

Dear Alumnae,

We have come to the end of a very memorable academic year and I want to thank you once again for the privilege of representing you and serving as the president of your Alumnae Association. I am so proud to be a Saint Joseph College alumna and active member of this ever-growing College community. It remains my goal to give voice to the thoughts and concerns of all alumnae and to encourage continued alumnae involvement with our *alma mater*.

This spring, I was very pleased to represent all alumnae at an historic moment in the life of our College! Dr. Evelyn C. Lynch was inaugurated president of Saint Joseph College on April 29, 2005. I enjoyed the wonderful experience of coming together with alumnae from many different classes throughout the exciting Inauguration Week to celebrate with Dr. Lynch and the entire College community. Special thanks to the Alumnae Choir for its marvelous musical contribution! In my "Call to Service" on Inauguration Day, I welcomed the new President on behalf of the Alumnae Association, representing over 12,000 alumnae from the Women's College, The Prime Time Program and The Graduate School. I am confident that the legacy of esteemed leadership will continue under the fine stewardship of President Lynch and I encourage you to stop by campus to welcome her personally.

On May 22, I had the great pleasure of participating in the 70th Commencement of Saint Joseph College and inducting into the Alumnae Association the wonderful members of the Class of 2005 and our distinguished honorary degree recipients. To our newest members of the Alumnae Association, I once again welcome you and encourage you to keep in close touch with your College community and fellow alumnae. I am hopeful that, like so many alumnae before you, you will keep the mission and core values of Saint Joseph College close to your heart as you follow your dreams.

As alumnae, our gifts to the College take many forms. In addition to our many volunteer contributions in service to the community, our financial contribution will help to support the best efforts of our students and faculty in the classroom, on the playing field, on the stage and more. Our gift to the Annual Fund provides opportunities for all of our talented students to develop fully in



Jodi Warner Fyfe '71

mind, body and spirit. Each and every dollar donated to the College has a life that extends far beyond a number. Each gift is a catalyst for continued growth. As you may know, the Annual Fund alumnae participation rate is a key factor in obtaining financial support from foundations and private corporations. Matching grants may also be available through some employers of alumnae. Additionally, the percentage of alumnae participation in the Annual Fund each year greatly affects our College's standing in the *U. S. News & World Report* rankings. Every contribution, large or small, is significant. Together, we as alumnae can make a difference. Won't you help us?

I look forward to crossing paths with you soon, either at a College event or at one of our off-campus alumnae gatherings. Please consider joining us at the College for Reunion 2005 on September 30 and October 1, 2005!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi W. Fyfe".

Jodi Warner Fyfe '71

1943

BARBARA COWLES BARTOSIK continues to exhibit watercolors and pastels in art shows for the Clairmont Art Guild and Pastel Society of San Diego, CA. She traveled three times this past year on cruises to Mexico and Alaska. Barbara also visited Elderhostels in New Orleans and California.

1955

MARGARET VAN GELDER has lived on the central coast of California for nearly 30 years. Margaret works with her daughter, Cynthia, as a massage therapist. She views her work as rewarding and deeply spiritual. Margaret is grateful for the opportunity to reach out to others and offer peace in this stressful world. She feels she has been truly blessed and appreciates the profound influence that Saint Joseph College has had in helping her to form a happy and meaningful life.

1961

MARY ANN SHINE MCDONALD is the coordinator of Language Arts (K-12) for the Southington, CT Public School District.

1963

SALVATRICE FARINELLA KEATING is an associate professor of Mathematics at Eastern Connecticut State University.

MARGARET TAYLOR MITCHELL has nine grandchildren and is a partner at M.M. Mitchell and Associates.

1964

GERRI TREDWAY is retired and lives in Mexico. She enjoys quilting, and one of her quilts was featured in *Quick Quilts*, a national quilting magazine.

1965

PAULA MAYO BURNETTE was elected chair of the Henry County Board of Supervisors in Virginia. Last year, Governor Mark Warner appointed her to the Council on the Status of Women. Paula is serving in her 12th year in local government.

CAROL GRANT HICKORY continues to enjoy retirement in the south and is in the process of building a new house. She also spends time in Palm Coast, FL. She says that any alumnae looking to escape the New England winter are most welcome to visit.

1968

JOAN AGLI ANDERSON worked as an adjunct faculty member at Florida Gulf Coast University for the Spring 2005 semester.

SHEILA G. DUNN'S book, *Philosophical Foundations of Education: Connecting Philosophy to Theory and Practice*, was published this year. The text is based on the belief that a solid grounding in the philosophical and social foundations of American Education will better equip prospective teachers for the diverse climate of contemporary education.



1970

E. JOAN HALPENNY SEREDA (M) thoroughly enjoyed the French courses she audited with Professor Karen Palmunen at Saint Joseph College.

1972

JUDITH A. CAREY, RSM (M) was named vice president for mission integration at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. She most recently served as an organizational consultant working with a diverse group of educational and religious clients in the areas of strategic planning, governance, board development, sponsorship and mission development, and organizational facilitation and planning. In her new position, Sister Judith will be responsible for reinforcing and strengthening Saint Francis' role as a faith-based institution. She will work to increase awareness of the hospital's mission, vision and values and will represent the hospital in diocesan and national organizations.



GERALDINE A. ROBERTS was elected chair of the Board of Education for the newly renovated Stillman School in Wethersfield, CT in November, 2004. Geraldine played the bagpipes with the Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipe Band in Hartford's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. She also serves as president of the AARP in Wethersfield.

EILEEN PESCHEL SMITH and her husband have three children: Bridget, Brendan, and Helen.

1973

JEAN ANN CONSIDINE PADDYFOTE was unanimously selected as superintendent by the Board of Education in Milford, CT. A former special education director and assistant superintendent, she served three terms as the interim superintendent. Jean was recognized by her colleagues as "a woman of integrity who does what needs to be done with diplomacy, compassion and devotion." She lives in Middlebury, CT with her husband, Kenneth, and their daughter, Kristina.

1982

LINDA J. CLEARY presents seminars with professional organizer Carleen Hoffman on the topic of "Uncluttering Your Financial Life" throughout the Massachusetts area. Linda and Carleen were interviewed on local NPR station WFCR's Morning Edition program and have been featured in numerous local newspapers.

1983

NANCY C. JOHNSON suffered great losses this year, the greatest being the death of her younger sister from cancer. Nancy continues to teach second grade in Henderson, NV and takes courses to further herself professionally. She also mentors student teachers.

1984

DEBORAH BOISLARD WHITE works at Children's Hospital Boston in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. She is married with three boys: Joshua, Michael and Andrew, and lives in Tewksbury, MA.

1986

MARY ROCHE CRONIN (M) was appointed director of human services for the town of Manchester, CT. She previously directed the town's Youth Service Bureau for eight years.

DOREEN LUCIBELLO KORDORSKY is a registered dietician with V.N.A. Services, Inc. She recently achieved her Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) status by completing the certification exam, which requires extensive credential and professional practice experiences.

1988

DEIRDRE O'GORMAN GOLDSMITH (M'98) published a children's book entitled *How Micah Helped Build a Family*. She lives with her husband, Scott, and three daughters in Tolland, CT.

PATRICIA A. BOUNDY REHMER (M) was appointed deputy commissioner within the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services by Governor M. Jodi Reil.



1991

GAIL PEDNEAULT LATAILLE was named vice president and comptroller at The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company. She is a certified public accountant and has served as an assistant vice president since joining the East Hartford-based company in 1999.

1992

JENNIFER JOHNSTON WILCZAK is an assistant professor of Nursing at Berkshire Community College (BCC) in Pittsfield, MA. She has taught at BCC as an adjunct clinical instructor since 2002. Previously, Jennifer worked for the Berkshire Visiting Nursing Association where she was nominated for a nursing excellence award.

CAROL SMITH HARKER (M) was elected chair of the board of directors of the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging Inc. in Bridgeport, CT.

1993

MILAGROS ROSA has served as an officer in the U.S. Army for 11 years. She has been stationed at Fort Hood, TX, Fort Polk, LA, Fort Bliss, TX, and Germany.

1994

STEPHANIE VALYO HAINSFURTHER published two books this year, *Covering the Business Beat: Strategies for Publishing What You Write* (with co-author Emily Esterson) and *Pocket Gardening for Your Outdoor Spaces*.

MARIA VIRGINIA MARTINEZ is the registered nurse in charge of health services for 550 students at Moylan School, Hartford, CT.

1996

JANE E. CUNNINGHAM published her book, *The Rings of My Tree: A Latvian Woman's Journey*, in 2004. The book focuses on Jane's former neighbor's memories of a forgotten story of war, the impact of women and life lived in the midst of blood and bombs.

JENNIFER FALLON HEMINGWAY works at Hartford Hospital and is the mother of two children, Fallon (3 1/2) and Patrick (1 1/2).

1997

KATHLEEN E. BURTON was named director of the office of ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the Norwich, CT Diocese. She serves as the community and congregational associate in the tri-state regional office of Church World Services. Kathleen is a member of the state boards of the Connecticut Women of the United Council of Churches and Church Women United.

KATHLEEN MALONEY BYRNES and her husband, Colin, recently purchased their first home in New Haven, CT. She is an associate chaplain at the Saint Thomas More Chapel and Center at Yale University.

DAWN C. LEVASSEUR (M) was appointed a full-time faculty member at Mitchell College in New London, CT. She is an assistant professor of Early Childhood Education. She most recently served as an early childhood specialist for the Tolland Family Resource Center.

CHRISTINE MORIN PLOURDE graduated *cum laude* from Quinnipiac University School of Law in May, 2004. She passed the Connecticut State Bar Exam and is currently practicing law as an associate with Halloran & Sage, LLP in Hartford, CT.

2000

KRISTIN ACADIA ROKOS works as an airline pilot for U.S. Airways Express, a job she says she has been waiting for since she was 15 years old. Kristin's husband also got his dream job in Woodstock, VT, where they will be moving.

VANESSA TUELL serves on the staff of public accountants at Edwards, Williams, McManus and Ricciardelli P.C., Glens Falls, NY.

2003

MARYAM WASSIL-WARDAK and her father, Abdul, led a discussion on the book *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini at the Russell Library as part of the One Book, One Middletown reading project. The novel, set in Afghanistan, is a story of fathers and sons, friendship and betrayal. Maryam teaches social studies at Hall High School in West Hartford, CT.

ROBIN J. WATSON is an editorial assistant at *The Connecticut Post* newspaper.

2004

GILLIAN BRIERE SZLACHETKA is a legislative aide to Massachusetts State Representative James Welch, who reports, "She's a quick learner who's doing a great job."

2005

SUSAN RAGGO presented "Universal Health Care: Tools for Social Workers Promoting Social Justice" at the 20th Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter, on April 15, in Trumbull, CT. Susan was also named "Student of the Year" by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Collins Leaf '39
January 12, 2005

Elnora Fresher Jones '40
November 28, 2004

Elizabeth Crowley Gervasini '41
December 12, 2004

Kathleen Kennedy Boyle '42
March 6, 2005

Rita Ryan Iacovo '42
January 3, 2005

Helen M. O'Day '42
April 15, 2005

Nancy M. Lanigan '46
December 19, 2004

Patricia Carey Desbois '51
January 8, 2005

Catherine Cahill McDonald '52
January 21, 2005

Mary Ceciluis Griffin, SP, '53
March 1, 2004

Corlene Merriam Grady '55
February 4, 2005

Agnes Daly O'Reilly '55
December 8, 2002

Patricia Callahan Foti '56
October 1, 2004

Margaret Frauenhofer Gottschall '56
March 21, 2005

Joan Owens Ross '56
October 27, 2004

Dorothy C. Kennedy '57
November 24, 2004

Mary Aldea Robida, RSM '59
January 22, 2005

Jeanne McDonnell '71
February 14, 2005

Elizabeth Shay Pascucci '71
March 10, 2005

Mildred Beardslee Schlappi, C'73
September 7, 2004

Deane G. Keller M'74
January 4, 2005

Joyce Walsh Burgess M'74
January 4, 2004

John McCormack M'82
October 7, 2004

Kelley Saucier '84
November 29, 2004

Danuta Konieczny Smith '84
November 13, 2004

Jeanette Hemmer, C.P.P.S., M'88
November 18, 2004

Dawn Marie Goulette '91
February 20, 2005

CONGRATULATIONS

Births and Adoptions

HEATHER MCCRACKEN THOMPSON '91 and her husband, Charlie, welcomed their third child, Calvin Americo, on June 22, 2004. Calvin (shown here) joins his six-year-old sister, Hadleigh (left), and three-year-old brother, Chaz (right). Heather retired from teaching several years ago to be home full time and to home school her children. ➤



KIM SORTINO FENTRESS '93 and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma, who was born on December 2, 2004 at Middlesex Hospital.

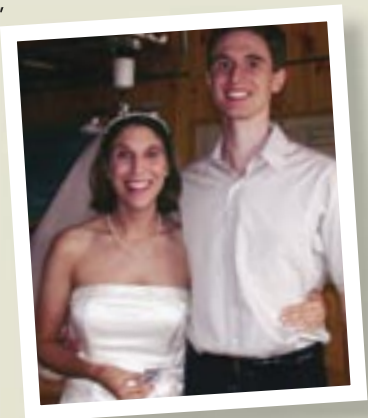
BRENDA HOUGHTON UTZINGER '96 and her husband, Anden, announce the arrival of their twin daughters, Catherine Christy and Juliana Grace, on October 10, 2003. They reside in Ipswich, MA.

HEATHER BOHN RODRIGUEZ '97 welcomed her fourth child, Alexi Myra, on March 12, 2005. Alexi is shown here with her brothers (from left to right) Jared, Scott Jr., and Zakry. ➤



Marriages

KRISTIN ACADIA ROKOS '00 married Christopher James Rokos on July 11, 2004 at the Zealand Falls Hut, located on the Appalachian Trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. They have completed large sections of the Appalachian Trail in New England and have hiked extensively throughout the White Mountains.



JULIE GROHS CRUZ '92 married Christopher J. Cruz on May 17, 2003. They live in Providence, RI.



Carolyn Dodd '59, M'78

by Rebecca Ransom '03

More than 40 years ago, Carolyn Dodd walked through the doors of Saint Joseph College as a young woman with spirit, dedication and a dream to make the world a better place. Today, Ms. Dodd holds special affection for the college that prepared her for a remarkable life of service as an educator and as a champion for the visually impaired.

Ms. Dodd, a Distinguished Alumna, received her bachelor's degree in Education in 1959 and her master's degree in 1978. From this strong foundation, she launched a career in teaching that spanned more than four decades.

Over the years, Ms. Dodd worked in California, New York City, Boston and Connecticut, where she taught pre-school and special education children. At the Kennelly School in Hartford, Ms. Dodd piloted an innovative early childhood educational program, which she describes as one of her greatest accomplishments.

"There are certain gifts that are important to have," said Ms. Dodd of being an effective educator. "You have to love children, have authority without being authoritarian, communicate well and have the desire to help people."

Despite her noteworthy achievements, success and her travels, Ms. Dodd has never forgotten the College and the professors who inspired her. "Sister Mary DeLourdes, the founder of the Child Study Program, was a great woman," said Ms. Dodd. "She had a profound influence on me ... she inspired and encouraged me. She took me under her wing, so to speak."

Ms. Dodd believes that the College helped motivate her toward a life of service: "The College was very concerned with the individual's needs ...

it was a very caring and nurturing environment, not a factory atmosphere. I have very fond memories of my time there."

The College's emphasis on spirituality, which Ms. Dodd describes as "very impressive," also helped to instill a strong sense of humanitarianism, compassion and charity in her life. As a devout Catholic, Ms. Dodd relied on her faith to guide her through life, saying: "You build on strength along the way. How you cope and deal with things in life is important."

Along with dedicating her life to the education of children, Ms. Dodd spent the past 15 years as an advocate for the visually impaired, serving as the president of the National Federation for the Blind's Hartford Chapter.

This is a cause close to her heart. Diagnosed as legally blind, Ms. Dodd turned her personal struggle into a mission to help others. As such, she works with the Federation to promote the integration of the visually impaired into jobs and education

"Our mission is to help the sighted world understand blindness. Blindness doesn't mean hopelessness or helplessness," she said. In addition, Ms. Dodd is a driving force behind the advocacy for Braille literacy in children. She also worked to encourage legislation that will end discrimination of the visually impaired. "We've come a long way," said Ms. Dodd, "but there is still much to be done."

For young women just beginning their careers, Ms. Dodd offers advice: "It is important to be focused. Life is like a voyage ... you don't want to be pulled along, but you need to be flexible, know what you want and what you want to accomplish. There is always some anxiety ... and pitfalls, but you move on. I took some twists and turns in life, but I enjoyed them."

"You build on strength along the way. How you cope and deal with things in life is important."

Remembering Deane Keller M'78

by Robin J. Watson '03

Deane G. Keller passed away on January 4 in his home in Marlborough at the age of 64. He was a prolific and gifted artist and draftsman, as well as professor of drawing and anatomy at The Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts in Old Lyme. According to the school's Web site, he served for more than 25 years as head of life drawing and anatomy. He held the endowed Deane G. Keller Chair of Classical Drawing and Figurative Art.

Besides his work as an artist and teacher, Deane was the loving husband of Dorothy Bosch Keller, the chair of the fine arts department at Saint Joseph College and my art history teacher. My heart instantly went out to her as I read the e-mail about Deane's death.

Dorothy is my favorite teacher. She's tough, yet fair, and outrageously intelligent. And she had lost her husband. I felt compelled to attend the wake and funeral services for Deane. I needed to see how she was handling his death. I wanted to pay my respects to the both of them.

And just as I expected, Dorothy was standing strong, greeting people, and even pointing out the finer nuances of Deane's work that was displayed at the funeral home.

I confessed to Dorothy that I hadn't really known Deane very well. She reminded me of the time at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York where she introduced me to him. She also told me that I knew Deane better than I thought because the various art pieces she had passed around and displayed in art history class were samples of his work.

Then, I also remembered that I knew Deane from the slides Dorothy had shown us in class. When we studied ancient Egypt, we learned about the immense scale of the Great Pyramids by comparing them to Deane and Dorothy standing alongside the enormous structures. When Dorothy taught us about Leonardo da Vinci's command of human musculature, she showed us slides of Deane's



Deane Keller at work in his studio.

students visiting a gross anatomy class at Yale.

I understand that Deane was a great artist, draftsman, and teacher. He graduated from Yale, studied in Italy, spoke at Harvard, and had his work shown at the Wadsworth Atheneum. Those accomplishments are only a brief glimpse into his life's work. However, I knew him as Dorothy's husband. Through my classes with her, I learned a tremendous amount about art history, but I also learned about her relationship with Deane.

Although it has been a couple of years since I took art history, I can still tell you the difference between an ionic, a doric, and a corinthian capital. I can even analyze the composition of a Van Eyck painting with ease. And, I can also tell you that Deane was a great admirer of T.E. Lawrence, his father's remains rest in Pisa, Italy, and that Dorothy and Deane loved each other in a way that I can only hope to experience at some point during my lifetime.

Robin Watson '03 is a reporter for The Connecticut Post.

Senior Challenge 2005

The Senior Challenge Gift to the Annual Fund offers new graduates the opportunity to commemorate their Saint Joseph College experience while supporting future students. Their gifts provide assistance for scholarships as well as curricular and extracurricular activities.

This year's Challenge brought in student gifts from The Women's College, The Prime Time Program and The Graduate School. Donors of \$20.05 or more had the option of including a special message in this edition of *Outlook*. A special thanks to those who participated in the Senior Challenge, and congratulations to all members of the Class of 2005.

2005 Members of the Senior Challenge Society

Rita Bayer, B.S.
 Natisha Campbell, B.A.
 Johanna Cassella, B.S.
 LaQuanda Cooper, M.A.
 Patti Dunne, M.A.
 Alisa Dzananovic, B.A.
 Evelyn Green, B.A.
 Julia Grieco, B.S.
 Madge Joseph, B.A.
 Robin Kenny, B.S.
 Sandra Kissel, M.S.
 Alaina Lareau, B.A.
 Nydia Marrero, B.A.
 Yarelis Mejias, B.S.
 Lynn Olson, B.S.
 Michele O'Neill, M.A.
 Martha Pangakis, B.A.
 Lucy Peoples, B.S.
 Laura Rogowski, M.A.
 Maureen Ross-Gemme, B.A.
 Howard Satalino, B.A.
 Nichole Sawyer, B.A.
 Elizabeth Semrow, B.A.
 Marguerite Sequin, M.A.
 Cynthia Teixeira, B.S.
 Sara Thaxton, B.S.
 Catherine Wendt, M.A.
 Mary Jean Yenko, M.A.

“Saint Joseph College education: \$30,000/year; Senior Challenge: \$20.05; God’s ultimate gift: priceless. I want to thank everyone who has supported me with love during my four years of college.”
 —*Natisha Campbell, B.A.*

“Special thanks to Linda, Sheila, Anne, Kathy, Diane, Lynne, Toni, Tanya, and Liz for a wonderful four years of working at the library. I’ll miss you all!”
 —*Johanna Cassella, B.S.*

“My deepest thanks to my family, my fiancé and the International Studies Office at Saint Joseph College! Your continuing support has helped me grow as a student and as a person.”
 —*Alisa Dzananovic, B.A.*

“It is always possible to make your dreams come true! Aaron, thank you for all the love and support!”
 —*Julia Grieco, B.S.*

“‘Quiet strength and a strong mother give us courage.’ To my mother, Maryse Seide, thank you so much for everything, especially for supporting me during those four years of college. I don’t know what I would do if I didn’t have you. I thank God every night and day for giving me a mother like you. You are my best friend, my life. Now it’s over and I don’t know how to repay you. I thought a thank you note would show you how I feel. I know it’s not enough, but thank you! I love you, Mom, very much. Thank you for everything. May God bless you. Love you, Mom!”
 —*Madge Joseph, B.A.*

“To Doug and Robert: It is proven that we are happiest doing what we love to do. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to do just that.”

—*Robin Kenny, B.S.*

“I would like to thank Dr. Drew, Dr. Bosworth and all the faculty of the Nursing Department for support through my M.S.N. program.”

—*Sandra Kissel, M.S.*

“My experience at Saint Joseph College was invaluable. I thank each of my professors and my advisors, especially Dr. Carlson and Dr. Butler.”

—*Lynn Olson, B.S.*

“A special thanks to Mom and Dad, family, friends, and Roy for supporting me these past four years. I love all of you!”

—*Michele O’Neill, M.A.*

“To my family: Without your support and understanding, this wonderful achievement would have never been possible! Thanks to my dear husband, Jerry, my children, and my grandchildren.”

—*Martha Pangakis, B.A.*

“Sister Mary Joan Cook, my port in the storm - with sincere appreciation and admiration.”

—*Lucy Peoples, B.S.*

“To Sandy Cannone: Thank you much for your support over the past few years and helping to make this possible for me!”

—*Laura Rogowski, M.A.*

“Thanks to Paul Gemme, the love of my life and best supporter; to Mom, role model; and daughter, Angelica, rising star!”

—*Maureen Ross-Gemme, B.A.*

“Mom, Dad, Ryan, Grandma Newton and family: You said this day would come, and now it finally has! Much love and thanks!”

—*Nichole Sawyer, B.A.*

“I would like to thank all of my family and friends for all the support and memories. I couldn’t have done it without you.”

—*Elizabeth Semrow, B.A.*

“All my love and thanks to Emily, Matt and Jim. I couldn’t have done this without your support.”

—*Marguerite Sequin, M.A.*

“Becoming a teacher and earning my master’s degree has been a great deal of hard work. I could not have done it without the help of my sister and the support of my parents. Thanks!”

—*Mary Jean Yencho, M.A.*

