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It's a new day at D'Youville



Since our founding in 1908, D'Youville has maintained an unwavering commitment to serving our community. I am proud that our record of enrolling and graduating high-need and first-generation college students is recognized by U.S. News & World Report in their 2020 Social Mobility ranking.

As part of our commitment to social mobility, D'Youville is now offering unlimited Say Yes to Education scholarships to students from eligible high schools, and we have designed a new Early College Bridge Program that extends our healthcare focused courses into local high schools.

Say Yes to Education is a national, nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive array of services to increase high school and college graduation rates across some of the nation's lowest-income school districts. Locally, 79% percent of Buffalo Public School students are from low-income families.

We have had an overwhelming demand for the 10 Say Yes to Education scholarships that we have offered since 2013. The new agreement with Say Yes allows us to offer an unlimited number of scholarships to qualified students from Buffalo, Syracuse, Cleveland, and Guilford County, North Carolina.

D'Youville's signature investment in Say Yes to Education will inspire high school students to believe that an academically rigorous education at a private nationally ranked university is possible for them. Every student should be empowered to attend the best school for them because completing college will profoundly improve their life, and that of their family, for generations to come. These scholarships will offer that

opportunity to many more students and their families.

Expanding Say Yes Scholarships at D'Youville is just one way we are serving our community. As you will read later in this issue, we are meeting the needs of the next generation of college students through summer camps, state-of-the-art classrooms that improve pedagogy and student performance, and college credits that are earned at no cost to the student through our new Early College Bridge Program.

Our Early College Bridge Program is designed to meet the needs of students of today, as well as the expectations of students of tomorrow. This fall, local high school students began taking advantage of our new healthcare pathway that leads to stackable credits and certificates. These credits they earn while still in high school help students graduate on time and puts them on a highly affordable pathway to a college degree.

The healthcare pathway has three tracks including health professions, pharmacy, and nursing. Students can earn an advanced certificate in Pharmacy Technician as well as associate degrees in Community Health and Pharmacy Studies.

Many individuals who would benefit from a college degree have significant household responsibilities that make completing a traditional four-year program difficult. These learners will have the ability to move in and out of higher education as their family and professional obligations change.

In designing programs that expand access to higher education we are growing our mission and adapting our institution to stay relevant in a fast-changing landscape of higher education.

Lorrie A. Clemo

LORRIE A. CLEMO, PHD
D'YOUVILLE PRESIDENT

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Unveiling our brand new brand

Since our humble beginning, D’Youville has utilized education, guided by compassion and empathy, to improve ourselves, our families, our neighborhood, and our global community. More than a century after its founding, the school has entered into a new era: one marked by positive transformation, remarkable growth, and sustainable innovation that will shape our future.

Rooted in the foundation of the university’s mission of leadership and service, we have grown into an institution redefining the role of higher education through the development of thriving communities. While Buffalo has long been known as “the city of good neighbors,” our university is poised to be the city’s “neighborhood university” — a community that is dynamic and global; living out the university’s mission in Western New York and around the world.

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Through discussions and workshops, we invited the community to participate in this process and provide feedback about the story of D’Youville: where we’ve been, where we’re going, and who we are. In learning about the school’s shared goals and the strengths that can drive us forward as an institution, a new brand and logo identity was strategically developed to be a powerful and enduring catalyst for who we are as an institution and our potential for the future. This new brand and logo identity repositions us from a small, modest college rooted in a Catholic heritage on Buffalo’s West Side to a first-choice university — regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Clemo named to Power 125 Women

D’Youville President Lorrie Clemo was named to the Power 125 Women list by Buffalo Business First for 2019. Clemo, who comes in at No. 36 this year, has been named to the list for the third straight time. Each of the women selected to the list are recognized for their talents and influence fueling economic, social, and cultural growth in Buffalo.

Want more D’Youville news?

Check out our monthly newsletter, D’Youville Digest. It’s sent out mid-month directly to your email inbox. If you haven’t received it yet, please let us know at alumni@dyc.edu and we’ll add you to our list.

New dean, vice president named



Georita Marie Frierson, PhD, is the new dean of the School of Arts, Sciences, and Education (SASE). Frierson will oversee the implementation of the redesigned

core curriculum; creatively grow student enrollment within the school in both online and on-campus programs; reinvigorate the school through collaborative ties throughout campus and through K-12 partnerships; and act as a driving force for the creation of new degree programs. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and previously served as department head and professor in the Department of Psychology at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.



Pamela Say was named vice president for institutional advancement. In this role, she will lead strategic visioning to build

and strengthen relationships with a broad range of constituencies and to encourage the advocacy of, investment in, and support of the university’s initiatives, programs, and students, as well as execute bold fundraising innovations for the university. Say previously served as the vice president for development and community engagement at Trocaire College in Buffalo.

Grants fund new programs in health professions, nursing

A three-year, \$680,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) Paraprofessionals Program will help D’Youville develop a Substance Use Disorder Support Specialist Certificate Program for new and existing behavioral health paraprofessionals. D’Youville also will establish partnerships with community behavioral health organizations to provide experiential training sites for paraprofessional trainees in underserved areas of Western New York.

“D’Youville believes this program will provide paraprofessional trainees with enhanced clinical judgment and reasoning to prepare them for providing care, especially for vulnerable populations in areas where there is a shortage of behavioral health professionals,” said D’Youville President Lorrie Clemo, PhD.

The primary partner in the project is Horizon Health Services, the largest, most comprehensive provider of services for mental health and substance use disorders in Western New York. “Producing the program together will allow employers to provide hands-on assistance to educators so that students are job-ready at completion,” said



THUMBS UP
Denise Dunford, DNS, FNP-BC, APRN, chair of graduate nursing programs and director of the Family Nurse Practitioner program; Christine Verni, EdD, FNP-BC, APRN, dean of the School of Nursing; and Mimi Steadman, EdD, vice president for academic affairs.

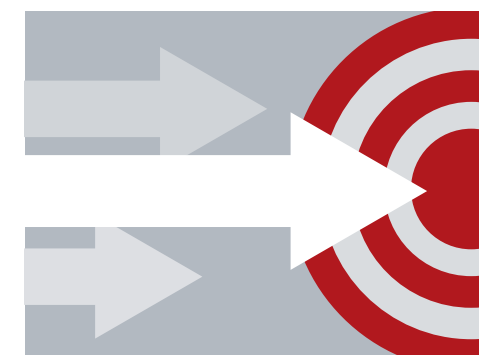
Briana Jegier, PhD, associate professor of health services administration.

D’Youville’s Patricia H. Garman School of Nursing received a \$401,442 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Congressman Brian Higgins announced the Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant during a press conference at D’Youville. The grant is a loan forgiveness incentive aimed at training qualified nurse educators

in an effort to increase the number of nurses entering the workforce.

Through this grant, which offers up to 85% loan forgiveness for nurses who pursue work as faculty, the School of Nursing can focus on recruitment and mentorship of nurses who aspire to nursing faculty roles. The university will use the resources to support 20 masters and eight doctoral students who commit to future teaching roles.

New marketing degree launches



D’Youville will expand our business offerings to include a Bachelor of Science in Marketing beginning in Spring 2020. This new program will build on the business department’s programs which combine cutting-edge theory and practical knowledge.

“A BS in Marketing from D’Youville will prepare students for success in a fast-growing industry with high-income earning potential,” said Arup Sen, PhD,

professor in the Department of Business. The marketing program will teach students to understand consumer needs and wants, identify target markets, and develop strategies to satisfy customer needs. Graduates can pursue many different careers such as marketing management, product development, brand management, marketing research, advertising, and professional sales.

D'Youville celebrates National Coming Out Day with Pride mural

Hundreds of D'Youville students, faculty, and staff celebrated the 31st anniversary of National Coming Out Day at the campus-wide event From the Closet to the Sidewalk. The event culminated with the unveiling of the Pride mural, "As Is," at the College Center, created by celebrated LGBTQ+ artist and native Buffalonian Casey William Milbrand. D'Youville student Matthew Wild '20 organized the event with the Office of Student Engagement. Wild said the mural will have a broader impact than beautifying the campus and the West Side of Buffalo. "It's important that students, employees, and community members feel accepted and validated when it comes to their sexual orientation and gender identity," Wild said.



FROM LEFT Pamela Say, vice president for institutional advancement, Matthew Wild '20, event organizer, David Braun '20, Student Government Association president, Casey William Milbrand, artist, Tyra Henson, transfer admissions counselor, and Juanita Green, interim director of counseling.

Here comes the Red Bus



This fall, D'Youville instituted a free shuttle service, the Red Bus! The shuttle operates whenever the university is open and helps students commute from free parking lots and travel throughout our compact campus.

Stops include the Connecticut Street Apartments, the Montante Family Library, the Pauline Alt Building, Marguerite Hall, and the School of Arts, Sciences, and Education building. A virtual Red Bus Tracker also is available so riders can see where in the loop the shuttle is when they need a ride.

Feast Day of St. Marguerite d'Youville observed with week of activities

During the week of October 14-19, D'Youville celebrated the legacy of our namesake, St. Marguerite d'Youville, with opportunities for service, prayer and worship.

Led by Rev. Jan Mahle, recently retired campus minister, students participated in Days of Caring, where they performed service projects at several locations in Buffalo's West Side.

On October 16, employees, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate a Feast Day Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel, led by celebrant Reverend Juan Gaspar, OMI. A special highlight of the Mass was a prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville in her native language of French, delivered by John McRoy, director of development operations in the Division of Institutional Advancement. The Mass was livestreamed to alumni and friends who could not attend.

Later that day, the university unveiled its newly-remodeled Interfaith Prayer Room. The space, located on the third floor of the Koessler Administration Building, is also near Sacred Heart Chapel. The freshly painted and carpeted room offers resources for a number of religious traditions, so students and others can have a peaceful place for prayer and meditation.

All the Feast Day events were sponsored by The Roche Center of Mission Integration. Named after Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, the 14th president of D'Youville, The Roche Center of Mission Integration honors D'Youville's Catholic heritage and the spirit of St. Marguerite d'Youville by providing opportunities for formation and fellowship, supporting holistic student development, and encouraging innovative, mission-driven responses to emerging educational and societal needs.



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A legacy of FRIENDSHIP

D'Youville friendships run deep – and sometimes span generations. This past September's Reunion and Family Weekend brought together a special quartet of women who have not only been friends for more than 50 years, but also have the distinction of each being the daughter of a D'Youville alumna.

Jean "Patsy" Bisantz Caldiero, Mary Alice "Mimi" Higgins Donius, Eileen Sullivan Herlihy, and Kathleen "Kay" Ryan Reilly, all Class of 1969, became a tight-knit group during their years at D'Youville. But in some ways their friendship goes back even further – to their own mothers' friendships, in fact.

Patsy's mother, Anne Jordan Bisantz, and Mimi's, Elizabeth "Lee" Conroy Higgins, graduated together in 1930, only 22 years after D'Youville was founded and at a time when higher education for women was much less common than today.

"Mimi's mother and mine were D'Youville classmates and dear friends from then on," Patsy says. "I met Mimi in elementary school, when her family moved a block away. Continuing our mothers' history, our friendship developed through long bus rides to and from Holy Angels Academy in North Buffalo, and of course through our incredible D'Youville experience."

"We would take the Elmwood Avenue bus and transfer to the Hertel Avenue bus and get off at Holy Angels," Mimi says. "We shared many a story on those bus rides!"

Eileen Sullivan Herlihy shares, "My mother, Mary Hennessey Sullivan, Class of 1935, grew up in Holy Angels Parish at 96 Fargo Avenue, in D'Youville's front yard. Her family had a strong connection to Holy Angels Parish and D'Youville, including a sister, Eileen Marie, who became a Grey Nun (Sr. Paula Marie) and a brother who became an Oblate priest."



Clockwise from top left, Elizabeth "Lee" Conroy Higgins '30, Mary Hennessey Sullivan '35, Anne Jordan Bisantz '30, and Ellen Drescher Ryan '39

"The Grey Nuns were certainly a common link in our mothers' lives," says Patsy. "Eileen's mother's family lived on the West Side and belonged to Holy Angels Parish, as did my father, Gene Bisantz. The Hennessey/Bisantz connection eventually led to Mary and Anne becoming great friends. They had the D'Youville experience to cement things even though they graduated five years apart."

Although Eileen's family moved to South Bend, Indiana, early in her life, they returned to Buffalo every summer to visit family, and her friendship with Patsy grew. "The blending of church, school and neighborhood was so strong in those days that I feel all of our families

were aware of each other, as well as having ties to one another," Eileen says.

Kay Ryan Reilly met Patsy and Mimi when they were freshmen at Holy Angels Academy. "My mother, Ellen Drescher Ryan, Class of 1939, was the youngest of all our mothers so she did not know them at D'Youville, but she spent her early years at Holy Angels Parochial School and knew the Hennessey family," she says.

"My mother met Kay's mother when Kay and I were classmates at Holy Angels," says Mimi. "She was a 'student' at Mrs. Ryan's knitting shop and made a number of knit suits and ultimately sweaters for my daughter, Elizabeth (named for my mother). My mom and Kay's became better friends through the knit shop."

Patsy, Mimi, and Kay went straight from Holy Angels to D'Youville, and Eileen returned to Buffalo to attend D'Youville as well – each following in their mothers' footsteps.

"My mother always valued education and I remember having great pride in the way she spoke, her knowledge of literature, history, and her use of French," says Eileen. "There was always a grace and demeanor about her that I also attribute to her family, her education, and her friends."

"My parents believed in education for their sons and daughter. All their children graduated from college or more," Mimi says. "My mother was a true leader, which I believe came from

her Grey Nun education based on values and faith. My mother had a deep and abiding love for the Grey Nuns and all they taught and modeled."

Throughout their years at D'Youville, the friends' bond grew with each other and each others' families. When Mimi visited her boyfriend (now husband), who went to Notre Dame, she would stay with Eileen's family. Kay had a brother at Notre Dame and he and his college friends from Buffalo would also visit the Sullivans in South Bend.

The classmates' friendship continues to this day, even though Mimi now lives in Westchester, New York, and Kay in North Carolina, while Patsy and Eileen remain in Buffalo. They join each other

SECOND-GENERATION FRIENDS
From left, Eileen Sullivan Herlihy, Mary Alice "Mimi" Higgins Donius, Kathleen "Kay" Ryan Reilly, and Jean "Patsy" Bisantz Caldiero, all Class of 1969



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every summer on vacations and at D'Youville and Holy Angels events, along with winter excursions to Florida.

"Even though we tell the same old stories, we never tire of each other's company!" Kay says.

Mimi says her experience at D'Youville was life-changing, in terms of her educational preparation, "but it also was transformative in terms of my faith and trying to live a life of purpose and meaning that I saw modeled in my mother, her friends, and my friends."

Eileen sums it up: "Amazing, what almost a century of learning, sharing, and friendship can create."

— CATHY WILDE

D’Youville is positioned to transform and improve healthcare services in Western New York and beyond.

The heart of **PATIENT-CENTERED** *healthcare*



PHOTO: TOM WOLF

The Grey Nuns who founded D’Youville College more than 100 years ago might not recognize the school as it is today, but they would be proud to see its mission is still focused on St. Marguerite d’Youville’s motto, “Never refuse to serve.”

After adding a nursing program in the 1940s, D’Youville has expanded in recent decades to offer focused medical programs designed to accommodate the shifting demographics of its community and the national sea change in the philosophy of how medical care should be delivered.

Heading into the 2020s, D’Youville is positioned to be a significant player in transforming and improving healthcare services in Western New York and beyond. For starters, D’Youville has become a leader in training students to

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MAUREEN FORRESTER FINNEY, EDD, PA-C
DEAN, SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
D’YOUVILLE CLASS OF 1997, 2005

work collaboratively across healthcare disciplines, with an emphasis on patient-centered, compassionate care.

Considering the university’s long history of scholarship combined with service and community responsibility, the concept of coordinated care systems just makes sense.

“A beautiful feature of the D’Youville (degree) offerings is that all of our curricula are grounded with the mission of the institution in mind,” says Maureen Forrester Finney, EdD, PA-C, dean of the university’s School of Health Professions. She earned her physician assistant degree and doctorate in health policy and education at D’Youville.

In her time here, Finney has seen an evolution of how students learn and work together, a response to the growing awareness that “real world” medical

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JUDY JORDAN DOBSON, RNFA, MSN, FNP-BC
VICE PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING, ECMC
D’YOUVILLE CLASS OF 1989, 2004

care had become too fragmented, to the detriment of patients.

“Our (medical) curricula have been developed to include collaboration to optimize outcomes. If we just taught in ‘silos,’ we know that’s not going to help our patients,” Finney says. “Having our students learn together through interprofessional collaboration has made us a leader nationally.”

As part of their coursework, students from different disciplines team up to assess real patient scenarios and simulations to come up with comprehensive assessments and treatment plans.

They then carry that training into the work environment, and with many D’Youville students coming from Western New York, this is often where that training stays.

“Other schools can say they have this type of training, but they don’t have it at this scope,” Finney says. “The real-time care that the students are learning — that piece is really critical.”

Judy Jordan Dobson, vice president of medical surgical nursing services at Erie County Medical Center, sees firsthand how D’Youville’s philosophy of education leads to improved results in healthcare.

“D’Youville gives you a well-rounded focus of coursework that helps you develop as a medical practitioner at any level,” says Dobson, who has worked in a multitude of different roles herself before moving into management. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from D’Youville (1989 and 2004).



PHOTO: DYLAN BUYSKES

The critical thinking skills students develop while working in teams help them grow in their careers, Dobson says, and that is also good for their patients and employers.

“The integration of theory and clinical experience combined gives the students an excellent education, and they learn to become leaders in healthcare, whether it’s at the bedside or in administration.”

And they sometimes have to push aside barriers to do that.

Another D’Youville nursing graduate, Joyce Kontrabecki Markiewicz, remembers when a colleague in her executive MBA program at the University at Buffalo asked her why a nurse would get a master’s degree in business.

“The thought that the question would even be asked of me was somewhat disappointing,” says Markiewicz. She’s being a little tactful when she says she thought the question showed a lack of understanding of the role nursing graduates play in the wider healthcare industry.

“My answer,” she adds, “was that healthcare is a business.”

She should know. Markiewicz is executive vice president and chief business development officer for Catholic Health, a nonprofit healthcare system in Buffalo.

She credits D’Youville for encouraging her to see beyond her nursing role, with faculty members and advisors making it clear that personal fulfillment is as important as career training if they are going to serve the community in the best way possible.

For her, that fulfillment came on the business side of care. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in 1980, she worked as an RN for several years, and that led to her becoming manager for a local home health services agency.

She found she preferred management and so, in 2003, she obtained her MBA and



PHOTO: TOM WOLF

“ **THE LOCAL PHARMACIST IS THE MOST ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.** ”

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DEAN, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
D’YOUVILLE CLASS OF 1984



joined Catholic Health Home Care, an organization with a mission similar to her alma mater.

“There’s always been such a pride in the school,” Markiewicz says of D’Youville, and she believes that continues under the leadership of its current president, Lorrie Clemo, PhD.

“What I see now is Dr. Clemo saying, ‘You take your education and what you have learned and there is no limit to what you can do with that. You can run a hospital!’”

Or more. In her new position, Markiewicz is among the local leaders who are dedicated to discovering new ways to bring better care to people in Western New York, a region with a high poverty rate, aging population and, according to New York State Department of Health statistics, a troubling mortality rate.

One of the most innovative projects in this effort is rising right alongside the D’Youville campus. The school is building a brand-new learning and community center, the Health Professions Hub, which will house a public medical clinic and pharmacy for its West Side neighbors on its first floor and educational and training space on the upper floors (see page 12). Catholic Health is a key contributor, committing \$5 million to the effort, and Markiewicz is the nonprofit’s liaison.

Construction of the Hub is set to be completed by the end of 2020. Meanwhile, D’Youville students, graduates, and faculty already are providing outreach elsewhere in Western New York.

D’Youville alumna Joanne E. Haefner is CEO of Neighborhood Health Center, a federally supported program that provides a range of medical services to the public regardless of the patient’s ability to pay. Under Haefner’s guidance, the center has enhanced its services in existing locations and added new offices in underserved communities.

Haefner, who has her bachelor’s and Family Nurse Practitioner degrees from D’Youville, says the university’s mission of service dovetails almost perfectly with that of the centers.

“We’ve hired a significant number of D’Youville alumni — staff who trained there, our nurse practitioners, our nursing staff,” she says. “They see our emphasis on service and on community, and it makes them apply.”

It is also a mutually beneficial relationship. Haefner says Neighborhood Health Centers have opened their doors for training for students in the university’s RN program for their community health rotations; they have had physician assistant students come in for clinical support and training, and the D’Youville School of Pharmacy does clinical rotations at one of the center’s sites.

“I believe D’Youville attracts people who already have a strong pull toward service to the underserved communities, and who are looking toward lives of service themselves — social sector service types of individuals,” Haefner says.

“We hire people who strongly believe in the concept that healthcare is a right — that’s another alignment with D’Youville,” she says. “And we appreciate graduates with diverse life experiences, who may have faced some significant issues in their life histories.”

Of course, healthcare providers cannot hire people if the people aren’t available to hire. That’s why D’Youville’s School of Nursing is thriving, says Christine Verni, EdD. As dean of the nursing school, Verni says enrollment increases each year and D’Youville has increased the support it gives, so students do well.

D’Youville continues to produce a solid core of registered nurses with bachelor’s degrees and family nurse practitioners (who often fill the role of the old-

fashioned family doctor). Beyond that, students can choose to study for their master’s in nursing management, to fill critical roles like the ones held by Judy Dobson and Joyce Markiewicz, or they can specialize by becoming nurse practitioners in mental health, a field whose importance is finally being realized as a vital area of overall healthcare.

“As demographics change in the community around us,” Verni says, “nursing education has to change with that.”

For example, she says, she works with Hospice and is co-teaching a religious



PHOTO: TOM WOLF

“ **WE APPRECIATE GRADUATES WITH DIVERSE LIFE EXPERIENCES.** ”

JOANNE HAEFNER, NP
CEO, NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER
D’YOUVILLE CLASS OF 1990, 2000



Innovation in the community

THE HUB: A CENTER FOR EDUCATION, CARE, AND GROWTH

You can't talk about the impact of D'Youville on healthcare practices in Western New York without discussing its new Health Professions Hub, currently under construction and scheduled to open in late 2020.

The Hub will be much more than just another new building on the school's West Side campus. A health center and pharmacy on the main floor will provide medical services to the university's neighborhood, while elsewhere in the building students and current medical personnel will engage in classes and "up-skill" training.

The 59,860 square-foot education, training, and community health center on the corner of Connecticut and West Streets will offer a unique and innovative



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Joyce Kontrabecki Markiewicz '80, Executive Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Catholic Health, with President Clemo

learning environment, including the use of medical simulations to recreate real-life situations for teams of students from different degree programs. The simulations will be a major part of the Hub learning experience.

Unlike larger colleges and universities that may be hamstrung by layers of policy and ingrained practices, School of Health Professions Dean Maureen Finney says, "D'Youville is perfectly suited for this type of initiative. We have energy for it, we have enthusiasm for it and we love collaboration."

If you are interested in supporting the Hub, contact Pamela Say, vice president for institutional advancement, at 716-829-7801 or sayp@dyc.edu. 🌸

study course on "Dying Well." As people live longer with chronic illnesses, it is incumbent on their care providers that more attention is paid to their changing needs.

"We teach the learners how to talk to people about end of life care, how to evaluate social opportunities for an elder population — to observe how we integrate the aging population into the community, to avoid the social isolation that can be so devastating."

The growth and changes in the nursing and health careers programs are in response to the community and also a response to the new type of student the university is seeing.

"Things are completely different in 2019 than they were in 2007, or even in 2016 when I finished my doctorate," Verni says. "Healthcare dynamics have changed, and the student body is different. They know they want to do more (for their patients) than work at the bedside. More students are pursuing advanced degrees at a younger age."

Canio J. Marasco Jr., PhD, dean of D'Youville's School of Pharmacy, says the field of pharmacy is also evolving, especially in terms of patient care.

"What we are seeing is pharmacy repositioning itself in terms of delivering

healthcare," he says. "If we stuck to a purely dispensing model, Amazon could replace us. But if you overlay the ability to monitor chronic disease, to follow up and see how the patient is responding, you can have a much more profound effect."

"When you think about it, the local pharmacist is the most accessible healthcare provider people have," Marasco says. "There's no other provider who you can literally walk up to and ask a question."

Marasco says the new Health Professions Hub will help pharmacy students not only learn about the practice but also engage patients through the onsite clinic.

"At the very minimum, through the Hub we will provide access to medications," Marasco says, "but the way we hope to have the greatest effect is in the ability to affect those chronic disease levels in our community."

ECMC's Dobson, who also is vice president of the D'Youville Alumni Association, praises the school for constantly assessing its programs and adjusting to what is strategically needed in the community. Noting the success her hospital has had with hiring D'Youville graduates, she says it has also been valuable to impart on those students how



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D'YOUVILLE CLASS OF 1997, 2007, 2015

D'Youville has supported other graduates in their careers.

"It works both ways," she says. "We do know that D'Youville's are some of the smartest, best-prepared graduates that we have here. Now we also want to keep them involved, to be good partners with the university."

— MELINDA MILLER

Amazing alumni

MARY DILLON '72

Vice President for Patient Care Services, Sisters Hospital

STEPHEN MERCURIO '77

President, The McGuire Group

JOYCE KONTRABECKI MARKIEWICZ '80

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So long, shuffle – hello, Solutions



Do you remember the “D’Youville Shuffle”? It’s the phrase students used to describe bouncing around the administration building to settle their class registration...which depended on their account being paid...which depended on financial aid...which were all located in separate offices.

James Nowak, director of financial aid, says even though the offices of the registrar, student accounts and financial aid were all located on the second floor of Koessler Administration Building (KAB), students found the runaround frustrating.

“It wasn’t the walk between offices that was the stumbling block, it was the thought of, ‘Ugh, I have to go see another person and tell my story all over again.’ It’s stressful and intimidating,” Nowak says. “Students come to us because they have a problem. We don’t need to make things more difficult for them.”

Nowak and Matthew Metz, associate vice president for enrollment management and chief innovation and improvement officer, recognized the D’Youville Shuffle was negatively affecting the university’s retention of students.

“I know for a fact there were students who I worked with in financial aid, when I told them they still had to go to one or two more offices, would just walk straight out the door – and we never saw them again,” Nowak says.



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JAMES NOWAK, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

With renovations to the second floor of KAB already planned, Nowak and Metz studied how other schools handled integrating student services. Soon, a plan for the new office, Solutions, was born.

“We looked at the integration of the three offices with two major considerations: how can we best serve students and how can we be as future-forward in the adoption of cutting-edge technology solutions in this space to meet their needs,” Metz says.

Solutions combines the functions and staffs of student accounts, financial aid, and the registrar, and houses them in one bright, accessible space. Instead of doing the D’Youville Shuffle, students can access the “innovative and streamlined support systems to provide best-in-class service by meeting them where they are,” Metz says.

“The space is very customer-centric, with a number of people walking around, available to help,” Nowak says. “It’s a bit like an Apple store.”

In addition, most services have gone paperless thanks to technology platforms from CampusLogic. “We are still working on streamlining some processes, but we are much more in tune with this generation’s commitment to technology,” Nowak says.

“We’ve created a simplified path to help while meeting students where they choose to solve issues – in person, on their mobile devices, etc.,” says Metz. “Combining these services allows a collaborative team approach to find the best possible outcome for each student.”

Proof of Solutions’ success can be seen in D’Youville’s increased retention rates. Not only has total retention increased from 81% to 85% in just the past year, but D’Youville now exceeds the national average for private college retention.

Jumale Jumale, a senior sociology major, has worked in Solutions for two years. He greets students as they come in, assesses their issues and directs them to the appropriate staff member. Jumale remembers doing the D’Youville Shuffle during his first two years at college and says the difference is amazing.

“It’s such an open and friendly environment now,” Jumale says. “I get to help people with what they need and they leave with smiles on their faces. Knowing you helped and made their day a little better is a great feeling.”

Most alumni probably don’t remember the D’Youville Shuffle with a smile, but the new configuration at Solutions has changed that, Nowak says. “Our goal is that no one leaves our space without a solution to their problem.”

– CATHY WILDE



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Five ways to make an impact with your gift

1

Save the date for Day of Giving

D'Youville's fourth annual Day of Giving will be April 1, 2020. Save the date and be sure to help your class rise to the top of the leaderboard by making a gift and sharing why you're thankful for D'Youville on that day!

2

Make a gift to the Loyalty Fund

D'Youville's Loyalty Fund helps to bridge the gap between revenue generated by tuition and the cost of providing a high-quality education for our students. Your gift to the Loyalty Fund has an immediate impact on students and helps enhance the total education experience at D'Youville.

3

Ask your employer about matching gifts

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Ask your employer for more information and double your impact to D'Youville!

4

Prepare for the future with a planned gift

Choosing the right planned gift depends on your personal circumstances and financial goals. No matter the method, consider joining the many individuals who have made enduring gifts by including D'Youville in their estate plans.

5

Support student scholarships

Last year, D'Youville awarded over \$16 million in scholarships and 3 out of 4 freshman students were awarded a scholarship or grant. Because we are committed to making a college education affordable to all students, please consider making a gift in support of our students' financial needs.

STUDENT STORIES

Halimah McBryde '20



PHOTO: GARY STELTERMANN

“THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY IS FOCUSED ON THE STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO INCORPORATE AND WELCOME STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT RACES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS.”

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When Halimah McBryde '20 walked into the newly remodeled interfaith prayer room this fall, she found a stark contrast to how it looked just a few weeks prior.

“It was very dark and dreary, and there was not much space,” says McBryde about the old room. “Many students, including me, would not go there because it was not a comfortable environment for worship. I would end up praying in school hallways or even outside.”

McBryde, a psychology major and president of D'Youville's Muslim Student Association, was instrumental in the redesign of the new space, working hand-in-hand with Jeff Papia, chief mission officer at D'Youville.

It was Papia who reached out to McBryde directly to ensure that the needs of the Muslim students and students of all faiths on campus were met within the new space.

“Halimah's passion and her dedication to our Muslim students on campus are readily apparent in all her efforts,” says Papia. “All the while, her gracious demeanor and inherent kindness made every encounter a reason to smile. Students will benefit from her and the entire group's efforts well beyond her time here.”

The room includes prayer rugs, a bench for removal of shoes, resources for a number of religious traditions, and new carpeting and paint. Across the hall, a hand and foot washing station will soon be installed.

On creating the new space with Papia, McBryde says, “We were able to inform him of specific needs of the Muslim students and help in the development of the plans for the space. This is a perfect example of how the development of the university is focused on the

students, as well as their willingness to incorporate and welcome students of different races, cultures, and religions.”

Located on the third floor of the Koessler Administration Building, the room has quickly become a favorite place on campus for students to reflect and relax.

“I love having a quiet, cozy space to go and perform my prayers, as well as just to unwind,” says McBryde.

McBryde founded the Muslim Student Association in 2018 to serve as a support system for herself and other students on campus. It started off with three members.

Fast forward just a year; it now boasts more than a dozen committed members, including six board members. The group organizes events and other activities on campus, which focus on community service, dispelling stereotypes about Islam, and educating the university community about what Islam is.

The events the association hosts now average about 40 attendees each, including lectures, poetry slams, and a food drive in conjunction with a men's basketball game, which supported the D'Youville Campus Cupboard and West Side Community Services.

“The poetry slam is our biggest draw and has the largest non-D'Youville student attendance because we get quite a few high schoolers,” adds McBryde.

“Being a practicing Muslim and a college student is hard. Having a support system of other Muslim students that you can rely on to help you spiritually was very important to me,” she says. “I am so grateful for the people who have stepped up and have made the club such a success!”

— GARY STELTERMANN

Building a bridge

to career success



The new, unmistakable energy permeating the D’Youville campus is manifesting in some pretty exciting ways. In challenging ourselves to dream big, think outside of the box, and envision a limitless future, we are developing new K-20 educational pathways to transform how high school students in Western New York prepare for college.

Our K-12 partnerships have always been about more than letter grades. We design programs to support the whole student and emphasize soft skills and increase social capital so that low-income and first-generation applicants can get into and succeed in college. We’ve long participated in the U.S. Department of Education’s Upward Bound program, which provides academic tutoring, course selection, counseling, and financial literacy for low-income students who come from families where neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree.

In November, D’Youville and Leonardo da Vinci High School, which is co-located on D’Youville’s campus, unveiled the Active Learning Center (ALC), a new space designed to stimulate higher-order thinking skills, promote engagement, and maximize student achievement. Teachers at da Vinci will keep a detailed journal of their classroom experiences.

Leah MacVie, PhD, associate vice president of institutional effectiveness and planning, and Jason McLeod, PhD, associate vice president of operations, are the co-principal investigators of a Steelcase Active Classroom Award, which will work to measure how the ALC influences instructors’ pedagogy and student learning. The data will be used to expand understanding of teacher preparation and provide a living laboratory to guide the deployment of active learning spaces across the Buffalo Public School system.

D’Youville’s commitment to social mobility through higher education

inspired MacVie to co-develop the Early College Bridge Program (ECBP) in collaboration with Briana Jegier, PhD, associate professor for health administration and public health, and Ali Newman, director of freshmen admissions. The ECBP is a cohort-based educational experience that allows high school students to explore careers and earn college credit.

Research indicates that students who are surrounded by people familiar with the college process have an important advantage over students who lack that social capital.

The impact extends far beyond the classroom; it affects everything from exploring career options, to understanding educational pathways leading to those careers, to arranging transportation to campus tours, and understanding how to apply for financial aid.

As the first person in her family to earn a four-year college degree, MacVie is acutely aware of how important social capital is in successfully transitioning from high school to college. Today she holds a bachelor’s degree in fine arts, a master’s in education technology, and an interdisciplinary doctorate in creative and ethical leadership, but she remembers struggling in high school and feeling overwhelmed by the college application process. She designed ECBP to help D’Youville answer two important questions: how can we expose students to a variety of career

options so they can choose a major that is right for them, and how can we better prepare students for college?

Starting this fall, participating high school students will be able to engage in a healthcare pathway that leads to stackable credits and certificates that will help them graduate from college on-time and with less debt. The healthcare pathway has three tracks: health professions, pharmacy, and nursing. Students can earn an advanced certificate in pharmacy technician and associate degrees in community health and pharmacy studies.

The ECBP emphasizes career exploration and college preparation experiences. It is a holistic approach to college preparation aimed at helping students improve academic performance while acquiring soft-skills and building social capital. Summer camps and field trips with hands-on experiences are built into the program. The ECBP is largely based on the successful Bridge Year Maine. In the 2018-19 school year, 3,513 students participated in the program and collectively they earned 21,570 credit hours at no cost to them or their families. Studies following these students through college show that program graduates are more likely to finish their college degree on time and may graduate with less debt.

The Early College Bridge Program, our ever-expanding partnerships with Buffalo Public Schools, and Upward Bound are important parts of D’Youville’s mission and our strategic objective of expanding opportunity and community impact. We are proud that our work is receiving national acclaim. U.S. News and World Report ranked D’Youville No. 96 among national universities for social mobility, but our proudest moments will come when our ECBP students graduate from D’Youville and embark upon careers that will forever change their lives.

— JENNIFER TUTTLE



AT LEFT Leah MacVie, associate vice president, institutional effectiveness and planning; Lorrie Clemo, D’Youville president; Lorrie Schunk, Steelcase Inc; and Kriner Cash, superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools; cut the ribbon for the ALC, funded by a grant from Steelcase. Photo: Gary Steltermann

FAR LEFT D’Youville’s Lloyd Alfonso, PhD, helps Leonardo da Vinci High School student Estella Ade learn about compounding during the 2019 Interprofessional Healthcare Professions Camp. Photo: Brandon Moran

STUDENT STORIES

Dina Al-Hashimi '20

If you ask a student studying in a healthcare program why they've chosen their field, you'll often hear a story of how a professional in that career impacted them or their family at a young age. When you ask chiropractic student Dina Al-Hashimi '20, though, she flips the script a bit.

"I am an atypical chiropractic student. I didn't want to be a chiropractor at a young age, and I actually had never been to a chiropractor until I started here at D'Youville," Al-Hashimi says.

What she does share with her fellow classmates, however, is a passion for helping others. "I always had a passion for helping others, and I knew that I wanted a career in healthcare," she adds. "After exploring and researching different healthcare professions, I decided that chiropractic is the right fit for me."

As a resident of Ontario, Canada, Al-Hashimi says that D'Youville's proximity to her hometown was a major attraction. After visiting campus during an open house, she says that "meeting faculty and current students had the biggest impression, and I was pleasantly surprised at how approachable everyone was."

Fast forward to her final year, Al-Hashimi is all in on her educational experience at D'Youville. She is active around campus, including Technique Club, where chiropractic students practice manipulation skills; Journal Club, where students read papers and articles and discuss their importance to the profession, even Skyping with some authors; as well as a fourth-year clinical internship she's completing across three different sites, including Erie County Medical Center, University at Buffalo Neurosurgery, and Hageman Chiropractic Campus Clinic.

On top of those roles, Al-Hashimi is active in the Student American



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“NOT ONLY DID I GAIN A MENTOR DURING THAT VISIT TO CAMPUS, BUT ALSO A LIFELONG FRIEND.”

Chiropractic Association (SACA). As part of that group, she joined her fellow students last year in the nation's capital for a national leadership conference. "We met with lawmakers and lobbied for The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act of 2019 bill to provide Medicare patients full access to chiropractic care," she adds. The bill passed in Congress this past fall.

When asked how she juggles it all, Al-Hashimi is quick to respond. "Surrounding myself with strong and positive mentors early on. I actually met one of my chiro mentors during Experience Chiropractic Day. Not only did I gain a mentor during that visit to campus, but

also a lifelong friend," she says. "Other support systems include my immediate family and my work family. Developing my own system for studying, strong organization skills, and prioritizing tasks have been crucial to my success so far."

She also doesn't hesitate when asked what her favorite part of the program has been. "I can't single out one particular memory or person, but if I have to pick something, then I would say it's the chiro faculty," she says. "The support, guidance, and encouragement of the professors and our clinicians throughout the program have been unmatched."

— GARY STELTERMANN

SAYING THANKS

Victoria Christopher '70

Victoria "Vickie" Christopher, Class of 1970, grew up on Buffalo's West Side, so perhaps it's no surprise she attended D'Youville for college.

"I chose D'Youville because I didn't want to take a bus to school," she says with a laugh. She walked to campus every day from her family's home on Pennsylvania Street.

When she first applied, she worried she might not get accepted, and then worried about how she would afford tuition. "It was a bit of a rough time at home and my mother told me I was on my own as far as college," she says. Christopher credits her Grover Cleveland High School guidance counselor, Genevieve Geraty, an alumna, for her D'Youville education.

"I'm sure Miss Geraty put in a good word for me with the admissions office," Christopher says. She also believes the guidance counselor helped her receive a full scholarship through the Diocesan Scholarship Program. "I didn't pay a cent - not even for books!" she says. The only stipulation was that she had to teach one year in a Diocesan school.

In the end, Christopher didn't spend only one year teaching in the Buffalo Diocese - she spent 40. She taught at numerous Western New York Catholic schools, including fourth and fifth grade at Holy Cross from 1969-72. "I remember looking at those little faces and saying to myself, how do I do this? I was scared; I was only 19 years old at the time," she says.

She spent 37 of those 40 years teaching junior high school math at schools including St. Agnes, St. Mark, St. Andrew, St. Amelia, and Mount St. Joseph Academy.

Two of her longest stints were at St. Aloysius in Cheektowaga and

St. Thomas Aquinas in South Buffalo. She fondly recalls her 13 years at "St. Al's" as one of the favorite times in her life, because of the close bonds she forged.

"I became friends with so many of the families, and I still hear from my former St. Al's students," she says. "I get invited to so many weddings, birthdays, baptisms, and graduations, by the kids and their families, you wouldn't believe it!"

Retired since 2009, Christopher stays busy as a volunteer at Villa Maria Convent and the Tonawanda Senior Center. She also helps care for several neighbors and enjoys Buffalo Bisons baseball games. "The Bisons are my life!" she says.

Christopher maintains ties with D'Youville as a Kavinoky Theatre usher and as an associate of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart with a group that meets in the campus library. Several years ago, she joined D'Youville's Providence Society, which honors alumni and friends who include D'Youville in their estate plans.

"It's my way of saying thank you, because D'Youville paid for my education. It's also a way to honor (former D'Youville president) Sr. Denise Roche, who I've known since 1967, when I took her sociology class. We used to play ping-pong after class, and then she became president!" she says.

"My years at D'Youville were some of the best of my life because I became a teacher," Christopher says. "Someone once told me, if you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life. I never thought of teaching as a job, because I loved it so much. It really was my vocation."

— CATHY WILDE

Christopher received a cap and jersey of her beloved Baltimore Orioles from her fellow teachers at St. Thomas Aquinas when she was honored for her 31st anniversary of teaching.



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FACULTY Q&A

Gaia Bistulfi Amman, PhD



Gaia Bistulfi Amman, PhD, is chair and associate professor of the biology and mathematics department at D'Youville, but she's also a native of Italy, published novelist, world traveler, and lead singer in not one, but two, Buffalo rock bands.

How did you wind up at D'Youville?

"I was a post-doc at Roswell Park, doing cancer research. A professor at Canisius died suddenly and I was asked to finish teaching his classes as an adjunct. And I just loved it. That's when I decided what I really wanted to do was teach." She was hired by D'Youville in 2011.

What was the last book you read?

"I read about 50 to 80 books a year. Two recent favorites were by Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, "Kafka on the Shore" and "Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World." But I've also

written two series of novels myself. One is called The Italian Saga, which is a semi-autobiographical account of my life in Italy and Buffalo, the other is a supernatural sci-fi called The Antihero Series." Both series are available on Amazon.

What's your favorite spot in Buffalo?

"Probably Wilkeson Pointe on the Outer Harbor. It's a park by the water with a little beach and a hill with wind sculptures. You can see beautiful sunsets there."

What would our alumni find most surprising about you?

"I used to sing with a cover band when I lived in Italy, and I missed it so much when I came to the U.S. I saw an ad on Craigslist looking for a lead singer in Buffalo and my husband said I should go for it. And I got it! Now I'm with two bands—9TsOn, which is on hiatus for a bit, and Scarlet's Gone Sonic, which will start performing in the spring."

Who's your biggest inspiration and why?

"People like Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa. They were positive forces for change while still remaining peaceful and calm. There is so much anger nowadays. They showed me you don't have to shout to be heard."

Where was the most memorable vacation you've taken?

"Morocco - Marrakech, specifically. My husband and I walked everywhere, ate fantastic food, and went on a fun hot-air balloon ride over the desert at dawn."

What do you love most about D'Youville?

"Definitely the people. I love the mission of our school and I definitely think it is reflected in how people behave here - inspiring and motivating our students to help get them where they want to go. I know we are making a difference."



PHOTO: BRANDON MORAN

FACULTY UPDATE

Carole Gutt, EdD



PHOTO: TOM WOLF

“WHEN I RETIRED I TOLD MY STAFF, CHANGE IS FORWARD MOVEMENT AND YOU MAY NOT LIKE ALL OF IT. BUT IF YOU DON'T CHANGE, YOU DON'T GROW.”

Carole Gutt, EdD, arrived at D'Youville in 1985 after 10 years at Niagara University. By the time she retired in 2011, Gutt wore many hats in the nursing department, now the Patricia H. Garman School of Nursing.

Beginning as a faculty member teaching undergraduate classes, Gutt was named director of graduate nursing and assistant chair of the department in 1989. From 1997 to 2001, she was chair, before returning to the faculty to teach graduate classes. She and the late Joan Cookfair, PhD, helped launch D'Youville's family nurse practitioner program in the early 2000s. In 2010, she received the Nurse of Distinction Award from The Buffalo News and WNY Professional Nurses Association.

During her years as director of graduate nursing, enrollment in the programs doubled, with many new students coming from Canada.

"The faculty used to tease me that I'd go out on the Peace Bridge with a lasso," she laughs. "I really admired those students. We started an all-day program on Fridays so people wouldn't have to quit their jobs to go to school. These students from Canada would come in on Thursday night, or leave at 4 a.m. on Friday, to come take classes all day. They, like all the students in the program, worked so hard to earn their degrees."

Gutt says she enjoyed her 26 years at D'Youville because, in addition to enjoying her students, the faculty was

always collegial and supportive of each other. "The faculty in nursing were very creative and innovative, developing many new programs and student-friendly scheduling options," she says.

Many of the faculty still remain in touch. A group of retired faculty and staff meet every first Monday of the month at a local restaurant for lunch, she says. In the summers, when most of the retirees are in town, they can get between 30 and 40 people at these get-togethers.

In addition to the retiree luncheons, Gutt keeps busy as a member of the Amherst Book Club, the Red Hat Society, and the UB Women's Club.

— CATHY WILDE

Junior Makenna Magee led the women's soccer team with a career-high 11 goals and 22 points. She is a junior in the exercise & sports studies program and will enter the Doctor of Physical Therapy program next year.



Athletics *round-up*

Patrick Moran set cross country program records in the 5K and 8K. He is a senior in the exercise & sports studies program.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The D'Youville women's soccer team reached the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) semifinals for the third consecutive year after finishing with a 6-2-2 conference record and 10-6-2 overall. The women allowed two or less goals in all 10 of their conference games.

Six Spartans were named to AMCC All-Conference Teams. Junior forward Makenna Magee, sophomore Kaylee Heschke, freshman defender Sarah Milczarski, and sophomore goalkeeper Laurie Poeller were named AMCC Second Team All-Conference selections, while freshman forward Jordan Pachla and senior midfielder Marina Campbell were AMCC Third Team All-Conference selections.

Magee led the team with 11 goals and 22 points - all career highs. Heschke served as an extension of the defense at midfield while tallying two goals and three assists in her final season. Pachla tallied eight goals with 18 points, adding three assists, serving as the other half of the team's high-powered scoring duo along with Magee. The team posted a 4-1-1 record in games where Pachla scored. Both Heschke and Pachla were named to the AMCC All-Tournament Team for their performances in the playoffs.

Milczarski grew into one of the best defenders in the conference; using her size and skill to become crucial to the team's

success. In goal, Poeller continued her excellence as she placed top four in the conference in wins, shutouts, saves, save percentage, and goals against average.

Campbell concluded her career as one of the most consistent and reliable players in program history, finishing a perfect 5-5 from the penalty dot, and was top three in games played and games started in program history.

MEN'S SOCCER

The D'Youville men's soccer team finished the season with a 4-6 conference record with an 8-10 overall record in 2019. The team saw measurable improvement with 39 goals, which was more than double the previous season tally. Eight players scored two or more goals, and three players were AMCC All-Conference selections - the most in program history.



Junior midfielder Nick Dumond posted team highs with eight goals, three assists, and 19 points, earning him an AMCC Second Team All-Conference selection in his first season with the team. Senior forward Marco Ciccarelli and junior defender Jake Kowalewski were named to the AMCC Third Team All-Conference Team.

Ciccarelli posted seven goals and three assists with 17 points. He ended his career as one of the best offensive players in program history.

Starting every game for the team, Kowalewski used his speed and fast pace to net two goals on the season - both game-winners - to go along with two assists.

The men will lose four seniors in Ciccarelli, Hunter Sherman, Khaled Numan-Ali, and AJ Wade.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The D'Youville women's volleyball team completed their season with plenty of promise from their young players.

Freshmen Brianna Damstetter, Julia Peinkofer, and Sarah Wittek, along with sophomore Carly Milleville, make up the top offensive and defensive players for the team. D'Youville picked up a big conference and rivalry win over Hilbert during the fall season.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The D'Youville women's cross country team started 2019 off strong with a third-place finish at the Buffalo State Invitational. They also added a first-place team finish at the Meghan Memorial. The Spartans placed fourth at the AMCC Championship.

Rachel Luczak was one of the top runners for the women throughout the season, finishing as the top Spartan runner in every race she ran but one. Strong showings from seniors Mary Blackley, Jenna Donati, Alexis Dymond, and Stephanie Lisiecki all contributed to the team's success.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The D'Youville men's cross country team set several new records in 2019. Senior Patrick Moran set the 5k and 8k program records throughout the season. Moran recorded five top-10 finishes in seven matches, including an AMCC All-Conference selection for finishing eighth in the AMCC Championship.

Seniors Zach Bochacki and Matthew Buttaggi showcased strong running all season; juniors David Oswald and Ed Apen continued to be two of team's most consistent runners.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The D'Youville women's tennis team advanced to the AMCC semifinals. The team posted a 5-3 conference record and a 6-7 overall record. In two of their three conference losses, the women lost by just one point.

Lone senior Dena Iadanza went 5-0 in conference singles matches and earned an AMCC Second Team All-Conference selection for third singles. Sophomore Lauren Karoglan lost only one singles match throughout the season as the number one singles player for the women.

The future looks bright as Karoglan, Alisson Meissner, Faith Falkowski, Julia Clapper, and Amanda Waliszewski all contributed as important young players for the Spartans.

GOLF

The D'Youville golf team boasted its largest roster in years in 2019. Justin Varney was the team's top golfer in several matches while Mackenzie Cox capped off his career finishing as the best golfer at the AMCC Championship. The team finished third at the D'Youville Spartan Invitational this season - their best team finish of the season.

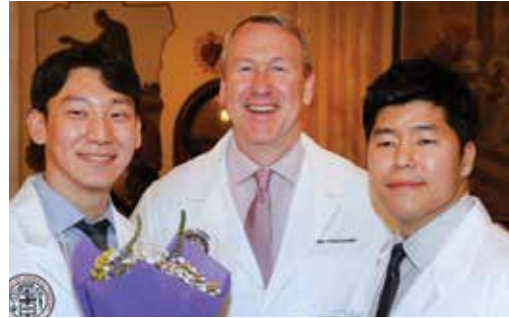
WOMEN'S CREW

The D'Youville women's crew team had a strong fall season in 2019, participating in four races. In their first race of the season at St. John Fisher, the women took second place. The women continued to race competitively throughout the season while taking on Division I and Division II programs. D'Youville will race again this spring to complete their season.

— STEPHEN MCCARTHY

Alumni events

What a wonderful year it was to be a D'Youville alumna(us)! 2019 brought with it exciting events, new groups, and a Reunion Weekend with record-breaking attendance! Here are a few highlights:



Dr. Eric Miller pictured with DPT graduates at their white coat ceremony.

In partnership with the physical therapy department, Alumni Engagement is excited to announce the creation of DYPTAAG - D'Youville Physical Therapy Alumni Affinity Group. Led by alumni volunteers, DYPTAAG will work to enhance connections between PT students, faculty, and alumni. The best part - all PT alumni are automatically members! Look out for more information on upcoming events this Spring.



ABOVE Benjamin Rutowski, PharmD '19 (center) is pictured with his father John, sister Madeline, grandfather Dr. Jerome Kresse, retired D'Youville faculty member in chemistry, and mother MaryEllen Kresse-Rutowski, D'Youville Class of 1988, at the Legacy Families Commencement Reception in May.

More than 800 new graduates joined the D'Youville Alumni Association - earning their degrees in both our May and December 2019 Commencement Ceremonies. We are proud to recognize and celebrate many families of legacy graduates from D'Youville. During May and December Commencement weekends, graduates with family members who also attended D'Youville celebrated their accomplishments and their shared experiences. Many of our students share a D'Youville legacy connection with their grandparents, parents, and siblings!



Reunion and Family Weekend 2019 was quite the celebration! The Class of 1969 returned to The Armory to celebrate their 50th Reunion, alumni and students rocked out at Rock'n Redfest, alumni saw Buffalo's renaissance aboard a double decker bus tour, and we ended the weekend with a beautiful Mass.

To top off the celebrations, four alumni were honored at the annual Alumni Reunion and Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening.



Devlynn Neu '18 was honored with the Young Alumni Award for his dedication to activism and enhancing the occupational therapy profession. While at D'Youville, Devlynn was an active leader in the Student Government Association, Student Ambassador, and Occupational Therapy Professional Promise awardee. Devlynn's friend and mentor, Marissa Benzin Strzelec '15, presented the award.



Lynne Muth '82 received the Delta Sigma Award for her selfless spirit and exceptional service to others. Currently a school nurse case manager, Lynne gives a voice to her students and works tirelessly to ensure even the least fortunate of families have the highest quality of life. Lynne's daughter, Catherine Muth '11, presented the award.



Kathleen (Kay) Ryan Reilly '69 was honored as a Delta Sigma Award recipient. In more than 40 years as an educator, Kay went above and beyond to advocate for her students. Before moving into administration, Kay advocated for legislation that led to the desegregation of schools in North Carolina in the early 1970s. Kay's dear friends, Patsy Bisantz Caldeiro '69 and Eileen Sullivan Herlihy '69, presented her award.



Mary Alice (Mimi) Higgins Donius '69 received D'Youville's highest alumni honor—the Anne Lum Distinguished Alumni Award. Mimi's career in nursing is extensive; beginning as a public health nurse and leading to her current role as dean of the College of Nursing at Sacred Heart University. Rooted in service to others, Mimi has dedicated her life to volunteerism, research, education, and philanthropy. Mimi is pictured with D'Youville President Lorrie Clemo.



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Class notes

NEW JOB? PROMOTION? WEDDING? RETIREMENT?
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CAROL JOZWIAK ERNST '69 ▲ retired from the Cheektowaga-Sloan School District in 2001 after teaching K-3 for more than 30 years. She continued to substitute teach through 2013. She also kept busy vacationing in Jamaica, Hawaii, Florida, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. In 2014, Carol had a stroke which seriously affected her left-side mobility. She misses teaching and traveling but still enjoys going to the mall, movies, restaurants, and Bisons baseball games with her son, David.

SUSAN WAGNER LENNON '69 is enjoying retirement. She has been married for 49 years and has two children and five grandchildren. She is grateful for good health and enjoys friends, family, and preparing good food.

MARY DILLON '72 was named to Buffalo Business First's 2019 lists of Who's Who in Health Care and Women of Influence. She is the vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer at Sisters of Charity Hospital.

KATE MORRISEY KRAFT '73 has written a book of historical fiction, "Ireland Forever in My Heart," based on the life of her beloved grandmother. Past faculty members Sr. Patricia Smith and David Lamb, as well as D'Youville College, are given special acknowledgments. The book is available through Amazon.

SR. DONNA DEL SANTO SSJ '75 presented a talk entitled "To Love the Questions Themselves" during a visit to D'Youville in October. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, New York, and has served as her congregation's director of vocations since 2003. She currently works as a nurse one day a week at the Monroe County Jail and leads a variety of groups of youth and young adults in social justice retreats and service experiences.



Sister Donna pictured with this year's recipients of the Del Santo Family Nursing Scholarship, given in honor of Sister Donna by an anonymous donor.

STEPHEN MERCURIO '77 was named to Buffalo Business First's Excellence in Health Care list. He is president of The McGuire Group. He is a member of the D'Youville Board of Trustees.

JOYCE KONTRABECKI MARKIEWICZ '80 was named chief business development officer for the Catholic Health system in Buffalo, where she leads new business and explores opportunities for strategic partnerships and programs to improve access to care, such as D'Youville's Health Professions Hub. She was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Western New York and was named to Buffalo Business First's list of Who's Who in Health Care for 2019.

KAREN ROGERS ZIEMIANSKI '83 was named to Buffalo Business First's 2019 lists of Who's Who in Health Care and Women of Influence. She is senior vice president of nursing at Erie County Medical Center.

JEANNE BOROWSKI STREETER '88 joined SUNY Corning Community College as a nursing instructor after many years as a hospital nurse and nurse practitioner.

JOANNE HAEFNER '90, '00, was named to Buffalo Business First's Excellence in Health Care list. She is CEO of Neighborhood Health Center.

TANICE MORGAN PENDERGRASS '91 is the development and strategic partnerships manager for Say Yes Buffalo.



CHIARA HOGUE DELOSH '98 ▲ lives in Florida and is helping D'Youville's alumni engagement office plan events in the area for 2020. She is a senior financial representative and consultant with Fortune 500 companies and enjoys volunteering with various charitable organizations.

MICHELLE MURTHA KRAUS '99 was named to Buffalo Business First's list of Who's Who in Health Care for 2019. She is the health center administrator and CEO of Fox Run in Orchard Park.



NIRTAL SHAH '01 is a physical therapist at the University of Toronto's David L. MacIntosh Sport Medicine Clinic. He has helped create three apps related to physical therapy and is involved in patient care, research, and teaching.



ANDREA LAUDISIO '02 joined Sleep Insights as a sleep specialist. She has more than nine years of experience in sleep medicine.

TORRENCE JONES '04 was appointed to the new position of technology integrator for the West Seneca Central School District, where he will work with the teachers and students in five West Seneca elementary schools to use hardware and software and integrate them into the curriculum.

TARA ONGLEY '04 was named assistant director of nursing at The McGuire Group's Seneca Health Care Center.

CHRIS MAYS '05 was named partner at Athena SWC, a provider of demand generation, lead management, marketing, and sales support services.



NICOLE ZIMMER SWIATEK '06, '08, was named to Buffalo Business First's Excellence in Health Care list. She is owner of Phoenix Physical Therapy.

MATTHEW ARD '08, '15, was named head football coach at St. Mary's High School, where he also is head of the social studies department.

MAGDALENA KOMORIKO NICHOLS '09 was named to Buffalo Business First's 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. She is chief officer of administration and strategic partnerships at Jericho Road Community Health Center.

HALIMAH MADYUN '10, '12, was named to Buffalo Business First's 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. She is deputy finance officer for the City of Buffalo.

CHRIS LANE '10 was named to Buffalo Business First's list of Who's Who in Health Care for 2019. He is the president of Buffalo General Hospital and Gates Vascular Institute.

ADAM PALUMBO '11, '14, opened One on One Physical Therapy in Lancaster, New York, where he practices with another DPT, Matthew Sonricker.

TIFFANY BURKE COLE '13 was named to Buffalo Business First's Excellence in Health Care list. She is a

nurse on the cardiac/neuro floor at Sisters of Charity Hospital and is an assistant professor of nursing at Trocaire College.

CHRISTOPHER GLUC '13 was promoted to vice president of Northeastern Appraisal Associates Commercial and is a State Certified General Appraiser.



ELIZABETH CAROCCI FREUND '14 ▲ currently lives in Michigan with her husband and new baby, who is pictured wearing a D'Youville onesie sent by Denise Dunford, DNS, chair of graduate nursing programs and director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program/Doctor of Nursing Practice at D'Youville.

KAYLA GALLIVAN LEONARD '14 was named to the Board of Trustees for Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School.

MICHAEL GATES '15 was named to the Forbes Best-in-State Next Generation Wealth Advisors. He is a senior financial advisor with Hahn Scott Klein Gates Gandolfo Group at Merrill Lynch in Williamsville, New York.



JULIA CHELUS STOBERT '15 joined Complete Care Chiropractic in its Williamsville office.

SMAJO MEHMEDOVIC '17 is regional inventory control coordinator at Raymour & Flanigan in Buffalo.

LEANNE SCHAD '17 recently wrote and illustrated a children's book called "Lia Saves the Sea," published by Covenant Books. It is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



In memoriam

ANNE KINNEY OFFERMANN '44
ELAINE BROWN CURTIN '46
MARY ELENA GALLO GIANGRECO '47
ROSALIE LOMANTO GIMBRONE '47
HELEN HAND LUSCHER '47
MARY LOU FARRELL CURTIN '48
ANNE MURRAY FORTE '48
MARY ANN BALDUF MORLOCK '48
MARY MARGARET "MOO"
RANSFORD ANDERSON '49
ANN GIANADDA CASARSA '50
EVELYN M. SMITH LUDEMAN '50
MARY COTTRELL RAHILL '50
MARGARET CALLAHAN SIDFORD '50
LORAIN BLOCK WALLMEYER '51
BARBARA MOORE YATES '51
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RENEE POWALSKI BARTKOWSKI '53
MARIE CARNEVALE VETRANO '54
TRUDY GANCZEWSKI ZABLOTNY '56
MARILYN MONACO LYNCH '57
SR. ANN MARIE STRIEGL GNSH '57
CATHERINE TORRE '58
BARBARA ANNE CHMIELEWSKI '60
SR. ANNE (JOSEPH MARIE) MCKEON GNSH '60
ROSEMARY HUTHMACHER A'HEARN '61
MARY JO "BONNY" RIDER CRONE '64
KATHLEEN HARRITY KAIT '68
SR. BARBARA (MARY LUKE)
CONNOLLY GNSH '69
KATHLEEN KELLY FABBRI '70
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KATHLEEN MARTIN CLAUSEN '77
CYNTHIA STUHMILLER '78
ANN MARIE SCHWARZ '82
CAROLYN HILL CLEMENT '03
CYNTHIA KASPRZAK BISSETTE '09

ROBERT A. DISIBIO SR., former dean of the School of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies, died May 13 in Wilmington, Delaware, after a three-year battle with cancer. He was 75. A well-loved professor and administrator, DiSibio arrived at D'Youville in 1983, serving as chair of the Division of Education and later as acting vice president of academic affairs. He relocated to Medaille College in 2003 and retired in 2012. In 2018, he was inducted into the Order of St. Gregory the Great, one of the five orders of knighthood in the Catholic Church, for service to his church and community.

JOSEPH A. DUNN, PHD, passed away November 30 in Buffalo after a brief illness. Dunn was a valued member of the School of Pharmacy faculty since 2010, and was the son of a 1933 D'Youville nursing alumna, Ann Marie Johnson. He was an accomplished scholar, teacher, mentor, and public servant, who held a number of positions in state and federal government, including deputy under secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Research, Education and Economics Mission Area.

ALISON CAREY WACLAWEK, a 2016 graduate of the School of Pharmacy, was only 31 when she died in childbirth from a very rare pregnancy condition. She is survived by her husband, Justin, and daughter, Ada Rose, in addition to her parents, in-laws, and many family members. Waclawek was a supervising pharmacist at Walgreens in North Buffalo and served as a preceptor for the School of Pharmacy, which is establishing a scholarship in her honor. A number of students and faculty from the School of Pharmacy also made a gift to Oishei Children's Hospital in her name. If you are interested in donating to the Ali Waclawek Memorial Scholarship Fund, contact Christopher J. Jadoch, RPh, JD, assistant dean of faculty and student affairs in the School of Pharmacy, at 716-829-8340 or jadochc@dyc.edu.



BACKSTAGE AT THE **Kavinoky**

PHOTO: STEPHEN GABRIS

Here at The Kavinoky Theatre we're ready for another amazing season of live theatre that entertains, educates and engages!

Starting off our season this past September was our critically acclaimed production of "Hairspray," the hit musical with a timely message of diversity and inclusion, followed by the Aaron Sorkin adaptation of the most beloved book in America, "To Kill a Mockingbird." We are proud to say that more than 2,000 Buffalo Public School students, rural school students and college students experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the same script on stage in Buffalo that is appearing on Broadway right now.

After our first student matinee, we received this email from a teacher:

"Today's school performance of 'To Kill a Mockingbird' was an absolute masterpiece. I've been teaching for 19 years now and today — on the bus ride home — I had some of the most important and impactful conversations I've ever had with students. They were moved...they were touched...they were

insightful...and they were changed. Bravo to your cast and crew, and I applaud you for having the courage to open that show up to a youth audience in today's day and age. Certainly, the content has always been controversial, but now — more than ever — we need to acknowledge these challenges, and we need to talk about how to deal with hate when we're smacked in the face with it...because we all will be. It can be painful to see hateful actions/speech from our neighbors, families, online friends, or even ourselves, but this play afforded the audience to do just that, and to learn what to do with the uncomfortable/unsettling feelings that stem from those confrontations. What a valuable lesson to all of us."

This message is why The Kavinoky Theatre exists...to entertain, educate and engage the younger generation — and all of us.

And we're celebrating! 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Women's Right to Vote. To commemorate this occasion, all five of our shows will be directed by women — a first for The Kavinoky Theatre.

— LORAIN O'DONNELL

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PHOTO: GENE WITKOWSKI

For more information on our upcoming season or for tickets to the remainder of our current season, which includes the drama "Indecent" (March 6-29) or the comedy "The Mystery of Irma Vep" (May 1-24), call 716-829-7668 or go to KavinokyTheatre.com.



TAKE A SEAT

Our Take a Seat campaign is still going strong! More than half of our new seats have been claimed. To purchase an engraved plaque to name a seat for yourself or your business, or to name a seat (or two!) in honor of a loved one, contact Geoff Tocin at 716-829-7668 or kavinokytheatre@dyc.edu for more information.

2020–21 Kavinoky Theatre Schedule

SOMETHING ROTTEN!
September 4–27

By John O'Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick
Directed by Lynne Kurdziel Formato

Two brothers set out to write the world's first musical in this hilarious mash-up of 16th century Shakespeare and 21st century Broadway.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK
October 30–November 22

Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
Directed by Kyle LoConti

"It was 9:30 on Christmas Eve..." Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation - a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion, and controlled horror.

ROCK OF AGES
January 8–31

By Chris D'Arienzo
Directed by Lynne Kurdziel Formato

Rock of Ages takes you back to the times of big bands with big egos playing

big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair! This Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical features the hits of Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, and others.

PRIDE & PREJUDICE
March 5–28

By Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen
Directed by Kristen Tripp Kelley

This isn't your grandmother's Austen! Bold, surprising, boisterous and timely, this P&P for a new era explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS
April 30–May 23

By Duncan MacMillan
Directed by Katie Mallinson

Emma was having the time of her life. Now she's in rehab. An inventively dramatic tale of addiction, recovery, and everything that happens in between.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumni,

In an address before leaving New York University, Dr. Henry T. Heald stated, "The ultimately continuing strength of a university rests with its alumni." That is so true here at D'Youville as our traditions and memories are treasured by generations of proud alumni who everyday carry D'Youville's mission and values into the community and workplace.

Although the campus may have expanded since you were a student and degree programs have been enhanced and modified to keep up with the current needs of society, D'Youville's mission has never wavered. It continues to emphasize leadership and service. As our alumni you are the most visible and positive examples of the university as you live the its mission by "leading compassionate, productive, and responsible lives."

Our Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to represent you and the more than 21,000 women and men who constitute D'Youville's treasured alumni. Your Alumni Board of Directors is a vibrant and dedicated group of 22 members spanning the classes of 1967 through 2019. Our board members have chosen to give back to D'Youville by sharing their time and talents through their ideas and active involvement. Strengthened by the diversity in our board membership, we are working diligently to engage alumni of all ages

and contribute to the life of the campus by working with university leadership, volunteering at events such as Redfest, and contributing non-perishable items to the Campus Cupboard. We encourage you also to support our students as future alumni through a gift to the Loyalty Fund during our upcoming Day of Giving. We encourage you also to support our students as future alumni through a contribution to the Campus Cupboard, our Day of Giving or the Loyalty Fund.



We encourage you to look out for invitations to D'Youville events in your area throughout 2020, and save the date for Reunion and Family Weekend, September 25-27, 2020. We hope you find opportunities to renew old friendships, reminisce, network, and find out what's happening on campus.

As professionals in your field, your accomplishments are part of D'Youville's legacy. We encourage you to share that legacy with those that follow in your footsteps and those that cross your path. Share those memories and stories that make you such a proud alumnus. We hope you'll stay connected. We'd love to hear from you.

All the best,

Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70, '14

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Thank you to everyone who completed our 2019 **D'MENSIONS** survey. We appreciated your responses and did our best to incorporate your feedback. We hope you enjoy the new **D'MENSIONS!** We'd love to hear your thoughts at dmensions@dyc.edu.

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Upcoming events

MARCH

- 4 Honors Convocation
- 4 Alumni Board meeting
5:30 p.m., D'Youville Academic Center board room
- 6–28 *Indecent* at Kavinoky Theatre
- 7 Graduate Open House
- 9 D'Youville On Tour: Naples, Fla.
- 10 D'Youville On Tour: Sarasota, Fla.
- 10 D'Youville On Tour: Tampa, Fla.

APRIL

- 1 Day of Giving
- 2 Alumni Board meeting
5:30 p.m., D'Youville Academic Center board room
- 4 Undergraduate Open House

MAY

- 1 – 23 *The Mystery of Irma Vep* at Kavinoky Theatre
- 14 Alumni Board meeting,
5:30 p.m., D'Youville Academic Center board room
- 16 Legacy Families Reception
- 17 Undergraduate Commencement at 10 a.m.
Graduate Commencement at 2:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 4 Alumni Board meeting,
5:30 p.m., D'Youville Academic Center board room

SEPTEMBER

- 9/25 – 9/27 Reunion & Family Weekend

D'You Remember?



D'You remember Moving Up Day and “flip” hairstyles? The Class of 1970's candidates for MUD Queen – Carmel Brady, Maureen Masterson, Regina Jordan, Joyce Moody and Nancy Sprague – show off the latest styles in hair and miniskirts as they vie for the crown.

The Class of 1970's 50th Reunion will be celebrated at Reunion and Family Weekend on Sept. 25-27 at D'Youville. Watch your mailboxes and email for more information soon!