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The Potential for Discovery:

Elms Undergrads Learn About Science - and Themselves - in the Research Lab

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"Chance favors the prepared mind."

—Louis Pasteur



In Pasteur's case, it certainly did. He used his education in scientific research to find cures for diseases such as typhoid and rabies, to develop the germ theory of disease, and to invent pasteurization. Imagine how proud his science professors must have been!

Throughout history, prepared minds like Pasteur's have been ready and able to experience thousands of "eureka moments" that have yielded discoveries and inventions that have changed our lives.

During a trip to New York City, Mary Anderson noticed that streetcar drivers had to open the windows of their cars when it rained in order to see. As a solution she invented a swinging arm device with a rubber blade that was operated by the driver from within the vehicle via a lever. The windsheld wipers became standard equipment on all American cars by 1916.

Bette Nesmith Graham sought a better way to correct her typing errors. Remembering that artists painted over their mistakes on canvas, she put tempera paint, colored to match the stationery, in a bottle and brought it to work. So began the Mistake Out Company, later renamed Liquid Paper.

George de Mestral invented Velcro after looking at the burrs that clung to his pants after a walk, and noticing how their hooks grabbed the loops in the fabric and stayed there.

Spencer Silver's otherwise unremarkable low-tack adhesive turned into Post-it notes after his 3M Corporation colleague Arthur Fry got annoyed with bookmarks that wouldn't stay put in hymnals.

Pastuer, Anderson, Graham, Mestral, Silver, and Fry: six ordinary people whose curiosity, intellect, creativity, and education coalesced in a single moment, with remarkable results.

All of our students possess the potential for generating and appreciating such exciting and life-changing "eureka moments." Whether they are experimenting in a biology or chemistry laboratory, listening in a nursing or CSD classroom, or sitting at a computer writing a research paper, they are preparing their minds to take on the challenges of living in the 21st century.

In this issue of the *Elms College Magazine*, you will read about alumnae Martha Noonan Murtaugh '68 and Lois Michalak Conley '79, whose science educations at Elms College have informed their careers. The hands-on learning that Martha enjoyed at the Elms became a hallmark of her approach as a teacher, and Lois says that watching her biology professors' "sheer joy of science" opened her eyes to research as a career.

You will read about our science professors, and how they integrate research into the undergraduate curriculum, and in so doing, inspire and mentor their students to be active learners, seekers, and thinkers.

Biology professor Janet Williams says science is not only about lectures and basic laboratory experiments. "That's only the starting point. The real part is letting students get into the lab and think through a question, develop a hypothesis, apply techniques, and look at the data they generate. It is thrilling to think that nobody ever did that exact experiment before."

President Barack Obama recently told an audience at the National Academy of Sciences that, "Science is more essential for our prosperity, our security, our health, our environment, and our quality of life than it has ever been."

Higher education is about broadening experiences, trying new things, making some mistakes, and learning from them. It's about finding yourself and your passion, figuring out how you can leave your mark on the world. Here at Elms College, we are preparing the minds of our students to be watchful for, and responsive to, the "eureka moments" that might come their way. They will do the rest.

Mary Reap, IHM

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President

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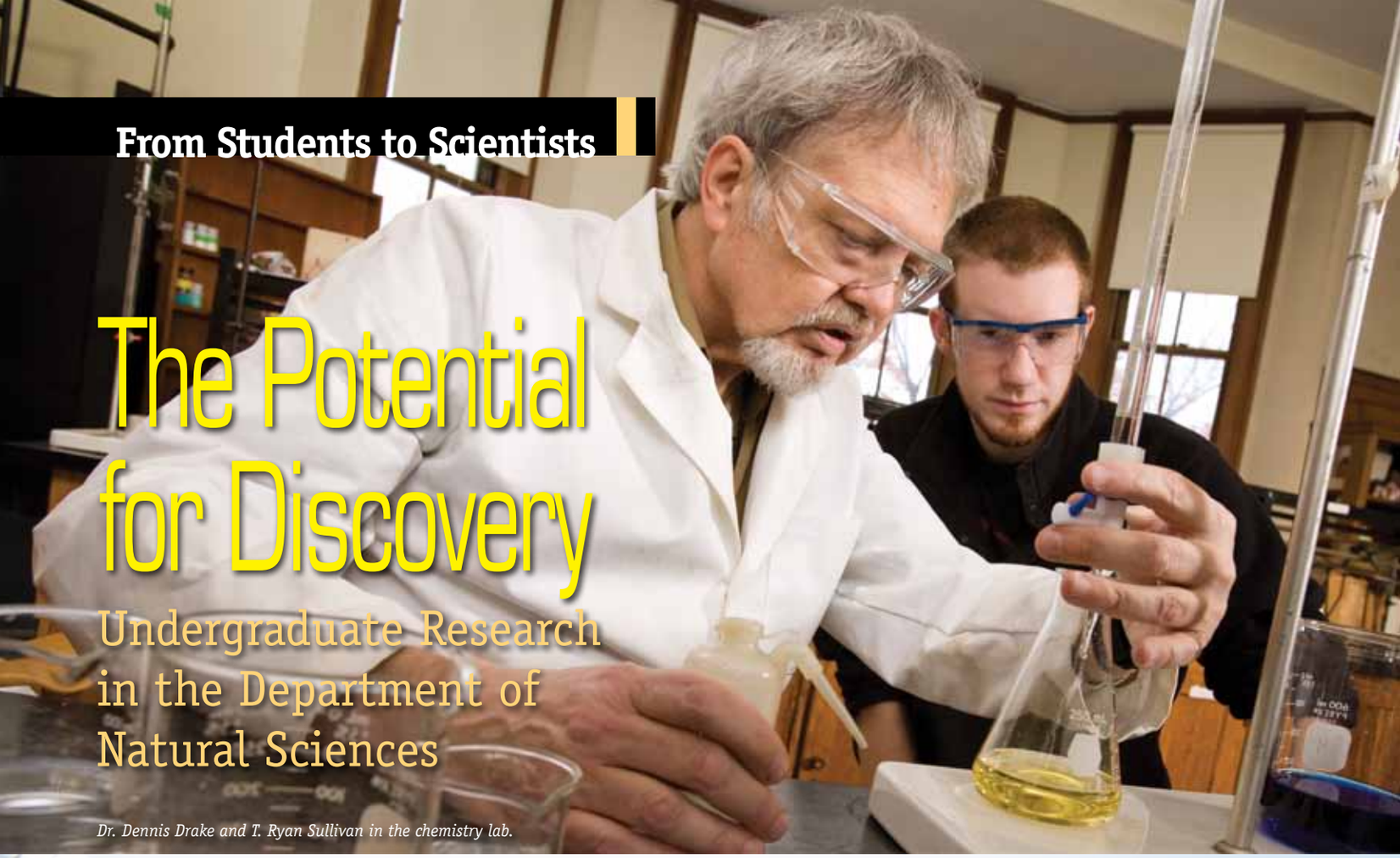
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The Potential for Discovery

Undergraduate Research in the Department of Natural Sciences



Dr. Dennis Drake and T. Ryan Sullivan in the chemistry lab.

By Kathryn Dunn

"I have no idea how that happened..."

T. Ryan Sullivan, then a junior biology major, stared at his results in the research lab of chemistry professor Dr. Dennis Drake. He had expected to see a decrease in iodine's absorbance, which would be signaled by a change in color from its inherent deep purple to pink. After running two trials, however, Ryan was stumped: in one trial, the iodine had slowly faded from purple to white. In the second, it remained a deep purple.

Ryan understood that there were two possible explanations for what he was observing: he had made an error, or he had discovered something new. After checking and re-checking his work, Ryan was still "banging his head against the wall."

"Research is always beset with setbacks," Dr. Drake said. "It's just part of the game. False starts and new starts are all part of the fun."

After Ryan spent three days checking his work and applying the analytical approaches he'd learned in the lab, he arrived at a new possibility: maybe the light that triggered the reaction was being absorbed by something else.

Ryan relates the discussion that followed with Dr. Drake: "We both said 'Oh! That's something we've never seen before!'"

Ryan understood that he had turned a corner in his development as a scientist: "Now I was actually thinking on my own."

"It's very gratifying to see this learning take place," Dr. Drake reflects. "Students reach a point where they can approach the self-sufficiency of a graduate student. Ryan reached the point where he literally became a co-investigator. He'd come up with new ideas; we could talk colleague to colleague, not just student to teacher."

"When everything goes right in the lab, it's really not that interesting. But when something goes wrong or takes an unexpected turn - that's when you learn something new." — T. Ryan Sullivan

Undergraduates doing research

Ryan is one of the many undergraduate majors in Elms' Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology who have had the opportunity to conduct their own laboratory research. Now an emerging trend among undergraduate programs nationally, student participation in research has been a hallmark of the Elms College science programs for decades.

In fact, for more than 30 years, chemistry and biology faculty have maintained a keen focus on creating opportunities for students to become immersed in the world of science. Weekly three-hour labs provide entering students with basic laboratory skills as they investigate course-related topics. In upper level classes, students are encouraged to pursue scientific exploration through internal internships, independent studies, and semester-long research projects. And, with faculty members extending their teaching activities to include their own research, students have the opportunity to work on experiments that will ultimately contribute new knowledge to the scientific community.

Working in laboratories and classrooms on the third and fourth floors of Berchmans Hall, faculty members introduce students to the challenges and discoveries inherent in the world of science.

"Every student in the Division has the opportunity to participate in undergraduate research," said Kevin Berry, Ph.D., department chair and associate professor of mathematics. "And since 1973, the vast majority of students have taken advantage of this exceptional opportunity."

These are research projects of the highest caliber. For example, biology professor Mary Lou Wright, s.s.j., Ph.D., has been working on nationally renowned research in hormones and metamorphosis that has been awarded more than $750,000 in grants, including 21 from the National Science Foundation. The funding has made it possible for her students to work on research during the school year, and to continue this work in paid positions through the summer.

"Data shows that you learn better in a research, hands-on setting than in a traditional classroom," said Walter Breau, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and vice president of academic affairs. "You don't get a true sense of science unless you're in a research laboratory where you are really thinking through the whole process."

Learning lifelong skills

As mentors, the science professors will likely shape the skills and attitudes that students carry into their careers and the rest of their lives. They help students see the potential for discovery when things don't go as planned, so mistakes become opportunities for learning, and dead-ends become doorways to new knowledge. This approach encourages students to become analytical thinkers and independent learners.

"Academic prowess stems primarily from the faculty – they're the ones that make it rich. And Dr. Drake is very passionate about research," said Darlington Abanulo '06, who went on from the Elms to become a doctoral candidate and research specialist at the University of Connecticut.

Darlington joined Dr. Drake's research lab during his sophomore year at Elms. While working in the lab, he discovered a catalyst that reduced the reaction time of their experiments from six weeks to six days. Dr. Drake celebrated his discovery, and made a formal announcement of it to his classes.

"Dr. Drake was actually quite excited and very enthusiastic about the finding," Darlington said. "A professor who shows that zeal about research can make it work. The faculty is the key. That is crucial at any institution."

Passing It On

Ongoing research projects can become a connecting thread for several generations of students. Work that is begun by one person is often taken up and continued by another.

When he was a student at Elms, Darlington Abanulo '06 participated in Dr. Dennis Drake's laboratory research on iodine, and discovered a catalyst that reduces reaction times from six weeks to six days. After Darlington's graduation, incoming student T. Ryan Sullivan '10 picked up where the outgoing senior left off: his first assignment was to replicate Darlington's results.

Ryan then carried the research forward for another two years. He often e-mailed news of research milestones to Darlington, who welcomed updates on the project he understood so deeply.

"My hope is that another student will pick up the research where Ryan left off," said Dr. Drake.





"What students get through their research work at Elms gives them a wide range of opportunities in any field they decide to pursue." —Kevin Berry, Ph.D.

The skills that students learn in the research lab are lifelong: they are translatable and transferable to other areas of life.

Individual attention

The Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology has seven full-time and eight part-time faculty members. For the 56 students majoring in this division, the 1-to-4 teacher-to-student ratio creates mentoring opportunities that cannot be matched at larger institutions.

This small size allows biology professor Janet Williams, Ph.D., to introduce research to students by inviting them to create projects connected to their individual interests. "What do you want to do?" she asks each of her students, encouraging them to find their own paths into formal research. In the past three years, student research has covered a wide range of topics, including molecular-level cloning, type-1 diabetes, flat worms, horse microbiomes, and biological education.

"That's the advantage of Elms: students get to do projects here that they couldn't do at a university," Dr. Williams said. "They can do things that would probably be done by upper level graduate students at bigger schools."

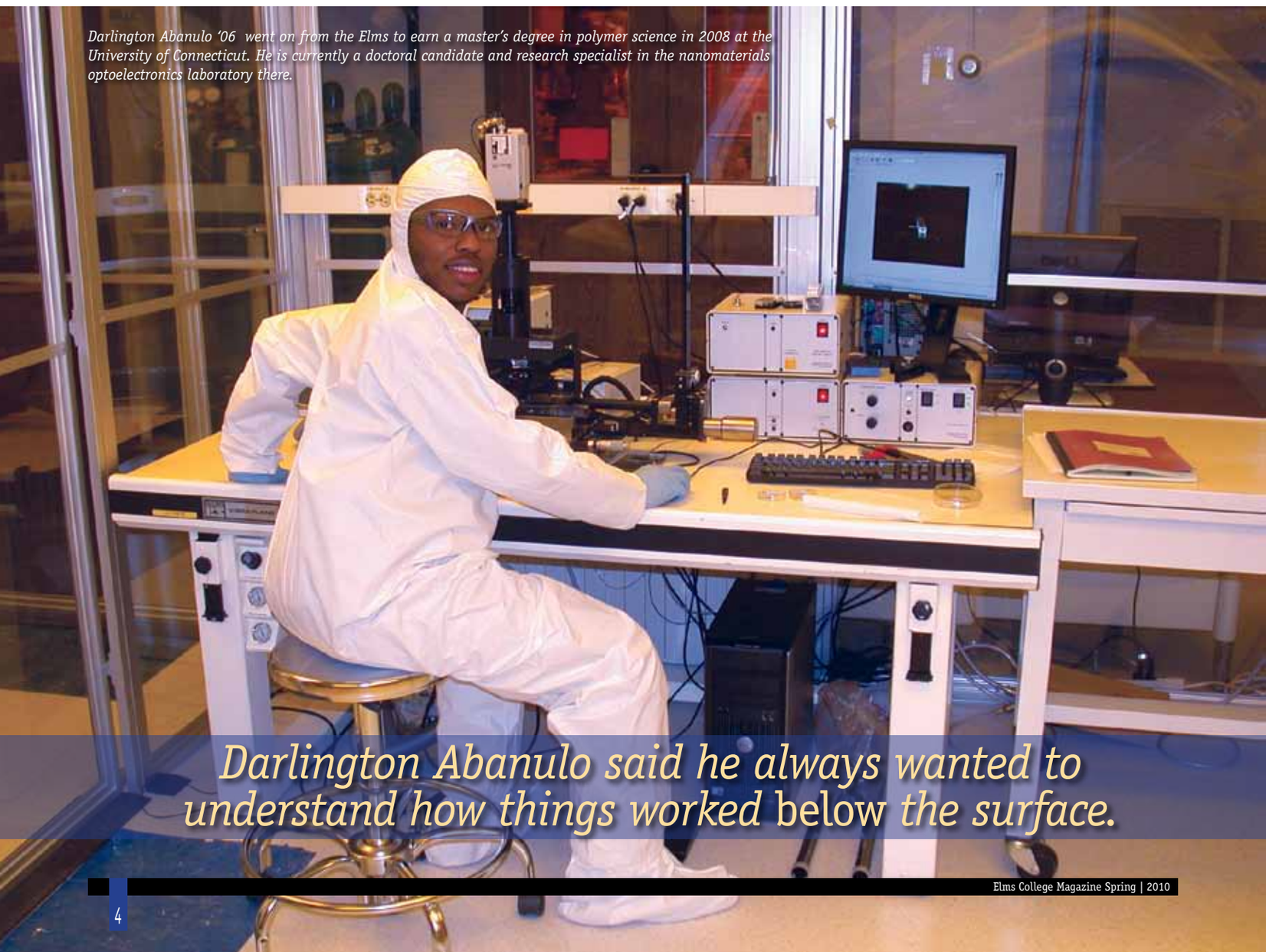
"The chemistry program was very small, and that was very good for me," Darlington affirms. "It enabled me to participate in active research from the start of my sophomore year, and by the end of that year, I was doing independent research. From literature search to instrumentation characterization, I became familiar with many skills that proved vital for my graduate studies."

Transferable skills

The skills that students learn in the research lab are lifelong; they are translatable and transferable to other areas of life. For example, Chris Covert '11, a biology and secondary education major, is using the scientific method to study the best methods for teaching science. Chris organized a symposium with an interactive presentation for 20 local secondary education teachers. In addition to providing further data for research, the symposium connected and strengthened the community of secondary science educators in the area.

"Students engaged in sociology or economics sometimes ask, 'How is this science?'" Dr. Williams said. "It's science because you develop a hypothesis, you test the hypothesis, you try to find out whether the results confirm or refute the hypothesis. Whether you're doing it in natural, chemical, physical, financial, or social arenas – scientific research gives integrity to the work."

"Even in a liberal arts college like the Elms, it's extremely valuable for undergrads to do some kind of research," said Dr. Breau. "Whether it's called critical thinking or analytical reasoning or the scientific approach, research requires students to think about



Darlington Abanulo '06 went on from the Elms to earn a master's degree in polymer science in 2008 at the University of Connecticut. He is currently a doctoral candidate and research specialist in the nanomaterials optoelectronics laboratory there.

Darlington Abanulo said he always wanted to understand how things worked below *the surface.*

what they're doing, what outcomes they're expecting, and what the resulting data tells them."

Students may further their scientific knowledge acting as work-study students in the department. "The chemicals needed for the labs are unbelievably costly – so we took stock reagents and then made whatever was needed," Ryan said. "It's unbelievable to put on my resume I have three years' experience of reagent preparation. I can walk in the door of any company and say, 'Do you need a reagent? I can make it.'"

Alumni in the sciences

As an undergraduate, Nils Pilotte '06 studied biology with Dr. Williams and Dr. Breau, and participated in Sister Wright's research on tadpole metamorphosis. After completing his master's degree in molecular biology at Smith College, he returned to Elms as an adjunct instructor, and now teaches full time as a lecturer.

"A lot of what excites me about teaching is that it's an easy way to stay current with the field," Nils said. "What's even more exciting is seeing and interacting with students who are really into it, really enjoy what they're doing. That makes it very rewarding."

Alumni who have gone into science-related professions often return to campus to talk with students, to give a lecture, or to teach. This spring, Darlington will return to Elms as the 28th annual Sister Nora Harrington guest lecturer to talk about his research in nanotechnology.

Last fall, the Chemistry Department needed a lab teacher on short notice. Dr. Drake knew that T. Ryan Sullivan was close to graduation, and felt that he could handle the responsibility. Ryan was appointed to the position of teaching assistant. Now that he has graduated, he continues teaching this spring, as a lecturer.

"Now I can make a career out of what I've been doing all my life - which is asking questions," Ryan said. In addition to teaching here, Ryan is interviewing for a research job.

"If I hadn't done research here at Elms, the company where I'm interviewing wouldn't even be looking at me. And now I'm a candidate for a research and development position."



T. Ryan Sullivan

Ryan Sullivan is sure he irritated his parents and teachers by constantly asking "why?" and "how?" He wasn't satisfied with knowing that something 'worked;' he wanted to know how it worked.

Going on to graduate school

Between 20 and 25 percent of our recent graduates continue their education after graduating from the Elms, Dr. Berry said.

Whether they go directly to graduate school or into the workplace, alumni from the science programs can be found in many capacities, in a wide range of fields: nutrition, polymer research, medicine, and environmental health sciences – to name just a few.

Through analytical thinking and disciplined practice, Elms students learn to develop new approaches to problems and creative answers to questions – and those are skills they will use for the rest of their lives.



Investigating AIDS

By Reed Ide

Science takes center stage at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, a federal agency in the Department of Health and Human Services that investigates, diagnoses, and tries to control or prevent diseases. One Elms College alumna, Lois Michalak Conley '79, has been instrumental there for more than 20 years, working to understand and control one of the greatest health crises of our times, HIV/AIDS.

Lois is an epidemiologist – that is, she studies the causes, distribution, and control of disease in humans, and her specialty is HIV/AIDS.

Lois was one of the early scientists who worked on understanding this virus since it first came to light in the early 1980s, doing research on an already existing supply of blood samples from a 1970s study of the new hepatitis vaccine.

"We worked to identify HIV disease progression and markers for seroconversion (risk factors associated with HIV infection)," she recalls. That early work gave scientists critical information that would lead to the development of prevention programs to stop the spread of HIV.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of the appearance of this disease, scientists like Lois have made advances that have allowed us to speak of HIV/AIDS not as a death sentence, but as a "manageable chronic illness."

A budding interest in science

Lois traces her interest in scientific exploration back to her days at Elms College in the late 70s. A Chicopee native, she sought a small college following her high school graduation, and the Elms suited her perfectly.

"I loved its small size, and I received more individual attention in my academic pursuits than I would have at a larger institution," she says. "That certainly was a factor that enhanced my interest in science and biology. Another factor in my decision was that my sister, Patricia Michalak Midura, had graduated from the Elms in 1964, and the college came highly recommended!"

Like other science students at Elms, Lois cites biology classes with Sister Margaret James McGrath and Sister Mary Lou Wright as major inspirations. "Sister Margaret James' sheer joy of science was evident in her classroom, and was infectious," she said. "And though I never actually worked on any of Sister Mary Lou's research projects, she certainly grabbed my attention just by the example of her own enthusiasm for her work. This experience opened my eyes to research as a career."

Following graduation from Elms College, Lois earned a medical technology degree and worked in medical research before her move to Atlanta in 1983. She landed her first job at the CDC as a developmental diagnostics researcher in the Hepatitis Division, and remained in that post for three years.

Lois went on to earn a master's degree in public health from Emory University in Atlanta. She began working in AIDS Surveillance at the CDC (the office that tracks the spread of HIV in actual reported cases), and from there moved into epidemiology.

Study coordinator

Today, Lois is the coordinator of another large CDC study known as SUN (Study to Understand the Natural History of HIV and AIDS in the Era of Effective Therapy). It focuses on AIDS in this era of increasingly effective treatments, and seeks to understand the long-term impacts of these treatments on disease progression and the virus itself. As an epidemiologist, she also analyzes the data collected, and lectures and writes about the results.

SUN follows a group of 700 people, aged 20 to 69, living with AIDS in four cities (Providence, Rhode Island; St. Louis, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; and Minneapolis, Minnesota). The CDC is now six years into the study, which has funding for another three years.

"HIV has consequences. The treatments have consequences," Lois says. "Peoples' aging and other health concerns can play differing roles with the underlying disease. We need to understand all of those and how they might interact or otherwise impact each other."

Patients in the study must participate in regular physical exams, chart reviews, blood work, lab tests, CT scans and MRIs, abdominal fat scans, bone density scans, and behavioral and neurocognitive assessments. Medications and their impact on the disease are also examined. "We hope we might also learn the causes of metabolic and other medical complications that are associated with treatments," Lois says.

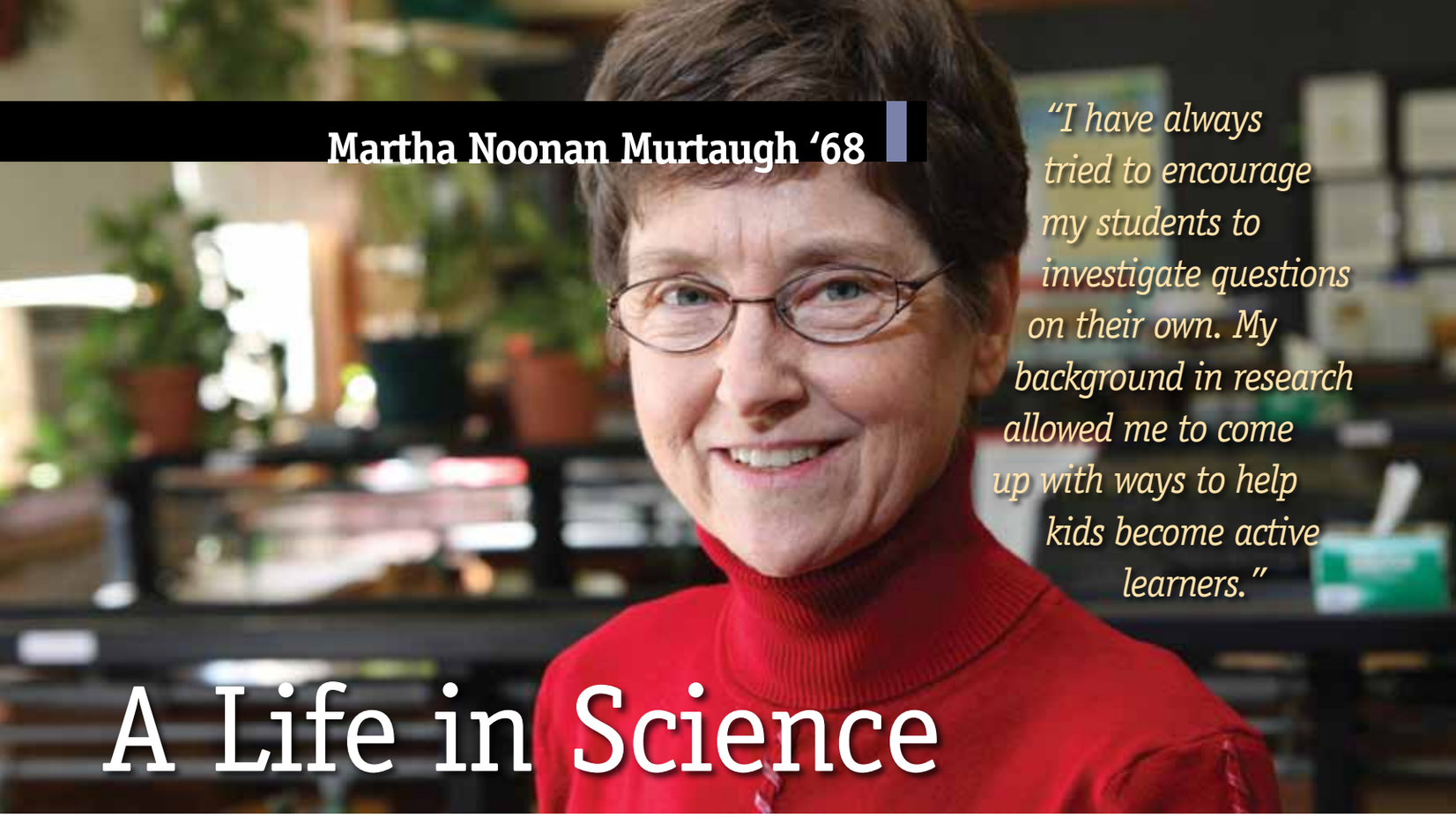
Other research

Lois has also been involved in other CDC research, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS); a study on women and cervical disease; and another on the vaginal ecology of HIV-infected women.

"I loved [Elms] small size, and I received more individual attention in my academic pursuits than I would have at a larger institution."

But it is SUN that will occupy the majority of her attention in the coming years. As HIV/AIDS continues to infect growing populations around the world, new treatments and greater understanding of the complexities of HIV infection will be needed.

Scientists like Lois, who have a history of working with HIV, will be even more valuable in the race to conquer this virus.



Martha Noonan Murtaugh ‘68

“I have always tried to encourage my students to investigate questions on their own. My background in research allowed me to come up with ways to help kids become active learners.”

A Life in Science

By Alan Gelb

Science has always loomed large in the life of Martha Noonan Murtaugh, Elms College class of 1968. “To me, life really is science,” Martha said. “It’s all about coming up with possible solutions and trying them out until you find the right one.” In a life that has embraced research, teaching, and motherhood, she has never stopped asking questions and seeking answers.

Her passion for science started in the sixth grade. “My teacher, Mr. Kelliher, made it so interesting,” Martha remembered. “He had us out collecting insects on the school grounds, and taught us how to dry them and mount them in cigar boxes.”

That passion for science solidified in high school. “I got involved in a genetics project that involved raising and crossing various types of fruit flies, which really got me excited about genetics,” Martha said.

In 1964, when it came time for college, Martha entered the Elms, alma mater of her mother Dolores Donlin Noonan ’39 and her aunt Clare Donlin Mannix ’47. “I come from a real Elms family,” Martha said, noting that her sister Regina Noonan Hitchery ’71 followed her to the Elms.

“I majored in biology and minored in chemistry, and I loved it,” she said. Indeed, Martha was one of the first students at the Elms to immerse herself in hands-on scientific research. “Sister Carmela—now Sister Mary L. Wright—taught many of my courses and she was doing research on frog metamorphosis,” said Martha. “She was taking on students to help with her research and I was lucky enough to be chosen. That was my first real introduction to research.”

Life in the Labs

Upon graduating from the Elms in 1968, Martha took a job as a technician at the Massachusetts Health Research Institute in Boston, a laboratory that produced vaccines. After her marriage, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and went to work at Vanderbilt Hospital, where she was involved in developing a vaccine for Haemophilus influenza.

The Murtaughs left Nashville in 1981, and choosing to be closer to their extended family, they moved to South Windsor, Connecticut.

“I remained an at-home mother when we first moved up north,” Martha recalled. “I did some volunteer work in the schools, and then some substitute teaching as my children got older.”

When she was ready to go back to work full-time, Martha weighed her options. “I realized I had been away from research for a long time,” she said. “I would have had to go back to school to get up to speed on things. By that time, I had been working in the classroom and really enjoyed it, so I decided to focus on teaching.”

Serendipitously, the Elms had just introduced its master’s degree program in teaching. Martha entered the program, taking courses at night. “It was great for me,” she said. “Most of us were older, working people, and the classes were vibrant with lots of good discussions.”

Within four years, as she continued to substitute teach and raise her children, she earned her master’s degree. In 1992, she secured a full-time job teaching science at the Illing Middle School in Manchester, Connecticut. For the next 17 years, she taught seventh and eighth grade science there—quite a long and satisfying run for a second career.

The Classroom Experience

From the start, Martha enjoyed teaching and was able to draw on her laboratory experience. “I could explain to the kids the real-life ways that science was used and thereby make it more vivid for them,” she said.

The research phase of her career also lent her a discipline she could use as a teacher. “Working in a laboratory requires a lot of trial and error, and so does teaching,” Martha explained. “You have to try so many different ways to reach kids. You teach something one way and if that’s not working, you try something else.”

The hands-on learning that Martha was able to enjoy at the Elms became a hallmark of her approach as a teacher. “I always tried to encourage my students to investigate questions on their own,” she said. “My background in research allowed me to come up with ways to help kids become active learners.”

Having retired in 2009, Martha has remained too busy to figure out her next act. Her family is nearby and she is an active Elms alumna, serving as secretary of the Alumni Association. But, with her curiosity just as alive as ever, she hasn’t ruled out new developments. There are still questions to be asked and answers to be found as this natural scientist moves forward on her life’s journey.

New Elms College Tag Line Reflects Tradition of Founders

When the Elms College board of trustees passed a resolution in December 2009 to add the phrase "in the tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph" to the college's tag line, it recognized the college's history—as well as its future.

The new tag line now reads:

"Educating reflective, principled, and creative learners in the tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph."

"Not only does our new tag line make it clear that we are a Catholic college," says Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D., president of Elms, "it makes clear as well that the charism and inspiration of the Sisters of Saint Joseph provide the foundation for our priorities and our mission. We are proud of our identity, and we are pleased that our new tag line provides a public way for us to proclaim that pride."



Sister Kay Reagan

"The tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph means that the college recognizes and encourages the potential in all of its students," said sociology professor Sister Kay Reagan (Sister Marion Walter). "That means that social justice is part and parcel of what I do every day as a teacher."



Sisters Betty Sullivan and Mary Gallagher

"It's a case of meeting my God in the people I work with, and bringing the God in me to them," said Sister Betty Sullivan '56 (Sister Mary Timothy), a certified librarian who has worked with inter-library loan requests in the Alumnae Library for 31 years. "That's the tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph."

"I always admired the pioneers who put this college together," said Sister Mary Gallagher '56 (Sister James Irene), the college archivist, who has worked in the Alumnae Library for 45 years. "I consider the sense of community they established on campus to be one of our biggest assets to this day."



Sister Carol Allan

"The Sisters of Saint Joseph unite together for a common good, and that mission and charism blend right in with this college," said Sister Carol Allan, director of campus ministry. "You get to bring your justice agenda to Elms. We are here to advocate for all people."



Sister Maureen Kervick

"Elms was founded by a community of wonderful women who came before us, establishing our mission and values," said Sister Maureen Kervick '68 (Sister James Marie), the part-time coordinator of service programs. "We take students where they are, academically and socially, and walk with them as they fulfill their potential. That is the tradition of the Sisters."

Talloires Network

Elms College has joined the Talloires Network, an international association of institutions committed to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education. As a member institution, the Elms has signed the Talloires Declaration on the Civic Roles and Social Responsibilities of Higher Education, committing to educating students for social responsibility and civic engagement, and to strengthening the application of college resources to the needs of local and global communities.

Founded in 2005 by Tufts University President Lawrence Bacow, The Talloires Network has grown to include 164 institutions from throughout the world: 26 in Africa, 20 in East Asia, 27 in Europe and Central Asia, 25 in Latin America, 11 in the Middle East and North Africa, and 15 in South Asia. There are 40 member institutions in North America, including three others in our area: Smith, Amherst, and Westfield State College.

TALLOIRES NETWORK

You can read about the Talloires Network, and Elms' part in it, at http://www.tufts.edu/talloiresnetwork/?pid=348.



"Honduran Family" by Jen Allard



"Jamaican Boy" by Sister Jean Branchaud



"Lightbearer" by David Peters

The Beauty of Service

When David Peters '12 returned from a service trip to Honduras last spring, he wanted to share the impressions that moved him so profoundly: the native people's sense of joy despite poverty; their ability to live in the moment; and the value they placed on community.

"I wanted to move people in the way I had been moved," he said. "I wanted to offer a glimpse into the third world that I had experienced, and hoped it would spark others to go there and experience it for themselves."

David shared his photos with his friends on Facebook, but wanted a wider audience, and conceived of a public photo display.

In February, Elms College hosted that exhibit of photographs in the Borgia Gallery. Called "The Beauty of Service," it included photos taken by students and staff on the college's 2009 service trips. With pictures from Honduras, Jamaica, and West Virginia, the images focused on the dignity of the local people and the natural beauty of the environments, with the goal of raising awareness of the social problems that exist in the regions.

The exhibit was divided into seven clusters, each one representing one of the fundamental components of Catholic social teaching.

Confirmations in Our Lady's Chapel

Twenty-one adults, including nine Elms College students, two students who will enter the Elms in the fall, and several alumni, received the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on March 26 in Our Lady's Chapel.



Faculty and Staff News



Christopher Bakriges, Ph.D., lecturer in music, has initiated a jazz curriculum and theory program at The Concord Conservatory of Music in Concord, Massachusetts. He maintains a private studio for pre-college students and also assists with keyboard core content standards. He also presented a series of workshops entitled *Finding Your Soundscape* September 21-23 at the Persons in Ministry Retreat for the United Church of Christ's Mid-South Conference at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. In addition, in the past year he has performed at both the Hartford and New Haven International Jazz Festivals, and *Wading In Muddy Water, Swimming Up Clear Streams*, a program celebrating the spiritual and the blues, at the Ohio Theatre Playhouse in Cleveland.

Dr. Bakriges also has three new recordings: *Transculturation*, new works in collaboration with 18 artists from around the world; *Teaching The Eye To Hear: Musical Reflections on Henri Matisse's Jazz* with his son, violinist David Bakriges; and *Dreams and Visions*, with the Oikos Ensemble. His research in musical transculturation has been acknowledged this past year in the Association for Recorded Sound Collections 2009 Journal Review; *How Britain Got the Blues: The Transmission* and *Reception of American Blues Style* in the United Kingdom; and *British Jazz Voices: Crossing Borders of Race, Nation and Class*.



Tom Cerasulo, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, has a new book being released on April 30 by University of South Carolina Press, entitled *Authors Out Here: Fitzgerald, West, Parker, and Schulberg in Hollywood*. In the book, he argues that the writers exercised as much of an impact on Hollywood as it had on them during their respective screen-writing careers, and explores the often-tense marriage of talent and power, which was mutually beneficial if not always happy. Combining film studies with literary analysis, the book advances our understanding of the meaning of authorship in the first half of the twentieth century.



Dan Chelotti, M.F.A., lecturer in English, has had five poems accepted for publication in the spring edition of the online poetry journal, *Past Simple*, and one poem was included in *The Apocalypse Anthology*, published by Flying Guillotine Press. In addition, one of his short stories has been selected as a finalist for the 'Italo Calvino Fabulist Fiction Award.'



Peggy Dwyer Clark '65, M.Ed., the alumni director at Elms College for the past 14 years, retired on January 4. Among Peggy's many accomplishments are the establishment of the Golden Blazers, a club to recognize alumnae who graduated more than 50 years ago; the expansion of Reunion and Homecoming events; the initiation of monthly alumni luncheons and after-work socials; the organization of monthly Masses for deceased alums and their families; the introduction of welcome gifts and exam packs for students; and the implementation of an annual alumni career mentoring day.



Nanci Sarisley Costanzo, associate professor of art, exhibited works last fall at the Hampden Art Guild, and in the Elms College faculty art show. In addition, she sang with the Dan Kane Singers at their annual Christmas concert. Professor Costanzo was also a volunteer for the week that ABC television filmed "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" in Suffield, Connecticut last summer.



Mary Gallagher '56, s.s.j., college archivist, recently relinquished her position as volunteer chapel sacristan, which she held for many years. According to Father Mark Stelzer and Sister Carol Allan of campus ministry, "All of us associated with Our Lady's Chapel are grateful to Sister Mary for her countless hours of dedicated service on weekdays and weekends throughout the year. The hospitality shown by Sister Mary to our neighbors and friends who worship in Our Lady's Chapel has become the hallmark of their Elms experience." Sister Mary is also stepping down from her position as editor of *Catholic Library World*.



Nancy J. Gilbert, RN, M.S., assistant professor of nursing, made a presentation last June at the annual conference of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators on using poster presentations to showcase students' work and educate others about the role of public health nurses. In November she made a presentation at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting called "Using Interactive Teaching-learning Strategies to Teach Students about Health Disparities."



Debra Gomes '84, M.S.L.S., M.S.C.I.M., associate librarian/ head of serials and systems, has been promoted to full professor. Debra earned her bachelor's degree from Elms College in 1984, and master's degrees from Simmons College in 1991 and Bay Path College in 2008. She has worked in the Alumnae Library since 1985 in a variety of areas.



Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., assistant professor of English as a second language, was awarded a doctorate in educational policy, research, and administration from the University of Massachusetts. Her dissertation, entitled "Latino/a Students and Faculty-Student Interaction: Las Voces de Persistencia," examines the growing inequity in educational opportunities and outcomes for Latinos in the United States, identifies three main support sources for Latino student persistence, and presents five recommendations for college policy and practice to address the problem.



Diane Hartmann, secretary in the Registrar's Office, has been named the honorary chair for the Greater Springfield Relay for Life to be held June 4-5 at Springfield College. Diane has been involved with the Relay since 1997. She was diagnosed with cancer in 1999, 2003, and 2004. "Relay for Life unites us all to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against the disease," she said. "Each year as I walk in the Survivor Lap at the Relay, I feel extremely fortunate to be here, and an example for others who've been diagnosed with this disease."



Ghada Issa, a visiting Fulbright Scholar of the Palestinian Authority, is residing, studying, and teaching at Elms College for the 2009-2010 academic year. Her stay at Elms is made possible through the Fulbright's foreign language teaching assistant program. Ghada is teaching courses in the Arabic language as part of the college's Asian studies minor, and speaking at various college events about Palestinian culture. She is taking courses in Spanish and technology in education, and hopes to teach English in Palestinian schools.



Kathryn James, Ph.D., chair of the CSD Division, has been appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts to the Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Her term runs from Aug 25, 2009 to July 1, 2012.



Efrosini Kokaliari, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work, was promoted to associate professor. She earned an M.S.W. in the United Kingdom, and a Ph.D. at Smith College School of Social Work.



David Kimball, Sc.D., has been promoted to full professor of business management. He has a bachelor's degree from Western New England College and a Sc.D. from the University of New Haven. Dr. Kimball co-authored the text *Sport Management: Principles, Applications and Skills*, now in its second edition. He has taught at Elms since 1986.



Robert King, Ph.D., professor of English, has written a book entitled *The Ethos of Drama: Rhetorical Theory and Dramatic Worth* that is scheduled for May publication by The Catholic University of America Press. According to reviewer James C. Bulman, professor of English at Allegheny College, "This book is at once deeply conservative and surprisingly revolutionary: conservative because it grounds drama in a traditional study of rhetoric; revolutionary because it argues that drama can have an ethos, a quality of moral authority. . . . The quality of King's prose is simply superb: lucid and crisp, with just the right blend of theory, contextual matter, and close textual analysis. King himself is clearly a master of rhetoric." (http://cuapress.cua.edu/books/viewbook.cfm?Book=KIED)

Dr. King, who is contributing editor in drama criticism for *The North American Review*, also published a drama essay in the May/August issue of the journal.



Laura McNeil, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, was promoted to associate professor. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Boston College.



Janet Moore, Ph.D., nursing professor, completed a doctorate program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in nursing. Her dissertation was titled "Familiar Physical Activity to Familiar Music: The Effects on Apathy, Agitation, Eating Ability and Dietary Intake In Institutionalized Older Adults With Dementia." Several students from the Elms College class of 2009 received training as research assistants and participated in Dr. Moore's project.



Elaine Pinkos, M.S., has been promoted to associate professor. She is the librarian for the Federal Depository Program and the head of technical services at the Alumnae Library. Elaine has a bachelor's degree from Keene State College and a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island. She began working at Elms in 1995.



Ann Ryan, s.n.d., Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies, was awarded tenure. She earned a master's in theology from Weston School of Theology, and a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union.



Kathleen Scoble, Ed.D., RN, director and chair, Division of Nursing, was interviewed for an article appearing in the August 2009 edition of *Healthcare Ledger*. The article was titled "Creating Community with a Global Vision."



Cheryl Sheils, Ed.D., RN, assistant professor of nursing, was awarded a doctorate in educational policy, research, and administration at UMass. The title of her dissertation was "Latinas in the Pipeline to Baccalaureate-Prepared Nursing: Challenges and Supports in Persistence to Degree and Professional Licensure."



Holyoke Community College president William Messner and Elms College president Sr. Mary Reap formalized an agreement between the two institutions that will enable HCC graduates to complete their bachelor's degrees from Elms by taking courses on the HCC campus.

Elms Partnership with Holyoke Community College Provides New Option for HCC Graduates

Elms College has entered a partnership with Holyoke Community College that will enable HCC graduates to complete their bachelor's degrees from Elms by taking weekend courses on the HCC campus, making the process less expensive and faster than a traditional program.

Elms and HCC faculty will teach designated courses on the Holyoke campus on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Students with associate's degrees will be able to complete their bachelor's in 20 months, in 10 eight-week sessions. This new arrangement will make a private four-year college education more affordable.

The partnership honors the mission of each college to serve those in need.

The new program will begin in September, initially offering bachelor's degree programs in psychology and business (with majors in management and accounting). Programs in English and a licensure program in early childhood education at the baccalaureate level are planned for fall 2011.

Holyoke Community College is the Commonwealth's oldest community college, serving more than 12,500 students annually. The college has the highest transfer rate of any community college statewide, holding articulation agreements with more than 27 colleges and universities.

HCC graduates who have earned an associate's degree are eligible to apply to this program. Elms College will provide a full-time program coordinator to facilitate academic advising, course registration, and orientation on the HCC campus.

For additional information about the Holyoke Community College/ Elms College 20-month bachelor's degree programs, contact the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education at 413-265-2490 or email mccarryj@elms.edu.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & ELMS COLLEGE

Affordable 20 Month Bachelor's Programs

Now Offered on the HCC Campus

Elms Students Provide Free Tax Assistance



Anthony Miles, director of financial planning for Valley Opportunity Council, and Elms student VITA volunteer Nicole Denette '10.

Nineteen Elms College students volunteered their time to help people prepare their income taxes in the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The VITA program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. To participate, they were required to pass the IRS basic and intermediate tax preparation exam.

Elms students are volunteering at two sites in Chicopee and one in Holyoke. This is the fifth consecutive year Elms students have participated.

Senior accounting major Nicole Denette of Chicopee was a VITA volunteer as a junior and is coordinating this year's effort. "It's a great way to get to know people and give back to my community," she says, "and I like learning about taxes."

Men's Basketball Team Wins ECAC and NECC Championships

The men's basketball team capped off a stellar 24-6 season by bringing home two tournament championships, in both cases defeating the top-seeded team.

The Blazers took the NECC (New England Collegiate Conference) championship on February 27, and followed up with the ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference) tournament championship on March 7.

The second-seeded Blazers downed number one Becker College 79-68 to take the NECC title for the second year in a row. A week later, they also claimed the program's first-ever ECAC tournament championship with a convincing 94-71 victory over number one Eastern Connecticut State University.

In the NECC game, freshman guard Andre French netted a game-high 18 points for the Blazers en route to Most Valuable Player honors, while senior point guard Juan Maldonado poured in a game-high 26 points and was named ECAC tournament Most Outstanding Player.



Front row (left to right): Julius Silva, Bryant Corcoran, Luis Santiago, Brittain Purcelle, Juan Maldonado, Arsenio Avant, Andre French, Anthony Samuels, Walter Mfuko. Back row (left to right): Ed Silva (head coach), Todd Dean (assistant coach), Robert Hargrove, Edgar Martinez, Antoine Holder, Chris Hartmann, Javon Mathis, Austin Sylvia, Juan Alverio, Jamal Hulum, Darius Griffin, Michael Walker, Jason Plamondon (assistant coach), Pat Atton (manager).

Elms finished its 2009-10 campaign on an 11-game winning streak. They have now won six straight NECC conference championships, and have won 20 or more games in each of the last six seasons.



Elms Welcomes Exchange Students from Japan

Five students and a professor from Kochi Women's University (KWU) in Kochi, Japan were welcomed to campus February 25, and spent two weeks at Elms as part of an annual exchange program between the two schools. Several Elms students traveled to Kochi last spring, and another group will go next spring.

"The exchange program provides participating students with a valuable cross-cultural perspective, an opportunity to practice another language, and the experience of complete immersion in a different culture," says Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., director of English as a Second Language and international programs.

Joyce launched "Elms in Japan" more than a decade ago, enlisting a handful of Elms students to host a group of visiting college students from Japan. Since that time, groups of KWU and Elms students have visited each other's campuses in two-year intervals, and several individual KWU and Elms students have completed study abroad terms.

Today, more than 50 students on each campus serve as "friendship partners," learning about Japanese and U.S. language and culture through shared learning experiences. More than 20 Elms students served as official "friends" to the Kochi students during their visit.

During their stay, the Japanese students stayed in the dorms, attended selected classes, and visited area sites such as Yankee Candle, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, and Old Sturbridge Village. They participated in events like a Japanese Festival on March 2 featuring calligraphy demonstrations and a kimono display, and a Japanese cooking party.



Back row (left to right): Professor Makiko Mukai, Professor Joyce Hampton, Blake Stevens, Lindsey Papsin, Deb Daniels, Chris Lyons, Jenna Robitaille, Mike Starke, Miyuki Hayashi, Matt Warren, Professor Anne Harrison, Kristi Pueschel, Rae Brightman, Krystyna Stasiak, Ghada Issa, Dave Peters.

Front row (left to right): Yuji Jyojima, Gabrielle King, Momoe Sumida, Ai Aikino, Natsumi Kasaoka, Syuko Tsutsui.

Alumni Association



Dear Fellow Alumna/us:

Many of you know that Peggy Dwyer Clark '65, our alumni relations director for 14 years, retired in January. Over the years, Peggy has worked with the Alumni Association to create and manage events to bring alumni together, such as lunches, masses, and a multitude of other activities. She will truly be missed!

The Alumni Association Board and its committees have been hard at work. Activities include working with the Marketing Department on improving communications with alumni, and with Admissions on how alumni might be involved in recruiting new students. The annual giving committee has been active in making calls to alumni and will also assist in recruiting additional class agents.

Reunion (April 29, May 1 and May 2) is the big spring project for the programs committee, which is also working on the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award and faculty grants. If you graduated in a year ending with "0" or "5," this is your reunion year, and I hope to see you there.

I hope you will be energized and excited reading this edition of the *Elms College Magazine*, which focuses on the activities and accomplishments of many of our fellow alumni. The frequency of the magazine has been reduced to twice a year for financial reasons, but a quarterly electronic newsletter called *ElmsMail* will provide additional information about college activities. If you have not received *ElmsMail*, please visit the website www.elms.edu/alumni to update your profile, make sure we have your email address, and let us know that you would like to receive the e-newsletter.

I have enjoyed meeting alumni, many of whom are new to me, over the past few months. I've heard over and over again how proud each of you is of our *alma mater*, and how positive you are about your education and the friendships you made here, and have kept. Your pride is reflected through your continued interest and involvement with the college.

With sincere regards,

Jason Ostrander '04

President, Alumni Association





Dear Alumni,

Would you be willing to contact a prospective student in your geographic location or major to let them know about your Elms experience? This can be done via the phone, a quick email, or even over a cup of coffee, and can take as little as 10 minutes. The best part is you and the student can decide what works best for both of you and your schedules.

We on the Admission Committee are proud to collaborate with the Admission Office in recruiting new students. We would love for you to share your stories about your time at the Elms, and how the college has helped you to achieve your dreams. We all came to Elms College for a reason, and what better way to get the good word out than to shout it out ourselves!

This is our chance to give back to the school, and to help out prospective students. Please feel free to email me directly at kristinirey@aol.com if you are interested in helping out. We will match you with someone in your area or major, or whatever your preference.

Sincerely,

Kristin Reardon '03
Chair, Alumni Association Admission Committee

All alumni, spouses, and friends are welcome at all events.

For further information on any of these events, call the Alumni Office at 413-265-2227.

First Thursday Masses
In memory of deceased alumni, members of the Elms College community, and their family members.
Our Lady's Chapel, 12:15 p.m.
May 6, June 3

Monthly Luncheons for Alumni
Munich Haus, Chicopee Center
Wednesdays, 12 noon:
May 5, June 2

Alumni Association Berkshire Chapter Dinner
May 4 (Tuesday) 5 p.m.
Mazzeo's Ristorante, Pittsfield

Reunion Weekend
April 30 to May 2

Alumni Association Cape Cod Chapter Lunch
August 3 (Tuesday) 12 noon
Pompossett Inn, Mashpee

Irish Cultural Center Events

Wine Tasting with an Irish Accent
May 7 (Friday)
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Dooley Campus Center Dining Hall

Celtic Adventures for Kids
July 26-30

Journey of the Soul – Trip to Ireland
September 4-14

Class Notes

Everyone at Elms College shares great pride in the accomplishments of our alumni. We'd like to tell you about the good works, honors, lives, and achievements of some of our notable graduates.

We'd love to hear about your life and accomplishments, from career news and engagements to awards and retirements. Please email your information and/or photos to emanuellia@elms.edu, or alumni@elms.edu, or mail them to Marketing Editor, Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

You may also email information to any of the class agents listed on the website at www.elms.edu/classagents.

1950s

Annette A. Rafferty '52, who founded Abby's House in Worcester in 1976, will receive an honorary degree as part of the Worcester State College's commencement in May. Abby's House is a multi-service organization serving the needs of homeless, abused, and low-income women and children. After graduating from Elms College, Annette went on to earn master's degrees from Assumption College and the Ecumenical Institute. She taught secondary school from 1952 to 1971, was a community administrator with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Springfield from 1971 to 1979, and received Elms' *Via Veritatis* medal in 1983. Annette has served as a board member and chairperson of the Worcester City Manager's Committee on the Status of Women, a member of the Rape Crisis Board, and an Elms College trustee. She is also the author of *Wearing Smooth the Path: 25 Years at Abby's House, an Unfinished Memoir*, published in 2001 by Ambassador Press.

Barbara Maloney Kirby '53 is tutoring with the ACTS (Action-Centered Tutoring Services) program in Springfield, working with children as a member of the Cherish Every Child Committee of the Davis Foundation. In 2006, Barbara participated in a mission awareness trip to Haiti, and she has worked on fundraisers for Haiti. She took her granddaughter on a mission awareness trip to Guatemala in 2007 with the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. This year, Barbara entered the Ms. Senior Massachusetts Contest and received the Service Award.

1960s

Patricia Thompson Burden '62, former director of development at Elms College, is now the first-ever director of development at Stanley Park in Westfield. Pat has initiated a biannual newsletter, and planned and executed several events including Wheel Walk, The Jazz fundraiser, Tea on Mother's Day, the Grand Ole Fourth, and East Meets Westfield, for the park's 60th anniversary celebration.

Nancy Menard Gadbois '68, a French teacher at Cathedral High School in Springfield, was named a Chevalier (decorated member) of the Order of Palmes Academiques du Ministere de L'Education Nationale, a prestigious award from the French government given to people who are outstanding in the field of French language education. She received her award at the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association conference in October 2009. The prestige associated with the award can perhaps best be understood by taking into account the history of the award – it was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1808 – and by the small number of awards bestowed – only two or three a year in all of New England. According to French consul general Chistophe Guilhou, who presented the medal and ribbon to "Madame Gadbois," the award is intended "to get people from France and New England to better understand each other, and to promote cultural, university, and economic exchanges."

Patricia Loftus '69, who had been a fourth grade teacher, let us know that she completed a second graduate degree in 1995, and became a videographer for two local fire departments. By 1998 she had become an EMT, and by 2004 was a CPR instructor. She is presently a lieutenant with the local volunteer ambulance division of the Somers Fire Department in Connecticut.

1970s

Rosemarie Petrucci Zbikowski '71 is the district reading/language arts consultant in West Hartford, Connecticut. In the past few years, she has co-authored *Motivating the Struggling Adolescent Reader*, and in 2007 she was named the Connecticut Reading Association's reading consultant.

Sharon Gilchrist Gazda '72 announced that her company Edizen was named to the Super 60 List of fastest growing privately owned businesses in Greater Springfield. Edizen is an organizational consulting practice committed to helping large organizations improve performance through strategic human capital management. The company provides customized leadership development, executive coaching, and workforce training to premier private sector companies and large government agencies through a team of highly experienced professional consultants. In addition to headquarters in Springfield, Edizen has offices in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Georgia.

Sister Mary Ann Papiez '74, a Sister of St. Felix of Cantalice, received a "Partners in Education" award from St. Joseph Elementary School in Webster at a Catholic Schools Week Mass in early February. Sister Mary Ann is a religion and math teacher for grades six through eight, and moderator for the Children of Mary Sodality for interested girls in grade three and up. She has been at St. Joseph's for 11 years. After graduating from the Elms, Sister earned a master's degree in formative spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "I thank God for the gift of my religious vocation and my Sisters in community," she said. "I pray that some young women will follow in my footsteps."

1980s

Mary Leahy Kane '80 became school administrator to the Enfield Medium Correctional Facility and Northern Maximum Security Prison in July 2009. She oversees 10 staff and 200 inmate students. "This position is very rewarding, challenging, and exciting," Mary said.

Kathleen Benoit, M.S., RN, NP '85 has been named director of hospice for Spectrum Home Health and Hospice Care at the Jewish Geriatric Services. Kathleen received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the Elms, and her graduate degree from Boston University. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and the Lambda Xi at Elms College.

Sandra Hould '87 is having her work published by the National League for Nursing in its soon-to-be released book *Giving Through Teaching: How Nurse Educators are Changing the World*. Sandra's work is called "Nursing in Kenya," and is based on the year she spent in Kenya with her husband Joseph as Catholic missionaries. She received her M.S.N. from Villanova University in 2000.

1990s

Kimberly Ferris '90 of Holyoke, a registered nurse and nurse specialist for Big Y Foods, published an article called "Four-Point Contract on a Workers' Compensation File" in the July-August edition of *Professional Case Management*.


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Mary Leahy Kane '80


Kathleen Benoit '85


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Kimberly Ferris '90


Estaban Acosta '04


Maryanne Rooney '76

The article addresses the injured worker, the provider, the employer, and the claims adjuster, and how reacting to an injury in the proper sequence of steps will bring quality medical management and cost containment for an employee's file. Kimberly serves on the state Board of Field Case Management.

Dr. Darlene Watson Smith '90, a chiropractor at Well Adjusted Chiropractic Wellness Center in West Hartford, Connecticut, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in all aspects of chiropractic services. Darlene earned a degree in medical technology at the Elms, and worked as a medical technician before receiving her doctor of chiropractic from the College of Chiropractic at University of Bridgeport. She has been a chiropractor for nine years. For more information on Well Adjusted Chiropractic Wellness Center, LLC, visit http://www.welladjustedchiropractic.com.

2000s

Susan Keiter Powers '00 has been hired to provide leadership for "The Academic Enrichment Program," made possible by partnership with Greater Holyoke YMCA, Peck School, and St. Paul's Church in Holyoke. The program is designed to raise the reading level of 20 children, grades kindergarten through fifth grade, who currently read below grade level. Sue comes to the program with a rich background in assessing literacy skills of children. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood psychology from Elms College, a master's of education from Westfield State, and has nine years of teaching experience in Springfield and Easthampton. She just started as a kindergarten teacher at E.N. White School in Holyoke. "This program is a wonderful opportunity for our community and I am excited and honored to serve as the director," Susan said. "I am hoping to make a difference in the lives of local youth."

Estaban Acosta '04 has received a master's degree in nursing from Yale University School of Nursing. Estaban is a U.S. Public Health Service-commissioned officer serving in Navajo Indian Reservation in Tuba, Arizona.

Engagements

Cristen Johnson '00 is engaged to Rose Guerra. Cristen is a science teacher in the Holyoke public schools. A graduate of Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield, she received a bachelor's degree in psychology and education from the Elms. Rose Guerra is a history teacher at Easthampton High School. A graduate of Whitesboro High School, she received a bachelor's degree in history and education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a master's degree in history education from Westfield State College. An October wedding is planned.

Sarah A. Prince '02 of Alexandria, Virginia is engaged to Neal S. Messier of Agawam. Sarah is a volunteer teacher and coach for Wakefield Recreation Center of Annandale, Virginia. The future bridegroom is a graduate of The Porter and Chester Institute, and is a sales engineer for Temp-pro Inc.

Joanna Nowak '07 is engaged to Timothy Purtell. Joanna, a graduate of Belchertown High School and Elms College, is employed as an accountant by Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP in Glastonbury, Connecticut. She also attends the University of Connecticut. Her fiancée is a graduate of Tyngsboro High School and the University of Connecticut. He is also employed as an accountant by Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP. A June wedding is planned.

Jaime Anne Marcus '08 is engaged to Thomas Edmund Ranstrom. Jaime is a graduate of West Springfield High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire, and a master's degree from Elms College. She is a fifth-grade teacher in the West Springfield school system. The future bridegroom is a graduate of West Springfield High School, received an associate's degree from Springfield Technical Community College, and attends Cambridge College in Springfield. He is a sales representative for LA Fitness in Springfield. A July 17 wedding is planned at The Bushnell in Hartford.

Catherine Marie Andrews '09 is engaged to Eric Michael Okscin of Monson. Catherine graduated from Agawam High School and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Elms College. She is a registered nurse with Western Massachusetts Kidney Center. Her fiancée graduated from Monson High School and is scheduled to graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in English from Westfield State College. He is currently employed at Friendly's Distribution Center. The wedding is planned for October 23 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, followed by a reception at Chez Josef.

Weddings

Maryanne Rooney '76, former vice president of institutional advancement at Elms College, married Michael Hegan on August 9, 2009 at St. Mary's Church in Lynn. The reception followed at Danvers Port Yacht Club in Danvers. Maryanne is the major gift officer at Emmanuel College in Boston. The couple honeymooned in Sarasota, Florida, and they reside in Wakefield.

Adriano dos Santos '04 and ***Karla Jean Camerota '06*** were married on June 13, 2009. The ceremony was held at Chapel of the Pines on the grounds of Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Connecticut, and a reception followed. Karla is a registered nurse for Overlook Visiting Nurse Association in West Springfield. Adriano is an analyst for Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation. They honeymooned in Antigua, and they reside in Wilbraham.

Kristina Hoadley '07 married Matthew Paddock on May 4, 2009.

Births


Ainsley June Russell

Jennifer Perreault Russell '98 gave birth to her second daughter, Ainsley June, on November 3, 2009. The baby weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 21½ inches long. Jennifer and her family reside in North Adams.


Adriano dos Santos '04


Karla Jean Camerota '06


Kristina Hoadley '07


Jennifer Perreault Russell '98

In Memoriam

Thanks to all who made gifts to Elms College in memory of their deceased loved ones.

Alumni:

Mary Barrett '33, of Holyoke, died August 6, 2009 in Baystate Medical Center at the age of 98. Mary was born in Holyoke, and attended the former Rosary Schools. She served with the United States Army during WWII and later worked for the State Department in Washington, DC, and with the American Embassy in Germany. Mary then moved to Miami, Florida, where she was a teacher for 20 years. She was a communicant of Holy Cross Church, a member of the American Legion in Holyoke and Miami, and a member of the Elms College Alumni Association.

Sister Angela Bisol '35 passed away peacefully on December 24, 2009 at the age of 94. Sister was born in Fitchburg, and entered the Congregation of the Religious Venerini Sisters at a young age and professed her religious vows in 1934. She earned degrees in education at the Elms and French at Anna Maria College, and graduate and post-graduate degrees in French and religious studies at Assumption College. Sister Angela began her education ministry in North Adams, Pittsfield, and Schenectady, New York with catechism and Italian classes. With the establishment of Venerini Academy in the 1940s, she taught languages in the junior and senior high schools as well as doing catechetical work at Mount Carmel Parish. Her proficiency in English, French, and Italian was valued both in classroom teaching, as a tutor, and as a translator. She also served as principal for brief periods at Venerini Academy and in Gloversville, New York. Sister later focused her talents on catechetical and parish work in North Adams and in Worcester where she was a director and coordinator of religious education at Immaculate Conception and St. Joan of Arc parishes. She was involved in the Ecumenical Institute at Assumption College both as a participant and as collaborator. Sister Angela's devotedness to the graduates of Venerini Academy High School led her to found the Venerini Alumnae Association, and she remained as its moderator to her last days. She was a tremendously gifted and generous resource person to Sisters, colleagues, former co-workers, and students.

Cecilia Sullivan Canavan '36, of Longmeadow, died August 13, 2009 at Wingate of East Longmeadow Nursing Home at the age of 93 after a short illness. Cecilia was born in Springfield, and graduated from Cathedral High School. She received master's degrees from both Westfield State Teacher's College and the Boston University School of Education, and was a teacher in the Springfield school system. Cecilia was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, and a former member of the Longmeadow Country Club, where she enjoyed playing golf with her husband and the "9-Holers." She also loved watching birds and baseball and was an avid Red Sox fan.

Margaret Shea Kruger '42, died in Agawam on July 24, 2009 at the age of 88. Born in Springfield, she graduated from Cathedral High School. She was a communicant of Holy Name Church. She was a member of the Springfield Turnverein, the Forest Park Stitchers, a neighborhood bridge club, and she attended ceramics classes for many years.

Anne Rowley Olsen '44, of North Adams, died January 6 at the Sweet Brook Transitional and Living Center in Williamstown at the age of 88. She graduated from St. Joseph High School in North Adams, and after graduating from the Elms, went on to earn a master of science degree from Fordham University in New York City. As an enthusiastic young scientist, she was employed at the Sprague Electric Co. in the Research and Engineering Department. While working at Sprague, she met George Olsen, whom she married in 1949. For some years she devoted herself to raising her four sons, and later taught science at St. Joseph High School and Drury High School, retiring in the 1980s. During two decades of teaching, mentoring, and coaching debate teams, she touched the lives of thousands of children. Anne was a communicant of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in North Adams, and she served for many years as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis of Assisi Church. She was a longtime member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #629 Court Margaret, and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Elizabeth Quirk Campion '45, died suddenly December 6, 2009 in Baystate Medical Center at the age of 84. Born in Chicopee, she lived in Wilbraham and Belchertown for many years before moving to Agawam in 2002. She earned a master's degree from AIC, and spent 25 years as an elementary teacher in Indian Orchard, retiring in 1984. She had a passion for education, and had been a faculty representative of the Springfield Education Association, and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the National Education Association. A former communicant of St. Francis Church in Belchertown, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart in Agawam.

Claire M. Geddes '46, passed away September 11, 2009 in the Mount St. Rita Health Center, Cumberland, Rhode Island at the age of 83. Claire was born in Cumberland, and spent her whole life there. She was the administrative technologist and laboratory director at the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket for 43 years, retiring in 1989. She received her master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1976. Claire was a member of several medical technology societies, and was a founding member and chairman of the board of the Rhode Island Schools of Medical Technology, which oversaw programs of five hospitals and four colleges. She was a communicant of the Historic St. Joseph Church in Cumberland, a member of the St. Joseph's Women's Club, the Cumberland Chapter of the AARP, the Elms College Alumni Association, and the Central Michigan University Alumni Association.

Catherine Quinn Shea '46, affectionately known as Kay, Quinno, Kay Baby, Katie, and Gram, died on August 2, 2009 at the age of 85. She was raised in Springfield, and graduated from Cathedral High School. Kay was a devoted mother and friend, and an avid reader with a thirst for knowledge. Her time spent on Cape Cod was a dream come true. She possessed a truly compassionate heart, and even with her busy life, she always found the time to volunteer and help others. Kay was a longtime communicant of Holy Name Parish and spent many years teaching at Holy Name School. She especially enjoyed the time she spent with the "Alderman Street Irregulars," Joanie, Betty, and Jane.

Elizabeth Murphy Kehoe '48, a teacher, church volunteer and Navy wife, died January 16 at her home in Lanham, Maryland at the age of 82. She had Alzheimer's disease. Born in Newport, Rhode Island, she graduated from Elms College with a degree in mathematics and Latin. Class president for four years, she also worked for the local Catholic bishop, translating his Latin correspondence with the Vatican. After graduation, she taught sixth-graders on the island of Jamestown, Rhode Island, riding a ferry to school across Narragansett Bay. She married in 1952 and traveled with her husband, a Navy officer, until they settled in Lanham in 1971. Elizabeth did substitute teaching at parochial schools that her children attended during the family's frequent moves, from California to Maryland to Florida and elsewhere. She also volunteered to teach religion in the Catholic parishes they joined. She was a Eucharistic minister at St. Bernard's church in Riverdale Park and a volunteer at the Catholic Deaf Center in Landover Hills.

Elizabeth Carlisle Carey '49 died on July 3, 2008.

Constance Turner Serafino '50, passed away October 24, 2009 at Baystate Medical Center at the age of 80. She was a lifelong resident of Springfield, and graduated from Cathedral High School. She was a teacher and librarian in the Springfield school system at the Dorman School and the Indian Orchard School, and retired in 1989. Connie was a communicant of Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church for more than 43 years, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association and National Education Association, and a former member of the Franconia Women's Golf League and the Pioneer Quilt Club.

Mary B. O'Neil '51, died November 1, 2009 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard in Webster at the age of 79. She was born in Worcester, and graduated from St. Peter's High School there. After receiving a master's degree, she went on to teach for a year in Japan. She was a teacher for 38 years, serving as head of the Language Department at Leicester High School, and also taught at Becker College in Leicester. She

was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, and a member of St. Joseph's Church in Leicester. She enjoyed snow skiing, traveling, and going to the Cape.

Phyllis Beaudin Forge '51, of Worcester, died September 18, 2009 at the age of 79 at UMass Memorial Medical Center, after an illness. She was born in Worcester, raised in Spencer, and was a graduate of David Prouty High School in Spencer. Phyllis was a teacher in the Spencer public school system for 30 years until retiring in 1999. She was a member of St. Bernard's Church, where she once served as a Girl Scout leader. She enjoyed spending summers on Cape Cod and was an avid Red Sox fan, having attended a game with her husband Rudy on their first date.

Patricia Rooney Day '53, of Ludlow, died September 20, 2009 at the age of 77. Born in Ludlow, she graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield. She worked as a teacher for the Ludlow, Palmer, and Diocesan school systems. A faithful communicant of Christ the King Church, she was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and was the longtime chair of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Ludlow Chapter.

Mary Catherine Fitzpatrick '53, of Somers Point, New Jersey, died on December 26, 2009. Mary went on from the Elms to receive her master's degree in speech therapy from Westfield State College. She was employed by the Chicopee public school system as a teacher and speech therapist for 45 years.

Sister Rita Rafferty '53, (Sister Rose Thomas), beloved member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Springfield in her 72nd year, died at Mont Marie Health Care Center on December 26, 2009 at the age of 91. She was born in Webster, and entered the s.s.j.s from St. Louis Parish there. She graduated from St. Louis High School, and earned A.B. and M.A. degrees from the College of Our Lady of the Elms. Sister taught her entire career in the Springfield Diocese, serving in Pittsfield, Springfield, Easthampton, Holyoke, Greenfield, and Northampton. She taught at Cathedral High School in Springfield for 30 years.

Nancy Dunphy Stallmer '53, age 77, passed away August 24, 2009, in Cape Coral, Florida where she was lovingly and compassionately cared for after a brief illness. She grew up in Haydenville, and graduated from Williamsburg High School. She moved to Troy, New York, and was a teacher in the Troy city school district for more than 40 years, retiring in 1995. Following her retirement, she lived in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Ann King Carty '54, passed away November 14, 2009 at Berkshire Medical Center at the age of 76. She was educated in Pittsfield schools, graduating from St. Joseph High School. She worked as a teacher at the Williams Elementary School in Pittsfield. Ann was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Clare Connor Mathews '55, a 41-year resident of Holden, died on September 22, 2009 in the Notre Dame du Lac Long Term Care Center in Worcester at the age of 75. Clare was born and raised in Pittsfield, and was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School. She was a third grade teacher at Pontoosuc Elementary School in Pittsfield, and a member of St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. Clare was a well-loved member of Alcoholics Anonymous for more than 36 years, and helped many fellow alcoholics in their recovery.

Carol Belisle Burke '57, of Milford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on January 13 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford at the age of 74. Carol was born in Springfield, and graduated from Chicopee High School. She worked for United Technology Research Laboratories from 1957 to 1963, raised a family, and then returned to work in 1980 holding various librarian and secretarial positions. In 1995, she retired from a final position as a secretary at Foran High School.

Josephine "Jo-Anne" MacDonald Kudla Grenier '58, passed away at home on September 1, 2009 at the age of 72. Jo-Anne was a life-long resident of Chicopee, and graduated from Chicopee High School. As an elementary school teacher, she started her career in the Chicopee public schools, followed by 23 years of service as a second grade teacher at Saint Patrick's School in Chicopee. Jo-Anne was a loving friend to many, always putting others before herself. She shared her love of learning, dance, and music with many children throughout her life, including her granddaughters. She was involved with the youth choir at St. Patrick's Church for many years, as well as being an active participant in the church. She received the Pius X Award for Excellence in teaching religious education from the diocese.

Sister Patricia G. Kane '59 (Sister Geraldine Maria), beloved member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Springfield for 62 years, died at Mont Marie Health Care Center in Holyoke on October 27, 2009 at the age of 79. Born in Worcester, she was graduated from St. Peter's High School and entered the s.s.j.s from St. Peter's Parish in Worcester. She earned an M.A. in speech/drama from Marquette University, and an M.S. in mass communications from Boston University. Sister taught in the schools of the Springfield Diocese at Holyoke, North Adams, Pittsfield, and Cathedral High School in Springfield, and in the Worcester Diocese in Southbridge. She also taught at St. Rose College in Albany, New York, the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, Vermont, and Tangaza College in Nairobi, Kenya. She served in Catholic Communications Ministry for the Diocese of Springfield, including the Chalice of Salvation, and in radio and television for the Diocese of Hartford. Most recently, she was co-director of Clementwood Spiritual Life Center in Rutland, Vermont.

Elizabeth A. Ashe '61, age 70, of Tolland, Connecticut, passed away November 25, 2009 with her family by her side. Born in Pittsfield, Elizabeth was an elementary school teacher in the Coventry public school system for more than 30 years. She was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs, where she was also the director of religious education. Elizabeth was a volunteer at Rockville General Hospital and Woodlake Healthcare Center of Tolland.

Patricia Cabana Burns '62, died Aug. 27, 2009, in Brewster at the age of 68 after a long struggle with neurological disease. A lifelong resident of Springfield and recently of Chatham, Patricia was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her priority was her family and her passion was for teaching. A 1958 graduate of Cathedral High School, she began her professional career as a counselor at The House of Good Shepherd. She then accepted a teaching position in the English Department at Chestnut Junior High School, where she spent 37 years committed to the development and enrichment of young minds. She taught English for 15 years, and went on to become the school's librarian for the remainder of her tenure. In 1998, shortly before retiring, she received her master's in education with a concentration in library science from Bridgewater State College.

Susan Talbot Gillis '64, of Holyoke, passed away on December 6, 2009 at the age of 66 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Chicopee, and was educated at the former Precious Blood High School in Holyoke. Susan was a dedicated teacher in the Chicopee and Holyoke public school systems, retiring in 2006 from Sullivan School in Holyoke. She spent her summers on Cape Cod, enjoying the beach and bird watching. She loved to sew and quilt for her family, and was extremely talented at it. She always expressed how wonderful her friends were to her, and she truly appreciated their love. Susan was a devoted parishioner and Eucharistic Minister at Holy Cross Church in Holyoke, where she also taught C.C.D. for many years.

Katherine Scully '66, of Branford, Connecticut, passed away July 30, 2009 in Yale-New Haven Hospital at the age of 64. She was born in New Haven. She went on from the Elms to receive her master's degree in education. Katherine was a genetic researcher for 10 years at Yale University and had a vital role in their human genetic program. She was also a teacher for the City of New Haven for more than 20 years.

Rita Marie Gagnon '69, a longtime resident of Somersville, Connecticut, entered into her eternal peace on January 26 at the age of 93. Born in Van Buren, Maine, Rita attended the University of Maine and was a graduate of Our Lady of the Elms College. Prior to her retirement, Rita was employed as an art teacher at St. Adalbert's School in Enfield, Connecticut for many years. She was a communicant of All Saints Church in Somersville. In her leisure time, Rita enjoyed volunteering at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield, where she taught art classes to the residents.

Jane Gwozdz Lull '70, 60, died at North Adams Commons Oct. 1, 2009, after a long illness. The sixth of 12 children, Jane was born in Adams, and attended St. Stanislaus Kostka School, and St. Joseph High School in North Adams. She loved the theater and acted in several college and a few off-Broadway productions in the 1970s. Faith, family, friends, dinner parties, special food recipes, and "going out on the porch" were important to her.



Victoria "Vicki" T. Joseph '77, 54, faculty member and administrator at Elms College, passed away August 2, 2009 at the Cleveland Clinic. A sufferer from the genetic lung disease Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, and a double lung transplant recipient in November 2006, Vicki died from chronic rejection of her transplanted lungs, exacerbated by pneumonia.

She packed three successful careers into her short but intensely active and creative life, and was taking confident steps into a fourth at the time of her death. Vicki attended Our Lady of Hope School and Cathedral High School in Springfield, and earned a B.A. in English at the Elms. She joined Springfield City Library as a children's librarian (rapidly finding a talent for storytelling and puppeteering), and after earning a master's degree in library science at State University of New York, was promoted several times in the Springfield Libraries. The reduced contact with the reading public that came with promotion led to the first of her career switches when she became fascinated with the process and theatrical aspects of practicing law.

She earned her J.D. degree at Western New England College School of Law, and entered private practice as a skillful and successful criminal defense attorney. In her final year of law school, a local attorney asked her to take over teaching a business law course at the Elms. "I walked into a classroom at the Elms, and suddenly, it all came together: the law, the storytelling, the fun I'd always sought from my work." Eventually Vicki left the courtroom entirely for the classroom, becoming a full-time faculty member of Elms' Paralegal Department.

Soon after, she was diagnosed with her disease, and as she learned to cope with it, it was her students who inspired her. Even after she could no longer teach in the classroom, she continued as a pioneer in on-line teaching until she received the transplant. After recovering from surgery, her doctors advised against returning to teaching, so she rejoined the college in the Graduate Studies and Continuing Education Department, and was appointed associate academic dean. Still, she had not realized her most personal and central ambition: writing.

Encouraged by her family, she resigned from the Elms in early 2009 to pursue a full-time freelance writing career. In April, one of her short plays was staged by the South Camden Theatre Company of New Jersey, and in June, a version of her full-length play "Inhale," drawing on her life with Alpha-1, was performed by the Gallery Players Theater in Brooklyn, New York. At the time of her death, she left two unfinished novels and plays, as well as stories and essays, and unrealized plans for a book on how Alpha-1 affects the lives of those born with it.

She had recently been elected to the board of directors of The Alpha-1 Foundation in Miami, Florida (http://www.alphaone.org), which welcomes contributions in her memory. For the many who were inspired by and loved her, Vicki Joseph was a shining example of how someone not merely copes with a disease, but triumphs over it, turning its privations into wellsprings of creativity with laughter, wisdom, hope, and immense talent. A celebration of her life and achievement was held at Elms College on November 14, 2009 as a benefit for the Alpha-1 Foundation.

Alison Carey Gagnon '79, of Pawcatuck, Connecticut, died Aug. 12, 2009 at her home due to complications of diabetes at the age of 53. Born in Westerly, Rhode Island, she was a graduate of Stonington High School and a graduate of Our Lady of the Elms College. She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck.

Jerrie Lee Payson '85, 68, died November 17, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Center in Burlington, Vermont following a long illness. Her devoted friends Terry Leonard and her dog Katie were at her side. She was born in Springfield, and was a graduate of Agawam High School and Bishop Memorial School of Nursing. She received her B.S.N. degree from the Elms. Jerrie worked in the fields of surgical, psychiatric, and clinical nursing throughout the country. Most recently she was employed as a nurse at the Northern Tier Center for Health in Vermont, and as the health officer for the town of Richford, Vermont.

Mary Kennedy Pope '92, passed away peacefully at home in Holyoke on January 21 at the age of 56. Mary was educated in Holyoke schools, and graduated from Holyoke Community College and the Elms. She worked at the former Providence Hospital, Holyoke Hospital, and Wing Memorial Hospital before her illness. She was also a communicant of Mater Dolorosa Church.

Norma E. Montgomery '93, 63, of Springfield died September 1, 2009 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born in New Hampshire, she was a retired nurse and social worker. She was a strong and loyal mother, and loved her family dearly. She worshipped at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Marcia A. Cofsky Sullivan '94, 67, died November 2, 2009 at home in Springfield. She was a social worker at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. Marcia was a member of the National Society of Social Workers, a communicant and active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and an avid knitter.

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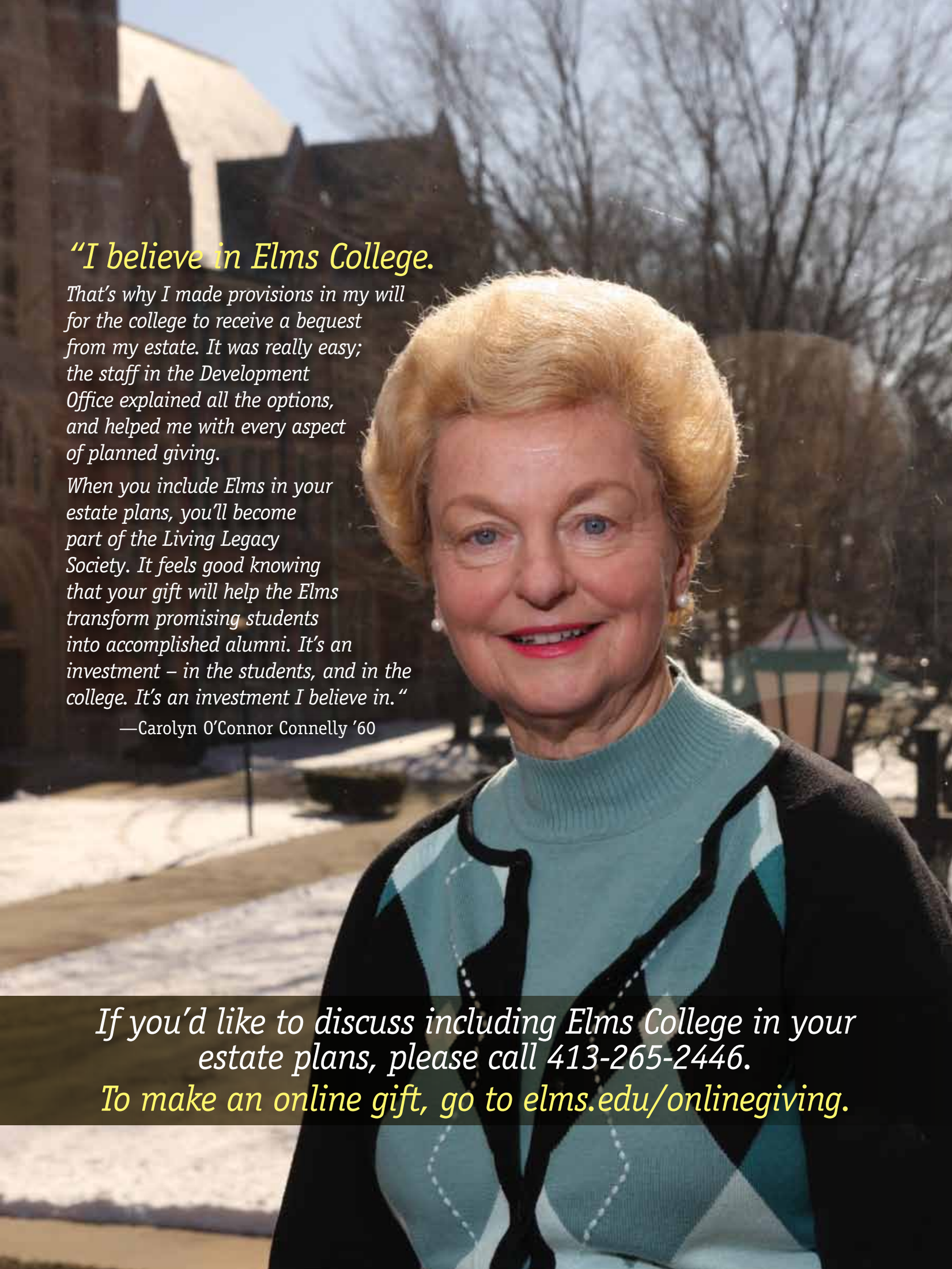
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