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FOUNDERS DAY

Felician Sisters Honored

The 24th Annual Founders Day celebration was a gala event attended by 300 guests to honor the Felician Sisters. Held at The Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey, the May dinner dance raised more than $320,000 for the Student Scholarship Fund and the New Jersey Food Council Scholarship Fund at Felician College.

Sister Mary Aquinas Szott, Provincial Minister, accepted the Felician College Franciscan Legacy Award from Anthony Scardino Jr., Trustee, on behalf of all Felician Sisters for their dedicated service to humanity for 150 years and for founding the College. Felician Sisters founded the Immaculate Conception Province in Lodi in 1913 and Immaculate Conception Normal School in 1923. The school became Immaculate Conception Junior College in 1942, empowered to grant associate degrees. In 1967, the name was changed to Felician College, with full authorization to confer the Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

Dennis Daniels served as chairman of the event for his 14th year. He is Vice President for Appy/Seafood/Food Services at Wakefern Food Corporation. The New Jersey Food Council Scholarship provides an annual full-tuition, four-year academic scholarship to a food industry employee or member of an employee’s immediate family. Sister Mary Antonelle Chunka, Vice President for Mission Integration, shared Sister Theresa Mary Martin’s closing remarks with the entire audience. Sister Theresa was attending a family funeral.
In Lake City, South Carolina, a Felician graduate is helping to empower women who are living below the poverty level and functioning at the lowest literacy rate. Terrie Gaskins-Bryant is the founder and director of Saint Teresa Community Outreach and Empowerment Program, and a May 2006 graduate of the Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) program. She was inspired to develop her own ministry and create the Saint Teresa program while studying for her degree.

“Saint Teresa is a Catholic, nonprofit, grassroots community organization that addresses poverty among disadvantaged women and others who are wounded, searching or feeling socially and/or economically trapped,” explains Gaskins-Bryant. “This program blends healing, hope and joy through spiritual empowerment and a focus on self-determination programs for systematic change.”

Lake City is located in Florence County, about 75 miles from Myrtle Beach. The women in the Saint Teresa program are living 40% below the U.S. poverty level, with little or no reading and English language skills. The ministry provides quality literacy education, practical job training and programs for spiritual growth and development, regardless of ability to pay.

With the help of grant monies and private donations, the program is now up and running at its own facility with three classrooms and a kitchen. Donated computers are used to help the women learn English language skills, test for reading and math skills, and practice for the GED (General Education Development) exam to earn a high school diploma.

There are several women who have already changed their lives through their participation in the Saint Teresa program, according to Gaskins-Bryant. “We have ... a woman who is an English GED constituent who was empowered by this program to help her husband start their own auto mechanic business. She encouraged him to take English language classes, and now he speaks fluent on-the-job English.”

Originally from Washington, D.C., Gaskins-Bryant lives with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Melonie, in Lake City. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina, and has 21 years of federal service with the United States Post Office.

“The Center is a direct result of my MARE degree,” admits Gaskins-Bryant. “I felt a great need to be closer to the Lord, and I found this closeness while studying at Felician ... interacting with my professors and colleagues. God inspired me to develop a community project for disadvantaged women.”
**Prayer for Peace**

A delegation from Felician College traveled to Washington, D.C. in April to attend the International Prayer for Peace Conference held at Georgetown University. This was the first time this annual interfaith conference was held in the United States, with more than 100 religious and civic leaders from around the world gathering for a variety of panel discussions about terrorism, spirituality, and other concerns of the world. The conference is an annual extension of the historic 1986 meeting Pope John Paul II held in Assisi with many of the world’s religious leaders to pray for peace.

Sister Mary Antonelle Chunka, CSSF, Vice President for Mission Integration, Brother Kevin Smith, Professor of Religious Studies, and Sister Maria Magdalena Vallellones, Office of Enrollment Management, attended the conference with six Felician students: Nicole Allonardo, Mariano Gonzalez, Eric Moore, Denys Sanchez, Miquel Ventura, and Shanice Wilson. The group from Felician was a multi-cultural gathering onto itself, with student ties to Argentina, Ireland, Peru, the Dominican Republic, San Salvador, and New Jersey.

Felician students attend the International Prayer for Peace held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

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**College Life a Dream Come True**

The first year in college is a big adjustment for many students – meeting new friends, studying for more rigorous classes and living away from home. And if you don’t speak English, it can be quite a challenge. Five students from Poland just completed their first year at Felician, and they are ready for more!

Lukasz Fraczek and Piotr Snihur discovered Felician College while trying out for NCAA Division II soccer. Both attended private high school in Massachusetts, studying English five to six hours a day, attending regular classes and playing soccer. At Felician, they are business majors and members of the men’s soccer team. “We have met really great people here – our coaches and professors,” says Snihur. “They always have time to give us extra help if we need it.”

Years ago, Kate Fraczek, Maciek Fraczek and Magda Lechowska were part of the first group of Polish children to visit America through the “Summer of Dreams” vacation program, organized and funded by Albin D. Obal, Trustee of Felician College, and the Foundation of the First Lady of Poland. They stayed at Felician College for a few days in the summer when the children toured the New York area. Now they are back with the opportunity to study four years at Felician. Before starting their college courses, they spent the fall semester taking classes to learn English. Kate and Magda are undecided majors, and Maciek is thinking about a career in nursing.

All five students work on campus almost 20 hours a week, in the computer lab or cafeterias. They will return to Poland for a brief summer visit to see family and friends, and enjoy some home cooking before classes start again in the fall.

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**NJ Budget Impact**

Bryan Morgan, business student and officer in SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), represented Felician College at a meeting with Governor Corzine to discuss the impact of the Governor’s proposed budget cuts on New Jersey college students.
Students Get Involved ... and Learn

Students learn the true meaning of civic responsibility and develop a deeper sense of service in their senior-year Franciscan Vision capstone course in the Core Curriculum. They participate in service activity that meets identified community needs, and then share their experiences with each other in a seminar setting. Dr. Gerard O’ Sullivan, Dr. Kevin Smith and Dr. Mara Zukowski teach the course. “Students begin to realize that living their faith in the Franciscan tradition entails action – recalling the words of Francis to his early followers: ‘Preach the gospel always. When necessary, use words.’” explains Dr. Smith. “They learn to accept the responsibility to become transformative leaders to meet the challenges of the future.”

In spring 2006, students enriched the surrounding communities with the Franciscan spirit as they volunteered at more than 50 organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Girl Scouts, local animal shelters, hospitals, learning centers, and several soup kitchens.

Students in Free Enterprise

(Left to right) Melissa Benko, Nicole Smith, Jonathan Castro, Eric Moore, Robert D’Onofrio, Bryan Morgan, Kasia Fraczek, Magda Lechowska and Andrew Conklin display the reward of a second-place finish at the April 2006 Regional SIFE competition. The students engaged in projects during the year that focused on education, leadership development and service to the community, and presented a summary of the projects to the judges at the competition. Dr. William Morgan, Dr. Beth Castiglia and David Turi accompanied the team to Philadelphia.

Harvard Model U.N.

(Left to right) Harleen Bhathal, Harrison (Brad) Piazza, Megan Williams, Fernanda Barros, Brian Gartland, Ariel Coppee, Andrew Conklin, (back row, left to right) Paul Chegwidden, Shaun Kaiser, Nicholas Freeman, and Christian Mathews.

Students attended the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston in February. The students represented the country of Malta, and were accompanied by faculty members Dr. Maria Vecchio and Dr. George Castellitto.
Nursing Students Complete Inaugural Program

The first group of nursing students completed the clinical residency course at Felician, a new program developed in partnership with Saint Barnabas Medical Center. During their final semester at Felician, these students spent one 13-hour shift each week functioning as fully integrated members of a clinical unit’s health care team at the Medical Center, under the supervision of a clinical preceptor.

The College was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Edward W. and Stella C. Van Houten Memorial Fund toward the new nursing clinical residency program. Students who complete the program will not only be more competent entry-level nurses, they will be better prepared for the transition to and demands of the staff nurse role.

Scholarship Winner Announced

The Financial Aid Office is in the day-to-day business of helping Felician students fill out forms and applications to finance their college educations. In an effort to get additional funds for a deserving student, the staff nominated Catherine Deaett for a coveted scholarship from the New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA). Only six NJASFAA scholarships are awarded each year in New Jersey, and the Financial Aid Office is proud to announce that Deaett is one of the recipients.

She was nominated by Janet Mariano Merli, Director of Financial Aid and NJASFAA member, on the recommendation of Sarah Carrero, financial aid assistant office manager. Deaett graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, fulfilling the wishes of her parents who were both teachers. “My mother died several years ago, and I wanted to be as good an influence for my own daughter as my mother was for me,” says Deaett.

NJASFAA members may nominate up to three students from their institution who are in their final year of school with a GPA of 2.5 or better. Winners receive a non-renewable scholarship of $2,000.
Felician College April Career Fair

More than 60 local and national companies recruited candidates for positions in business, teaching, government, nursing and the sciences at the April Career Fair sponsored by the Felician College Career Services Center. The event, held in the Rutherford campus gymnasium, was open to the public as well as students. “This is a vital part of the community outreach program at the College,” said Cristina Damiao, Director of Career Services. “We are providing the opportunity for local jobseekers to find employment in today's highly competitive job market.”

New Wireless Access on Campus

Students, faculty and staff are now able to access the Internet in selected public areas on both campuses by connecting their laptops to the wireless campus network. Both cafeterias, library and the student lounge in Kirby Hall have a wireless signal, and service will be expanded to include the Falcon’s Nest.

Thanks to a new wireless Internet initiative, five powerful transmitters were installed to allow free Internet by anyone using a laptop with a wireless network adapter in these public areas. This is part of a long-range plan to provide Internet access in all public areas on campus.

“Today, more than ever, Internet access has become essential for instant, readily available information, sometimes even critical information,” says Charles Rooney, Executive Vice President at Felician College. “Our wireless connectivity will facilitate that process to a larger number of students and faculty.”

Felician College offers high-speed Internet connections through its three T-1 lines to provide service to all dorm rooms and approximately 400 connections for faculty, staff, and academic classrooms and labs.

New Board Members

Felician College is pleased to announce that Michael Keary has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. He is Pharmacist-in-Charge for Inserra Shoprite Supermarkets and past-president of the Bergen County Pharmaceutical Society. Keary earned a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from St. John’s University and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was ordained as a deacon by the Archdiocese of Newark in 2005.

DID YOU KNOW …

Five faculty members have recently earned their doctoral degree. Congratulations to:

George Abaunza: Florida State University, Doctor of Philosophy
Anne DeGroot: Rutgers Graduate School of Education, Doctor of Education in Literacy Education
Robert McParland: Drew University, Doctor of Philosophy
Christine Mihal: Seton Hall University, Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration
Father John O’Neill: Graduate Theological Foundation, Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies
Family and friends joined faculty and staff to honor the graduating class of 2006 at the 42nd Annual Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 21. In addition to conferring 350 diplomas, the College awarded honorary doctor of humane letters degrees to Governor Richard J. Codey and Mary Jo Codey, for being champions of change to benefit the people of New Jersey, and to Sister Mary Firmina Lajewski, CSSF, for a lifetime of service as a teacher and administrator.

Governor Codey delivered the commencement address and handed down some personal advice to the graduates about unexpected opportunities. “As you enter this new world, you control your own destiny,” said Codey. “Be ready when the chance of a lifetime comes your way. What you do with each opportunity is up to you.”

Associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees were awarded at the ceremony, with special recognition of the Citibank cohort members from the corporate program at Felician College. Gerard P. Dankel, Citibank Vice President for National Training, assisted with the presentation of Bachelor of Arts degrees in business to the Citibank graduates.

In a special presentation, the Alumni Recognition Award was posthumously presented to Karen Polonkay, former president of the Alumni Association. The award was accepted by her mother, Joan Polonkay.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Sister Theresa Mary Martin, Felician College president, challenged the graduates to embrace the motto of the College – In Veritate Felicitas. “In truth, happiness … at all times, in all things, in all places wherever your life, your career or your profession will take you.”
In accepting her honorary degree from Sister Theresa, Sister Firmina, a former math, science and music teacher, expressed her gratitude to all the Felician sisters, staff and students, and delighted the audience with a thank-you song, for which she received a standing ovation.

At a previous awards ceremony, several students were honored for their academic and personal achievements:

**Scholar Athletes of the Year:** Christann Nicole Mongak and Alexander T. Noguera

**Student of the Year:** Kristen Anne Carrotto

**Woman of the Year:** Terri A. Baglieri (non-traditional student)

**Man of the Year:** Donald Vincent Pieri (non-traditional student)

“We are all capable of achieving our goals and making a difference in society.”
Men’s Basketball

Senior class teammates led the squad this year, with the starting lineup often comprised entirely of seniors. Sadot Williams returned to create an exciting backcourt with fellow seniors Vincent Parnell and Charles Boyd. The frontcourt was manned by seniors Thomas Johnson, Raffinee Williams and Robert Layton. Michael Pierrot and James Jones were used in the starting lineup and off the bench to give the Golden Falcons key contributions.

The team had their share of highs and lows, culminating in a 13-14 regular season record. The last game of the season was an exciting 86-83 win in overtime against Goldey-Beacom College that catapulted the team into fifth place and earned a spot in the CACC Tournament. The season ended with a tournament loss to the Warriors of Nyack. Senior forward Thomas Johnson was named to the CACC All-Conference Third Team. Sadot Williams became Felician’s all-time leading scorer for men’s basketball, breaking Tyrone Morgan’s mark with 1,530 points.

Former assistant coach Del Harrison took over the head coaching reins this season when Darryl Jacobs left Felician to become an assistant coach at the University of Delaware. Harrison, a former 2,000-point scorer at Jersey City State College, was an assistant coach under Jacobs for the previous three seasons.

Women’s Basketball

The Golden Falcons started the season with flying colors, defeating conference rivals University of Sciences in Philadelphia and Dominican College. The remainder of the season was up and down, with wins and losses scattered along the way. The team defeated Goldey-Beacom College on the season’s last day to clinch a berth in the CACC Tournament.

The first opponent in the tournament was the University of Sciences in Philadelphia, and the Golden Falcons put forth a solid effort before succumbing by a score of 67-51. Sophomore forward Danielle Norman was named to the CACC All-Conference Third Team.

Jay Latko was named head coach of the women’s basketball program, replacing Ben DiNallo, who is Director of Athletics. Latko, former head coach at Centenary College, was DiNallo’s assistant for the past two seasons.
**Sports Update**

**Softball**

The 2006 campaign was one of the best in school history. The squad earned the second highest number of victories in a season, finishing with the best showing ever in the CACC Tournament and qualifying for the ECAC Tournament for the first time. This season was one of the most competitive in the CACC for softball and the Golden Falcons were in the mix from day one. Because of the toughness of their schedule, the Golden Falcons did not clinch a berth in the conference tournament until the season's final day. In one of the most exciting comebacks in school history, Felician overcame a three-run deficit in the seventh inning on a three-run home run from sophomore Jenna Krowl to defeat Bloomfield College by a score of 6-4.

CACC tournament highlights include a pitching gem from senior Jennifer Barnes, who threw a no-hitter to defeat Bloomfield College, and a 12-3 victory over Georgian Court. Felician saw its hopes of a conference championship slip away when they lost to Dominican College. In the ECAC Tournament, the team lost a close game to the University of Bridgeport by a score of 2-1, and their season ended with an overall record of 26-25.

Senior Jennifer Barnes was named to the CACC All-Conference Second Team, and Barnes, Holly Van Dyke and sophomore Heather Van Dyke were named to the CACC All-Tournament Team.

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**Baseball**

The 2006 baseball team had its best season in school history! The team won a school record 29 games, qualified for the CACC Tournament, and for the first time in school history, qualified for the ECAC Tournament.

The season began with strong showings against powerful opponents during spring training in North Carolina and Florida. As the season progressed, the team had its share of highs and lows finding its way to a winning overall record. The team earned a berth in the CACC Tournament as the number four seed. The star of the first game was junior first baseman Frank Quintana, who belted two two-run home runs in pacing Felician to an 11-8 win over Dominican College.

In the semi-final round versus rival Bloomfield College, Quintana and senior catcher Mike Rooth produced key hits that led to an exciting 7-6 come-from-behind victory. In the championship round, the Dominican Chargers defeated Felician twice to take the title. Mike Rooth, Frank Quintana, and senior infielder John Tingos were named to the All-Tournament Team.

In the post-season ECAC Tournament, Felician lost to NJIT in the first game and closed the season with an 11-10 loss to Molloy in the next game. Senior Mike Rooth was named to the CACC All-Conference First Team and sophomore Scott Van Es made the Second Team. Rooth became Felician's all-time leader for most hits and doubles in a career.

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2006 Golden Falcons
The golf team placed sixth out of eight teams in their opening event of the season, the Wilmington College Invitational. Sophomore Greg Patullo and junior Mike Furino led the Golden Falcons in that two-day event. The Golden Falcons had a good showing at the 2006 CACC Tournament played at Lyman Orchards Golf Course in Middleton, Connecticut. Junior Ryan Fogarty and sophomore Nick Lyons paced the team in the tournament.

With the inaugural season under their belts, the coaching staff and members of the team are looking forward to next season with great optimism. “Our best golf is ahead of us,” said Coach Ben DiNallo. “The returning players have improved tremendously and we are excited with the new members we have added to our team.” The sky is the limit for the Golden Falcons golfers next season.

Five Felician athletes received the prestigious 2006 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award presented by the publication “Diverse Issues in Higher Education.” More than 600 students were nominated for the annual award, and the Felician athletes are the only representatives from the NCAA Division II Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. Congratulations to: (Left to right) Rochelle Forbes: women's basketball, business administration major; Mariano Gonzalez: men's soccer, biology major; Alexander Noguera: men's baseball, graphic design major; Vincent Parnell: men's basketball, English major; and Christina Rey: women's softball, education and English majors.
Searching for Environmental Solutions

Professor Alberto LaCava, Ph.D. is chairman of the Department of Computer Information Systems and a research engineer. He recently received his 24th patent of invention in collaboration with scientists and engineers in the United States and Canada – “PSA with Adsorbent Sensitive to Contaminant.”

Q: What is adsorption technology and how is it applied?

A: Adsorption is a gas separation process commonly used to purify gases such as oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen for industrial uses. We use adsorbent materials with the property to pull one gas from another, through a molecular gate or sieve. I have been researching this process for more than 20 years to discover new applications that will benefit the environment.

Q: Why is this process technology so important to the environment?

A: Let me share an example of how this technology helped solve an environmental problem in London in the mid-1980’s. After each heavy rainstorm, the city sewer network would overflow into the Thames River. Extra bacteria in the river consumed all the oxygen necessary for the fish to breathe. As a researcher with the British Oxygen Company (BOC), I helped develop a method of oxygenating the water so the fish could survive. We created a floating adsorption separation plant on a boat on the Thames – separating oxygen from the air and pumping concentrated amounts deep in the river where the bacteria was the worst. The fish were able to survive.

Q: What environmental applications are you studying now?

A: I am working with Questair, a Canadian company, to develop a process that I hope will reduce global warming through the reduction of greenhouse gases. We are exploring the process technology to separate carbon dioxide from pollution sources before is vented to the air and concentrate it at about 90%. The concentrated gas would be put away in deep aquifers – naturally occurring deep holes in the earth – to help balance the ecology. To research this process, I run simulations on computers instead of costly and time-consuming experiments. I have four computers running simulation software that I helped to write. The programs run day and night, especially now in the summer when there are fewer classes to teach.

Q: Any new cutting-edge adsorption processes that you think might help preserve the environment for future generations?

A: There is continuing research in the environmental recycling of unfriendly gases. One new area of study is the purification of landfill gases created by bacteria eating the garbage. Scientists and engineers are studying ways to concentrate methane from landfill gas and use as a more efficient and less expensive source of fuel, and preventing it from becoming a pollutant in the atmosphere.

Q: What motivates you to keep researching for new ideas and applications?

A: Every project I work on is related to the environment— I think my research has a strong connection to the mission of the College and Franciscan love and respect for our “Sister Water”, “Brothers Wind and Air” and our “Sister Mother Earth.”
Dr. Anthony Demarest, assistant professor of English, was invited to read selections of his poetry collection, “Ancient Voices,” at the annual convention/conference of the College English Association in San Antonio, Texas this past spring.

Margaret Gardineer, assistant professor of English, gave a presentation entitled, “The Jelani Tree as Children’s Poetry: Introduction to Symbol and Metaphor” at Teaneck High School for the Jelani Institute. She has been invited to chair a session entitled “Transatlanticism in American Literature: Emerson, Hawthorne, and Poe” at a conference that will take place at Oxford University in July and is hosted by the Rothermere American Institute and St. Catherine’s College at Oxford.

Dr. Ann Guillory, professor of psychology and EOF Director, received the Courage Award from Care Plus NJ, Inc. in June. Recipients of this award are honored for their support and commitment to mental health-related issues. Care Plus NJ, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive, recovery-focused mental health and substance abuse services. Dr. Guillory has been on the Care Plus Board of Trustees for 10 years, and is the incoming president of the Care Plus Foundation Board.

Dr. Dolores Henchy, professor and chair of online graduate programs in religious education, presented an overview of e-learning to administrators, faculty and students at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, in January 2006. She also presented the Online Graduate Religious Education Program to representatives from the Office of the Episcopal Conference of Bishops in Poland.


Dr. Carl Lane, professor of history, presented a paper entitled “The Elimination of the National Debt in 1835 and the Meaning of Jacksonian Democracy” in April at the annual conference of the Economic and Business Historical Society in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Julie Norflus-Good, associate dean of teacher education, spoke at the Council for Exceptional Children, New Jersey Conference, in May and will speak at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference in October.

Dr. Yvonne Raley, assistant professor of philosophy, had an article, “Electric Thoughts?” published in the May 2006 issue of Scientific American Mind.

Dr. Gina Robertiello, associate professor and coordinator of criminal justice in the Department of History and Social Sciences, has an article in press with Oxford University Press entitled “Assessment of Common Mental Health Correlates” in the journal Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention. Earlier in the year, she presented two papers at the prestigious national convention of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and is continuing her research from one of the presentations. Dr. Robertiello also worked closely with the Lodi, New Jersey, Police Department on an evaluation tool used for the May-June 2006 Civilian Police Academy (CPA) sessions. In addition, a few of her criminal justice students are going to complete the CPA program this summer.

Dr. Muriel M. Shore, professor and dean of the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, was recently appointment by the Governor to the Health Care Access Study Commission.
THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who so generously contributed to the 2005-2006 Annual Fund Campaign. Total alumni dollar support increased by 18% and we are hoping that more and more alumni come on board as donors during the 2006-2007 Annual Fund Campaign that begins in July.

Our most significant increase was from the parents of current Felician students to the Parent Fund. For the very first time, our volunteer Phonathon callers reached out to parents and raised more than $2,000.

Matching gifts are also on the rise! Felician College received 83% more in matching gift support this year as a result of the many alumni and friends whose contributions were matched by their employers. Matching gifts can double or even triple the donations alumni and friends make to Felician College. Before sending in your 2006-2007 contribution, please check to see if your employer is one of the hundreds of companies who participate in the Matching Gift Program.

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Fund, please contact Kerrin Kissel, Director of Annual Giving, at (201) 559-3312 or kisselk@felician.edu. If you wish to submit your contribution now to the 2006-2007 Annual Fund Campaign, please use the envelope folded into this issue of Focus to forward your gift to Felician.

Garden Honors Felician Toddler

Sister Rose Mary Sauchelli, Director of the Felician College Child Care Center, recently announced the creation of Gia’s Garden in memory of Giavanna “Gia” Nesbitt. Gia was the 3-year old daughter of Michele and John Nesbitt of Hasbrouck Heights and a student at the Center. Home Depot donated the flowers, trees, shrubs and planting materials for the garden, located at the Center. Donations in Gia’s memory are being accepted for the Gia Nesbitt Memorial Fund by the Felician College Child Care Center. For more information, please call Sr. Rose Mary at (973) 778-0093.

Exterior Renovations of Historic Castle Complete

• All roofing tile, ridge tile and decorative end tile have been installed.
• Workers stripped paint from metal surfaces, such as bay windows and dormers. The areas were primed and painted.
• The tower windows have been repaired and painted.
• Workers painted and installed copper downspouts and gutters, and finished painting around the stucco panels.
• The exterior renovation was completed June 5, including removal of the scaffolding and site clean up.

Magic Moments Auction 2006

Auction bidders look over some of the items before the start of the live auction, which featured lively bidding on a trip to Ireland and a trip to anywhere in the world! The annual Magic Moments auction raised nearly $75,000 for student scholarships.
IN MEMORIAM

‘80 Linda Sylvester
‘94 Loretta Rosenthal
‘83 Rose Ralli
‘89 & ‘05 Karen Polonkay

Welcome New Alums!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2006 – you did it! The Felician College Alumni Association applauds you for achieving this important milestone, and invites you to take advantage of all the services and opportunities of the Alumni Association.

Membership in the Alumni Association is the best way to strengthen the lifelong connection between graduates, students and faculty at Felician College. Your participation helps the Alumni Association support and develop various activities such as student scholarships and recruitment, the graduation breakfast, distinguished alumni awards, and alumni get-togethers.

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Question? Call Lori Walker, Director of Alumni Relations, at (201) 559-3314.

‘92 Genevieve Kovacs Callahan recently graduated from Ramapo College with a Master of Science degree in Educational Technology. She is a teacher employed by the Little Ferry Board of Education. A resident of Lodi, she is the mother of two children.

‘02 Brianne Darragh Bauer of West Milford completed her master’s degree in teaching and learning in 2004 at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. She has been teaching first grade in Wayne for four years.

‘04 Rachel Ann Vernick, a seventh grade teacher in Paterson, is engaged to Jonathan Crawford. They are planning an October 2007 wedding.
Springfest 2000! The purple team looks like they have an edge on the red team, if they can stop laughing! Drop us a note if you remember funny activities from Springfest … pie eating contests, Survivor game, or other impossible relay races on the Quad.

Send responses to Focus on Felician, Felician College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 223 Montross Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070, or e-mail lynchb@felician.edu.

Susan Bonner ’72 let us know about some of her science adventures and identified the students in the 1971 photo from our last issue. “The photo really brought back many memories of biology classes with Sr. Sylvia! We sure had some great times – fruit fly adventures, and small explosions in chemistry. Ah, to get back to those times …” From left to right in the picture: Susan Myron (Bonner) ’72, Judy Lang ’71, Maria Trentacoste ’71, Gail Osborne ’72, and Carol Anderson ’71.
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