist at Buffalo Hearing and Speech and Karl is a registered nurse at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo. Anna's dad is Guy Schiavi, a 1982 D'Youville graduate.

In memoriam

GERALDINE LOOZE '47
ALICE STAEBELL SMITH '47
BARBARA HARRINGTON DUGGAN '48
SISTER MARIAN M. ADRIAN GNSH '51
JEAN WITTE WHITNEY '53
MARGARET M. KLIPFEL '54
JOSEPHINE BELASIK LEDWIN '54
SISTER RITA LEWANDOWSKI GNSH '54
BARBARA MARASI FINN '56
KATHRYN PARSONS BENFANTI '57
BARBARA STEINKIRCHNER FITCH '57
JEANNE EMENDORFER ULRICH '59
EILEEN WOODS VITANZA '60
MARY BARTKOWIAK LYONS '61
PATRICIA MOSTYN-AKER '62
SISTER MARY ANN MUNDAY SSMN '64
JOAN MORTON O'NEILL '64
KATHLEEN M. SLAYTON '64
CATHLEEN CURRAN SNYDER '65
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SISTER ANN MCKEE GNSH '68
PATRICIA RADDER GANNON '70
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RUTH JOYCE PENQUE '73
GINA J. MURPHY MANESS '77
KATHLEEN COZZOCREA BALL '78
JOHN J. TONELLO '78
MARY KWIATEK '84
HEIDI MERZ LANG '84
CARMEN VALLS '85
GRADY ANTHONY '87
BARBARA ANN TRAVER '01
MICHELLE BRADSHAW DECOOK '06

JULIA CHATIGNY-BLAIS, a third-year student in the D'Youville chiropractic program, passed away on September 24, 2021, at the age of 23. She was beloved by faculty and friends in the program and earned an exceptional academic record. Julia was posthumously presented with her diploma and white coat in a special ceremony where her parents, Chris and Isabelle, and fiancé, Anthony, were present. Her family has established a scholarship fund in her name to help future D'Youville students. Those wishing to make a gift toward the fund can do so at alumni.dyouville.edu/chatigny-blais-memorial.

MATTHEW GREGORY, a first-year doctoral student in the chiropractic program from Waterford, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 9 at the age of 30. Matthew was in the first trimester of the program and regularly brought a smile to his peers and professors. His obituary stated, "His greatest love was standing in a stream with his dogs in pursuit of those elusive fish. His humor and smile were his trademark along with his love of family, fishing, and animals."

AMY DZIOMBA HAHN, an alumna and employee of D'Youville, passed away on March 20 at the age of 36. Amy received her bachelor's degree in psychology from D'Youville in 2008 and was also a member of the women's soccer team. After receiving her master's degree from Niagara University and New York State licensure, Amy returned to D'Youville in 2019 as a mental health counselor, helping innumerable students. Amy was a beloved counselor, colleague, and friend who touched many lives with her smile and infectious laugh. In 2021, Amy helped launch our Wellness Lodge, which offers students access to holistic services in an attempt to remove common stigmas associated with mental health. Focusing on mind, body, and spirit, the Wellness Lodge provides students access to mental health counseling, 24/7 crisis management, massage therapy, tai chi, guided meditation, sound therapy, athletic performance counseling, therapy dogs, and much more. Memorial gifts are being accepted in Amy's memory in support of the Wellness Lodge. Gifts can be made at alumni.dyouville.edu/pages/Hahn-memorial.





A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

In my last D'Mensions alumni letter, I discussed the many changes D'Youville has recently seen in athletics, programs and buildings. Now, I am happy to join in celebrating with fellow alumni, D'Youville University.

This designation has been talked about since before I graduated ten years ago, and we are all proud to see it finally become a reality. Why? We have earned it. Universities offer undergraduate and graduate degrees, are accredited and have facilities and equipment required to exhibit the level of work needed in graduate and professional programs. The value of our degree just increased. University status will assist with the recruitment of prospective students and will help us remain competitive in western NY, the region and the nation. Now is a great time to join the LinkedIn D'Youville University Group page.

In September 2021, the Alumni Board of Directors hosted hundreds of alumni back to campus for Alumni Weekend. We had a great combination of recent graduates and those celebrating their 50th anniversary class and beyond. If we did not get the chance to interact with you at this year's Alumni Weekend, we hope to see you this upcoming September 23-25. Your Alumni Association is constantly working to improve the events and activities for this fun-filled, family friendly weekend. We started preparing for Alumni Weekend 2022 just after the start of the new year. I encourage you to come back to and interact with friends, fellow alumni, students, administrators and to see how D'Youville is positioning itself to educate and inspire for years to come.

The Alumni Board also continues to host events throughout the year for our alumni and their families. We host president Lorrie Clemo, PhD, bar nights, sporting events, museum events, Alumni Tea, amongst others. We welcome input from all alumni and hope you will share any suggestions you have with us!

Please find information on alumni events through D'Youville's alumni website (alumni.dyouville.edu) or on our social media pages. Our Alumni Board will continue working tirelessly to enhance the alumni experience and continue to bridge our past with the future by engaging digitally and in person with students and alumni through events and we hope you will join us.

When you do come back to campus, you will notice the KAB has recently undergone a transformation. You used to walk through the front doors facing Porter Avenue to find the president's office and a boardroom on either side of you. Today, you will find ample Alumni Lounge space complete with old yearbooks and artifacts connecting D'Youville with its storied past. The main hallway has been transformed into a History Corridor that sheds light on D'Youville's many milestones and accomplishments since it was founded over 100 years ago. It is important that as D'Youville continues to look to the future, its past is not forgotten. I applaud D'Youville for continuing to embrace the past and I hope that you, as alumni, will join D'Youville University on its journey into the future.

Never refuse to serve!

Todd Potter '12



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APRIL 10

Soccer Alumni Weekend | Alumni v. Student Games

MAY 4

Alumni Tea

MAY 15

Spring Commencement

MAY 21

Alumni Family Event | Buffalo Science Museum

SEPTEMBER 3

College Colors Day

SEPTEMBER 23-25

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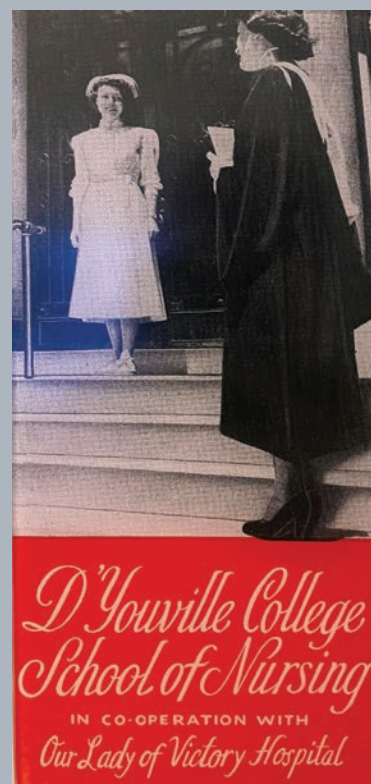
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D'You Remember?



D'Youville's strong relationship with hospitals in the Catholic Health system has existed for decades, as evidenced in this photo from a 1950s-era brochure. Read more about D'Youville's many partnerships in this issue's cover story, starting on page 8. You can see this photo and dozens more in our new History Corridor on the first floor of the Koessler Administration Building, outlining our heritage from St. Marguerite d'Youville through the 21st century. To see more images from the corridor, see pages 6-7 or come to campus for a visit.