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A Golden Chance
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Felician is an independent co-educational Catholic/ Franciscan College founded and sponsored by the Felician Sisters to educate a diverse population of students within the framework of a liberal arts tradition. Its mission is to provide a full complement of learning experiences, reinforced with strong academic and student development programs designed to bring students to their highest potential and prepare them to meet the challenges of the new century with informed minds and understanding hearts. The enduring purpose of Felician College is to promote a love for learning, a desire for God, self-knowledge, service to others, and respect for all creation.

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Look for our Annual Report in the next issue of Focus Coming Fall 2005
College isn’t just for kids anymore, and the Class of 2005 reflected that spirit as traditional and adult students received their undergraduate and graduate degrees at Felician College’s 41st commencement exercises held Sunday, May 22, in the Breslin Auditorium. In her President’s Challenge, Sister Theresa Mary Martin advised the 350 graduates to search for the highest good. “The quest for the truth will lead you to fulfill your own personal destiny,” she said.

John P. Ferguson, President and CEO of Hackensack University Medical Center, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree for his distinguished career in health care administration. In his commencement address, Ferguson encouraged the graduating students to “surround yourself with a great attitude” to achieve success. He shared the three simple rules that he lives by – “Do what’s right, do the best you can at all times, and treat others as you want to be treated.”

Joseph M. Sanzari, CEO of Joseph M. Sanzari Inc. and member of Felician’s Council of Regents, also received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree for his unique entrepreneurial ability and extraordinary philanthropic spirit. “This is something I never dreamed of,” said Sanzari. “I’m very proud of it.”

Valedictorian Mary-Kathryn Hermann, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. She called upon her fellow graduates to “pay it forward, help others around you, and do something meaningful. We acquired these tools here at Felician.” As an adult returning to college, Herrmann found her initial nervousness was replaced with confidence and determination. She eventually became a full-time student. She added, “Felician is a special place … a great choice for adults returning to school.”

The ceremony marked the inaugural graduation of several cohorts from adult degree programs (see related stories at right).
EROC grads are in business

A unique partnership was forged in September 2001 when Felician College brought its on-site associate degree program to the East Rutherford Operations Center (EROC) of the Federal Reserve. One night a week, a group of EROC employees became Felician college students – without leaving the workplace!

There were enough interested employees to form two student cohorts, completing one course at a time. To earn an associate degree in liberal arts with a concentration in business, the cohort members took the required core classes in addition to business courses, such as business ethics, financial accounting, fundamentals of management, and principles of marketing.

The two EROC cohorts were part of the graduating class of 2005. Executive Vice President Carl W. Turnipseed, Financial Services Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Senior Vice President John F. Sobala, Financial Services Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, assisted with the presentation of diplomas to the EROC graduates at commencement.

Cyberspace grads in religious education

The first group of students to complete all course work totally online for a Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) degree at Felician College set foot on campus for the first time at their May graduation. For the past three and a half years, these students have relied on their fingertips and a computer to take courses, upload assignments, access the library, and interact in scholarly discussions.

Felician is one of the first colleges to offer a MARE program that is 100 percent online. Each 12-week course is delivered as an asynchronous interaction – students log on anytime and from anywhere to participate in a new class module each week. With the click of a button, they enter the virtual campus to review the lecture, visit the student lounge, chat with an instructor in a virtual office, and participate in scholarly discussions. There is even a prayer room for spiritual reflection. Felician leases the interactive platform from eCollege, the premier teaching and learning system for online course delivery.

“The lecture and assignments are posted, as well as links to expanded information and interactive tasks between the instructor and the students,” explains Dr. Dolores Henchy, Chairperson of the Graduate Program in Religious Education. “We do quite a bit of networking and communicating with each other creating a true community of learners.”

The online delivery of classes has advantages for both students and instructors. “I travel around the world, about 100,000 air miles annually,” says student James Russo of New Jersey.

Fast-track nursing grads

Officially known as Cohort #1 and Cohort #2, these students got on the fast track 19 months ago and attended class year round to graduate with the class of 2005. Who are they?

They are the first group of registered nurses (RNs) to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees in the Fast-Track RN to BSN program. Conveniently set up for working adults, students in this program do not have to fill out forms for each class or wait in line to buy books. They attend class one full day a week, with time off for a summer, winter, and spring break. Their tuition remains fixed the entire time they are in the program.

“It has been my pleasure to work with all the students in the Fast-Track RN to BSN program,” says the director of the program, Christine Mihal, MSN, APRN, BC. “They are an amazing group of professionals whose commitment to their education and each other continually impresses me. The majority of these students work full time and have families, many with very young children. In spite of this, they manage not only to succeed in a full-time academic program, but to excel!”

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NEW COMPUTER DEGREE TACKLES CYBER CHALLENGES

It is estimated that more than 500 new computer-related words and terms have been introduced since 1990. Recent additions to the dictionary include some disturbing new phrases that reflect the growing problem of criminal activity in our computer systems – identity theft, electronic fraud, and cyber crime. “The information age has brought us both promise and peril,” says Dr. Gerard O’Sullivan, Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences. “Increased connectivity and faster, more affordable computers have rendered the world a smaller, but also a more dangerous, place.”

Skilled computer graduates are now in demand to design computer information systems that will combat these types of cyber-security attacks and set up defenses needed by business and government organizations to protect information flow and business processes. The Division of Arts and Sciences has responded by developing the Computer Information Systems (CIS) degree program, with a curriculum aligned to the business needs of organizations. In addition, students can earn parallel certification in Information Assurance Security (IAS).

The new CIS program was recommended after several academic reviewers looked at the strengths of Felician’s older Computer Science program and the future job market for its graduates. “The job market for computer science graduates was divided between hardware designers, who are mostly electrical engineers, and software program designers,” says Alberto LaCava, Ph.D., professor and chair of the CIS Department. “As the U.S. market demands less programmers, it demands more skilled graduates to make their information systems more effective to meet their business mission.”

To design the new CIS tracks, O’Sullivan connected with the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS) at Purdue University. LaCava and Professor Carol Manigault, MBA, received training through a grant from the National Security Agency – a division of the Department of Homeland Security. Both are now certified as Computer Security and Information Assurance Specialists by the National Security Agency through CERIAS.

“IT has been said ‘information assurance and security is the ultimate intellectual challenge’ – a challenge to our technology, business processes, organizational structures, and periodic processes, such as audits and reviews of incidents,” explains LaCava. “This is why this area of endeavor is so exciting. It challenges our ability to redesign our organizations in order to survive the challenges of the future.”

More than two million people are currently employed in the field of information technology in the U.S., and the Department of Labor projects that computer-related fields will experience very high growth rates through 2010. Job tasks and occupational titles are still evolving for CIS graduates in the following types of positions:

- Systems analysts
- Software quality assurance analysts
- Database administrators
- Network systems and data communications analysts

Health care organizations must also face the issue of information assurance and security. Doctors, nurses, and other health care providers must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) – federal regulations to protect a patient’s medical records. LaCava took all the required courses to become a HIPAA Certified Instructor, and is currently preparing for the three exams he must take to be certified. He teaches a hands-on computer course for nurses in Felician’s Fast-Track RN to BSN program, to train nurses in the key elements of HIPAA standard transactions and HIPAA security.

Members of the CIS faculty include Ph.D. specialists in the fields of computer science, business, security assurance, engineering, and e-learning. Two professors in the program received their Information Assurance Education Graduate Certificate (IAEGC). Other CIS faculty credentials include publishing articles in professional journals and positions in the private sector.

The CIS-IAS program is offered as a traditional degree program and a fast-track degree completion program for adults. For more information, please call the Office of Admissions at (201) 559-6131, or the Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions at (201) 559-6077.
The demand for health care professionals is growing, and students interested in pursuing a career in health-related fields have a wide array of options at Felician College.

Thanks to five new degree programs, students interested in becoming a physician assistant, podiatrist, chiropractor, optometrist or occupational therapist can now complete their professional degree one year early — saving a full year of tuition costs.

All five programs involve articulation agreements with professional schools, whereby students attend Felician College for three years, and then transfer to the professional school for the remainder of the program. At the end of their senior year — the first year at the professional school — students receive a bachelor's degree in biology from Felician. They continue working on their graduate degree at the professional school.

In addition, Felician offers three articulation health care programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – School of Health Related Professions (UMDNJ-SHRP). These include a Bachelor of Science degree program in allied health technologies, a Bachelor of Science degree program in clinical laboratory sciences, and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program.

“These programs are very much in keeping with our mission as a Franciscan college,” adds O’Sullivan. “We emphasize the importance of the arts and sciences as a strong foundation for practice-oriented education, and we hope that the lives of our graduates will be shaped by an ongoing dedication to increasing wisdom and human service.”

For more information about these degree programs, please contact the admissions office at (201) 559-6131.

The Master of Science Nursing (MSN) program at Felician is now offered in a flexible, totally online format designed for working registered nurses (RNs) who need to balance career, family, and education. The curriculum prepares RNs with a baccalaureate degree in nursing for an advanced practice nurse role in primary care practice, emphasizing the health assessment of the family and adult within a primary care setting and the management of the client through the life cycle. In addition, nurses with a master's degree can earn a Post-Master's Certificate in family or adult care.

Nationally recognized for academic excellence in the field of graduate nursing education, Felician's MSN program was recently awarded national reaccreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program was approved for the maximum amount of 10 years without any recommendations — an unprecedented achievement! The MSN program's online delivery is also approved by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

“Felician College is very proud of its advanced practice nurse graduates who work in a variety of settings,” says Dr. Muriel Shore, Dean of the Nursing Division. “Some are working in physician offices and have hospital privileges while others are working in health clinics or in independent practice. They are playing a significant role in making sure people of all socio-economic levels have access to quality health care.”

Dr. Mary E. Norton, professor and associate dean, Department of Graduate Nursing adds, “Other graduates are fulfilling the mission of the Graduate Department of Nursing – promoting global understanding and international sharing of knowledge – by delivering health care to the underserved as part of a missionary team in Zambia and Doctors Without Borders in Moldova.”

Graduates are eligible to take the advance practice national certificate exam in family or adult health. Upon passing this exam and satisfying all licensing requirements, they are eligible to apply to the State Board of Nursing for licensure to practice as an Advance Practice Nurse in the state.

The next start date for the program is September 6, 2005. For more information about the MSN program, please contact Dr. Mary E. Norton at (201) 559-6093 or nortonm@felician.edu. Or visit www.felician.edu and click “online campus” for course offerings.
FELICIAN COLLEGE was proud to honor Stephen Lo Iacono Jr. at the 23rd Annual Founder’s Day Dinner Dance on April 21. Lo Iacono received the Franciscan Legacy Award, for his outstanding service to humanity and the Felician mission. President Sister Theresa Mary Martin and Donna Sanzari, the 2004 Legacy Award recipient, presented the award to him. More than 300 people attended the event, held at The Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey.

A native of Lodi, Lo Iacono is a member of the Board of Regents at Felician College and serves as a trustee of the Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi. Lo Iacono is active in many local service organizations, and recently served as Lodi’s Borough Manager for almost six years. Assemblyman Bob Gordon presented Lo Iacono with a resolution for his commitment to community service, and Rutherford Mayor Bernadette McPherson presented a congratulatory letter from the town of Rutherford.

The event raised $320,000 to benefit the college’s Student Scholarship Fund and the New Jersey Food Council Scholarship Fund at Felician College, providing an annual full-tuition, four-year academic scholarship to a food industry employee or member of an employee’s immediate family. For more information about the scholarship fund, please call (201) 559-3314.
Jacqueline Bakal, mathematics instructor, attended a workshop sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and National Science Foundation (NSF), held at the University of California Berkeley in June. The title of the workshop was “Revitalizing Your Developmental Math Curriculum.”

Ard Berge, assistant professor of art, traveled to Ethiopia in March to study the art and architecture of this historically important East African country. While in Ethiopia, he visited the 13th century rock-cut churches of Lalibela, the medieval churches and monasteries of the northern Tigray region, and the ancient capital of Axum, site of some of the ancient world’s tallest freestanding stone monoliths. In Addis Ababa, Berge met with many leading contemporary Ethiopian artists including Elias Sime, who was featured in the most recent Dakar Biennial. Attempting to reach some of the more remote churches, Berge took several impromptu lessons in rock-climbing and mule riding.

Dr. Anthony Demarest, assistant professor of English, had two additional poems published in the May issue (4.1) of Segue, the literary journal of Miami University of Ohio — “Penelope’s Needle” and “Argonautica.”

Margaret Gardineer, assistant professor of English, presented a paper entitled “The French Revolution and Dickens A Tale of Two Cities” to the Dickens Society on April 10, 2005, at Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York. Gardineer was a consultant for literary selections for Rosenwasser’s “Writing Analytically with Readings” for Thomson Wadsworth Publishers. In addition, Gardineer was a judge for the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English fiction-writing contest for grades 10-12 and prose-writing contest for grades 4-5.

Dr. Ed Kubersky, associate professor of biology and chair of the Department of Natural Sciences, presented a paper entitled “The Curious Natural, Medicinal, and Cultural History of Lake Balls (Cladophora aegagropila, Chlorophyta)” at the 50th Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Academy of Science, held at New Jersey Institute of Technology on April 2, 2005. In addition, Kubersky attended a National Science Foundation (NSF) Short Course for College Teachers, June 20-22, 2005, at Temple University in Philadelphia. The topic was Teaching Forensic Science. The Department of Natural Sciences hopes to develop a forensic science course for non-science majors that could be part of a planned forensic science minor or criminal justice major.

Robert Hillenbrand, instructor, Division of Teacher Education, presented a three-session workshop for the Newark Public Schools “New Jersey After 3 Initiative.” Session topics included pedagogical principles, lesson design, and technology in the classroom. Teachers and para-professionals teaching pre-kindergarten through eighth grade attended the workshops. In addition, Hillenbrand was invited to serve as a resource panelist for the Watchung School’s (Montclair) Technology Planning Task Force. This weekend-long meeting concerned establishing values for the school, curricular needs, and technology support. The Watchung School is a Blue Ribbon School and boasts award-winning environmental studies programs with a world-class greenhouse.

Alberto LaCava, professor of computer information systems, attended a training course to prepare for certification by HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). The privacy and security rules of HIPAA are changing the way the healthcare industry processes information. Following the training course and three demanding exams, LaCava expects to gain HIPAA Academy Instructor Certification, which will certify him to train students pursuing certification as HIPAA Certified Administrator, HIPAA Certified Professional, and Certified HIPAA Security Specialist. LaCava currently teaches HIPAA policies to students in the Fast Track BSN program – training equivalent to the curriculum of the HIPAA Certified Administrator.

Dr. Carl Lane, professor of history, presented a paper entitled “Andrew Jackson, the Bank War, and the Elimination of the National Debt” at the annual meeting of the Economic and Business Historical Society in High Point, North Carolina, on April 28, 2005. A 2004 Felician College Faculty Development Stipend supported Lane’s research.

Dr. Maria Vecchio, associate professor of history and director of the honors program, presented a four-part historical series to “Older is Better,” the senior citizens group that meets every week at Felician College with Sister Mary Hiltrude Koba. Vecchio’s mini-course on the Lewis and Clark Expedition included biographies of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, historical and geographical background, the expedition, and the aftermath.

Joe Wardy, associate professor of business and management sciences, writes a weekly column in the “At Work” section of the Daily Record, a Morris County newspaper with a circulation of 70,000. Recent topics included communications skills, networking tips, understanding control, managing time and stress, and productivity strategies. Last semester, Wardy donated his stipend for writing the column to the Felician College chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the honor society for business, management, and administration. In addition, Wardy recently conducted a workshop, “Developing a Success Plan,” in Randolph, New Jersey.
ENTERPRISING STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) were rewarded for their entrepreneurial achievements by earning a second-place finish at the April 2005 regional SIFE competition in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Competing against five other teams in their division, the Felician team presented the sum and substance of 12 SIFE projects they completed during the academic year.

The team developed their projects by identifying needs of students and the community, and then implementing principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, and personal success skills to serve those needs.

The Felician SIFE projects included:
- Organizing a career fair for more than 100 companies to recruit students from Felician College and William Paterson University
- Fund raising for students in need and the Jada Williams Fund
- Sponsoring an international business seminar at Felician College
- Operating the concession stand at Felician athletic events
- Teaching the principles of free enterprise to local Girl Scout troops

SIFE is a global organization that offers students the opportunity to develop skills through learning and practicing the principles of free enterprise. For more information about SIFE and their educational outreach programs, please contact Dennis Huzy, advisor to Students in Free Enterprise, at (201) 559-6127.

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS BUSINESS STUDENTS

The Felician College Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta recently inducted nine students from the Division of Business and Management Sciences. The honor society for business, management, and administration recognizes the top 20 percent of junior and senior business students for their academic accomplishments and their commitment to ethical excellence along with a potential for the pursuit of wisdom, acceptance of honor, and aspiration to worthy goals.

Students inducted at the annual dinner included James R. Ackaway, Izabela Bacza, Tara Teresa Boesch, Rochelle Forbes, Rosarito P. Jahn, Kerry Ellen Nagle, Kathleen A. Peacock, Lisa Selvaggio, and Nisha J. Sullivan. The Felician College Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta has inducted 53 students in the past four years.

In addition to the student inductees, Christine M. Ciurciu and Dr. David G. Rice received honorary memberships for their commitment to educational excellence and the promotion of personal professional improvement and service to humankind. Ciurciu, Human Resource Specialist for the Eastern Regional Operations Center (EROC) of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was a key player in bringing the on-site Felician College business program to EROC – employees are able to pursue their academic degrees without leaving the work place. Rice, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Felician College, joined Felician at the end of 2004.

Rice and Dr. William B. Morgan, Dean of the Business Division, offered congratulations to the newly inducted students, noting that the respective goals of Sigma Beta Delta and Felician College complement each other and challenge students to strive for wisdom, the acceptance of honor, and the pursuit of worthy goals.
FELICIAN ANNOUNCES VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION INTEGRATION

Sister Mary Antonelle Chunka, CSSF, is Vice President for Mission Integration at Felician College. She brings a wealth of knowledge to this new position, with broad experience in education, communication, and the ministry. Sister Antonelle served as Provincial Minister of the Felician Sisters, Lodi Province, and has held several positions at Felician College, including Dean for Student Affairs, Director of Public Relations, and Director of Institutional Advancement. She was an elementary and high school teacher before serving as principal at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City.

“Felician College has always drawn its vision and energy from its Franciscan/Felician heritage. It’s my privilege to work with the college community in bringing the spirit of St. Frances alive in all aspects of campus life,” says Sister Antonelle. “What can be more wonderful than promoting peace, joy, a zealous love for God and a generous service to those in need!”

In addition to her duties at the college, Sister Antonelle is director of The Promise Outreach, a Christian ministry to marginal youth, and serves as coordinator of Felician Volunteers in Mission (VIM), an international group of lay volunteers and Felician Sisters who share their talents in service to the poor. In 2003, she received the Ambassador of Peace Award from the Women’s Federation for World Peace.

Sister Antonelle completed a bachelor’s degree in education at Seton Hall University, a Master of Arts degree in communication arts at the University of Notre Dame, and a doctorate in education at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

DONNA A. SANZARI APPOINTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Felician College is pleased to announce that Donna A. Sanzari has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. She is vice president of Sanzari Companies and is responsible for all its philanthropic endeavors. Donna Sanzari brings valuable leadership and community experience to her position on the board. She has been involved with the planning and fund-raising efforts of several organizations, including the Colleen Giblin Foundation, Cooley’s Anemia Foundation, Hackensack University Medical Center, The Friends of the Hermitage, and the Lucia Filippini Teaching Sisters from Maywood, New Jersey.

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The success of the Fast-Track RN to BSN program is clearly evident – Cohort #10 started in June 2005! For more information about this program, please call the Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions at (201) 559-6077.

EROC Grads

“This program is very successful,” says Joe De Martini, administrative officer at EROC. “It has created a more positive feeling among the employees and this feeds back into their jobs. Our employees are becoming leaders.”

In October 2005, Felician returns to EROC to begin the on-site bachelor degree completion program. Interested employees will be able to complete their bachelor’s degree by attending class just one night a week.

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**Men’s Basketball**

The Golden Falcons men’s basketball team finished the 2004-05 campaign with an overall record of 15 wins and 15 losses. Coach Darryl Jacobs’s squad finished the regular season in fifth place in the CACC. Nyack College was the team’s first-round opponent in the conference tournament and Felician proved to be the mightier team, emerging victorious. In the CACC semifinals at Caldwell College, the Deacons of Bloomfield College had Felician’s number and eliminated the Golden Falcons from the tournament. The team’s season was not done however, as the Golden Falcons were awarded their second consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament berth. Felician was awarded the fourth seed and drew the University of Bridgeport in the semi-final round – a well-played contest that closed the season.

Junior guard Sadot Williams of Irvington, New Jersey, was named Third Team All-CACC. This marks the second consecutive year he was honored by the conference.

**Women’s Basketball**

The 2004-05 Lady Golden Falcons women’s basketball team concluded their season with an overall record of 11 wins and 17 losses. The squad made its third straight appearance in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Tournament, losing in the quarterfinal round to the University of Sciences in Philadelphia. The team finished the season on a high note, winning nine out of their last 14 games. Four starters and 12 players will be returning to the team – a strong nucleus to provide a winning formula for 2005-06.

**Baseball**

The Golden Falcons 2005 baseball team finished its season with an overall record of 16 wins and 29 losses. The squad played an extremely difficult schedule, playing four top-25 teams in the first four weeks of the season. The season featured victories over Pace University and Stonehill College – both regionally ranked at the time. Felician finished in fifth place in the CACC, missing the conference tournament by two games. Head Coach Chris Langan returns 16 players and the future looks very bright with the addition of 11 newcomers.

Sophomore Frank Quintana of Miami, Florida, was named First Team All-CACC. Quintana set a school record for home runs, with 11, and runs batted in.
SOFTBALL

The Lady Golden Falcons softball team closed the books on its season with a loss to Goldey-Beacom College in the semi-final round of the CACC Tournament. The team’s overall record was 22 wins and 17 losses – the second highest win total in school history. Head Coach Kathy Hill saw her charges win 14 conference games, which earned the team 3rd place in the CACC. The team defeated Wilmington College by a score of 5-4 in the first-round tournament game and advanced to face Georgian Court University. The two teams battled for most of the game, only to see Georgian Court come out on top by a score of 1-0. The team’s season ended with its loss in the next round to Goldey-Beacom.

Senior pitcher Jackie Scarpari of Monroe Township, New Jersey, was named Second Team All-CACC – the third time in her career she was honored by the conference. Scarpari was also named Felician College’s Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.
As long as he can remember, William Onieal wanted to become a doctor.

He decided to study for a nursing degree first, to explore the challenges and opportunities in that field before considering medical school. A second-year nursing student at Felician, Onieal is already making a difference in the lives of many people.

While in high school, Onieal took a four-month course to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and passed the rigorous national EMT exam the first time – only 40 percent achieve this distinction. For the past three years, he has volunteered as an EMT in Newark. His most memorable “save” was a three-day old baby boy who had stopped breathing.

His interest in saving children has extended beyond his duties as an EMT. In 2002, he helped fellow EMT volunteer Nuno Lopes organize Golden Chance, a charitable non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to help children meet their medical needs. “Our original idea was to bring kids over from Portugal and other countries where medical waiting lists are so long that kids don’t make it,” explains Onieal. “We want to help kids who need heart and kidney transplants, burn care, and mitral valve replacements.”

It took two months to fill out all the forms to be designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and Onieal is responsible for all the paperwork, record keeping, and reporting requirements for Golden Chance. There are currently nine members in the organization, working to find sponsors and raise funds to fulfill their mission.

TAP Air Portugal will donate airline tickets, and several doctors and cardiologists will donate their services to the program. “The goal is to pay all family expenses, so we are looking for food, car service, and hotel sponsors near New Jersey hospitals,” says Onieal. “We hope to have everything in place in two years.”

In the meantime, a two-year old boy in Newark is the first recipient of their care. Golden Chance organized a coin toss to raise funds for the child, who suffers from a digestive illness. Physicians in their program are donating their time, and the money raised will help with the hospital bills.

Hoping to double their funds by September, Golden Chance is sponsoring casino trips to Atlantic City and Connecticut, and planning additional coin tosses. “We have a deposit-only account at Independence Bank,” notes Onieal. “Anyone can make a donation to Golden Chance at any Independence Bank.”

The group also sponsors a holiday toy drive to deliver toys to hospitals and homeless shelters in Newark, Jersey City, and Elizabeth. “Thanks to Independence Bank and the local Portuguese and Brazilian clubs, we had so many toys last year. It took us a month and a half to sort and deliver all the toys that were donated,” says Onieal.

Onieal is always ready to go out of his way to help others – with a medical emergency or simply helping someone with their computer. He embodies the Franciscan spirit of service to others and concern for the rights and dignity of others. “What motivates me is seeing the happiness and joy on the faces of the people whose hearts we are so fortunate to be able to touch,” says Onieal.

During the summer Onieal is working per diem as an EMT with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. He will continue to work two 12-hour shifts a week when classes resume in the fall. Required to wear a bulletproof vest while working as an EMT, Onieal is an admitted thrill seeker who thrives when helping people in trauma. “My ultimate goal is to be a flight nurse,” he admits. For the time being, he’ll get his thrills riding Kingda Ka, the world’s tallest, fastest roller coaster at New Jersey’s Six Flags Great Adventure!

For more information about Golden Chance, please call 973-418-2229 or visit their Web site at www.goldenchance.org.
EXPLORING ANCIENT SYMBOLS AT THE MET

It’s Monday and the Metropolitan Museum of Art is closed to the public. Imagine that you are able to wander through the galleries by yourself to research and study Egyptian or Greek art. Felician art student Robin Grounds had the rare opportunity to do just that during her ten-week internship at the Met last summer. She was the first student from Felician College to be accepted into this prestigious and highly competitive program.

Internship opportunities are available for college juniors, seniors, and recent graduates interested in careers in art museums. To apply for the internship, Grounds submitted an essay about her passion for art history and the museum. “I wrote about the first time I visited the Met when I was 16 years old, and how I still get the same thrill when I climb the grand staircase,” explains Grounds.

Based on the strength of her essay, she was assigned to work with Tara Belluscio, associate museum educator. “Instead of filing or answering phones, Tara proposed that I select two or three galleries and help her develop new tours for the museum … based on the theme of symbols,” says Grounds.

With her strong interest in art history, Grounds decided to research and develop tours in the Egyptian Art Gallery, the Greek Gallery, and the Arms and Armour Collection. She researched selected pieces from each gallery in the Met’s vast library before writing a description of each piece of art, photographing the item, and compiling everything in book format. The Met now has a tour on symbols in each of these galleries.

“My favorite research was in the Arms and Armour Collection,” says Grounds. “I have always been intrigued by the stories of chivalry, King Arthur and his Knights. The symbols that embellish the armour tell a story — the loyalties and traits of the wearer were all depicted in symbols. Special attributes that the wearer wanted bestowed on him were also depicted, such as courage and strength.”

Robin Grounds graduated in May, and is applying to the Met’s Docent Program — a yearlong program to study with museum curators to learn how to give tours. She hopes to continue the work she started during her internship and share her knowledge with others. Grounds adds, “When you study the art of a people, you are also studying their culture and society. You gain insight on how they lived and what was important to them.”

Look for the tours of symbols on your next visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and remember the long hours spent by a dedicated art student eager to share the cryptic symbols from long ago.

FELICIAN TEAM ATTENDS MODEL U.N.

After months of research and debate, nine students in Felician’s Honor Program assumed the roles of U.N. delegates from Paraguay at the annual Harvard Model United Nations conference in Boston last February. It was an exciting opportunity for the students to debate global issues and develop their ability to work with others. Each delegate had to represent their countries’ national policy while negotiating global concerns on various committees.

The Model U.N. team from Felician included Ariel Coppee, Vanessa D’Amato, Nicholas Freeman, Brian Gartland, Shaun Kaiser, Kaitlin Lucyk, Christian Mathews, Harrison (Brad) Piazza, and Megan Williams. Each student was assigned to a U.N. committee last fall, such as the Disarmament and International Security committee or the World Health Organization, and then did research to submit a position paper on a topic within their committee.

“I was part of the World Health Organization and my topic was malaria,” explains Vanessa D’Amato, a junior history major. “I prepared by researching malaria in third world countries, examining other countries’ ideas of eradicating malaria, and lastly, researching how the ‘power houses’ eradicated malaria out of their own countries.”

The students gained insight into the workings of the United Nations and international diplomacy. “They learned how to do caucus debating, make resolutions with other countries, and how to get on a Speaker’s List,” says Dr. Maria Vecchio, Director of the Honors Program. Student delegates participated in committee sessions that were moderated and reviewed by faculty members.

Christian Mathews, a sophomore history major, attended the session on nuclear disarmament. “The world today faces so many major challenges that it is imperative to be well informed about international events and issues,” explains Mathews. “I hope to pursue a career in international diplomacy and have a positive impact on the world community.”

Mathews is the founder and president of the Model U.N. Club at Felician College — a club he hopes will be a fun way to educate students about the international community. Club activities for the upcoming school year include a return trip to the Harvard Model United Nations and possibly sponsoring a Felician Model United Nations for high school students.
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Historic Castle Renovation – Update

• Workers removed the original red clay tiles from the roof. The tiles were numbered, sorted, and cleaned. Replacement tiles were ordered for cracked and broken tiles.
• Damaged wood decking and trim on the dormer windows was replaced, and workers are reinstalling the clay roof tiles.
• All masonry is being inspected and cleaned. Selected stones will be replaced or patched. Workers raked out the joints of the brownstone chimneys and inspected for mortar loss.

Thank you for your continued support of the College and the Castle.

Your Contributions will help ensure that Felician College remains a center of academic excellence for years to come.
'72 & '05 Patricia Smith graduated from Felician's Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) program in May. She is excited to be in the first group of students to complete this totally online program. “It has been a fantastic experience,” says Smith, who earned her degree in elementary education from Felician College in 1972.

'73 Vivian (Kloss) Schrader of Eagle, Idaho, graduated from the University of Idaho in spring 2005 with a Ph.D. in Education. She received a Master of Science in Nursing from Idaho State University in 1996. An associate professor at Boise State University, Schrader teaches case management and leadership courses in the baccalaureate program.

'73 Aleta Taylor and her husband, Richard G. Taylor, were honored by the late Pope John Paul II with papal honors. They were granted membership into the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great. She will have the title of Dame of St. Gregory, and her husband will have the title of Knight of St. Gregory.

'82 Jeanne Taylor Curnyn was surprised to see her photo on the “Days Gone By” page in the last issue of Focus. She received her Post Graduate K-8 Teaching Certificate at William Paterson University in 2003, and has three children. She and her family reside in Ringwood.

'89 & '05 Karen Polonkay, President of the Felician College Alumni Association, recently received her Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, from Felician College. Polonkay is employed at Hackensack University Medical Center.

'99 Dawn Smith became the bride of Robert Denizac on November 7, 2004. She is an employee of South Bergen Federal Credit Union, and her husband is employed by Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. They reside in Garfield.

'02 Tammy Firenze Aquino married Joshua Aquino in 2003, and they recently welcomed son Logan Xavier Aquino, born April 20, 2005. She lives in Tampa, Florida, and is a teacher.

'02 Heather Simpson recently became engaged to Salvatore Cosentino during a romantic carriage ride around Rockefeller Center. She is a fifth grade teacher employed by the Garfield Board of Education. The prospective groom is a Paramus police officer and owner of Magic Moments Wedding and Party Specialists in Garfield. A New Year’s Eve 2005 wedding is planned.

'04 Lynette Carpenter will be working as the Retreats Assistant in the Campus Ministry Office at Georgetown University. She will organize retreats, assist in coordinating Campus Ministry events, and supervise work-study students. In addition to her new position, Lynette is working toward a real estate license.

'05 Allison Jenkins and her fiancé, Thomas Vandenbree, announced their engagement at a dinner following her graduation in May. She earned a B.A. degree in English and Elementary Education. Jenkins is currently seeking a position as an elementary school teacher, and her fiancé is employed by the Totowa Board of Education. A May 2007 wedding is planned.

IN MEMORIAM

'76 Sister Mary Vincent (Carol Ann Dzitko)
March 4, 2005

'92 Margaret M. Flynn
April 11, 2005

We look forward to hearing from our alums! Please send us your news by e-mail to carusol@felician.edu or complete the form below and mail to:
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Share your accomplishments in the next issue of Focus!
List your recent professional achievements and family milestones below:
Cyberspace Grads  
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Regardless of what continent I’m on, the ‘classroom’ is available. This would never have been possible with conventional classes.” And Dr. Henchy agrees – “I have logged on from Austria, Peru, and the Yangtze River in China, and never missed a day with the students.”

More than 60 students are currently enrolled in the MARE program from Japan, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Florida, Colorado and 14 other states. “The closest Catholic university is at least one hour away,” explains MARE student Constance Rako Egan of Pennsylvania. “It made more sense to spend that time learning rather than driving. Tele-commuting was the perfect alternative.” The virtual classroom allows student access anywhere there is an Internet connection.

A master’s degree in religious education prepares people to assume leadership roles in the ministry of religious education – in their dioceses, parishes or parochial schools. Students enrolled in the program include priests, deacons, parochial school teachers, youth ministers, directors of religious education, and volunteers in catechetical work. Deacon Earle S. Connelly Jr., a student from New Jersey, says, “In order to better serve those we are responsible for serving, we must continue to grow in our own faith and knowledge. Going for my graduate degree was the best and most logical way I could accomplish my own growth.”

Students pursuing the master’s degree must complete 11 required courses, such as Religious Education Through the Scriptures, Theological Issues for the Religious Educator, and Religious Education in Cross-Cultural Settings. A graduate certificate in religious education is available to students who complete six courses from the program.

The MARE program is accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and licensed by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. It is recognized by Sloan-C, a consortium of institutions and organizations committed to quality online education. The professors are full-time Felician faculty members who have doctoral degrees and have received the Mandatum, an official sanction to teach theological disciplines, from the Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark. Dr. Henchy is a certified, master online instructor, and all the instructors are trained in the philosophy and pedagogy of online teaching/learning.

“Finding time to sit in a classroom did not seem like a viable option for me. It is not an easy way out, but it is a great way to fit education into a busy schedule,” says MARE student Patricia Smith, a 1972 Felician College graduate in education. “Although classes do not meet face to face, it is possible to meet in the ‘lounge’ and get to know each other.”

For the MARE graduates, donning cap and gown was the tangible culmination of a spiritual and educational journey through cyberspace.

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Yes … Bob Hope was really here at Felician College. It was the big event of the year in December 1977. Were you there? Let us know if you have any memories of his visit, or any other celebrity visits to Felician.

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

It was great to hear from Jeanne Curnyn Taylor (far left in the photo from last issue). “I was brought back when I saw my own picture on the Days Gone By page,” she writes. “Funny what memories a picture brings. My kids and husband got a kick out of this picture … thanks for printing it!”
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