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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

Our cover story highlights one of the very special people who has been a positive force at the College for a generation of graduates. Dr. Steve Green exemplifies the model of an educator. Through his many roles — teacher, advisor, faculty colleague, learner, listener, mentor and friend — he has aided numerous young adults as they found their paths to graduation and careers. His relationships with countless students, faculty and staff members have been predicated on forming connections with and supporting the MCLA community.

Steve's retirement this spring leaves MCLA with some big shoes to fill. But what is comforting is to know that so many faculty share his dedication to teaching and learning. In fact, professors Adrienne Wooters and Len Paolillo were recently recognized for their work as educators. Read more about their accomplishments on page 19. Our expert faculty members continue to choose MCLA because of the same supportive and caring community that appealed to Steve and his wife Susanne Walker more than 30 years ago. This fall, we welcomed five new faculty members: Michael Dilthey, music; Emily Mooney, biology; Melanie Mowinski, visual arts; Daniel Shustack, biology; and Louis Stelling, French.

With all of the recent headlines about the uncertain future of student loans, the credit market, and the job market, the value of an MCLA education is garnering much attention. I am pleased to share with you that interest from prospective students and their families is at its highest point in 10 years. The final open house this fall, held on November 15, welcomed twice as many visitors to campus than last year's. And, applications for both spring admittance and fall enrollment are up three-fold from this time last year. While the U.S. economic climate is uncertain, MCLA's mission and purpose stay constant. In times of change, the College remains an institution of higher education that offers its students the opportunity to study and learn in a supportive, enriching and creative environment.

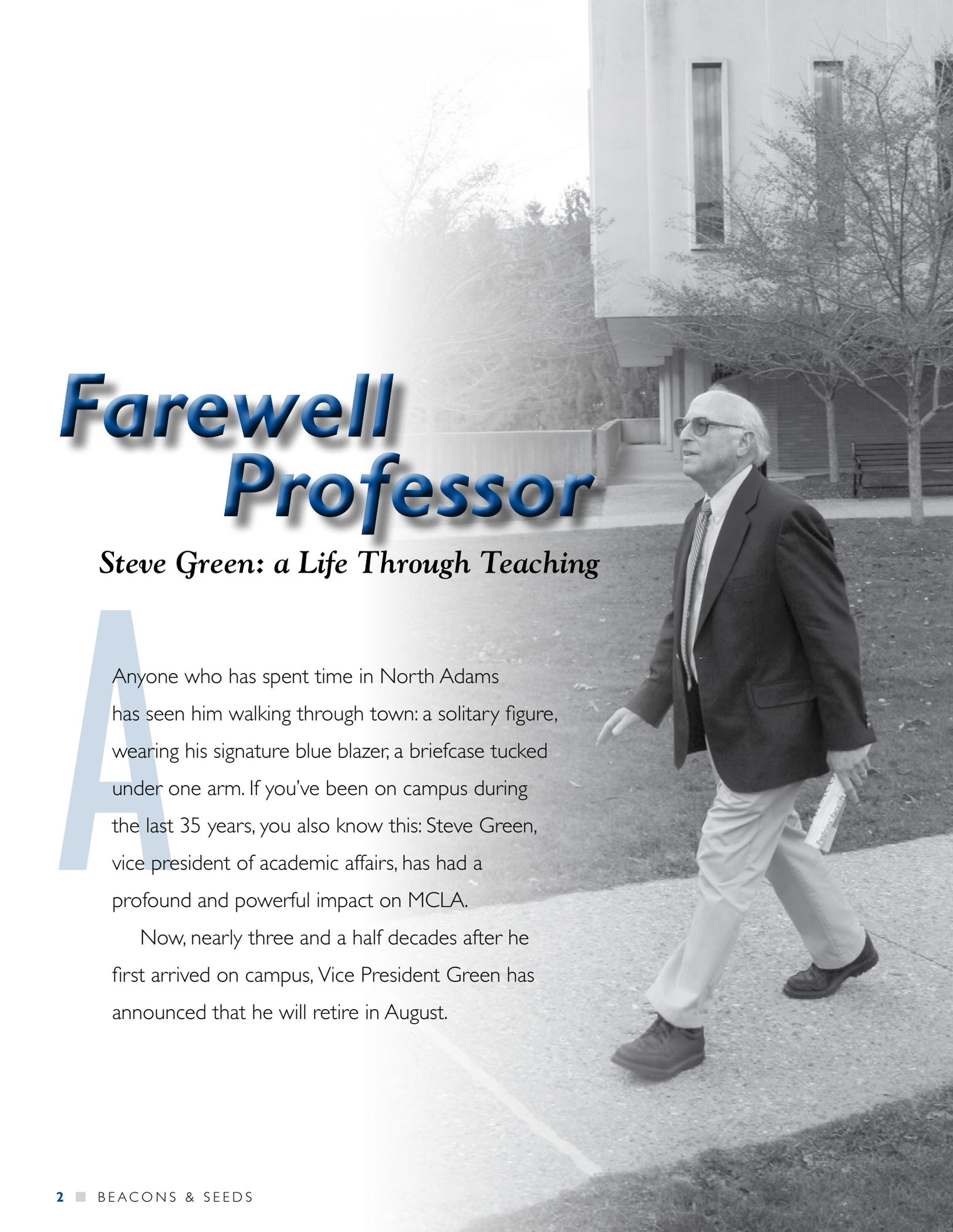
Best wishes for the New Year,



Mary K. Grant '83

President





# Farewell Professor

## *Steve Green: a Life Through Teaching*

**A**nyone who has spent time in North Adams has seen him walking through town: a solitary figure, wearing his signature blue blazer, a briefcase tucked under one arm. If you've been on campus during the last 35 years, you also know this: Steve Green, vice president of academic affairs, has had a profound and powerful impact on MCLA.

Now, nearly three and a half decades after he first arrived on campus, Vice President Green has announced that he will retire in August.

Throughout his career here, Green taught some 3,500 students, and advised hundreds more. He attended 2,000 campus events and stood in the bleachers cheering for the home team at hundreds of sporting events. He and his wife Sue Walker became deeply embedded with many local nonprofits, like the Northern Berkshire United Way and the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. They raised two wonderful children, Julie and Caroline. Steve won numerous awards for his work, and has logged literally tens of thousands of miles walking the sidewalks of North Adams.

Anyone who knows Green, however, knows that these figures don't even begin to capture his legacy — one of vision, steady leadership, empathy and a passion for teaching.

*“Steve Green leaves behind a better institution. I do not say that in a casual way. When I think about the problems he’s defused, the students who have stayed, the new programs that have been created, and the collegial relationships that exist among the faculty, I can see the profound impact he has had here. The truth is, Steve leaves behind the future; decades from now, we will still see evidence of his work.”*

— President Mary K. Grant

## “He genuinely cared”

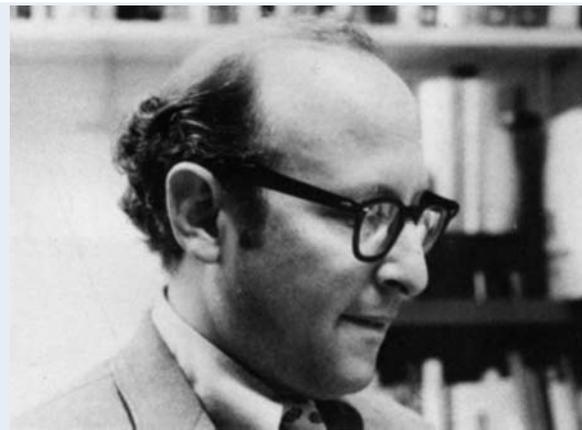
President Mary Grant, herself one of Green's students in the early 1980s, said that he stands out for his “humanity.”

“He has always valued the person in front of him, no matter the circumstance,” said Grant.

Dave Gleason '78, manager of operations resources at ESPN, recalled being advised by Green during a dark time. “I wasn't much of a student,” said Gleason. “My focus was basketball, not studies. At one point, I was almost kicked out of school. That's when I reached out to Steve for guidance. We sat down, and he was just the nicest guy. He was so supportive; I left that meeting with a completely different outlook on myself. That's when I started taking my education seriously.”

Tom Calter '80 was similarly affected by Green.

“I was a poor kid from the wrong side of the tracks,” said Calter. “Steve challenged me to really step up and



## Steve Green: Career Chronology

**Summer 1973:** Hired as an instructor of sociology, Green arrived when his daughter Julie was three months old. By the end of the year, he had moved into his house in North Adams. He has been walking to work ever since.

**1976:** Sue Walker and Steve Green's second daughter, Caroline, is born.

**April 1978:** Green was awarded tenure just weeks after successfully defending his dissertation.

**Summer 1978:** Chair of sociology department

**1982:** Undergraduate academic dean

**1984:** Professor, chair of sociology department

**1991:** Interim vice president of academic affairs under former president Thomas Aceto

**1992:** Professor, chair of sociology department

**1996:** Interim vice president of academic affairs position

**1997:** Professor, chair of sociology department

**1998:** Associate dean of academic support services. Green continued teaching without pay.

**2003:** Interim vice president of academic affairs under Mary K. Grant. By the end of the academic school year, Green was awarded the position permanently.

take myself seriously, start making a difference in the world.”

Decades later, after 26 successful years in business, Calter sold his company; as he considered what to do with the next part of his life, Green was one of the first people he called.

“Steve inspired me to serve others. It’s something that I always tried to keep in mind in business. Then, as I considered my next step, I knew he would have a great perspective, and that he was the one to call.” Calter decided to enter public service; today he is a Massachusetts state representative from the 12th Plymouth district.

Green says there is a simple reason that he could connect so well with students who struggled: his own first attempt at college had been cut short due to failing grades.

“The fact that I’m a college flunkout has been very valuable to me through the years,” said Green. “I myself wasn’t ready for college. I wasn’t motivated, and I couldn’t get myself to study. I’ve done a lot of advising here, and I often saw students who were having similar struggles. I could always understand where they were coming from.”

“Again and again, I hear alumni tell me that Steve Green was one of the single most important influences on their lives,” said Grant. “I believe that is because he genuinely cared.”

*“Steve Green is one of those individuals who, throughout all of his years in academia, has never lost the desire or the ability to remember what is really most important — the students and the quality of their experiences. That’s priceless.”*

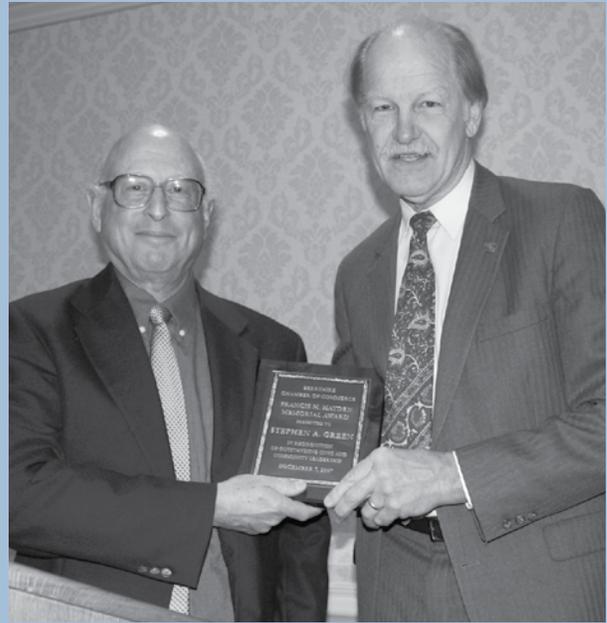
— Maura Mills ’05

## **“I owe my job to Lenny Paolillo”**

After his first, failed attempt at college, it was Green’s interest in people that ultimately brought him back to school. After two years in the Army, Green moved to New York City to work for the Bureau of Applied Social Research at Columbia University, New York Medical College and other organizations. Although it paid little, he found the work fascinating. Newly inspired, Green returned to college, attending school full time at night — four full courses every semester — while working full time during the day. By 1967, he had entered a doctoral program at the City University of New York.

By 1972, he was in his final year as a graduate teaching fellow at City University. He and his wife Sue were expecting their first child, Julie. He applied for teaching positions around the country, and secured an interview at the College.

“At my first visit, I just loved it,” said Green. “It was a stunning May day. Everything was in bloom. I loved the close-knit campus, the charming downtown, and the New England beauty. I loved the feel of it — a real community feel.”



Steve Green received the Francis H. Hayden Award in 2007. This award is presented by the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce to a Northern Berkshire resident who has made a significant contribution to his or her community. Steve was presented with the award by Bob Barton, former executive director of the Northern Berkshire United Way.

*“I don’t know that I ever thought about the importance of community before coming up here, but since coming to North Adams, I now see a healthy community as critical. I’m involved with the wider community in many ways — through my work with the United Way and the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. I have loved watching the College become more and more integrated with this great community.”*

— Steve Green

However, he didn't yet have his Ph.D., and hadn't even proposed his dissertation; at best, he was a long shot for the position. Fortunately, during his interview, he had formed a strong connection with a faculty member who was just finishing his first year at the College: Len Paolillo.

"I saw immediately that he would be a perfect fit," said Paolillo of his first meeting with Green. "He didn't yet have his doctorate, but he had great depth and breadth of experience, and I could see that he would relate incredibly well to our students and faculty."

After the interview, Paolillo called Green to assure him that he would do everything he could to make sure he got the job. Later that night, Paolillo went to the home of then-President Jim Amsler and made his case for hiring Green.

"I said, 'This guy is too good. We need him,'" said Paolillo.

Amsler listened, then invited Green for a second interview.

"The interview lasted ten minutes," recalled Green. "And I was hired on the spot." To celebrate, Green had a picnic with Paolillo and his family at Fish Pond before returning to New York.

"I owe my job to Lenny Paolillo," said Green.

## First love teaching

Hired at the instructor level, Green's career at the College has involved many titles — assistant professor, full professor, department chair, academic dean, associate dean of academic support services, and, most recently, vice president of academic affairs. But in his heart, he has remained first and foremost a teacher.

"The classroom has always been my first love," he said. "I have always loved teaching."

Green believes that sociology, like any liberal arts subject, has something to teach everyone.

"I would like to think that students in my classroom not only learned sociological theory and methods," said Green, "but also more broadly how to think, how to ask questions, how to understand the world around them. I hope that they learned how to think about society, the challenges we face, and to approach questions thoughtfully."

"Non-thoughtful presentations are everywhere," he added. "On television, and in magazines and newspapers. I hope that students learned from me a way to cut through that noise and to evaluate information critically."

Paolillo points to a key reason that Green was such an effective teacher. "He made it a point to know his students," he said. "He genuinely cared about them as individuals. They knew that he cared, deeply. He always went the extra mile for them. His concern for them always helped to bring out their best."

Mike Avis '91, vice president of asset management at JP Morgan Chase, agreed. "Steve's passion for our success extended far beyond the classroom; it was not out of the ordinary for Steve to take a walk past the Kappa Delta Phi house and wave, reminding us of class later that day. He'd say, 'See you guys in a couple of hours, right Avis?' And he knew I would be there."

He brought a similar passion to his role as a student adviser. Alison McGonagle '05, production editor at Blackwell Publishing International, met Steve when she was a first-year student with an undeclared major.

*"Our father's role as community-builder, both at MCLA and in North Adams, has shaped our lives tremendously. He has taught us — and so many others — the joy of putting the good of one's community above oneself. As one woman who works for a nonprofit organization and another who works for a small, independent bookstore, we understand how the vitality of a community can propel people to better lives and brighter futures. We learned this first hand from our father. We have been influenced greatly by the positive impact he has made in our childhood community and by his countless examples of selfless generosity. While we are both tremendously proud of all that our father has accomplished, we are proud most of all to have him as our father."*

— Julie Green and Caroline Green

"He encouraged me to branch out, to take classes I would have never considered. I did, and my world opened up in so many ways."

"We continued to be in touch throughout school, and even beyond college," McGonagle continued. "When I wanted to go to graduate school, he was the first person I called. I knew the lines of communication were always open."

Even when he advanced to administrative positions, Green continued to teach and advise as much as he was able to, sometimes without pay. Ultimately, he gave up working directly with students only because he felt so strongly about the College and its direction under the leadership of President Grant.

"I could see the College becoming stronger," said Green. "We were expanding programs, strengthening programs, building new ties to the community and effectively planning for a solid future. We were tackling new initiatives, doing more, and doing it intensively. It was hard to give up the classroom because teaching always meant so much to me. But I believed so much in this institution, and I wanted to help advance it."



“That’s Steve,” said Grant. “He always, always, puts the students and the institution before himself.”

“It’s a rare trait,” she added, “and it is remarkable.”

## “He was just always there”

Throughout his career Green has been a steady, constant presence throughout campus and the community as a whole — at every home soccer and basketball game, at lectures and performances, at student awards and gallery openings, research conferences and community service days.

“He was just always there,” McGonagle said. “Any time I had accomplished something, I could just look out and know he would be there. He made my success his business, and it always made me feel like I mattered. He’s everywhere, so embedded in that community.”

“I got close to lots of students,” said Green. “I have tried to keep doing this, to really take the time to get to know students, even though I’m not teaching. I don’t do it to make them feel good; I just want to know people. There’s something about being a part of a family, part of a community. I’ve just always felt that.”

His efforts did not go unnoticed. When he suffered a heart attack several years ago, Green received an outpouring of support from students, alumni and community members. Among them was a card signed from nearly every member of the women’s soccer team from several seasons before. The card said, “You were always there for us. Now we’re here for you.”

Steve is characteristically humble about his impact on students.

“I guess I always felt like these interactions mattered,” he said, “even if it was just chitchat, idle talk.”

What comes next for Green? It’s not clear, but it’s sure to involve the College in one way or another. He plans to continue to be a part of the College community on a volunteer basis, and to continue attending campus events.

“I’ll always be a part of MCLA,” he said. “This College matters. It matters tremendously to students, current and past. It matters to those who work here. It matters to the community.”

Most of all, perhaps, it matters to him.

“This college is very, very important to me,” said Green. “It always will be.”

*“This school does its job very, very well.*

*Students gain from being here. Sometimes the full extent of the gain isn’t even recognized for years.*

*But we hear it all the time from alumni — that this institution helped shape who they are.”*

— Steve Green

## The Search for a New Vice President

How does an institution replace a legend like Steve Green? Very carefully, and with input from many. After an initial search and series of phone interviews, a number of candidates are visiting campus for interviews in December. By early 2009, the pool will have been narrowed to three candidates. Each of these candidates will visit in January and will meet not only with the search committee — an inclusive group comprised of a number of faculty members (veterans and new hires alike), staff members, a trustee, and several students — but also with all faculty at open faculty forums. The College will also be engaging in deep reference checks in order to evaluate candidates as thoroughly as possible.

Ideally, a replacement will be hired by early spring 2009.

“We’re looking for someone who offers a good fit with the values and human qualities of this campus,” said President Grant. “The position is unique; the work is hard, and the rewards often are not seen for years. You’ve got to love the work. That’s what sets this campus apart — so many people have a real passion for this college.”

# Interest in MCLA Higher Than Ever

The College is experiencing unprecedented interest from prospective students attending open house events. MCLA's Admissions Office hosts three open houses every fall as an effort to recruit students to the College. This year record numbers of prospective students, both freshmen and transfers, and their parents came to learn more about MCLA. Some 500 people attended the October open houses and 650 — including about 260 prospective students — attended a third event on November 15. The November open house is typically the largest of the three events, but this year's attendance was unparalleled.

Potential MCLA students and their parents come to open house events to meet with faculty and staff, to learn about academic programs at the College, to tour the campus, and to seek out information about financial aid, housing, student life and other areas.

"Attendance at these events is almost 30 percent higher than in previous years," said Denise Richardello, vice president of enrollment management and external relations at MCLA. "The College's message is reaching many high school students across the state and outside of the commonwealth. Value and affordability are high on students' lists and the message of strong academics is resonating; folks are looking for an alternative to private colleges."

Richardello noted that the cost of attending MCLA is about 80 percent less than the cost of attending a private liberal arts college.

"We've done lots of increased marketing and recruitment, and the greater interest generated from that is merging well with the economy," she said. "Private school costs are out of reach



for many families" she said. "MCLA's cost of attendance is reasonable and affordable, which allows for access to a quality college experience."

Richardello said the open house programs drew students from 11 different states, including traditional representation from the New England states, but also attracting students from as far away as Texas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Richardello said interest from students outside the area is "the largest we've seen in recent history."

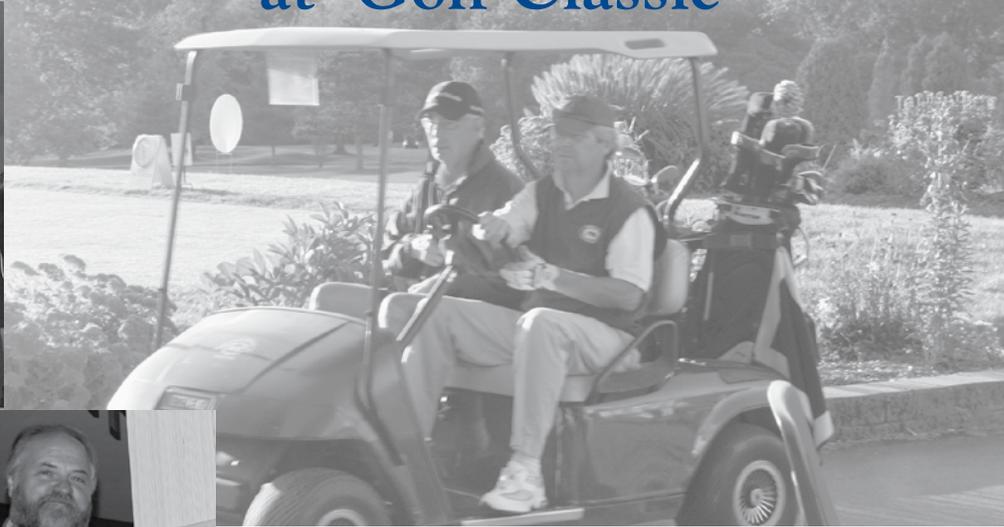
Richardello said MCLA has been in a growth pattern for the past decade. "The strong academic program, the character of the institution, our location in the Berkshires, the whole package, has become quite appealing," she said.

For more information about MCLA admissions, contact Joshua Mendel, associate director of admissions at [J.Mendel@mcla.edu](mailto:J.Mendel@mcla.edu).

# MCLA Honors Mayor John Barrett III '69 at Golf Classic



Above: Mayor Barrett accepted a plaque from President Mary K. Grant marking the day.



Left: State Representative Dan Bosley '76 offered words of support for the work Mayor Barrett has done for North Adams and the College.



MCLA men's basketball players Mike Callahan '09, John Greenberg '11, and Marvin Thompson '10 helped with the silent auction. Here they are pictured with President Mary K. Grant.



The day brought together a number of MCLA community members. Foundation Director and Alumni Board member Mike Reopell '85, Foundation Director Joan Callahan, Board of Trustees Chair Dick Lamb, Holly Taylor and Alumni Board member Chris Robare '94.

On September 15, MCLA held its 12th annual Golf Classic at Waubeeka Golf Links in Williamstown. This year's honoree was North Adams Mayor John Barrett III '69 in recognition of all he has done for the College and for North Adams. This annual event brings together area business people, alumni and other community members in support of MCLA Athletics. The day included a full field of golfers and over 150 people at the banquet dinner. Through the generosity of our sponsors, including President's Title Club Sponsor Time Warner Cable, the event raised \$25,000 for the College's athletic program.

## Coach Hildabrand '99 Honored

Two seasons after Coach Ron Shewcraft handed over the men's soccer team to long-time assistant coach Adam Hildabrand '99, Coach Hildabrand was named Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Coach of the Year. Hildabrand was selected for this recognition by his peers, the MASCAC coaches, after guiding the MCLA Trailblazers to seven victories and a place at the conference semi-finals. Unfortunately, the team lost to Framingham State College in the conference tournament. Hildabrand looks forward to another strong season next fall.



## Athletics Program Reconnects with Alumni

Many alumni-athletes remember their college experience fondly: the challenges of balancing practice and studying, getting involved in community outreach activities with their teammates, and the ever-present goal to win a conference title and add their year to the banners in the gym. While the coaching staff may change and the facilities may improve, the student-athlete experience remains much the same.

The Athletic Department and the Alumni Office teamed together this fall to host a number of events for alumni-athletes. The baseball, softball and men's basketball programs hosted alumni games on campus this fall. These events are great opportunities to invite alumni back to campus to see the College's facilities and to meet the current team. Look forward to women's and men's soccer alumni events this spring.

On September 27, the Alumni Office hosted an event at the men's soccer game at Worcester State College. The retired Trailblazers made their presence in the stands known with raucous cheering for our team. In addition to over 35 alumni, parents of current players joined in the fun. With such outstanding support, the team won the game 2 to 1.

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts alumni have distinguished themselves in various ways, particularly through their many outstanding contributions within their professional fields, respective communities and family lives. This year, the Distinguished Alumni Award luncheon and recognition ceremony will take place in October 2009.

Please take a few moments to consider nominating former classmates who matriculated for one or more semesters at the College, at least five years before the award is to be received.

### The awards for consideration include:

- **Distinguished Alumni Award** - The individual must have demonstrated a history of achievement in one or more of the following: community, state, regional, or national service, and/or the individual must have made a significant leadership contribution to a state/regional/national organization that does not come under the purview of his/her profession.
- **Humanitarian Award** - The nominee must have demonstrated a record of service to his/her community and to the world at large.
- **Award for Service to the College** - The nominee must have demonstrated a record of service to the MCLA Alumni Association and/or to the College.

Please provide **detailed** and **supplemental** information (newspaper articles, publications, resume, etc.) with regard to your nomination that will allow the Awards Committee to review your nomination comprehensively and to make their selections fairly. Recipients will be chosen based solely on this criteria.

In your submission, please include the following information: Full name of nominee, address, present employment, advanced degree information (degree, name of school and year of graduation), honors, publications, memberships and organizations, a summary of the candidate's achievements, and your reasons for nominating. Please also include your name and contact information.

## Nominations must be received by March 15, 2009.

Please return to:  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
Alumni Office  
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North Adams, MA 01247

The Awards Committee embraces the following definition of the term *Distinguished Alumni*: Individuals who, because of superior and extraordinary achievements, have brought credit to themselves and their *alma mater*.

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Alumni,

I am very excited to share with you that I have been elected by the Alumni Board to serve as president for another year. Buffy Lord '98 was selected as vice president. This fall's Alumni Board election welcomed two returning Board members (Bill Caprari '75 and Beverly Low '84) and three new members (Pamela Kenny Connolly '82, Dawn Morin '08 and Andrew Zaback '80); they bring with them a balance of tradition and fresh ideas and a mix of professions, college majors and hometowns. In addition, the Board successfully completed a by-law review, and the changes suggested were adopted by the current board members.

In the upcoming year, the Alumni Board will continue to build a presence in regions along the East Coast, to encourage all alumni to make a gift to the College and to strengthen communication between the College and the alumni body.

Lastly, the 2009 Reunion will be held October 24 and 25 on campus, concurrent with Fall Family Weekend. I hope that you will consider returning to campus to enjoy athletic games, see faculty members, meet current students and take part in the legendary Chowderfest hosted by the Student Government Association. Look for more details this spring.

Best wishes for the New Year,



David Flint '78



## Focus on Alumni



## Improving Access to Higher Education

The experience that Erin (Fielding) Baffuto '05 had as a student at MCLA was so life-changing that she wanted to make sure everyone had a chance at getting a similar education. She now works to improve access to higher education for students at an urban school in her hometown of Worcester.

"I had such an amazing college experience at MCLA," Baffuto said. "Every student deserves the opportunity that I had."

Baffuto works as an education advisor in a program run by the Colleges of Worcester Consortium called GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) at North High School in Worcester. GEAR UP is a federally-funded project designed to increase the number of low-income students

who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

This program helps students to identify a potential career path, fill out financial aid applications, prepare for MCAS and SAT tests, write college essays and visit colleges. Baffuto helps students to figure out how much they can likely afford in student loans and works to connect them with a dual-enrollment program at a local community college that allows students to take credit classes while still in high school. "We help them to overcome whatever barriers they might have in getting into college, from language barriers to not knowing how to advocate for themselves, to being a first-generation college student," she said.

In this work, Baffuto has found her life's passion: "I absolutely love what I do."

Baffuto said GEAR UP has been successful at getting kids into college

who might not have gone otherwise. One student received a full scholarship to Syracuse University last year, while many others enrolled in community and local colleges.

Baffuto said she finds it most rewarding when she sees students who believe that college is beyond their reach suddenly see it as a possibility. "When the light turns on you can almost see the thought process change in them: 'I can go to college . . . I want to go to college . . . I WILL go to college.' That's the real magic that happens in my office."

After she receives a master's degree in school counseling at Assumption College, Baffuto intends to continue working to improve access to higher education. "I believe in public education," she said. "It's my roots. Public education provides the best opportunity to give every student a chance."

# CLASS NOTES

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## 1930

The Alumni Office received this letter from GRACE BROWNING: "Just a note to tell you what one of your oldest graduates is doing. Class of 1930, I'm 97 now and have been told I'm the oldest person in Northfield. This year I knitted 49 pairs of mittens for the "Warm the Children" campaign and other needy Northfield children. So far I've done 25 pairs for next year, including some for my three great grandchildren. Reading is another hobby, usually two books a week. I like crossword puzzles, quiz shows, and bird watching. For two years there have been six to eight bluebirds coming in December and leaving in the spring. They eat both seeds and suet. There are all kinds of woodpeckers including a red-bellied one and also a flock of 15-20 gold-finches etc. In the summer I weed in our garden and pick blueberries from my three bushes. There is everything in our garden from asparagus to zucchinis. My daughter helps with that and takes me shopping and to the doctor's. I gave up driving last year and sold my car. We live together in a 10-year-old ranch house that is convenient for both of us. Best wishes to the school. Sincerely, Grace Browning."

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## 1936

*Ida Maino Trabold*  
212 Franklin St  
North Adams, MA 01247-2713

MARGARET MILES MATSON attended a luncheon in Hyannis with other College alumni this past summer. Alumni met in August at Alberto's for a lively discussion and a lovely lunch. Also in attendance were PEGGY LOU ATKINSON HOWES '54 and her husband, David; Alumni Association President DAVID



*Hollis and Norma Blanchard Whitman '43 visited campus to tour Smith House and Murdock Hall. Here they are pictured in front of the Shapiro House with a painting by Andrew Flagg before generously donating the painting to the College.*

FLINT '78; MARTHA LUNDBLAD BRESSETTE '62 and Janice Messer, executive director of alumni relations and development at MCLA. Special thanks to Margaret's friend Lillian, a graduate of Emerson College, who drove Margaret to the luncheon.

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## 1937

*Alma A. Benedetti*  
54 Bradford St  
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## 1941

*Margaret Benedetti Davenport*  
1 Lyman St Apt 117  
Westborough, MA 01581-1438

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## 1943

NORMA BLANCHARD WHITMAN and HOLLIS WHITMAN returned to campus this fall to tour Murdock Hall and Smith House. Norma and Hollis generously donated a painting by Andrew Flagg to the College. We are grateful to them for their thoughtful donation. Mr. Flagg's work had been a gift to Hollis at graduation.

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## 1950

*Joseph John Joseph*  
15 Bank Street  
North Bennington, VT 05257-0508

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## 1951

*William Grady*  
7924 Woodsbluff Run  
Fogelsville, PA 18051-1537

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## 1952

*Katherine Cariddi Mogavero*  
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## 1953

*Graham Andrews*  
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## 1954

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## 1955

*Charlotte Smith Severson*  
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## 1956

Joan Kunstler Sampson  
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## 1957

Mary Richards  
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## 1958

Nancy Stewart  
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## 1960

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Suzanna Wilbur  
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## 1961

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dmparsons33@msn.com

JANE BROOKS ALLEN was the speaker at the 110th commencement at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield this June. Jane is vice chairman of MCLA's Board of Trustees and a member of the Williamstown Board of Selectmen.

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## 1962

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Jean Kent Swift  
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## 1963

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Cynthia Barrow Kuliga  
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DAVE HATHAWAY is planning the 50th class reunion for the Adams Memorial High School class of 1959. The event is scheduled for September of next year. Many classmates of David either attended or married someone who attended the College. Dave would like to encourage all AMHS Class of '59 alumni from MCLA to attend.

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## 1964

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Ruth Lambert Zicko  
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## 1965

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Dennis P. Zicko  
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PETER AUSTIN and DENNIS ZICKO played in this year's MCLA Golf Classic with two other alumni.



Martha Bornak Hathaway '63 and Dave Hathaway '63 pose for a photo at the August Berkshire Alumni Regional Gathering at the Freight Yard Pub in North Adams.

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The team finished third, had a great time, and recommend the event to all classmates who enjoy golf.

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## 1966

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Ronald Pollone  
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RON POLLONE is living in Atlanta for five weeks with the IRS for additional training for his employment.

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## 1967

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## 1968

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## 1970

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MICHAEL RONAN is president and chief executive officer of Lighthouse Academies Inc. in Framingham, Mass. Michael is married to PAMELA JOWETT RONAN '69. He received a master's degree in program planning and evaluation from the State University of New York at Albany.

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## 1971

KAREN REARDON BRODEUR was recently given an award by the Randolph High School faculty for her outstanding service to the school. Karen was the English Department Chair at Randolph High School. She holds a master's degree from Bridgewater State College and an Ed.D. from Argosy University in Florida. Karen directed and developed the revision of curricula in English, social studies and reading and was instrumental in the adoption of a new reading curriculum for elementary schools this past year. She also instituted advanced placement programs which had not previously been offered at the high school. Karen is married to RICHARD BRODEUR '71 and they have two adult children: Nicole and Jeremy.



April 2008 spring break Caribbean cruise with (left to right): David Kenward '75, Lorrie Zegota Kenward '75, Mary Nolan Shaffer '76 and Bob Shaffer.

## 1972

Timothy Foley  
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Jeanne Belfield Roy  
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After teaching in the Hudson, N.H. school district for 35 years, LEONARD M. MILLER retired in June 2008. He hopes to teach at a local college and finally read what HE wants to for a change.

## 1973

John O'Neill  
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ANTHONY ASMAR recently retired from his position as manager of the Social Security Office in Gardner, Mass. Tony served the government for more than 34 years. He was well liked by all who worked with him and will be missed. Tony plans to stay involved in the zoning commission, and he wants to spend more time hunting and fishing at the Gardner Fish and Gun Club, where he has been a member for more than 30 years.

DOUGLAS BAKER was recently elected vice president/branch manager of the Florence Savings Bank branch in Williamsburg, Mass.

DENNIS BUTCHKO retired in June 2008 as principal and teacher at Readsboro School in Vermont. He has over 40 years of teaching experience and feels grateful to the Readsboro community for the support they gave him.

We were saddened to hear of the death of KAREN WING KOEHLER's father, JOSEPH WING on October 9, 2008. Karen's dad received his degree from MCLA on the same day that Karen did in 1973. Karen's husband, JAMES KOEHLER is also an alumnus, class of 1974.

JIM TILDSLEY has retired from the Wilmington, Mass. Middle School, after working for many years in the Wilmington school district. He coached girls' basketball for Andover High School as well. In fact, Jim attended the very same schools in which he taught. For the past ten years, Jim has also run the Wildcat Basketball Clinic in Wilmington. Congratulations on your retirement, Jim. By the way, Jim is married to KATHRYN HURLEY TILDSLEY '73.

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## MTV Honcho and MCLA Alum Speaks at Convocation

MCLA alumna Maria Chambers '91 welcomed new students to the College at the annual convocation at Church Street Center on September 2. Chambers is the director of MTV Networks Radio in New York City. She shared her memories of her student days as well as how her time on campus prepared her for her career in the music industry.



Elisabeth Furtado '91, Professor Harris Elder, and Maria Chambers '91.

Convocation symbolizes the official beginning of students' academic careers at the College and their acceptance into the MCLA student body. It is a time when community members gather to welcome new students, to instill in students the value of their education and to emphasize the significance of being part of a community of learners, where knowledge and scholarship are valued.

## ACE Fellow Joins MCLA

In October, MCLA welcomed Dr. Christopher J. Van Wyk, associate vice president of finance and director of institutional research at Drew University, as an ACE (American Council on Education) fellow for the academic year.

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellowship is designed to improve leadership in U.S. higher education by preparing senior faculty and administrators for top administrative positions at colleges and universities. Thirty-six fellows, nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions, were selected this year in a national competition.

"One of the great opportunities for an ACE fellow is to understand how a different type of institution works. I could have gone to a big state university or a community college," Van Wyk said. "I visited several places, but MCLA just seemed like it would be a good fit. I heard what President Grant has done since she arrived at the College and it struck me that she had a very highly functioning management team in place. They work well together and they're getting things done. There's a lot for me to learn by watching all of that."

## 1974

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Susan Reiker Carney  
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James Gibson  
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## 1975

Kathleen A. Sullivan  
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Berkshire Community College professor KATHLEEN NORTON GOWDEY was recently recognized as an E-Learning pioneer at the annual Massachusetts Colleges Online E-Learning Conference held in Lowell, Mass. Kathy is a professor of business software systems at BCC.

MARIE JANE BOUCHER HANDY is the business manager in the Athol-Royalston regional district of Massachusetts. Marie Jane had previously worked for the treasurer for the city of Worcester. She holds her CPA and MBA degrees and has audited towns from Framingham to Pittsfield and in between.

## 1976

Carol Cushenette Corrigan  
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Sister MARGARET KENNEY, a Sister of Saint Joseph, celebrated her 50th year as a Sister this fall. She graduated from the College with a master's degree in education. Bravo, Margaret!

JANIS COULSON MCGRORY has moved to Harwichport, Mass., where she is teaching math at the high school there.

JOANIE SALTZBERG VIRGIL hasn't been back to campus for a while, but still reminisces about her wonderful four years at the College. Her daughter Hillary (age 27) was



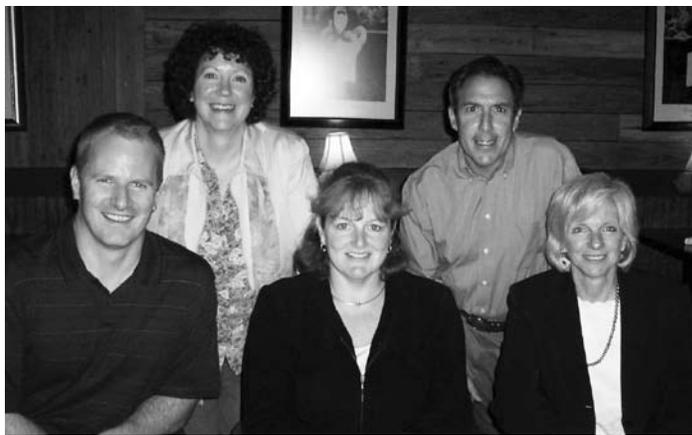
A Beta Chi Gamma reunion with the original founders, including: Chris Gosselin '76, Bob Checchi '73, Mike Hastings '74, Bill Devita '74, Bill Pickowicz '75, Mike Marini '72, Chuck Beattie '75, Bob Sibley, Charlie Walker '73, Jack Mack, Bob Dederian, Frank Harrington '75, Bill Cantillon '74, Paul Lally '74, Irwin Zalko '76, and Steve Bassignani '72.

recently married, and her son Dustin (age 24) is entering the fire academy this fall. Joanie would love to have friends from the College contact her by phone or by email. Contact the Alumni Office for her information!

## 1977

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Vice President of Academic Studies Dr. Steve Green sent us this note from TSANG-FAI CHAN, who is living in Hong Kong: "I was thinking about my alma mater early this morning and I thought I would send you my greetings. I am still working in the social service area and teaching part-time. I was awarded a Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Exchange Fund for my service to the community over the years. (This is similar to an MBE during the colonial days). I was also appointed a Hong Kong delegate to the Chinese Peoples Political Consultative Conference of Yunnan Province in January of this year. So I guess I am in politics these days . . . My (only) daughter just finished her JD last month. My wife, as usual, is taking very good care of the family (and the 20-year-old cat). I hope to visit North Adams again next year and to walk through the memory lane." You can email Tsang-Fai at tfchan@mail.com.



A group of alumni met to plan a new regional alumni chapter at Hazard's Grill in Enfield, Ct. Left to right: Paul Coughaine '90, Ann Keough Fragomeni '78, Kristin Letendre McManus '87, Andy Zaback '80 and Doreen Yale Zaback '79.

TOM DUPLISEA and his wife Deborah have a son, Tom, who is a freshman at MCLA.

## 1978

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Thanks to DAVID FLINT '78, Alumni Association president for supporting so many alumni regional events. David was present this summer

for the Hyannis event in August and joined other alumni for a luncheon at Alberto's restaurant in Hyannis the very next day. Joining David were PEGGY LOU ATKINSON HOWES '54 and her husband, David; MARTHA LUNDBLAD BRESSETTE '62; MARGARET MILES MATSON '36 with her friend, Lillian; and Janice Messer, executive director of alumni relations and development at MCLA.

DAVE GLEASON recently wrote to Dr. Steve Green. Dave has been fortunate enough to be employed with ESPN since November of 1979. Dave wrote: "I noticed in the most recent edition of the school magazine that some students had gained Avid edit experience and are in the

# CAMPUS UPDATE



Berkshire County Alumni gathered at the Freight Yard Pub in August. From Left to right: Paulette Remillard '82, Robin Keller Haley '06 and Lisa Blackmer '99.



Sandra Miller Sullivan '80 represented President Mary K. Grant at the University of Connecticut Presidential Inauguration.

process of being placed in the media field of work. I am presently working in production operations, and I can help with placing editors who have Quantel and Avid experience into our department. I can also help with internships and other opportunities here at ESPN. When I read the article and saw the picture, I thought this could be a nice way of helping my school to establish a relationship with ESPN."

JAN KAPSTAD is president of Cano Corporation in Fitchburg, Mass.

CECELIA HAMROCK KENNEDY was recently selected to receive the 2008 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America in New Jersey. Cecelia has been recognized often for her long and honored professional history. She and her husband, JOHN KENNEDY, ran a most successful business in New Jersey until recently selling it. Over the years, in addition to other honors, Cecelia was a finalist for the Ernst & Young "Entrepreneur of the Year" and was also named as a "Young Woman in American Business." Cecelia is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

CHARLIE J. SHAY downsized to a townhouse on the 15th fairway of the country club in Billerica, Mass. His son Dennis graduated from Pennsylvania State University in December 2007. His other son is a first-year student at Penn State.

## 1979

Michael Rooney  
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Upton, MA 01568-1452

DEBBIE HIGGINS CROKE's son Michael is a freshman at MCLA. Welcome, Mike! Debbie's sister is DONNA HIGGINS TANNER '76.

BRIAN THOMAS is a travel agent working out of Dartmouth, Mass. His company is BKK Travel. Brian is very interested in getting alumni together for cruises. The Alumni Office can get you in contact with Brian.

## 1980

BOB CARUSO is an executive director at J.D. Power and Associates in the greater Los Angeles area. In addition to his degree from the College, Bob received an M.A. in educational leadership at Bradley University in 1981.

Congratulations to JOANN SIMONELLI NELSON, vice president of client services at Pierce Communications. She has been named the inaugural winner of the Capital Region Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) Outstanding PR Practitioner Award. Keep up the good work, JoAnn!



## Music and Literature Mix

Students, faculty and community members turned out to hear award-winning musician and author James McBride perform at the Church Street Center on September 17.

McBride, a jazz saxophonist, composer and author who wrote the critically-acclaimed memoir, *The Color of Water*, spoke about various topics, from politics to education, before his 12-piece band performed. On *The New York Times* bestseller list for two years, *The Color of Water* was a summer reading assignment for first-year students and the focus of a campus-wide read. Translated into more than 12 languages, *The Color of Water* is the story of McBride's mother, a white Jewish woman from Poland, who raised 12 biracial children in New York City and sent each to college.

At the lecture, McBride praised liberal arts education. "People who know how to think know how to succeed," McBride said. He urged students at the College to learn to fail: "I don't mean fail your English class and say 'It's cool, James McBride said I could,'" he said. Rather, he urged students to have the courage to take risks and to face the possibility of failure.

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## 1981

Charlene Kilgour Houghton  
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## 1982

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Financial Services Professional  
RICHARD HINMAN lives in Longmeadow, Mass. with his wife, KATHERINE NORMANDY HINMAN '82. Kathy is an elementary school teacher in Longmeadow.

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## 1983

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SUSAN CYR is proud to announce her marriage to Dennis Abbott on September 27, 2008. Susan and Dennis met two years ago at Whittier Tech, where Dennis is currently employed. Susan has just celebrated 17 years with children's book publisher, Candlewick Press. "In January of this year, a book that I acquired and edited was awarded the 2008 Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American Children's Literature. *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* was written by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Robert Byrd, and published in August 2007. My son, Nathaniel, is 13 and in seventh grade. We live in a tiny Gothic revival home with gingerbread trim in the historic district of Littleton. It was built in the 1830s by a man to whom Henry David Thoreau referred in his writings as the gentle giant."

CHRISTOPHER LUND is a geriatric nurse at Boston General Hospital, and CHERYL CRESTA LUND '86, his wife, is a massage therapist at J. Dwyer nursing home in Everett, Mass. They look forward to reading *Beacons and Seeds*.

JEFF REED is now living in Coto de Caza, California. He is a professor of Ebonics and English and chair of that department at the University of California at Irvine. Jeff received a graduate degree in Ebonics and English from the University of California at Berkeley. Congratulations, Jeff.

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## 1984

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TONY DOLAN is the creative director of experiential learning at LRN, a media production company. In addition, Tony has been an adjunct lecturer for ten years at Boston University, College of Communications.

MAUREEN RYAN owns Maureen A. Ryan CPA PC in the Barnstable/Yarmouth area of Cape Cod. Maureen received her MST in Taxation in 2006 from the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University.

MARY LOU PASS SCHALLS is a senior accountant at Staples Inc. in the greater Boston area.

PAUL SIEKMAN and his wife Heather, who attended the College for three years, live in Connecticut. Their son graduated from Union College and their daughter is at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Paul



Dave Cronin '85 hosted this summer's Hyannis Alumni Event at his establishment, The 19th Hole. He is pictured here with Amy Swartz Sanborn '98 and her friend Lisa.

works for Hubbell Inc. as a strategic account manager.

Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of Bridgewater State College, recently announced the appointment of Dr. JEFF WILLIAMS, professor of physics, as acting associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. At Bridgewater, Jeff was the 2006 recipient of the Presidential Award for Distinguished Teaching, past chair of the physics department, and faculty associate for the School of Arts and Sciences. Jeff holds a doctorate in physics from Clark University. He is married to LAURA EBENER WILLIAMS. Congratulations, Jeff!

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## 1985

Edward "Ted" Ready  
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Michael Reopell  
53 Autumn Dr  
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ARTEMIS MALOS COSENTINO's daughter Micaella, 16, is catcher for JV York Dukes High School in Elmhurst, Ill. Micaella loves the game of softball. She is also passionate about Chicago Blackhawks hockey. Nicholas, 13, is a star Boy Scout and an excellent swimmer. His strongest stroke is the breaststroke. At conference, he dropped several seconds in his event and earned third place for his team. Artemis is busy developing her swim business, Swim Laps Last ([www.swimlapslast.com](http://www.swimlapslast.com)). She is also busy with other organizations within the Elmhurst community. She is an active leader with Boy Scout Troop 17.

MICHAEL STOTTLE completed the National Defense University's information operations concentration program and received a master's degree in national security strategy. He specialized in Middle East studies and performed field studies in North Africa. He received his bachelor's degree in computer science from the College. He now works for the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Mike!

PETE VASIL is coach of the high school basketball team in Plainfield, New Jersey.

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## 1986

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Jennifer L. Sydow Whalley  
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The Massachusetts District Attorney's Association selected Berkshire's First Assistant District Attorney PAUL CACCAVIELLO as the recipient of the William C. O'Malley Memorial Prosecutor of the Year Award in May 2008. Chosen from more than 700 prosecutors statewide, the award is quite an honor. Paul received his law degree from Western New England School of Law. He lives in Dalton with his wife, Karen, and their 5-year-old daughter Grace.

Good news from RICK PARK, Jr.: "Just wanted you to know that my 10-minute play about New Orleans (NOLA) has been accepted into the

Boston Theatre Marathon, the Source Festival in Washington, D.C., and the Panoply Arts Festival in Huntsville, Alabama!

CAROL J. ROBERTS graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, on December 14, 2007 with a master's degree in education. Among her friends attending was BARBARA (GREIM) JAMES '87.

Cagedim Dendrite account executive LINDA GORHAM STACKHOUSE is living in the greater Boston area. Cagedim Dendrite deals in pharmaceuticals.

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## 1987

Jean Harnden Burt  
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BARBARA GREIM JAMES attended the graduation ceremony of her friend CAROL J. ROBERTS in Boca Raton, Florida, on December 14, 2007.

Thanks to DANA BISCOTTI MYSKOWSKI, who represented President MARY K. GRANT '83 and the College, at the inauguration of the new president of New England College in Henniker, N.H. Ceremonies were held in September, 2008.

DON RENAUD is the director of business systems at McKesson Health Solutions in the Boston area.

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## 1988

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prandazza@rivier.edu

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## 1989

JILL MORIN POMPI graduated in May, 2008 with a degree in special education from Simmons College. Jill and her husband, Christopher, have three children: Daniel, Natalie and Nicholas.

JILL ANDERSON ROBERSON and her knight in shining armor Steve have been married for over ten years. The couple lives in Holliston, Mass, with 15-year-old son Bobby and their dachshund. Jill teaches art at a private school in the area. She would love to hear from friends from the College. You can email her at j.roberson@juno.com.

BILL and TRACIE ROWE SHEEHAN celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in 2008. They have a wonderful 14-year-old daughter, Taylor. Tracie is teaching at Chatham Middle School and Bill is teaching at Nauset Middle School, where he coaches basketball and lacrosse and is an advisor to the National Junior Honor Society. Bill has completed a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in education from Salem State College. The Sheehans live in Brewster, Mass.

DAVID J. WALKER has been living and teaching in Thailand since September 2006. "It's a great life and always challenging. I miss the states generally only during the April, May and June months when the spring weather is mild and here in Thailand it is as hot as it gets! I had a great experience at MCLA and some great teachers. I will always value my time there and hope to return again when I begin working towards educational qualifications in Massachusetts."

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## 1990

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JEANNETTE WILLIAMSON AP-POLD represented President MARY K. GRANT '83 and the College at the inauguration of the new president of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota on September 19, 2008. Thank you, Jeannette, for participating in another way to volunteer for your alma mater.

PAUL COUSHAIN met with other alumni in the greater Hartford, Conn., area to begin planning for an alumni regional group. The new group will encompass not only the Connecticut area but also the area surrounding Springfield. Paul, by the way, is head of the Enterprise Sourcing Office at The Hartford. He is married and has two children. He received his MBA in 1995 at Western New England College and has pursued further studies at Boston University.

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Conservative Columnist Praises Obama

*New York Times* columnist David Brooks, a self-described moderate conservative, delivered this fall's Hardman lecture on October 22 at the Church Street Center. The speech, "A Personal Look at McCain and Obama," included Brooks' observations of contemporary politics and foreign affairs. His visit to campus included a standing-room only question and answer session with MCLA students.

With the election on the minds of many MCLA students, Brooks' visit to campus was timely. He spoke about both candidates and how the election, the war and economic issues have altered them.

Brooks said Senator John McCain has changed dramatically over the past six months and said he was "no longer the free-wheeling senator." He said McCain has become less open to the press and "more serious" because of the war in Iraq and his presidential bid. Brooks called Obama a man of "extreme even temperament."

This lecture was made possible by the Hardman Family Endowment.



## Student Newspaper Launches Podcast

*The Beacon*, the student newspaper at MCLA, recently released its first online podcast from the newspaper's website.

The podcast features highlights of the week's happenings on campus, including information about sports, arts, entertainment, and "hard" news. *Beacon* web manager, Patrick Moran '10, said the new podcast is the first in a series of initiatives designed to unify different forms of news media at the student newspaper.

"I felt as though audio podcasting was the simplest way to get started, but it still would be a great way to get a different form of media integrated with the print," Moran said. "*The Beacon* team was able to post a podcast in only a couple of weeks. I am hoping that my other personal goals for *The Beacon* — video, breaking news, larger readership online — can be accomplished before the end of the semester."

The podcast can be accessed by going to [www.mclabeacon.com](http://www.mclabeacon.com) and clicking on the "podcast" icon, at the top of the left sidebar. The podcast also is streamed through MCLA's radio station, WJJW. For more information, go to [www.mcla.edu](http://www.mcla.edu).



Sharon Fleming Ness's '92 two sons, Zachary and Brady at home in Florida on July 4, 2008.

MAUREEN GRAY WIKLUND is a human resources manager at ENSR in the Boston area. ENSR is an environmental services company. Maureen is married to ERIC WIKLUND.

## 1991

PATRICK COLPOYS, his wife ALLISON HAMILTON COLPOYS '93 and son Thomas (age 3) welcome their newest addition to the family. Baby Jonathan was born May 24 of this year.

BRIAN FEENEY, wife KATE SULLIVAN FEENEY '93 and daughter Erin (age 6) proudly announce the birth of Emily, born on June 9, 2008. The Feeneys would like to hear from people they knew at the College.

JENNIFER BENNETT GALLUCCI and her husband Don have three boys. Jenn recently wrote: "The boys are a full-time job, 24 hours a day! All is well here in Beverly. My husband and I just celebrated our 13th anniversary in July. We decided to run a 5K together, which was quite an experience. I'm happy to report that we both finished, he a lot quicker than I! But, we did it, and that's what counts! I had a chance to visit NYC with fellow alum JANINE DRIVER LARSON '92 in December, 2007. Janine, a body language expert, was booked as a guest on the *Today* show, and I tagged along for the ride. We had a great time exploring the city at Christmas, and I got to see the behind-the-scenes workings of NBC. I even got to meet Ann Curry, thanks to Janine! It was the opportunity of a lifetime, and a trip I'll never forget."

## 1992

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LISA CHIQUIAR RABINOVICH is the director of human resources at the New England Organ Bank in Newton Mass. Lisa represented her alma mater and President MARY K. GRANT '83 at the recent inauguration of the president of Wellesley College. Lisa has a Professional in Human Resources certification and took graduate courses at the Harvard extension school. She has published articles in NEHRA's magazine, *Insights*.

ANDREA FIELD FITZHENRY and husband Scott live in Franklin, Mass. After several years at a venture capital firm, Andrea has settled down to be a stay-at-home mother to daughter Katelyn (age 1) and son John (age 3). Andrea can be reached at [afield7500@hotmail.com](mailto:afield7500@hotmail.com) and is still in touch with many of her friends from the College.

LORI OVOIAN LINDHOLM is living in Watertown with her daughter. Lori works at Bentley College and enjoys working in the field of higher education. She handles all the photography for the College, from hiring photographers to directing photo shoots, to shooting many subjects herself. Lori is also in charge of Bentley's extensive photo library and performs all of the retouching on their files. She also does some web-related work, including the alumni/development monthly outreach email which is sent to over 20,000 individuals. She runs her own photography business on the side and has a site at [www.BlueDamsel.com](http://www.BlueDamsel.com). Check it out. She does beautiful work.

DEREK MADDALENA is living in the greater Los Angeles area. Derek is the executive director of sales at Warner Home Video Entertainment. He was senior class president while at the College, and he worked on the radio station and on the editorial board of *The Beacon*.

CHELLISE MOREY is segment producer at ReelzChannel in the greater Los Angeles area. After graduating from the College, Chellise went on to Boston University where she received a Master of Science in Broadcast Journalism in 1994.

LIZ MCCLEAVY MULVANEY and her husband Tom have been keeping busy and happy. They have two children, Thomas (age 5) and Julia (age 2). Tom is the vice president of sales at his company and Liz is the senior account manager at Universal Millennium. When they can find a free moment, the family enjoys visiting friends and playing sports. Liz is also excited to be part of the Alumni Association and continues to look forward to keeping in contact with the College.

SHARON FLEMING NESS and her husband Bill are in their fifth year of living in North Port, Florida. Sharon wrote recently: "We have two boys, Zachary (2 1/2 years old) and Brady (11 months old). I am going into my 12th year of teaching social studies, seven in Massachusetts and five in Florida. Additionally, I am the head coach of the girls' cross-country team at Lemon Bay High School. The past two years our girls' team has qualified for the Florida state cross-country meet championship."

SKIP PERHAM is a marketing and communications manager at Comcast SportsNet. Skip received a master's degree in management communications and public relations in 1998 from Emerson College, where he was a member of the Lambda Pi Eta honor society. You'll remember Skip as being editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, *The Beacon*. He was also Student Government Association vice president.

GREGOR SWARTZ and wife SALLY PERRY SWARTZ wanted us to know that the Swartz family (including sons Colin, age 9 and Parker, age 6) moved to Pennsylvania two years ago. Sally is currently back in school for nursing, and Gregor has been working for Harvey Industries since his graduation from the College.

HEATHER MICHOLOWSKI WALKER is now the director of public relations with the Boston Celtics. Heather does the entire off-court PR for the players, dancers, and ownership. In Heather's words, every day is something new, a new challenge. The players are fantastic to work with. It doesn't matter what the charity is, they try to wrap their arms around it.

MATT WOLFE spent several weeks this summer on a working assignment of sorts at Sammy Hagar's internet radio station, CABOWABORADIO in Cabo San Lucas. It's an online only operation . . . meaning you can only listen in on the Internet!

## 1993

ALLISON HAMILTON COLPOYS, husband PATRICK COLPOYS '91 and son Thomas (age 3) are proud to announce the newest addition to their family. A son, Jonathan, was born May 24 of this year.

KATE SULLIVAN FEENEY, husband BRIAN FEENEY '91 and daughter Erin (age 6) proudly announce the birth of daughter Emily on June 9, 2008. The Feeneys would like to hear from people they knew at the College.

JOYCE BERNARD FLANNERY is senior program manager at EMC2 Corporation. After graduating from the College, Joyce received her certificate in post-graduate teaching from Anna Maria College in 1993 and a certificate in training from Brown University in 2005.

BRIAN GIBSON works as a team leader of revenue systems analysis/system administrator at Partners Healthcare System Inc.

ERIC GLOVER and wife Tu Le announce the birth of their son, Kyanh. He was born January 9, 2008, and joins sister My-any (age 7). Eric is currently a teacher and basketball coach at the Archer School for Girls in Los Angeles.

## 1994

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KEVIN COYE is engaged to Alexa Anastos of Malden, Mass. The wedding is planned for October, 2008.

ANDRE GIRARD is an analyst in embedded hardware & systems/telecommunications at VDC Research.

KAREN LILLIE JARRELL received a Ph.D. in public affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas. When she left MCLA, Karen moved to Texas where she is now the university registrar and director of academic records at the University of Texas at Dallas. She has been there for 11 years! Karen wrote recently: "I came to Boston last year, but not out to North Adams. I would love to soon though because I miss my friends!" Email Karen at karen.jarrell@utdallas.edu.

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## 1995

CARLA J. DAUGHERTY PARKER HOLNESS recently began working for Stamats Inc. They are a higher education marketing firm focusing on helping colleges and universities to make the right promises and to keep them. She still resides in Florida with her husband Dennis. Her territory is the southeastern portion of the United States.

MIKE SARROUF's wife Lenora has opened a new business in North Adams: Farrington-Sarrouf Marketing.

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## 1996

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WARREN "HANK" DERBY married Lisa Donovan at the Abacoa Golf Club in Jupiter, Fla. Lisa is a registered nurse with Anchor Home Health Care Services in Stuart, Fla. Hank is the information technology manager in the office of the St. Lucie County property appraiser in Fort Pierce, Fla. Congratulations!

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## 1997

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TONY DOBROWOLSKI was recently named business editor at *The Berkshire Eagle* in Pittsfield. Tony and his wife, Jamie, live in Pittsfield.

CLIFFORD FLYNN is a probation officer at the Southern Berkshire district court. He recently was among 22 Massachusetts Probation Service employees who were honored at the 2008 Probation Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony held at the Statehouse in Boston. Cliff has been a probation officer for ten years. In addition to his degree from MCLA, Cliff received a master's degree in criminal justice from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass. Cliff is also a coach for the Catholic Youth Center. Congratulations.

LENNY KVITNITSKY is a wealth management advisor at TIAA-CREF.

STACEY MELLOR GONCALVES has been married for three years to her soul mate Danny Goncalves. She also has a two-year-old son, Nigel. The family is currently living in Warren, R.I.

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## 1998

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DANIELLE DANIE ANDERSON is living in Denver, Colorado, now and is working at KUSA 9News. She was named a co-producer/lead editor for a weekly live morning show that airs on Sunday mornings. It's an interactive show where the viewers are the ones getting to ask the questions and pick the weekly topic. As Danie wrote: "It's been an exciting ride since I have joined the show. We have had guests such as Sen. Mitt Romney, Sen. John Kerry, Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. John McCain, 50 Cent and John Madden as well as many others. I would have to say that it has been fun so far, and I have discovered just how much I enjoy this part of the industry over solely working in news. I still edit the evening newscast but I enjoy the producing and long-format editing that I get to do when a guest can't be live in our studios. Who knew it would take almost ten years in the business to find my passion?" Danie received an Emmy for her show from the Heartland Regional Emmy Awards in the category of interactivity. Congratulations!

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Nation's Top Reporter Speaks at Public Policy Event

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Bob Woodward was chosen to deliver the first Public Policy Lecture in December to celebrate the creation of a new political science and public policy major at MCLA.

Woodward is perhaps best known for his work with Carl Bernstein covering the Watergate scandal for *The Washington Post*. In 1973 *The Post* was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Woodward and Bernstein's groundbreaking Watergate series. Woodward has won most of journalism's top awards and he has co-authored or authored eleven national best-selling nonfiction books.

Robert Bence, MCLA political science professor, said the new political science/public policy major added this fall will give students a chance to apply what they've learned in the classroom to the outside world. "We've been looking at a political science major for a long time, but we decided we wanted to provide a unique offering and one that provides a vocational focus," Bence said.

## Faculty Accolades

Physics professor **Adrienne Wootters** was elected as a SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Leadership Fellow by the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement (NCECE). SENCER is the National Science Foundation-supported signature program of the NCECE, and an initiative that engages students in science and math by focusing coursework on real world problems.

Wootters is one of 76 educators elected to the inaugural class of fellows by the members of the Center's national fellowship board.

Sociology professor **Len Paolillo** was elected to fill one of two open seats on the National Education Association (NEA) Executive Committee at this summer's NEA Representative Assembly. Paolillo's appointment marks the first time in 18 years that a higher education professional will serve on the committee.

President Mary K. Grant said Paolillo will be an important addition to the committee. "Not only will higher education have a strong voice at the table, Len brings with him many, many years of experience in helping to build a strong institution at MCLA, supporting the success of countless students, and working to raise the profile of public higher education across the commonwealth and the country."



North Adams has a new music school, thanks to alumnus JAMIE CHOQUETTE, co-owner of Skyboro Sound in the Windsor Mill in North Adams. Jamie, along with his partners, set up the school, put together a board of directors, obtained not-for-profit status, and began small group sessions and music camps for all ages. They even have a satellite location in Bennington, Vt. Best of luck, Jamie!

We heard from MIKE "DUNNY" DUNN this spring. He moved to San Diego two years ago for his career and travels the southwest as a sales rep. for the Gem Group, based in Lawrence, Mass. He covers Southern California, Las Vegas, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. In Dunny's words: "It's been a great experience. I have seen a lot of the improvements to the campus. I stopped through and saw Murdock Hall over the winter a year ago on a trip back home, and I didn't even recognize the building (other than the climb up the stairs:) I am glad to see the College doing so well."

JON MAHONEY is responsible for a series of photos called The Great Western Landscape. They are on view at The Gallery at Norumbega Point. Jon began shooting photographs in the sixth grade. His first job out of college was as a freelancer for *The MetroWest Daily News*. Since, he has freelanced for *The Boston Globe*, the *Associated Press*, *Loomberg News*, the NCAA and in the private sector. Congratulations Jon!

AMY SWARTZ SANBORN lives in South Plymouth with her husband Dave and daughter Lily, who is two and a half. Amy works for Cape Point Hotel in the sales office in Yarmouth, Mass. Amy got her master's degree in education/reading in 2000 at Curry College. She was also a member of Kappa Delta Phi, pledge class of 1995.

## 1999

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MELISSA FOLEY and Scott Procko were married August 8 of this year. The couple was fortunate enough to have several MCLA Alumni in attendance: AMY LAMBERT '98, MEGHAN STEPTOE, CHERYL DUDEK, KRISTEN HARKINS '98, PAMELA CALNAN '98 and JASON ROSSMAN. In the spirit of their professions, Melissa and Scott rented a school bus instead of a limo for their wedding. Melissa is the admissions director at Matignon High School in Cambridge, Mass., and earned a master's degree in administration. Scott is a special needs teacher in Lexington, Mass. The couple currently reside in Arlington, Mass.

JESSICA GWOZDZ takes classes at Berkshire Dance Theatre Inc. in Adams where she is the administrative assistant/office manager as well as a teacher.

MATT PANUSKA and wife Nicole are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Leigh. The newest addition to the family was born at the end of July 2008 and joins siblings Cameron (age 5) and Nathan (age 3). Both boys are infatuated with their new little sister. Congratulations, Panuskas!

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CARL AMEEN was appointed principal of Allendale Elementary School in Pittsfield. Carl previously taught at Conte Community School. Good luck, Carl!

ELISA GOODWIN LAVELLE and STEPHEN LAVELLE have been married for three years. In 2007, Elisa and Steve bought their second home in South Hadley, and seven months later had their first child, Patrick "PJ" John.

KB store operations manager LORI HAMILTON was written up in *The Berkshire Eagle* recently. Lori handles two jobs whenever she wants to buy



Suzanne Frederick Winkfield '98, Amy Brough Palmerino '99 and Jocelyn Merrick, director of annual giving, at the August Alumni Event at the 19th Hole in Hyannis, Mass.



Jennie Holmes LoRico '99 and family visit campus on a sunny day this summer. Clockwise, from front left: Jennie, Sophia, Anthony and Tom LoRico. Both Jennie and Tom are former employees of MCLA.

something without going into debt. In Lori's words: "This year, I'm saving up for a trip to Hawaii. I like being able to buy things without putting myself in debt."

JENNIFER SMITH HUBERDEAU had her first solo show of watercolors and sketches at the Cup and Saucer in North Adams in June, 2008. This is a diversion from her usual medium of oils and acrylics.

XAVIER J. JACKMAN is engaged to Suzanne Michelle Delrahim of Tampa, Fla. She is a pediatric resident at USF. Xavier is an associate at Luks, Santaniello, Perez, Petrillo and Gold in Tampa, Fla. A May 17, 2008 wedding is planned. Congratulations!

TRACEY JACOBS and her husband are pleased to announce that they are expecting their first child in November of this year. Tracey welcomes all classmates to email her at tj7842@yahoo.com.

HOLLY STEVENS LEAHY and PATRICK LEAHY '01 have been married for six years. They have two daughters. Brynn (age 4) is in preschool and is beginning gymnastics, and Kyla (age 2) remains Holly's faithful sidekick. The family now lives in Winchendon, Mass. Patrick teaches ESL courses and coaches the boys' varsity hockey team for the Winchendon school community. Holly is enjoying herself as a stay-at-home mom. Holly would love to hear from classmates at hollyaleahy@yahoo.com.

JENNIFER MCCUE-CIEMPA has been married for three years. She has two children. She wrote recently: "I cannot wait until I can go back to school for my second degree and work in a field I really enjoy. Until then I love doing my on-call work as a Child Care Worker, working my full-time job as a clinical advocator, and spending as much time as I can with my husband David, while raising our children Tatum and Jameson.



MCLA alumni were in attendance at the wedding of Melissa Foley '99 on August 8, 2008. From left to right: Amy Lambert '98, Meghan Steptoe '99, Cheryl Dudek, Kristen Harkins '98, Pamela Calnan '98, Jason Rossman '99, and Melissa Foley '99.



Melissa Foley '99 and husband Scott Procko, both involved in respective school systems, ride a school bus at their wedding to show their school spirit.

We just bought a home in North Adams which is where we are living until David graduates (one more year) from ITT-Tech, where he is top of his class. In the next two years we are looking forward to moving down to the D.C. area."

HEIDI MCLORE is living in Newton, Mass., where she is an associate director of student activities and an English professor. She enjoys working with college students, often reliving her own college years through those of her pupils. Heidi is happy to announce that she finds her everyday work rewarding.

DANIEL RYAN and his wife Lori welcomed their newborn son, Jacob, earlier this year.

GREGORY WHITE is athletic trainer at Clark University. Greg received his master of science in athletic training at California University of Pennsylvania in 2001.

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JENNIFER RADLEY BENOIT was married in September of 2005 to Ryan Benoit, and they currently live in Fitchburg, Mass. Many of her classmates attended the nuptials or were members of the wedding party. Jennifer attended hairdressing school after her graduation from MCLA and together with her friend, STACEY CORBIN '02 owns the very successful Inzio Day Spa in downtown Lowell, Mass. If anyone is in the area, feel free to drop by and say hello. Jennifer's sister, MICHELE RADLEY SPINALE '83 graduated from the College as well.

CORISSA BRYANT is, for the second year, working as house manager at the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance at Williams College.

SARAH "PINEY" LAPINE finds herself overseas once again. She is currently a military equipment inspector in South Korea, where she was reassigned after leaving Fort Bragg. Though she misses her friends and

family, she is enjoying herself and is proud to be a staff sergeant, a member of the senior personnel. She will begin her packet for officer candidate school next month.

PATRICK LEAHY and HOLLY STEVENS LEAHY '00 have been married for six years. They have two daughters. Brynn (age 4) is in preschool and is beginning gymnastics, and Kyla (age 2) remains Holly's faithful sidekick. The family now lives in Winchendon, Mass. Patrick teaches ESL courses and coaches the boys' varsity hockey team for the Winchendon school community. Holly is enjoying herself as a stay-at-home mom.

SUSAN PLANKEY LECLAIR and her husband Eric are excited to announce the arrival of their new baby boy. Landon Plankey LeClair was born on June 24, 2008, and weighed six pounds and ten ounces.

LISA ORZECOWSKI and husband JOSHUA TUCKER '02 are expecting a baby girl in February 2009.

SUZANNE DESROCHERS ROCHA and her husband Junior just bought their first house together in Lawrence, Mass., and also celebrated their second anniversary on July 6, 2008!

CHRIS SPOSATO has been selected as the new principal at Pittsfield High School. Chris had formerly served as vice principal at Hoosac Valley High School. Congratulations, Chris.

SUZANNE TRACHTMAN is excited to announce her engagement to Siegfred Fuster. They are planning an April 2009 wedding.

## 2002

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AMANDA ARCEO-HOSKEN and her husband are currently in the process of adopting two children from Ethiopia. They hope to have them home around Christmas of 2008. Best of Luck!

JENNIFER RADLEY BENOIT '01 and STACEY CORBIN opened the very successful Inzio Day Spa in downtown Lowell, Mass. If anyone is in the area, feel free to drop by and say hello.

MICHAEL MIRANTE and ERIN KELLY '03 were joined in marriage on March 29, 2008.

DIANE THOMPSON was promoted to training officer with UniBank in July of this year. She has also moved from Taunton to Plainville, Mass.

JOSHUA TUCKER and wife LISA ORZECOWSKI '01 are expecting a baby girl in February 2009.

## 2003

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Congratulations to GEORGE ALLEN and MELISSA MCKAY, who recently became engaged. George is a program engineer at General Dynamics in Pittsfield, and is also pursuing a master's degree at UMass Amherst. Melissa is a logistics engineer at General Dynamics in Pittsfield, and is also pursuing a master's degree at UMass.

CHRISTINA BARRETT received her MBA from UMass this past May. Congratulations, Christina!

DAWN BOMBARDIER's daughter, Melinda Williamson, has fulfilled her life-long dream! She showed her dog at the Westminster Dog Show. Dawn is very proud of her daughter.

HOWARD J. EBERWEIN is Pittsfield's current deputy superintendent of schools. Before that he spent four years as principal of Pittsfield High School. He has been chosen as one of the finalists to replace the current superintendent of schools, Katherine E. Darlington. Good luck, Howard!



A reunion of recent graduates at the Lamoreaux's wedding: (left to right) Chris Baffuto '04, Neil Stahlelek '07, Jed Phillips '06 and Steve Parenteau '04.

DAVE HALBERT is the head of community relations for Sam Yoon, Boston city councilor at-large.

SARAH KNOWLES is working as a production associate at Random House.

RYAN P. LANGNICKLE proposed to GENOA ELDER in October of 2007, and she happily said "yes!" If all goes as planned with the road repairs to the summit, they will say their vows on Mt. Greylock in the summer of 2010.

MARYBETH MAKARA moved to New York in January, and she loves it! If you're in the area, give her a shout. There are plenty of MCLA alumni in the area!

ERIN KELLY and MICHAEL MIRANTE '02 were joined in marriage on March 29, 2008.

LAUREN MAURIELLO is happily engaged to Steve Burn. The couple plans to wed in October 2009.

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JASON MENDONCA '06 and KATIE BABEU were married on November 10, 2007. Katie is a teacher at Hoosac Valley High School. Jason is a financial analyst at Berkshire Life Insurance Co. in Pittsfield.

ROBERT BLACK and ERIN CONNELLY are currently engaged. Wedding details to follow. Congratulations!

GENOA ELDER is engaged! RYAN LANGNICKLE proposed in October of 2007, and she happily said "yes!" If all goes as planned with the road repairs to the summit, they will say their vows on Mt. Greylock in the summer of 2010. A three-year engagement seems like a long time, but some things are worth waiting for! Congratulations!

CRYSTAL PARENTEAU and husband STEPHEN PARENTEAU welcomed newborn daughter Layla into the family on March 6, 2008.

SCOTT PATENAUDE and CYNDI ROPER are proud to announce their engagement. They are planning a September 2009 wedding. Congratulations!

TOM RILEY was married on April 19, 2008 to Lauren Hazlett. Tom is a dealer service specialist for John Hancock in Boston. He and Lauren live in Walpole, Mass.

SARAH PETERSON SNYDER was married to Matthew Snyder on June 28, 2008. Sarah is earning a master's degree and certification in elementary



The bridesmaids at the Lamoreaux's wedding: (left to right) Katie Corey '05, Kate Montaldo '04, Deidre Londergan '04 and Elaine Mannix.



2000-2001 residents of B5 Berkshire Towers were in attendance at Tom Riley's (center) wedding. From left to right: Marc Newton '04, Lynn Brennan '04, Tom Riley '04, Cyndi Roper '04, and Jed Phillips '06.

education. Matthew will be the sheriff of Bennington County, Vt. in January, 2009. The couple currently lives in Bennington with their cat, Tina.

MELISSA WILLIAMSON has been putting her bachelor's degree in English to good use. She is currently teaching 10th and 12th grade English at Brentsville District High School in Nokesville, Va.

JIM WOJTASZEK recently became engaged to Deborah Fredenburg of Pittsfield. Jim is vice president of marketing at Greylock Federal Credit Union in Pittsfield. The wedding is planned for Oct. 25, 2008.

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JILLIAN BARR is working at JP Morgan as an administrative assistant.

KAREN FOLEY and Scott DuCharme became engaged in June, 2008. Karen is a special education teacher for Pittsfield public schools.

ANDREA HUDA is working for Baruch College as an enrollment academic advisor. Andrea's youngest sister, Evanna, is a freshman at the College. Her other sister, Larissa, is a senior majoring in biology and pre-med. The three sisters were written up in the North Adams Transcript, since they all chose to stay close to home (Adams) and they will live on campus.

GREG LUCID sent this message to the Alumni Office: "I was recently featured in a newsletter put out by the Corporation for National and Community Service. It outlines part of my AmeriCorps National



Liz Thorpe and Joe Lamoureux '06 leave the church after their wedding in May.

Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) 10-month term of service. Hope all of you are well. Be sure to check out the newsletter!"

MARGARET MCDOWELL of Hudson Falls, N.Y., received a Master of Divinity and the Mary Long Greir-Hugh Davies Award in Preaching from Princeton Theological Seminary at the schools 196th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17, 2008. The Master of Divinity is a three-year graduate degree that is the basic professional degree for ministry.

CARY MORIARTY, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, is currently serving in Iraq on a 15-month tour. He and his wife DEVAN HARDING MORIARTY are the proud parents of Jackson Moriarty, born January 28, 2008. Cary was accepted into a military intelligence officer's program and will attend this winter.

BRIAN RATHBUN was married on July 13, 2007 to Melissa Joan Phillips. She is a third grade teacher at Morningside Community School in Pittsfield. Brian is a special education teacher at Pittsfield High School. Congratulations!

BRIAN SZCZERBINSKI and JENNIFER BELL '06 got engaged on July 4, 2008, during a sunrise hot air balloon ride in Temecula, Ca. The couple, who has been dating for over six years, is planning a wedding cruise with family and friends.

SONIA "Sam" WATTS announced her engagement to Sean Lynaugh. Sean did not attend the College, but was a familiar face to many of Sam's friends. The couple is planning an

August 2009 wedding and are currently living in Hawthorne, N.J.

RENE WENDELL is a Bartholomew's Cobbles conservation ranger in Ashley Falls, Mass. His love of nature comes from his father, a former fisherman and trapper. Rene offers educational and recreational programming at the 329-acre national natural landmark. He also leads canoe trips down the Housatonic River, where it's common to see mink, otters, bald eagles, beaver and blue heron.

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JENNIFER BELL and BRIAN SZCZERBINSKI '05 got engaged on July 4, 2008, during a sunrise hot air balloon ride in Temecula, Ca. The couple, who has been dating for more than six years, is planning a wedding cruise with family and friends.

BENGEY P. ASSE is living in New York and working as an usher for "Young Frankenstein" on Broadway.

Class Agent ANNIE KIRKPATRICK is back in the Berkshires! I'm thrilled to be back in North Adams, and especially thrilled to again be apart of the MCLA community." Welcome back, Annie!

MICHELLE MCGUIRE is the owner of Elle Day Spa on the lower level of the Crowne Plaza in Pittsfield. Check it out at [www.elledayspa.com](http://www.elledayspa.com). Good luck, Michelle!

JASON MENDONCA and KATIE BABEU '04 were married on November 10, 2007. Katie is a teacher at Hoosac Valley High School. Jason is a financial analyst at Berkshire Life Insurance Co. in Pittsfield, Mass.

CHRIS PHELON and wife VANESSA WHITE PHELON first met in Hoosac Hall in their freshman year of college (2002). On May 31, 2008, they were married. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Army Spec. NICK RANDALL, who recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. Nick had to complete nine weeks of training studying the Army's mission, history, tradition and core values, among other things.

THEA YURKEWECZ passed her MTEL exams and the New York state teachers' exams. She received her master's in Literacy: birth-6th grade from the University at Albany. Thea was recently appointed as the new literacy specialist at the new Blodgett Elementary in the Schenectady school district. She attributes all of her success to the foundation she received at MCLA.

## 2007

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KRISTEN BAKER-HOYT works as a program assistant at the Berkshire Taconic Foundation in Lenox, Mass. She will soon begin work on a master of science in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy at Bay Path College.

LENNY GIARDINO was recently appointed principal at the Madison N.Y. Central School. He previously served as dean of students at Camden Central School. Lenny will oversee Madison's seventh-twelfth grades. Congratulations!

MONICA HENRY is working at the Clark Art Museum in Williamstown as the education coordinator. She is happy to be working with the docents in the museum's public programs.

Recent graduate EVAN HERRMAN got all the education he needed to take his psychology and sociology degrees to the University of Vermont to continue his research and become a Doctor of Psychology. He hopes to finish graduate school in 2011. Well done, Evan!

PATRICK KILLEEN has completed a six-month AmeriCorps tour working for an environmental group in Maine. He has returned to the Commonwealth to further his studies, and is currently (and happily) employed at Worcester State College. He begins graduate courses in the fall of this year.

Thanks to BRANDON PENDER for representing President MARY K. GRANT '83 and the College at the inauguration of the twelfth president of Babson College on October 17, 2008.

## We Enjoy Receiving Photo Submissions

If you would like to submit a photo digitally, please be sure that your photo is high resolution: 300 DPI when sized to about 3 inches wide. If you set your camera to the highest or best quality setting, this will produce a high resolution image. Lower resolution photographs may look sharp on your computer screen, but will not work in the magazine. Please save the photo as a JPG file and be sure your name is included in the file name before you email it to us at [alumni@mcla.edu](mailto:alumni@mcla.edu).

Please include a caption with your photo. Please identify the people, place, and occasion of your photo.

KARA PERRY received the Dean's Merit Scholarship from Lesley University. The scholarship allowed her to attend classes in the fall of 2008 to complete her master's in elementary education. Her goal is to become a reading specialist.

GINA PUC joined the College as an admissions counselor in the Office of Admissions. Gina left her job at New York and Company in Holyoke to return to campus. She and DAN SUMMERS recently announced their engagement.

CHRIS SANITA has been appointed as the new principal for Pane Bush Elementary School in Guilderland, N.Y. Chris and his wife, also a teacher, have a seven-month-old son, Noah. Chris also has a 12-year-old son, Michael, from his previous marriage.

## 2008

ERICA ALLEN is currently working as a talent for Radio Disney doing live promotional shows over

the greater Boston and Providence areas. She is also a full-time ambulatory service representative at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Congratulations to JUANA MARIA ARIAS who received the 2008 HOBA award. She has participated in efforts to increase awareness of world hunger and support for homeless shelters in Berkshire county, and volunteers in local schools as a translator for non-English speaking parents.

JOSHUA DEMARSICO-BIRKLAND is a new fourth-grade teacher at Clarksburg, Mass. Elementary School. Josh pursued his degree after he left the military, serving in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa, Japan, and then in Tucson, Ariz. He is married to Amber and they have two children, Noah and Liam. They live in North Adams.

JOSHUA TEFFT has joined the Office of Admission at MCLA as an admissions counselor. Josh worked in that office as an admissions intern. He lives in Adams.

# IN MEMORIAM

Theresa Riordan Beauchamp '51, October 2, 2008

William Matthews '52, June 29, 2008

Basil T. Jelly '56, September 28, 2008

Louisa Herrin O'Brien '56, October 14, 2008

Vincent Kelly '62, June 20, 2008

Bob Geier '64, November 1, 2008

Roger Cirone '69, October 27, 2008

Robert Reardon '71, October 19, 2008

Joseph A. Wing '73, October 9, 2008

Robert Marcoux '74, July 9, 2008

Paul A. Boulais '79, July 31, 2008

Michael Quinlan '80, July 20, 2008

James Martin '83, June 14, 2008

Nicholas Hewitt '97, August 27, 2008

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## Upcoming Campus Events

January 19

**ALANA Event** — MLK Jr. Celebration and Breakfast

January 20

**MCLA Gallery 51 Opening** — *The Next Hundred Hours, Woodshed II*

January 30

**National Girls and Women in Sports Day**

February 6 and 7

**MCLA Presents!** — Fourth Annual MCLA Blues and Funk Festival

February 26

**MCLA Gallery 51 Opening** — *Locus*

February 27

**MCLA Presents!** — Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company

March 16 - 20

**Spring Break**

March 24

**MCLA Presents!** — CeltFest

March 25

**Harlequin Theatre Production**

March 26

**MCLA Gallery 51 Opening** — student curated show

March 28

**Women's Leadership Forum**

April 23

**Four College Forum** — Anita Hill at Bennington College

April 26

**MCLA Presents!** — UMOJA Reggae Celebration!

April 30

**MCLA Gallery 51 Opening** — student show

May 1

**MCLA Presents!** — A Night at the Cabaret

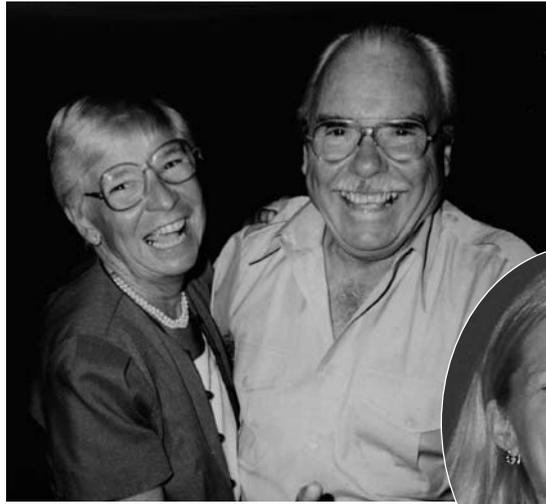
May 15

**Baccalaureate**

May 16

**Commencement**

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Above: Angie and Roscoe Smith  
Right: Buffy Lord '98

## Blue Chip Scholarship



When Buffy D. Lord's grandparents, Roscoe and Angie Smith, died in 2006, she wanted to do something special for two people who had made a big difference in her life.

"They were the best grandparents," Lord said. "They taught me that I could be whatever I wanted to be in life."

After graduating from MCLA in 1998, Lord went on to law school and received a law degree from Pepperdine University. She is now a civil litigation attorney at Donovan & O'Connor LLP in North Adams.

Lord, known as Buffy Apalategui while at MCLA, joined with her mother, Deborah Smith, to fund a scholarship in honor of her grandparents, whom she affectionately called "Bocky and Benny." They contributed \$10,000 to an endowed fund named the Blue Chip Scholarship.

"We wanted something that would last forever and that would show their impact on the world and what they meant to us," Lord said. Lord's grandparents lived in Arizona, and there was no gravestone or other local memorial for the family to visit, so they were looking for something with permanence to honor Bocky and Benny.

The scholarship allows family members to contribute to the fund in perpetuity. "We hope to make this a family bequest," Lord said. "We can continue to give in memory of my grandparents and other family members. I don't have any children, so it gives me a legacy that, for other people, would be given to their children."

Lord and her mother agreed it was important to fund a scholarship at a state institution and chose MCLA because the College had played such a pivotal role in Lord's life. Smith went to Berkshire Community College and received a nursing degree at the University of Massachusetts.

"Both my mother and I realize the impact that small local colleges can have on an area," Lord, who grew up in Lee, said. "The Harvards and the Williams Colleges of the world do not necessarily need the money, but small public colleges really can use the support of their alumni."

Lord said MCLA gave her the confidence to realize she could pursue her dreams. "MCLA laid the whole foundation for what I would become," she said. Lord studied history and anthropology, but was uncertain what she wanted to do for a career. "The friendships I made with professors and other students at MCLA were critical," Lord said. "They really directed me and said, 'you should go to law school.' Without that guidance from professors and others, I would not have even thought that law school was an option."

Lord said MCLA's small learning community provided her with a "rich learning experience" with close personal attention. "When you have that small student-to-teacher ratio you really absorb the passion that the professors have for their subject and for learning."

Lord said that sense of community continues long after graduation. "When you contribute as an alum, it really matters," she said. "Every alum has a voice at MCLA."

Lord said her grandparents would be thrilled to know that a scholarship was created in their memory. Lord's grandfather was a retired architect, and he and his wife were very involved with the United Way. When they moved from Connecticut to Arizona, they volunteered to teach English as a second language to new immigrants. "It would make them very happy to know that they are still giving back and helping people to get an education," she said.



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