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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.
They are known as Millennials, Generation Next, Echo-Boomers, and Generation Y. Born between 1982-2002, Millennials will make up the majority of college students during the next decades.

If an earlier group was known as the “me” generation, Millennials can easily be seen as the “we” generation. This team-oriented and cooperative group of students is comfortable with authority and eager to conform. Optimistic, happy, and for the most part extremely sheltered, Millennials are not like any other group in the recent past.

How will these unique young people fare in today’s colleges and universities?

"Unlike Generation X and other earlier generations, Millennials like structure and thrive in a community setting," explains Alyssa McCloud, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "Many of these students will not be comfortable in a bigger, more bureaucratic school."

Smaller is Better

According to a Chartwell 2006 College Student Survey, 57 percent of college students consider the amount of time they spend with full-time faculty to be "very" or "extremely" important. This gives smaller, student-focused colleges the edge over larger institutions.

"We do not have large lecture halls. Our classes have on average, 15 students," adds McCloud. "We provide an intimate environment where students can enjoy a lot of interaction and a sense of belonging."

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Felician also provides students with a strong support network. According to McCloud, "It’s not uncommon for one of the Felician Sisters to approach a student in the cafeteria and ask how she or he is doing. That would not happen at a larger school."

Felician sophomore David Johnson echoes McCloud’s observations. "At Felician, the Sisters and the teachers are here to help you," he says. Recalling when he felt he needed assistance with his Biology class, "I saw Sr. Tarcy in the hallway and told her I thought I needed help with one of my classes." Vice President for Student Affairs Sr. Mary Tarcilia Juchniewicz (or Sr. Tarcy as she is known to the students) suggested that the student first speak with his professor. She told Johnson, "If you need tutoring come back to me and I will help you arrange it."

"Teachers here sit down and talk to you; they don’t rush through a lecture," adds Johnson. And it’s not just class size that matters to students. "Campuses like Rutgers or Penn State are too big - you are always going to be rushing," says Johnson. "I prefer a small campus."

Teacher Education and Math major Jenna Sofia likes the familiarity that Felician’s smaller campus size encourages. "Everyone knows everyone, especially the teachers. They know you and because the classes are small, they have the time to answer all your questions."

Caring for Others

One concern about Millennials is that they have been overly protected by their parents. "They are just waking to the fact that there is need in this world," says Father Tom Orians, Felician’s associate campus minister and a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement.

Jenna Sofia is a Teacher Education and Math major who plans to become an elementary school teacher.
But while this group has been protected, they still feel the need to make a difference in society. Surveys show that incoming freshmen will likely engage in volunteer work during their time in college. At Felician, students are given the opportunity to participate in community service activities.

One such community service opportunity is provided by Father Tom. Twice a month he and a group of students participate in the Midnight Run, a volunteer organization that distributes food, clothing, blankets, and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City.

"There are a lot of poor people out there that have needs," says Father Tom. "We give the students the chance to meet these people and to see them not as strangers, but as everyone else ... they find these people are just like them."

**Learning to Grow**

Motivated and respectful, the Millennials greatly rely on the guidance and advice that their parents provide. Once in college however, they may need assistance when having to make decisions on their own. "Often these students have been closely guided and may not have had the opportunity to make choices," says Mary Reilly, Director of Behavior Counseling at Felician College.

Learning to make choices, broadening their worldview and learning how to relate to others are key goals in the education of Felician students. All students are required to take a group of courses that explore a variety of subjects including culture and diversity, ethical reasoning and civic responsibility. This unique requirement is designed to help students develop into thoughtful, mature, independent men and women.

"Recently I heard an interview with employers who were complaining that this generation is spoiled and wants the right perks," recalls Ard Berg, of the Art and Music Department at Felician. "I don’t know who they were talking about, certainly not Felician students. Our students work hard to get an education and achieve their dreams. Their commitment is really remarkable."

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Expressions of jubilation were on the faces of the Felician College graduates as they entered Felician's Breslin Theatre for the 44th annual commencement exercises held last spring. The graduates listened to Richard Fritzky, who reminded them that ends and beginnings and change are always complicated things. “Having achieved greatly, you look to advance the line further, but fear creeps in, it always does. What about that job, the plan, the dream, the next steps, the next challenge. The music inside you grows louder. It always does,” advised Fritzky. “For now, put all of it aside, take a deep breath, and simply breathe the free air. Imagine the sun shining upon you and a warm wind at your back. Feel the strength that is you and listen to your hearts. There you will find that spark of the divine. And there God dwells.”

Fritzky, former president of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce, addressed the graduates and their guests from a wheelchair, having lost both his legs and nine and one-half fingers to Neisseria Meningitis, a rare bacterial infection he contracted in 2005.

Sister Theresa Mary Martin presented diplomas to 372 graduates. In her remarks, she noted that this day “marks the culmination of the academic rigor, personalization, and moral fiber which shaped your
experience at Felician and stages the commencement of a new and challenging agenda.”

Many of the students were graduating from adult programs in business, nursing and teaching and earned their degrees while working full time and taking care of family. The Class of 2008 included the first graduates from the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at Felician, among them Leo McGuire, the sheriff of Bergen County. Nurses from the first on-site RN – BSN program at East Orange General Hospital (EOGH) received their diplomas with the assistance of EOGH president Kevin Slavin.

In addition, associate degrees were granted to the first group of teaching assistants who completed the on-site teacher education program, Stepping Up, held at a daycare in Paterson, New Jersey.

Christian Mathews, 2008 valedictorian, was elected Student of the Year by the faculty and the Committee for Student Affairs. Both Mathews and Allyson Marie Castelli, salutatorian, were among the Felician students named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Sister Theresa presented honorary doctoral degrees to Fritzky and Dennis Daniels, who is a vice president at Wakefern Food Corporation and a member of the Felician College Board of Trustees and Council of Regents. He has chaired the annual Founders Day Gala for the past 16 years, raising more that $3 million targeted for student scholarships. “Dennis Daniels is a true friend of Felician College. His legacy is far reaching and his compassion, integrity and character speak volumes about what really matters in life,” said Sister Theresa.
At Friendship Corner Day Care Center in Paterson, New Jersey, 200 preschoolers weren’t the only ones doing art projects and learning how to get along with each other! Two nights a week, a group of 18 teacher assistants attended on-site classes to earn an associate degree from Felician College. This innovative “Stepping Up” program is a collaborative project that started with a suggestion by Ray Bramucci, a member of the Felician College Council of Regents.

Bramucci, a former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, has worked with the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission and has seen how the lives of people with non-traditional work backgrounds have changed for the better through education and apprentice opportunities. He suggested that Felician’s Division of Education collaborate with “Starting Points for Children,” an organization that offers 15 credits in Early Childhood Education through a two-year, on-site apprentice program to teacher assistants at urban day care centers. The program is coordinated by Dana Berry, who worked closely with Dr. Donna Barron-Baker, Dean of the Division of Teacher Education at Felician College, to develop a “2+2+2” program: two years in an apprentice program, two years in an associate degree program, and an additional two years to complete a bachelor’s degree.
The idea of bringing the Felician College associate degree to an urban education center fit right into the mission of Felician College and the Division of Teacher Education. “This program lives within our mission, creating caring, competent, compassionate teachers focusing on service,” explains Barron-Baker. “Our goal is to offer these individuals the opportunity to achieve their dream of becoming a teacher. When these students graduate, they will remain in their communities, helping to give back.”

Students entering the program can partially fund their education for the first two years with scholarship money from the state of New Jersey. The following two years, they can apply for tuition support from Paterson’s Abbott District funding. In addition, students may rely on grants available from the New Jersey Department of Labor and student loans. After four years in the program, participants are eligible to substitute teach, and when they graduate with a bachelor’s degree, their annual income levels have the potential to increase from about $14,000 to $55,000 – $60,000.

The first “Stepping Up” group of students at Friendship Corner was a mix of Caribbean African Americans, Hispanics and Serbian Muslims who graduated from the program in August 2008 with associate degrees from Felician College. A few months before graduation, they received a special visit from U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, who is a strong supporter of student loan programs and Workforce Development opportunities to help train teachers to work in urban areas. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Carine Moses, who is from Trinidad-Tobago and has taught at the Center for seven years. “I love being a teacher ... watching my students develop and become successful.”

A native of Paterson, Latoya Fulmore is a single mom with four children. “I have to work hard to find ‘me time,’” she admits. “I study when the kids are napping.” Latoya has been working at Friendship Corner for eight years and hopes her accomplishments will positively influence her son in high school. In the future, she hopes to own a day care center or become a principal at an elementary school.

Mufide Dzuli wrote and illustrated the book “Peace in the Neighborhood” for a class assignment. Originally from Macedonia, Dzuli was motivated to improve her life. “My mother never went to school and could hardly sign her name,” she explained. “She is so proud of me now!” added Dzuli. She has two adult children and two grandchildren and hopes to continue teaching at an elementary school one day.
Paris: The Trip of a Lifetime

“Paris, city of lights is a dream. Full of history, what strikes me first is its Roman and Medieval roots…” wrote Sr. Ann Therese Kelly, CSSF, MFA in her journal as she prepared to begin a 10-day trip with a group of students and Felician friends. The group traveled through Paris and Normandy learning about art, history and enjoying the delights of France and its people.

The classes offered during the trip included Drawing and Painting of France led by Professor Daniela Schlueter; Sr. Kelly’s the Art History of France; and French Language and Culture with Dr. Barbara Gordon.

The ancient monastery Mont Saint-Michel and historic Normandy Beach were just two of the many sights enjoyed by the Felician group.

Sr. Ann Therese kept a detailed journal of the group’s trip to Paris. The journal includes descriptions of locales, observations, drawings and other mementos.
Standing in front of the breathtaking Basilique du Sacré-Cœur (the Basilica of the Sacred Heart), a Roman Catholic basilica and popular Paris landmark are (from back to front) Elaine Kopp, Toni Fowler, Sr. Ann Therese Kelly, Michael Piotrowski, Renee Vecchio, Tatiana Mamo, William Phillips, Stephanie Morales, Shaun Ruocco, Rebecca Abrahamson, Brian Ruocco, Prof. Daniela Schlueter, Ryuichi Maruyama, Prof. Maureen Ruocco, Jennifer Perito, Jamilla Laibley and Patricia Fitzsimmons.

Sr. Ann Therese is leading another exciting trip next May to London, the cradle of the English Renaissance, the Industrial Revolution, and Gothic Revival.

Don’t miss out on the London experience!

Earn three credits at the price of only one! Classes on the drawings, painting, photography and art history of England are being developed for the trip. In addition, classes on health sciences, literature and history are also being considered.

If you are interested please contact Maureen Brady, Director of Study Abroad at bradym@felician.edu

More details to follow.
Campus Chronicles

Sutcliffe Grant Provides Nursing Scholarships

The Walter and Louise Sutcliffe Foundation awarded Felician College a $25,000 grant to assist nursing students during the 2008-09 academic year.

Twenty-six students were awarded scholarships ranging from $750 – $1,000 to help defray laboratory fees. The awards were based on merit as well as need and students had to have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average to qualify for the award.

The Sutcliffe Foundation provides grants to institutions for nursing education and cancer research, and supports program development, student nursing scholarships and excellence in research, primarily at institutions within New Jersey. The Sutcliffe grants are managed by Wachovia Bank.

Felician Celebrates the Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Damian Colicchio conducted the annual Blessing of the Animals at Felician College. Every fall Felician’s students, faculty and staff are invited to bring in their beloved pets to receive the blessing. This tradition, a remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures, brought out an array of pets this year, including dogs, cats, a bird and turtle.

Veritas Goes into the Wild!

In August and October members of Veritas, Felician College’s Philosophy Club, trekked to High Point’s Lake Marcia for a weekend in the wilderness. Veritas has gone on three camping trips since last year.

“The trips offer me a wonderful opportunity to engage students in a wilderness environment, which is continuously challenging them to be self-sufficient,” explained Dr. George Abaunza, Chair of the Philosophy Department. “It’s also a wonderful opportunity to see how the students interact in a setting quite different from the classroom or campus.”

(L-R) Veritas members Nestor Mendoza, Kate Gubbins (Kean College), Ryan Nardi, Danielle Belbruno, Robert Platt, Amanda Note, and Dr. George Abaunza at their outing in August.

(L-R) Mina Korekami, Hoshie Hayashi, Julie Mathews, Melysa Stella, Ryan Nardi, Katiria Corraliza, Robert Platt, and Theresa Molinaro. Not pictured but also on the October trip were Felician Profs. George Abaunza and Irfan Khawaja and his wife Prof. Carrie Ann Biondi (Marymount Manhattan College).
Felician College is growing in size and stature on every level. Increased enrollment, new academic programs, and additional faculty and staff made it necessary to restructure our institutional leadership.

Congratulations to the following individuals who are undertaking new challenges and responsibilities:

Sr. Mary Rosita Brennan, CSSF, Ph.D. has been appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The move broadens Sister’s oversight and jurisdiction of “all things academic” at Felician College. Sr. Mary Rosita will take a major leadership position that will enable her to continue to enrich the academic credibility and viability of our institution.

Dr. William Morgan has been appointed Vice President for Off-Campus Services and will oversee all aspects of our off-site initiatives. Dr. Morgan's strong institutional planning skills and creativity will continue to be instrumental in opening doors of opportunity for Felician College.

Dr. Edward Kubersky has been appointed Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Kubersky's fifteen year commitment to the mission of Felician College coupled with his outstanding performance in the classroom and as Chair of the Department of Natural Sciences, his advocacy of teaching and learning made him the perfect candidate to lead the Division.

Dr. Mary Norton has been appointed Associate Dean for Global Initiatives. In this new capacity, she will continue to foster Felician's relationship with the United Nations. Dr. Norton was instrumental in having Felician awarded Non-Governmental Organization status – an honor shared by only 18 colleges and universities world-wide.

Mr. Robert W. Decker was appointed Associate Vice President for Business and Finance. Mr. Decker comes to Felician College with outstanding credentials and 35 years of financial and managerial experience with a concentration in finance and investment management. In addition to over 10 years in trust auditing, Mr. Decker’s nine years of experience as Chief Operating Officer of asset management firms provides an invaluable perspective of the needs of a global, multi-location organization.
Norton Awarded President’s Medallion

She has been honored by countless organizations for her professional and humanitarian work and in August 2008, Dr. Mary Norton received one of Felician College’s most prestigious awards, the President’s Medallion.

This annual award acknowledges those who have gone above and beyond to serve the Felician community. Dr. Norton’s nomination recounted her earning five Fulbright scholarships as well as her passionate commitment to the United Nations, the people of the Third World, nursing education and the mission of Felician College.

“Dr. Norton has touched the lives of hundreds of Felician College nursing majors,” noted Felician President Sr. Theresa Mary Martin. “The adulation and respect that past and present students have for our honoree are truly profound.”

Dr. Norton, who was recently appointed Associate Dean for Global Initiatives, developed a credit-bearing United Nations Internship Program that provides Felician students with opportunities to increase their understanding of global issues. Felician is one of only 18 colleges world-wide designated by the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

Dr. Norton received her Master of Arts, Master of Education and Doctor of Education degrees from Columbia University, New York; she also completed a post-doctoral course in biomedical ethics and the Medical Humanities at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. Dr. Norton has been presented the “Care Award,” one of the New Jersey State Nurses Association’s highest honors for excellence in education and for her contributions to nursing education in New Jersey.

The Rich Legacy of Felician College

History calls us. It always does! Not to a journey through dust or rust or mildew, but rather to a search for the living tissue, the soul, the essence, the spirit of Felician College.

For only in celebrating the spirit of its past, can Felician assure itself of ascending in the future. This is a universal truth.

So we do well to remember that in 1874, five pioneering Felician Sisters migrated to America and opened a two room schoolhouse in Polonia, Wisconsin… to remember that their journey began with Blessed Mary Angela’s founding of the order itself in Cracow, Poland in 1855 and with her commitment to the destitute and the poor… and to remember that it was the richness of Saint Felix of Cantalice’s kindness and the great love of Saint Francis of Assisi that is the legacy that defines Felician College today.

Francis' contention that Jesus' greatest gift wasn't in the dying but in his very willingness to become so fully human and his call to give rise to the full flowering of an abundant, loving, and faithful humanity remains always at the heart of Felician’s mission.

Sister Theresa Mary Martin, our president, constantly refers to a “God who cannot not love us”, a God who longs for our full flowering, a God who longs for our affirmation of all that we can be. Across today's campus, students are invited to “come into the circle” or to be a “spark of the divine”. In culture and in action, Felician reminds its own that they are part of a glorious whole and that they have a sacred place in the community of the faithful, a place of their own that was designed at the dawn of all creation by “He who cannot not love us.” And Francis who gave all to suffering and to his Christ is our patron.

In many ways, what is done here today is as it was when the Felician Sisters first responded to the needs of emerging Polish immigrants in the industrial centers of New Jersey at the turn of the last century. Interestingly, the first Polish parish staffed by Felician Sisters in New Jersey was Saint Anthony’s in Jersey City in 1897. And while the fame of Coach Bobby Hurley and his legendary national championship basketball teams is its own story, it is the Saint Anthony’s High School to Felician College faculty connection that is heralded here. We are tied, in every way, to our beginnings.

It is often written that the past is prologue and so it is. As such, what makes Felician College so extraordinary is that it flies on the wings of indefatigable spirit and rich faith and unbridled love. Behind all of today's energy and advancement, there is so profound and inspiring a legacy –Felician College's legacy, one that enriches and challenges the spirits of all who share in its living present.
The Castle: Renovations Nearing Completion

Iviswold Castle is the centerpiece of Felician College’s Rutherford Campus. Architect William Henry Miller designed the Castle—a dramatic expansion of an earlier structure—for the Ivison family in the 1880s. Built of Belleville brownstone and topped by an English clay tile roof, the Castle’s features include mansard roofs; tented and conically-roofed towers; tall central chimneys; gabled dormers; a porte-cochere; interior woodwork of oak, walnut and mahogany; and oak floors. The Castle’s noteworthy, eclectic collection of windows includes more than 250 decorative art glass styles, including Arts & Crafts, American Opalescent, and simple geometric types. Several stained-glass windows gracing the second floor are believed to be the work of Tiffany Studios or John LaFarge. A pebble-dashed stucco and stone addition was added in the early 20th century to house an indoor swimming pool.

In 2001, the College retained Historic Building Architects, LLC to prepare a preservation plan and sought nomination to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. The Castle was unanimously approved for inclusion on both Registers in 2004. That year, removal of contemporary interior construction revealed the original architectural character of the building. Much of the original historic material, including decorative cornice work, painted frescoes, stained glass and carved woodwork remain in good condition. Exterior work began later that year. By the end of 2006, the intricate and complex English clay tile roof, as well as all metal roofs, flashing, and downspouts were refurbished or replicated; new LCC flashing, new downspouts and above-grade drainage were installed; the brownstone was restored and masonry work addressed; and deteriorated structural framing was stabilized. Interior design drawings are now being finalized with the goal beginning interior work in 2009.

As the new Rutherford Campus Center, the renovated Castle will be largely devoted to students’ needs to meet formally and informally for activities, clubs, study and socializing. The building will also serve as the site for lectures, performances and other programs that will be open to the general community. This elegant and historic structure will become the hub of student activity and the College’s most public building.

Felician College has approached this project with great respect for the building’s significance, using the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties as guidelines, as well as great enthusiasm for bringing it back into useful operation. The project continues under the careful guidance of Historic Building Architects, LLC’s co-founder and principal, Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner. The College’s efforts to rehabilitate Iviswold are earning statewide recognition. The exterior work earned the 2007 New Jersey Preservation Award. The New Jersey Historic Trust and the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund have provided generous grants totaling more than $2.1 million toward the project, and the Bergen County Community Development Block Grant program has provided an additional $100,000 toward accessibility features, including an elevator.

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**Sports Update**

**Baseball**

Guided by head coach Chris Langan, the baseball team reached the CACC Tournament for the third consecutive season. The Golden Falcons won three out of four conference games in the season’s final week to qualify, including a 13-4 road victory over Wilmington (Del.) University in the last league game of the year.

While Felician’s dream of its first NCAA Regional appearance was derailed with a fourth-place finish in the conference tournament, its 26-24 overall record marked just the program’s third winning season in its nine-year history. In addition, Langan celebrated his 100th career victory on April 20 in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Chestnut Hill College.

Two players, junior Dave Schoer and senior Chris Flynn, reached 100 career base hits, joining teammate Vinnie DiBenedetti, who entered 2008 with exactly 100. Felician now has 13 players in its 100-hit club. Senior Scott VanEs became the first pitcher in school history with 200 career strikeouts, and classmate Nick Riker broke VanEs’s single-season strikeout record with 67. Freshman pitcher Joe Brescia set another single-season school mark with seven saves, as did DiBenedetti with 10 triples.

Brescia became the third Felician player, and first pitcher, to be named to an NCAA all region team when he was chosen to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America All-Northeast Second Team. Brescia and sophomore catcher Marcos Torres were first-team All-CACC selections, junior centerfielder DiBenedetti and freshman shortstop Hector Bello made the second team, and Riker was an honorable mention selection.

Bello became the third Felician freshman in 2007-08 to be selected CACC Rookie of the Year in his sport, joining Jay Rodgers in men’s cross-country and Devon Young in men’s basketball.

**Softball**

The softball team was put in the unenviable position of having to win three make-up games in two days in order to qualify for the CACC playoffs. On the last regularly-scheduled day of the season, the Golden Falcons had a 9-12 conference record, while the sixth-place team was 12-12 and would lose the final playoff berth to Felician on a tiebreaker.

Felician lost the first of the three games to nationally-ranked Georgian Court University, 8-2, before finishing out the season with two victories over Goldey-Beacom College for an overall record of 16-23.

A pair of freshmen led the Golden Falcons in hitting. Lauren DeGrushe, who split time at shortstop and third base, batted .320 with six homeruns, 23 runs scored and 20 runs batted in, all team highs, in 36 games. Classmate Samanta Ortiz played in 33 games, mostly at first base, and hit .316 with four homers, 13 runs, and 15 RBI. Felician was hampered by an injury to Nicole Degenhardt, who batted .378 and scored 14 runs in 13 games before missing the rest of the season.

Senior catcher Heather Van Dyke will graduate as one of the school’s most prolific offensive players. In 2008, she hit .301 with 17 runs, 16 RBI and six stolen bases, starting all 39 games. She posted career totals of 167 hits, 81 runs, 51 RBI, and 25 steals. Junior Jenna Krowl recorded her 100th career hit.

In the pitching circle, junior Nicole Broecker finished among league leaders with a 2.00 earned run average and a .246 opponent batting average. Senior Dara DeSocio will graduate with a career won-lost record of 30-27.

Four-year starter Heather Van Dyke

Photo credit: Steven R. Smith - Photography of Passaic
In its third varsity season, the golf team won two dual matches for the first time. Freshman Joe Leardo made an immediate impact by edging sophomore Joe Peters for the team scoring lead, giving the team three reliable players with high school experience as it looks to grow into a solid CACC contender.

Leardo turned in a scoring average of 82.3, including a school single-round record of 72 during a dual-match road loss to the University of New Haven. Peters averaged 82.8 on the year, slicing more than three strokes per round off of his freshman campaign, and broke 80 in five of his 12 rounds.

Sophomore Rob Young was the regular No. 3 scorer. His 89.3 average was more than four strokes better than last year. Rounding out the top four was senior Greg Patullo, one of two players left from the inaugural 2005-06 season. Also a starter on the Felician soccer team, he played in six of nine tournaments (including two 36-hole events) and averaged 115.3 for eight 18-hole rounds.

The men’s basketball team remained in the CACC playoff race until the season’s final week before settling for a sixth-place finish in the conference’s new North Division.

Felician (10-17 overall, 4-12 CACC) won seven conference Rookie of the Week awards during the season, including five by freshman forward Devon Young. Young led the Golden Falcons with 16.8 points per game, and was voted the CACC Rookie of the Year at season’s end. He was also named to the All-Met Writers Second Team. Young joined forward Kashiff Foster as freshmen in the regular starting line-up.

The team loses three seniors to graduation, four-year letterwinner Jason James, and the starting guard tandem of Jason Romer and Derrell Thomas. Romer was elected to the all-CACC third-team after leading the league in three-point field-goal percentage this season (.435, 74-170) and averaging 15.2 points and 5.7 rebounds. Thomas was the CACC’s top assist man (5.26 per game).

Mid-year enrollee Sherrod Barrow gave Felician a lift in the second semester at center. Barrow, who has one more year of eligibility, played in 17 games, and averaged 8.8 points and 5.4 rebounds in 21.4 minutes despite not attending school in the first semester. The Golden Falcons expect to return five players who played at least 10 minutes per game to the 2008-09 squad.

The women’s basketball team shared the 2008 CACC Team Sportsmanship Award, as voted on by the conference’s head coaches. It is the first time in team history the Golden Falcons have won that award.

Sophomore forward Janelle Biamonte, a transfer from Montclair State University, was the only team member to start all 27 games and led Felician in scoring with 13.4 points per game. Senior forward Dee Dee Smith averaged 12.1 points and 6.4 rebounds. Biamonte and Smith combined to produce 48 percent of the team’s points and 32 percent of its rebounds.

The season’s most exciting moment came in January in Job Gym, when reserve center Kimberly Dunay converted a lay-up in the closing seconds to give the Golden Falcons a 51-49 victory over Nyack College. Felician had also defeated Mercy College and Concordia (N.Y.) College earlier in the season and finished with an overall won-lost record of 3-24.
**Sports Update**

**AT HOME ON THE HILL**

It was the friendly, small-school atmosphere that attracted Nicole Broecker to Felician, and she has felt at home ever since.

Broecker, a senior, will be the only returning pitcher to the Golden Falcons softball team next spring. And while she would love to conclude her career with a conference championship, the business administration major has found most everything else she was looking for in her college experience.

"I wanted someplace small and close to home," said Broecker, a native of Staten Island. "I wanted my family to be able to see me play and to be able to get home if I wanted to. And I liked Division II because I could focus on school – and softball wouldn’t be my whole life."

The fact that Felician’s softball coach, Kathy Hill, knew one of Broecker’s coaches made Broecker feel better about her decision. After three years on campus, she has no regrets about small-college life.

"When you walk out of your room, you always see people you know – and I mean that in a good way," she explains. "In class, I feel like I learn more because I’m able to interact directly with the teachers and I feel closer to them. Teachers have been understanding despite all the conflicting schedules of the students in class."

Broecker’s main support system on campus has been the softball team. More than just teammates, fellow Golden Falcon players became her most trusted friends. "The team gave me an instant network," she said. “We start fall practice a few days after classes start, and they were the ones I asked about classes, finding things, and such. You’re with your teammates all the time, and they’re the ones that end up being there for you.”

After a 2008 season which saw Felician miss the CACC Tournament for the first time in Broecker’s career, she has a pragmatic goal for her senior campaign. "I want to avoid all injuries," said the right-hander who owns 18 career victories. "Last year I got hurt for a month right before the season, and then during the year I got hit by two line drives. We have some good freshmen and transfers coming in, but we lost three people, including our catcher. So there are still some questions, but I’m hoping we can all do better and get back to the playoffs."

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**Felician Names Senior Student-Athletes Of The Year**

Felician seniors Paul Chegwidden of Hamburg and Heather Van Dyke of West Milford were named the College’s Male and Female Senior Student-Athlete of the Year at the athletic department’s annual banquet at The Fiesta in Wood-Ridge.

Chegwidden was the 2007 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Men’s Cross-Country Runner of the Year, winning the conference championship race by 55 seconds in leading the Golden Falcons to their fourth consecutive team title. He set a school and meet 8,000-meter record of 26:35 at that race. A three-time all-CACC selection, Chegwidden has a 3.50 grade-point average with a double major in special education and history.

Van Dyke was a four-year starter in softball at catcher. She hit .306 for her career with 167 collegiate hits. She is a two-time CACC All-Tournament selection and has received three Academic All-CACC awards. Van Dyke owns a 3.96 GPA in mathematics education.

Also honored were Felician’s 26 senior student-athletes, and members of the conference championship men’s cross-country team.
Watching the Olympic Games, especially admiring the swimming competitions, I am reminded of my first swimming competition at the age of nine. I swam the 100-meter backstroke and won the race, except for my being disqualified because I had made an illegal turn. You see, you're not supposed to come out of the turn on your stomach; you must come out of it on your back. I thought: “Gee, it would have been nice if after all those hours of hard practice I put in, someone had given me this crucial bit of information – something that made all the difference.” Well, here's another confession. My first semester at Felician I attended meetings where “Franciscanism” was being touted and bandied about, and found myself once again with the feeling that I was expected to know something that I simply hadn't quite grasped – something that could make all the difference.

I begin with these confessions only to reassure you that being fully versed in Franciscanism, or Bonaventure, or Duns Scotus is not a requirement for employment. If anything, as is true of life, being a part of the Felician community is a matter of process. At the same time, the process is not random; there is a rhyme and a reason. One of the first expressions that began to stir this process within me was the Franciscan maxim “To see God in the face of everyone.” Wow! I thought. Great! That sounds so nice. But, oh, wait a minute…what does that mean in practical terms? Yes, a nice ideal to aspire to, but one can't possibly be expected to live out one's days in this manner. Personally, this adage is tested as soon as I merge onto Route 80 each day. I objectify, I mutilate the wonder, beauty, and goodness that is the other. And yet, I seem to know the difference. When I practice and reach towards the former – seeing God in everyone – I create, I build, I experience joy. When I practice the latter, I destroy, I break things down.

So, what is my translation of this maxim – one that even the self-proclaimed atheist might at least understand? Seeing God in the face of everyone is simply the opportunity to allow ourselves to experience all those things the other brings - things that challenge our freedom to live our humanity to its fullest - all the while, seeing love. And just where do our students experience this challenge? What culture or place challenges their freedom constantly? Not just their freedom to harm themselves or others, or to be simply consumers, but rather their freedom to develop their humanity to its fullest? This is an age when cell phones chime in a merenge song during Mass, and blare out a favorite hip-hop beat during class. This is a time of relentless and violent intrusions into peace and the inner wells of our consciousness – where the self is formed. Not much seems any longer sacred.

For me, this is Felician's rhyme and reason – to provide a particularly contextualized space – a culture where intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development is revered; a place and atmosphere in which the real need for the substance necessary to combat our acquiescence to superficialities and appearances becomes a living desire within those in our charge.

I can almost guarantee that at Felician you will experience JOY, and even feel at PEACE in your endeavors; it is a serene place. I believe both of these, in particular, stand upon a foundation of RESPECT and REVERENCE for one another and for what we seek to accomplish along with our students. You will hear about and see examples of SERVICE just about everywhere you turn. DIVERSITY is a hallmark of the work of the Felician Sisters. And COMPASSION…well, to suffer along with others is something so fundamentally human I can almost guarantee you will not escape its touch.

But what I can guarantee is that Felician is an INVITATION! It is a place and an atmosphere that challenges us to expand the horizon of LOVE by putting before us opportunities to share not only our minds but our hearts as well. Felician invites us to share in Francis’ vision of love, which serves for us here as a constant and necessary reminder that human beings – our students, ourselves – can aspire to see the wonder, beauty, and goodness in others. But first, it is up to us to be inviting.

*Editor’s Note: Our Franciscan Heritage will be an on-going column in Focus and will be written by members of Felician’s Franciscan Heritage Committee.
Country Sales
by Sherida Yoder

Over and over again
in my mind it happens:
We are riding in the van
to some country yard sales,
my brother driving, my sister directing,
and my mother in the back with me,
eager to acquire new things:
we are all excited: hunting for treasure together,
finding our desire in the bottom of cardboard boxes,
finding longings suddenly satisfied
that we didn’t know we had.
We buy old hymnbooks faded with use,
edges frayed but filled with the old songs
that ask these questions: Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will you gather at the river?

We shake out satiny nighties that fill us with hope
that our nights will be shared
with someone who would notice how the sheen
makes curves glow.
My brother finds tools and dreams of things to build;
my sister finds recipe books and imagines future food;
we find a painting and lose ourselves
In the chipped beauty of that
moment of life framed.
My mother finds memories in old pearl earrings,
strokes smooth statues of china cats that remind her of her own,
finds wax angels, old crosses,
broken lambs and headless shepherds from a scattered crèche.

We gather at the barn door, pay up and load
our findings into the car, happy,
and search for the signs for the next sale,
bright orange with black letters,
burning against the farm’s dry grass,
beckoning us, 3 miles up the road,
to search, in others’ discarded objects,
for the secrets of ourselves.

Early October Afternoon (Son)
by Anthony Demarest

This afternoon, several leaves conspired to drop-
one just after the other- not a cabal nor plot,
more of a warning to the witness: look for
patterns and we shall confound with a
blizzard of green, russet, and brown.

I picked the last of the ripe tomatoes just
a few minutes ago, only to be jeered
behind my back by a chorus of green
ones, the refrain rebuking me for what
had been lost in picking only by sight.

The roses required pruning; like a man
with an outdated will, the stalks bent
over by the weight of wasted blooms,
still the thorns caught my guarded hands:
charm has its ransom the wind sang.

And through the pitted leaves, a new song
whistled, long in its vowels, like the storm
off an African coast, deep in its words
like the growling of lions,
“Hey, dad”- a voice down wind.

Postmodernist Pastiche
by Margaret Vallone Gardineer*

My awareness and love of language come from my father
Who spent evenings of bedtime poetry reading:
Browning, Milton, and Longfellow by request.
Since “Hiawatha” and “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” were long,
My brother and I always clamored for them, and our father gladly obliged-
If only to delay the inevitable “sleep-perchance to dream.”

Yet, when my mother’s clan arrived, the Kellys, the storytellers,
Invoking and evoking bards of old,
Always my Uncle James would encourage me to write poetry and read what I had written.
And then he would declaim his poetry, his final poem which I now share.
For Mary O’Dowd – At the Irish Pavilion
By James J. Kelly

Here I sit
In the dimmest corner of the bar,
A waxed and whitened mannequin,
Unable to respond to the laughing drinkers at my side
And uncaring
Then you sing,
Your songs flood me with my family,
My parents’ country.
You turn lightly as you sing
And in that dimmest corner of the bar
I dance, unmoving and unseen,
But dancing all the same.

*Dr. Gardineer’s uncle James J. Kelly wrote this last poem while he was immobilized within his wheelchair, imprisoned in his body. He died on Good Friday, 2008 approximately ten years after writing this poem.

The Philosophy Department’s Irfan Khawaja, an expert in Middle East issues, published the article titled “‘Lesser Evils’ and ‘Dirty Hands’: A response to Asta Maskalinaite” in the Baltic Security & Defense Review earlier this year. In addition, he was quoted in the article titled “Benazir’s Request” by Amy Wilentz which was published in The Nation on January 4, 2008.


Adjunct Professor Sandy Shields has been named Teacher of the Year by the Council of Exceptional Children (CEC). Shields is a pre-school special educator in the Dumont school district.

Dr. Julie Good, Associate Dean of Education, took part in a number of panel discussions this year. In May she participated in a presentation/discussion at Felician titled “Differentiated Instruction at the College,” and at New Jersey Council of Exceptional Children “Differentiating Instruction with Choice Boards.” Good also presented “Grappling with Graphs” at the Association of Mathematics Teacher of New Jersey Conference this past January and the National Council of Teachers of Math conference in April.

Dr. Paul Glassman, Director of the Library delivered a talk at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah on October 4, 2008. Titled “Design for Learning: Success in Creating Library Instruction Classrooms,” Dr. Glassman’s talk centered on rethinking and repurposing spaces designed for uses other than library instruction. Those in attendance received a set of theoretical and practical guidelines for managing design and construction projects, from basic space planning and reorganization to major renovations.

Sr. Ann Therese Kelly, CSSF illustrated the cover of Judith M. Kubicki’s book “The Presence of Christ in the Gathered Assembly.” According to Sr. Ann Therese, “The cover reflects the trinity in motion, synergistic; the dove (Holy Spirit), a subtle cross (Redeemer), and the spiral representing the Creator.”
Class Notes

'08 Nick Riker has been signed by the independent Texarkana Gunslingers of the Continental Baseball League. Riker made his first professional start for the Gunslingers on July 6, allowing one run on three hits with six strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings in a no-decision during a 9-2 Texarkana victory over the McKinney Blue Thunder. In 2008, he set the single-season Golden Falcon strikeout record with 68, and is fourth on the career list in both victories and strikeouts.

'08 Scott VanEs has been signed by the independent Texarkana Gunslingers of the Continental Baseball League – the fourth former Golden Falcon to sign a contract with the Gunslingers. Scott is a 6-foot-1 right-handed pitcher who was Felician's all-time leader in appearances, games started, innings and strikeouts.

'07 Tiffany J. McBride resides in Clifton. She is currently a preschool teacher in Paterson. She will receive her Master of Art in Education from Felician in fall 2008.

'07 Jessica Perrillo is working for Concord Wealth Management in Matawan as an administrative assistant. In September, she will attend Kean University for her master's degree in school counseling.

'07 Gloria J. Pinck is employed by Flackman, Goodman, and Potter PA in Ridgewood as a staff accountant. She has been accepted into the Felician College MBA program and plans to become a licensed CPA.

'07 Angela J. Scudieri has been working as a designer for DG USA Inc., a company that designs and manufactures women's intimate apparel, men's fashions and children's clothing. The clothes are sold at Kohl’s, Target, Wal-Mart and JCPenney.

'07 Diane Sedlmeir is a counselor for the adult and graduate admission office at Felician College.

'07 Ashlee-Marie Syperski has returned to Felician to obtain her teaching certificate. A full-time pre-k teacher, she is expected to graduate in fall 2009.

'06 Adra R. Hoover is currently in the School Nurse Certification/Teacher of Health Certification program at Felician. Her 18-year-old son, Travis, left for Marine Boot Camp in May of this year and her brother-in-law, Dane DeLuca-Knighton, is a National Guard staff sergeant serving in Iraq.

'06 Angela M. (Rodriguez) Rios married Roberto J. Rios on May 16, 2008. Roberto is serving in Iraq.

'05 Christopher M. Caramucci is partial owner of Memory Makers Entertainment and new father to Zachary Stephen. Christopher is continuing his education at Lincoln Technical School.

'05 Christy A. Keklak is engaged to Michael Joseph Berenbach. A 2010 wedding is planned.

'05 Teresa M. Meyer received her master's in nursing in August 2008. She is working in the oncology unit at Valley Hospital and has received OCN certification.

'05 Dennis Hulse married Stacey McCafferty on April 20, 2008 at the Ocean Key Resort in Key West, Florida. Dennis is currently employed as one of New York’s finest as a police officer in the Washington Heights District of New York City. Stacy is employed as a teacher of students with disabilities at the Developmental Learning Center in Warren, NJ.

'04 Benjamin Donaghy exchanged wedding vows with Melissa Handel on November 17, 2007. Benjamin is employed as a special education teacher in Garfield and Melissa is a teacher in Newark.

'04 Catherine O’Hanlon is home with her two young children in Cliffside Park. A special education teacher, she would like to return to her career in a few years.

'04 Christine Sigl & '05 Vito Bari were married July 19, 2008, at Saint Joseph’s Church in Lodi. Father John O’Neill from Felician said the mass at the wedding. A reception followed at Seasons in Washington Township. The couple honeymooned in Antigua and resides in Rochelle Park.

Message from the Alumni Director…

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made fiscal year 2007-2008 such a tremendous success! The alumni office hosted 20 events throughout the year and I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

We have another exciting year ahead of us filled with events and programs to keep you connected to the Felician College community. I encourage you to participate in as many as you can. The Alumni Association board and I would love to see you.

Again, thank you for your continued support of your alma mater.

Come home to Felician. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lori A. Walker, ’98 & ’00
Director of Alumni Relations
03 & ’05 Diana Marques is currently attending Rutgers University for her master’s degree. She is also the corresponding secretary for Sigma Tau-Mu Theta chapter.

03 & ’07 Lori A. Kimball is engaged to Benjamin Torsillo. Lori is a registered nurse and works at Hackensack University Medical Center. Benjamin is a job foreman for D&L Paving Contractors in Nutley.


02 Danielle Andersen is engaged to Joe DeGennaro Jr. Danielle has been a nurse for six years and works in women’s surgery at Hackensack University Medical Center. Joe is a professional musician and entertainment manager who recently started his own company – Artist Development and Management Consulting. The couple owns a home in Clifton and is planning a May 2009 wedding.

02 Michael P. Kochka is engaged to Lauren Dougherty. Michael pursued his master’s degree and graduated in May 2007 with a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Rutgers University. Michael is working at Volpe and Koenig Law Firm in Philadelphia, PA. Lauren is employed at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, as a registered nurse in the trauma/transplant unit.

01 Dennis Dragotti and his wife, Charlene, are expecting their second child.

01 Michael J. Quigley retired from the United States Postal Service after a 40-year career. He is busy babysitting his grandson, Ryan, who is the son of Eric and Kate Miceli – both graduates of Felician. Michael’s son, Sean, was married to Cladia Vega in an outdoor ceremony in Wantage on Memorial Day weekend.

00 Jennifer R. (Carpino) Werner has been teaching first grade for five years. Jennifer and her husband, Jeffrey, have a 3-year-old son, Evan John, and are expecting another addition to their family.

99 & ’03 Magdalena K. (Gorzowska) Krahel married Robert Krahel in September 2006. The couple moved to North Carolina last August. Magdalena is working at Heritage Middle School in Wake Forest, NC, as a resource teacher.

99 Jennifer L. (Breithaupt) Polizos and her husband, Athanasios, were accepted into a teach-abroad program in the Middle East. They will be living in Syria for the next two years. Jennifer has a master’s degree in education from Lesley University and will be teaching high school technology. The couple is looking forward to the experience and their 4-year-old daughter is excited about going to school in Syria.

99 & ’08 Josephine (Medina) Shearer received her BSN in Nursing from Felician in August 2008.

97 Yolanda (Salazar) Bonetti has been teaching pre-k special education for Englewood Public Schools for nine years. Her son, Andrew, received a full scholarship to attend boarding school in Connecticut and her daughter, Isabella, will begin kindergarten in the fall. She resides in Dumont.


95 Deanna Vespia-Valenzuela, RN, has been working at St. Joseph’s Wayne Hospital for 11 years. She married Jose Valenzuela in September 2004 and has a son, Dominic, born in September 2006.

92 Colleen (Donohue) D’Angiolillo, BSN, RN was inducted to the Omicron Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. She received a BSN from Ramapo College in spring 2008. She is working per diem in the inpatient operating room at Hackensack University Medical Center and raising three boys.

92 Christina (Bergmann) Mulligan, is the Bergen County Coordinator of EI Services. In December 2007, baby Elise Marie joined the family that includes her husband, Gerald, and 8-year-old daughter Erin.

86 Janet L. (Maksym) Siery has taught at Wallington High School in special education for the last 21 years. Her 14-year-old daughter attends Wallington High School. Janet lost her husband of 18 years suddenly on April 30, 2007. She serves as the coordinator for the religious education program at St. John Kanty Church and is the church’s Parish Council President.

85 Angela Crockett married Nathaniel Coxen Sr. on August 9, 2008, and honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. Angela was installed as president of the New Jersey Association of School Librarians in August 2008.

82 Cynthia A. Macon was selected as the 2008 marshal of the Bayonne contingent of the Pulaski Day Parade, which was held on October 5th in New York City. Cindy is a dedicated communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel R.C. Church. She is the president of the Altar Society and is a member of the Pastoral Council. She works with church leaders on a drive to build an outdoor memorial shrine honoring the late Pope John Paul II. Cindy is a frequent visitor to Poland, met with the Holy Father several times at the Vatican and has said that these visits inspired her to help organize various volunteer projects.

80 Janet E. Calvitti is the proud grandmother of Joshua Enrique, born May 15, 2008.

79 Maryann N. (Barca) Masiano is very excited about how her life continues to unfold according to God’s plan. After opening and operating her own private school in south Florida for 11 years, Maryann and her family moved to the serenity of the mountains of western North Carolina. She is a professor in the School of Education and Allied Professions at Western Carolina University. She teaches Elementary Methods, Intern I and II Seminar for student teachers, and undergraduate and graduate literacy courses in Education. She says that WCU reminds her of the close-knit, warm and caring learning environment that embraced her at Felician. Maryann is beginning a new research project which involves creating a community of national and international educators.
1978 Susan (Quinn) McLeod, a 30-year nursing veteran from Mendham, received a $1,000 scholarship from the Morris County School Nurse Association, during their 47th annual dinner meeting at the Hanover Manor in May 2008. Susan currently cares for students with disabilities at Regional Day School in Morris Township.

1974 Concetta (Russo) Oblen has three children, one is a middle school teacher, one is a Catholic high school teacher and the third is a school nurse. Concetta is currently in Home Care.

1973 Marilyn M. (Manto) Sepede is finishing her 30th year in education as a high school guidance counselor at Lodi High School. Marilyn encourages her students to consider Felician College as one of their choices. She says “Felician was an excellent choice for me and it certainly afforded me the foundation for my most rewarding and fulfilling career!”

1971 Alfonsina C. (Procaccini) Storie retired two years ago after a 34-year career in education. She is enjoying her retirement and caring for her two grandchildren, 5-year-old Isabella Christina and Jack Anthony, 5 months.

1969 Ellen “Bunny” (Schmidt/Santimauro) Blaine returned to teaching and administrative nursing after the death of her husband, Roger, in 2003. She built a new home and moved to Pennsylvania in 2007 where she lives with her mother, who is remarkably healthy at 93. She has a son, Alex, who is a biologist for the State of Alaska. Ellen is the Director of Nursing and Clinical Services for Home Care 24/7, an affiliate of Hackensack University Medical Center. Ellen can be contacted by email at bandrblaine@gmail.com.

1969 Sophia Zaks has two daughters that are expecting. Her oldest is expecting twins.

1968 Janet A. (Vaxmonsky) Galasso is a proud new grandma and is expecting another one in October 2008.

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Forty Felician alumni and friends gathered this past September to enjoy an evening of theatre and sightseeing. The happy group took advantage of an Alumni Association sponsored trip to New York City to see Mary Poppins. Pictured outside the theatre are faculty member Donna Rienzo and her daughter Haley.

A Taste Around the World...

Arts and Sciences and Teacher Education alumni had the opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new ones at their reunion this past November. Guests enjoyed a variety of international foods, live music as well as green apple and tropical martinis, the signature drinks of the evening. Pictured are Lori Walker, Alumni Director and Johanna Petersen Bargisen ’98.

Breakfast with Santa

More than 300 alumni and friends of Felician and their children gathered at Obal Hall to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast, do arts and crafts, sing carols and share their wish list with Santa Claus. The event was sponsored, in part, by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and McDonald’s, Jacqueline A. Mirandi ’97 & ’03, Nationwide Bowling, Toys R Us and Wendy’s.
## Alumni Event Schedule 2008-2009

### January 09
- 8 **Devils vs. Thrashers**  
  7pm - The Prudential Center  
  Newark, NJ
- 22 **Athletics Alumni Reception**  
  6-8pm – MPR, Rutherford Campus

### February 09
- 5 **Student Leader Dinner**  
  6-8pm – MPR, Rutherford Campus
- 12 **Medieval Times**  
  7pm - Medieval Times  
  Lyndhurst, NJ
- 23 **Nets vs. 76ers**  
  7:30 pm – IZOD Center  
  East Rutherford, NJ

### March 09
- 7 **Magic Moments Auction**  
  5pm – Royal Manor  
  Garfield, NJ
- 19 **Devils vs. Blackhawks**  
  7pm - The Prudential Center  
  Newark, NJ
- 27 **March Madness**  
  7pm – Pub46  
  Clifton, NJ

### April 09
- 16 **Dining Etiquette**  
  6-8pm - Sanzari’s New Bridge Inn  
  New Milford, NJ
- 28 **Student Alumni Association Dinner** 6 pm –  
  Friday’s Wood-Ridge, NJ

### May 09
- 2 **Casino Trip**  
  8am - Casino TBA
- 14 **Commencement Breakfast**  
  9-10am - Dining Hall, Obal Hall  
  Lodi Campus

### June 09
- 9 **Alumni Board Dinner**  
  6pm – Bartoni’s Italian Market  
  Montclair, NJ
- 11-15 **Alumni Cruise to Canada**  
  Carnival Triumph, NYC
- 28 **Business Nursing Alumni Reception** 6-8 pm  
  MPR, Rutherford Campus

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*Event Schedule subject to change. Please contact Lori Walker, Director of Alumni Relations at (201) 355-1308 or lori.walker@felician.edu for more information on the events listed.*

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Racing Down a Dream

'03 Angela Sampson-McLeod’s son, Bryon, who has Spina Bifida, participates in a variety of wheelchair sports, such as sled hockey, wheelchair basketball and track and field. Angela and Bryon normally travel throughout the 50 states for Nationals. Bryon was invited to join the International Team USA and wore the USA uniform for the opening ceremonies which were held in July.

Tell us what’s new with you!

If you would like to submit class notes, contact Lori Walker at (201) 355-1308 or walkerl@felician.edu.

Help Us Spread the Word!

Keep in touch with your fellow classmates and provide updates for the Alumni News section of Focus; be an ambassador for Felician by promoting the college to other alumni as well as prospective students and their parents; encourage support of Alumni events…become a Felician Class Agent.

For more information, please contact Lori A. Walker, Director of Alumni Relations at (201) 355-1308 or lori.walker@felician.edu.

Class Agents

1968  Patricia (Schneider) Durante, AA, Nursing
       Patricia Kehoe, AA, Nursing
       Joyce Valickas, AA, Nursing
1971  Dr. Roseann T. (Fargo) Torsiello, AA, Liberal Arts
1976  Jill M. (Leone) Barbarise, BA, Elementary Education
1977  Catherine M. (Hornyak) Jennings, AAS, Nursing
       Fran Lonergan, BA, Education
1980  Denise L. Ponte, BA, Elementary Education
1981  Catherine M. (Hornyak) Jennings, BSN, Nursing
1982  Susan E. Masso, AAS, MLT
1985  Patrice M. Gress, AAS, Nursing
1989  Chris Weil, AA, Liberal Arts
1994  Ty Agosta, BA, Religious Studies
       Giovanna Gutierrez-Vitale, BA, Social and Behavioral Sciences
1996  Niccole Smith, AAS, Nursing
1997  Jacqueline A. Mirandi, BA, Elementary Education/History
1998  Cheryl Hall, AA, Religious Studies
       Michael Jarvis, BA, History
       Lori A. (Johnson) Walker, BA, Psychology
2000  Lori A. (Johnson) Walker, BA, Sociology
       Stephanie (Lo Iacono) Perrelli, BA, Special Education
       Chris Weil, BA, Business
2002  Shana Petrasek, BA, Special Education
2003  Colleen Jarvis, BA, History
       Jacqueline A. Mirandi, MA, Education
2004  Elizabeth Barca, BA, Business
       Lynette (Carpenter) Nichols, BA, English
       Elizabeth Scheps, BA, English
2005  Elke M. Kalogiannis, BA, Business
2006  Christine Rey, BA, Elementary Education/English
2007  Diane Sedlmeir, BA, Business
2008  Lori Appelbaum, MSN, Nursing
       Naderge Zacharie, BA, Natural Sciences and Math
Development News

A New Tradition of Giving: Senior Class Gift

This past spring a new tradition of giving was established when 38 seniors, parents and even a few alumni donated to the Felician College Annual Fund through the Senior Class Gift Program. Through this program, seniors raised funds to establish the Class of 2008 Scholarship to financially assist a Felician College student during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Seniors giving back to Felician College was sparked by the efforts of the founding members of the Senior Class Gift Council: Nicole Abernethy, Allyson Castelli, Fellisha Green, Jenna Sofia, Desiree Torres, Derril Thomas, Kaliqua Youngblood, and Naderge Zacharie. When these seniors reached out to the Class of 2008 and their parents for contributions to establish the Senior Class Scholarship, and to leave a lasting legacy, they were met with great enthusiasm and generosity. More than $500 was raised through contributions and matching gifts.*

During the spring semester, Council members manned tables in the cafeterias on both campuses to introduce their classmates to the Senior Class Gift Program and to ask for contributions. Students who donated during these sessions received a small token of appreciation, courtesy of the Council and the Office for Institutional Advancement, which oversaw the Council’s activities.

All students who participated in the Senior Class Gift Program with a contribution were entered in a raffle for a VIP parking spot at graduation—congratulations to the 2008 winner, Rose Sheehan. All donors will also be listed in a special section of the Felician College 2007-2008 Annual Report Honor Roll of Donors. Those who elected to contribute a commemorative gift of $20.08 or more were invited to honor someone special who had an impact on their Felician College years. These special sentiments will also be included in the Honor Roll of Donors.

It is the hope of the graduating Council members that their work will be continued by the Class of 2009 and all graduating classes that follow. The importance of scholarships cannot be denied by anyone, and to have the ability to impact the life of a fellow student in such a way is priceless. To join the Class of 2009 Senior Class Gift Council, and to leave a lasting legacy by helping us to establish the Class of 2009 Scholarship, please contact Elizabeth R. Fitzpatrick in the Office for Institutional Advancement at 201-355-1304 or fitzpatricke@felician.edu.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Senior Class Gift Program for either the Class of 2008 or the Class of 2009, please address it to:

Felician College
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Office for Institutional Advancement
Senior Class Gift Program, Class of 200_
262 South Main Street
Lodi, NJ 07644

CLASS OF 2008 SENIOR CLASS SCHOLARSHIP DONORS
Ms. Nicole T. Abernethy, In honor of my family
Mrs. Theresa H. Abernethy, In memory of Helen T. Smialowicz
Mr. Ty Agosta, In honor of Arlene Agosta
Ms. Dilenia Baez, In honor of my parents: Leo Baez and Angelita Rivera
Mr. Jonathan Castro, In honor of Violante Castro and Carlos Castro
Ms. Jaime M. Garofalo, In honor of Mom, Dad, Jennifer, Cassandra and Jimmy
Ms. Elisa P. Green, In honor of Professor Catherine Jennings
Ms. Amy Hazen, In honor of my grandfather, Peter Van Slooten
Ms. Ilana L. Jacobus, In honor of Raymond Jacobus
Ms. Lenka Mysliwiec, In honor of Vladimir Hirnak
Ms. Almira C. Olazabal, In honor of my mother Julia, my grandmother Nana, my grandfather Jose and my Julie
Mr. Gregory J. Patullo, In honor of William and Linda Patullo
Ms. Rose Sheehan, In honor of Mary Kalwaty
Ms. Barbara J. Vitale, In honor of Barbara Winter Ruggiero
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* Matching gift companies match the donations that their employees make to higher education. These extra-strength dollars make an enormous difference to Felician College and to our ability to place “Students First” while providing hope and promise through a quality education. If your employer matches gifts, please contact your human resources office for a matching gift form.
Golf Classic an Unqualified Success!

Perfect weather greeted the more than 100 golfers and friends of Felician College who took part in the institution’s 23rd Annual Golf Classic and celebratory dinner at Arcola Country Club on Monday, September 29.

Under the leadership of Golf Classic Chairpersons Ellen V. Kelly, Quest Capital Strategies, Inc. and Terrence M. Murphy, Wakefern Food Corporation, the event raised more than $100,000. The funds will be used to support Felician College's Scholarship Fund.

(L-R) Sr. Tarcilia Juchniewicz, VP, Student Affairs, Felician College; Chris Martin, President and COO, Provident Bank; Sr. Theresa Mary Martin, President, Felician College; and Ronald J. Mount.

(L-R) John (Jay) Fowler, Global Gaming LLC; Maria Romano, Provident Bank; Ellen V. Kelly, Quest Capital Strategies, Inc.

(L-R) Tom Cogroove, Kate Cogroove, Sandler O’Neill and Partners, LP; John Mazur, Jr. and Cindy Mazur, Elegant Desserts.
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(L-R) Dan Meehan, H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc; Bob Decker and Marc Chalfin, Felician College; Steven Puzzez, H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc.

(L-R) Phil Marfuggi, Mike Thomeson, Fred D'Agostino and Sal D'Agostino, Wakefern Food Corporation.

(L-R) Beth Hawkey, Jeff Lane, Suzanne Roser, and Gene Dowd, Wakefern Food Corporation.
14th Annual
Magic Moments Dinner and Auction

Saturday, March 7, 2009
The Royal Manor
Garfield, N.J.

Enjoy a magical evening of fine food with silent and live bidding on auction items to benefit Felician College student scholarships.


Two weeks prior to the auction, preview and bid on selected live auction items: www.felician.edu/alumni

$75 per person for dinner and auctions
$60 per person for alumni, faculty and staff

Student Scholarship Benefit Raffle
Only 500 tickets will be sold!

Grand Prize: $10,000*
Second Prize: $2,000*
Third Prize: $500*

Raffle tickets: $50 ea.

* In the event that 500 tickets are not sold, prize money will be prorated to the number of tickets sold – 80%, 16% and 4% of half the revenue

For more information on the auction or sponsorship opportunities please call: 201.355.1308
The Annual Fund

The Felician College 2008-2009 Annual Fund Campaign is well underway. We hope you received the Annual Giving Fall appeal and enjoyed the many photos of the Felician College of yesterday and today. You may have also recently received a phone call from a Felician representative asking you to support the College with a contribution to the Annual Fund. We greatly appreciate the generosity and commitment from all alumni, parents and friends who support Felician College and its mission to provide a quality education rich in the Franciscan tradition. Your contributions make it possible for Felician College students to realize their personal, academic, professional and spiritual goals.

If you have not yet sent in your gift to the College, but would like to at this time, please use the enclosed postage paid envelope to forward your donation to Felician. Your contribution, at any level, makes an important difference to the students who choose to learn with us. *Every gift matters…..Every Year!*