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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

D'Youville College is an independent institution of higher education that offers baccalaureate and graduate programs to students of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds.

D'Youville College honors its Catholic heritage and the spirit of Saint Marguerite d'Youville by providing academic, social, spiritual, and professional development in programs that emphasize leadership and service. D'Youville teaches students to contribute to the world community by leading compassionate, productive, and responsible lives.

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## **D'YOUVILLE PRESIDENT CONDEMNS PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE ATTACK**

*Following the mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue on October 27, President Lorrie Clemo released the following message:*

**Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends of D'Youville,**

**The D'Youville community extends its love to those affected by the senseless violence at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.**

**After yesterday's horrific shooting, we at D'Youville stand united with those of other religions, to be free from acts of hate and intimidation. There is no room for hate on our campus, in Buffalo, in our nation, or the world.**

**We strongly condemn any act of terror at a place of worship, be it in the United States or elsewhere in the world. D'Youville, a college in the Catholic tradition, welcomes and respects those from all faiths and backgrounds, abhorring intolerance, division, and violence.**

**As a compassionate and caring community, we will keep the victims and those wounded, along with their family and friends in our prayers and work with those to ensure acts like these do not happen again.**

*A Memorial Service was held in The Kavinoky Theatre on October 29 in remembrance of all those affected by this tragedy. Remarks and prayers were given by President Lorrie Clemo, Reverend Jan Mable of Campus Ministry, and Rabbi Alexander Lazarus-Klein, rabbi at Congregation Shir Shalom.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Lorrie A. Clemo, PhD  
President of D'Youville

Dear D'Youville Friends and Family,

We begin this new year with tremendous excitement and passion for what 2019 will bring to not only our students, faculty and staff, but also to our alumni, friends and community partners as we celebrate the tremendous points of pride for this past year, and eagerly await the opportunities and anticipation of a new year.

The D'Youville Health Professions Hub, which launched with a \$5 million state grant, was infused with significant support with a \$5.07 million gift from the Catholic Health System. This is the largest gift ever received by the College and establishes a vital partnership for our Hub project as the Catholic Health System leaders will play a major role in supporting the healthcare center within the Hub when it opens in Fall 2020. In total, we have raised nearly \$12 million to date and continue important work with potential funders and supporters as we work to reach our \$20 million goal.

In our relentless drive to provide our students with a world class education and extraordinary educational experience, the campus has undergone a remarkable transformation in the past several months. In the fall the new Student Success Center and Solutions Center opened their doors with high-touch service and eye-catching design. The Success Center brings together the services of Academic Advisement, Transfer Services and Career and Professional Engagement in addition to overall student support services. The Solutions Center is the combining of Financial Aid and the service of the Registrar and Student Accounts. These centers provide a one-stop, high-tech, seamless and responsive experience for our students in all of their academic support needs.

Also in the fall, we dedicated newly expanded and renovated space to serve our Veteran Students, and dedicated the space in memory of the late Dr. Bill Mariani, '09, former Interim President of D'Youville. The new Mariani Veterans Center will provide enhanced services to our veteran and military aligned students, as well as essential space for them to meet, interact and work with one another.

As you have heard me say, D'Youville delivers robust, excellent education at the highest proven value. We are committed to expanding access, affordability and student success. D'Youville's launch of ScholarshipUniverse, as only the second college in the country to do so, provides our students and future students an

online platform of thousands of scholarship and grant opportunities to help reduce the cost of their education. In addition, we are currently designing a one-stop Advocacy Center that will bring together expanded counseling programs and community support services to ensure that student personal needs are met at the same level as their academic needs.

In December, we hosted the first Fall Commencement for D'Youville with nearly 200 graduates. The event was held in the College Center, and it was filled to capacity with family and friends, as well as faculty, staff and other students there to celebrate this important milestone. For those who graduated, it all culminates on this wonderful day, commencement – this why we're here – it goes beyond the diploma, it is the message that our students and graduates are leaving to care for the world, to give people opportunities and launch their careers.

A very special part of the commencement activities was hosting the very first Legacy Luncheon. This event provided graduates along with their families and their D'Youville alumni family members the opportunity to celebrate the D'Youville legacy together – a bond that they will always share. We are excited to establish this tradition and will be celebrating our next Legacy event with our upcoming May commencement.

As we continue to evolve and embody the mission of Saint Marguerite d'Youville every day, know that the faculty, staff and students of D'Youville are deeply thankful for your continued investment and support of our important work, and we look forward to keeping you informed and engaged with our progress and growth in the weeks and months ahead.

A very warm wish for a happy and healthy 2019, and we hope to see you back on campus real soon!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie A. Clemo".

President Lorrie Clemo

# REUNION WEEKEND

Classes ending in 3 and 8 celebrated their reunion years, and, kicked off the weekend with a Welcome Back reception held in Madonna Lounge. Alumni reminisced with each other while looking over yearbooks, and members from the Class of 1953 celebrating their 65th anniversary were recognized during the event.

On Saturday, a group of alumni met over coffee with college President, Lorrie A. Clemo in the new Student Success Center. President Clemo told the groups about the renovations to the campus as well as the new online programs.

Campus tours were led by student ambassadors. Many alumni took advantage of the Buffalo River History and the Forest Lawn Cemetery tour.

Saturday night, more than 100 alumni and friends attended the Reunion and Alumni Awards Dinner. The Blue Lounge was unrecognizable as the room took on a Moroccan theme, and after dinner the alumni awards were presented.

The Young Alumni Award, presented to Shoshone Dentice '09, '13, recognizes graduates from the past 10 years who already have distinguished themselves among their peers and shown continued success in their professions.

Dentice is the Executive Director of Community Relations at The

Greenfields Continuing Care Community. She oversees development of quality of life programs, and community partnerships and events, and in doing so she has earned the praise of her employers.

Chris Koenig, president and CEO of Niagara Lutheran Health System is more direct about Shoshone talents. He describes her as his company's eyes and ears in the community, a woman who helped spur an exponential growth in the Greenfields' relationships within the health care system and with its residents. He said that Shoshone's work has improved Greenfields' quality and community image, making it one of the best performing continuing care campuses in Western New York and in the nation.

Shoshone is a graduate preceptor in the Health Services Administration program at D'Youville; a fellow in the Health Foundation of Western and Central New York's Health Leadership Fellowship program and has been published in the Women's Journal of Health. She serves on the board of advisors for Trocaire College's Russell J. Salvatore School of Hospitality, the Western New York Long Term Care Council and the Network in Aging Education Committee.

The recipients of this year's Marguerite d'Youville Honor society, also known as the Delta Sigma Award was presented



1. The Delta Sigma Award was presented to three Sisters who founded a girls school in Tanzania, Sister Theresina Magoti, IHSA '05, Sister Agnes Africanus, IHSA '11 and Sister Janepha Mabyonyesho, IHSA '11.

2. Left to right: Christina Joyce '10, Alumni Board vice-president presents the Young Alumni award to Shoshone Dentice.

3. Left to right: Ann Bondi Fournier '78 and Alumni Board member Judy Po-Chedley Wilkins '74

4. Class of 1953: Left to right: Mary Daly, Carmelina Manta Misercola, Anne O'Connor, Jean Witte Whitney, Joanna Fili Bohn and Bernadette Barton.

5. President Clemo (left) with Anne Lum award recipient, Mary Dillon '72

6. Members of the Class of 1988 celebrating their 30th Reunion

7. Class of 1973: Seated (left to right): Rebecca Corthorn Weimer and Linda Jacob Neri; Standing (left to right): Catherine Braniecki, Pat Buscha Gilbert, Mary Mossop Crane and Rita Sonnelitter Schoeneman

8. The Blue Lounge of the College Center was transformed for the evening for the Reunion and Alumni Awards Dinner.



9. Members of the Class of '68



10. Class of 1983: Seated left to right: Linda Athans Pollinger, Rose Grierson St. Pierre, Karen Rogers Ziemanski and Colleen Cullen; Standing: Margaret Schlotterbeck, Geralyn Sherlock Dydych, Elaine Pawenski Keegan, Benethia Eison Holmes, Katy Kelly Sullivan and Vicki Hall Loretto

11. Paula Werth Reitz '68 (left), and Judith Vanstone Ibarra '68 (right)

12. Members of the Class of '68

13. Class of 1968: (alphabetically) Marjorie Kaminski Battaglia, Linda Young Beardi, Susan O'Donnell Brady, Lynn O'Connell Brennan, Pam Bovich Buzzard, Mary Crotty-Logue, Judith Slon Dzierba, Elizabeth Short Grady, Judith Vanstone Ibarra, Mary Wilson Kennedy, Patricia Ryan Laskowski, Kathleen Mazur Lauritzen, Joan Condron Lesch, Eileen Crowley Lewis, Genevieve Wisniewski Lindenfield, Mary Vanderwerf Long, Margaret Hagerty Pierce, Mary Lanigan Regan, Paula Werth Reitz, Beverly Raczyński Tomasi, Margaret Roche Wietig and Rosemarie Anzalone Wyman







14. Class of 84 and 88: Left to Right: Nancy Sullivan '88, Karen Zaccagnino Przybyl '88, Michelle Tabone Azukas '88, Lisa Nocera Hauss '88, Ellen Pitz Sponholz '88 and Ann Marie Athans Quinn '84



15. Class of 1963: Seated left to right: Kathleen Moisienwicz, Barbara Campagna, JoAnne Marciano Winkler, and Geraldine Florek Wiess Standing: Jacqueline Kurzanski Lesniewski, Mary Grace Poorten Demarse, Joan Johnston Kostusisk, Marianne Cummings Donovan, Mary Kingston O'Hara and Judy Henkel Schiffert



16. Class of 1978 (left to right): Eileen Hanely-Noworyta, Cheryl O'Connor and Renee Schoelles Laidlow



17. Class of 1958: Seated left to right: Gail Schintzius Busillo, Dorothy Stein Gianturco-Corr, Jean O'Shaughnessy Kiene and Lois Kreger Balfas; Standing: C. Jean Morton and Joan Schumer



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18. Rita Sonnelitter Schoeneman '73  
 19. (left to right): Barbara Campagna '63,  
 President Clemo, Maureen O'Connell '63  
 20. Father Andrew Lauricella '07 celebrates  
 Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel  
 21. Members of the Class of '88  
 22. Benethia Fisen Holmes '83  
 23. Pat Busba Gilbert '73 (right) and  
 Mary Mossop Crane '73 (left)



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to three Sisters who founded a girls school in Tanzania, Sister Theresina Magoti, IHSA '05, Sister Agnes Africanus, IHSA '11 and Sister Janepha Mabyonyesho, IHSA '11.

St. Marguerite d'Youville, foundress of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart in the 18th century, was a young wife and mother in Montreal when her husband and four of her six children died. Left on her own to make a life for her two remaining children and to repay her husband's debts, she could have crumbled under the hardship. Instead she began to care for the poor around the community. Her compassion and ability were recognized and she was asked to assume the leadership of the general hospital – a task for which she was not prepared. But, through her efforts, the hospital became a beacon of hope for all who suffered. and she accomplished this with little fanfare or notice.

Because that distance kept them from being present at the dinner, College President Lorrie Clemo and Alumni Board President, Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70, '14 made the presentation by video. Anne Wadsworth, executive director of the Girls Education Collaborative, which helped the Sisters open the Kitenga School for Girls, travelled to Tanzania and showed the video to Sister Janepha and videotaped her response. Unfortunately, Sister Theresina and Sister Agnes were not at the school when Anne visited.

**Sister Janepha said, “We are so grateful for the honor of service. D’Youville empowered us to help our people in Tanzania.” Sister added, “D’Youville is in my heart. D’Youville made a difference in my life and changed my life.”**

The Anne Lum award is the most coveted honor given by the D’Youville College Alumni Association. The award, established in 1971, honors a graduate who is distinguished through professional achievement, involvement in community affairs, service to D’Youville or any combination of these factors. The recipient of this year’s Anne Lum Award was Mary Dillon.

Mary serves as the Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services at Sisters of Charity Hospital, which is part of the Catholic Health System in Buffalo. For over 45 years, Mary has been part of the Sisters family, where she is a model for professional nursing and a champion for quality nursing practice.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from D’Youville in 1972. Following her graduation, Mary became a staff nurse and then charge nurse on an acute care pediatric unit at Sisters. Several years later, Mary earned a Master of Science degree in Child Health Nursing from the University at Buffalo (UB) and returned to UB once again to earn a Post-Graduate Certificate as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She has completed

advanced training and is nationally board certified as a Nurse Executive.

Mary worked in academia as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Trocaire College and in Quality Assurance at Sisters Hospital.

In addition to her service as Secretary for the Professional Nurses Association of Western New York, Mary has also devoted her time to improve birth outcomes by serving on the Perinatal Task Force of Western New York. In 2017, she received the Patricia Garman Award in Nursing from the University at Buffalo.

Mary is a tireless leader and worker committed to supporting an environment where all patients receive the compassionate care they deserve.

We congratulate all the awardees who in the spirit of St. Marguerite d’Youville, never refuse to serve.

The weekend concluded with Mass celebrated by Father Andrew Lauricella '07 in the Sacred Heart Chapel followed by a champagne brunch.

# D'YOUVILLE HOLDS INAUGURAL FALL

# COMMENCEMENT



Celebrating the achievements of its students, D'Youville held its first Fall Commencement ceremony December 7, in the College Center for nearly 200 graduate and undergraduate students completing their degrees.

Conferred was bachelor's degrees in arts, science, and nursing; master's degrees in science and business administration; mental health nurse practitioner certificates presented, and doctorate of education degrees awarded.

In her congratulatory remarks, D'Youville President Lorrie Clemo, gave the graduates one final assignment: "As you proceed to the next chapter of your lives, I encourage you to pick a moonshot ... an exploratory groundbreaking project or idea.

"I am responsible for leading a community of scholars, people who are doing well for the world. I am in a position to challenge you – to give you a lasting assignment, one I hope you will embrace. Embrace it, not for the grade you will receive, but for the opportunity it affords you to have a life of meaning and purpose," she said.

"Think of a problem the world is facing. Who is it affecting? How is it harming society, a community, a loved one? How can you ease someone's pain? I challenge you to pick an intractable world problem, then pledge to yourself, to the world, to solve it!"

President Clemo pointed to D'Youville's own moonshot, to eradicate intractable issues in its own West Side neighborhood, including inequitable access to healthcare, chronic disease, poverty and education.

"The soon-to-be-built Health Professions Hub on the D'Youville campus is pledged to tackle these problems," President Clemo said. "But it will take the collaborative help of students, faculty, staff, and partners in the community to make this a reality. The Hub will be innovative, crossing over many issues and ideas – health, wellness, and community."

Erie County Health Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein received an honorary Doctor of Humanities for her myriad contributions to public health. During her remarks, Dr. Burstein said there has never been a better time in Western New York to be entering the medical field, urging graduates to consider a career in public health.

"There are so many unique and interesting opportunities in the health professions today. I know that no matter what area of health care you choose for your career, you'll be making a difference," Burstein said. To D'Youville graduates with degrees outside the health sciences, Dr. Burstein urged them to take advantage of Buffalo's renaissance. "I hope each and every one of you are able to contribute to the revitalization of our region."

Dolores Prezyna '70, '14, president of the D'Youville Alumni Association, formally inducted the new graduates into the Alumni Association. "As a proud alum, we ask you to tell the story of D'Youville," she said. "Tell them about the caring community that you have been a part of, the opportunities you have had to study in a globally-recognized college.

"Tell them about the opportunity to learn from faculty scholars, to participate in research, internships and clinical placements, to be in a place where faculty know your name."

**The Salutatory Address was given by Amber Phillippi, a veteran and Physician Assistant student who represented the School of Health Professions. "Treat each day as the first day of the rest of your future. Constantly work to make the next day better than the last, and strive to be the best version of yourself, not the best in the room."**

During the commencement ceremony, members of the Class of 2018 were formally inducted into the D'Youville Alumni Association.

# CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

## CONSOLIDATED SERVICE CENTERS PUT STUDENTS FIRST

When D’Youville brought together its scattered counseling personnel and financial offices into two self-contained full-service centers last fall, the College did more than reshuffle the campus map. It re-imagined how students are advised and counseled, while easing some of the obstacles of time and money that could keep them from graduating.

The new Student Success Center on the first floor of the Bauer Family Academic Center houses academic and career advisers who provide everything from scheduling help and transfer guidance to resume and career assistance, all in one place.

The new Student Solutions Center on the second floor of the Koessler Administration Building is the one-stop location for all things financial. No more chasing between offices for transcript requests, payments and printouts. Staff can take care of financial needs coming and going, whether it’s a question about tuition, aid payments or scholarship money.

The centers’ reorganization was inspired by a nine-month Student Success Ecosystem study that explored what difficulties students were facing in reaching their academic goals, and discovering the best ways to overcome them.

According to Joggeshwar Das, the College’s vice president for institutional effectiveness and planning, one common problem involved making choices.

Too often, he said, if students discovered that their interests or abilities didn’t align as well as they expected with their chosen majors, they were tempted to give up. Changing direction often meant starting all over.

This shouldn’t have to happen, Das said. “When students come in from high school, we don’t expect them to know all their options. They don’t know all the things that can be done, all the careers open to them,” Das explained. “We want to make sure students are exploring their options.

“At the same time, starting from day one, we want to make sure their courses are filling other requirements,” he said. “Professional advisers will help them navigate the campus and get into courses at the right time.”

This provides more flexibility if students later switch majors and don’t want to lose all the credits they accrued.

“We realized we needed to change our advising practices,” Das said. “The traditional model of spending three years in nursing did not help if the

student realized he or she didn’t like nursing.”

“We don’t want to have that time and education wasted. For example, the healthcare field is not just made of doctors, it’s not just made of nurses,” Das said. “There are a lot of different kinds of careers that students don’t know about, so they don’t know what they should do to get those jobs.”

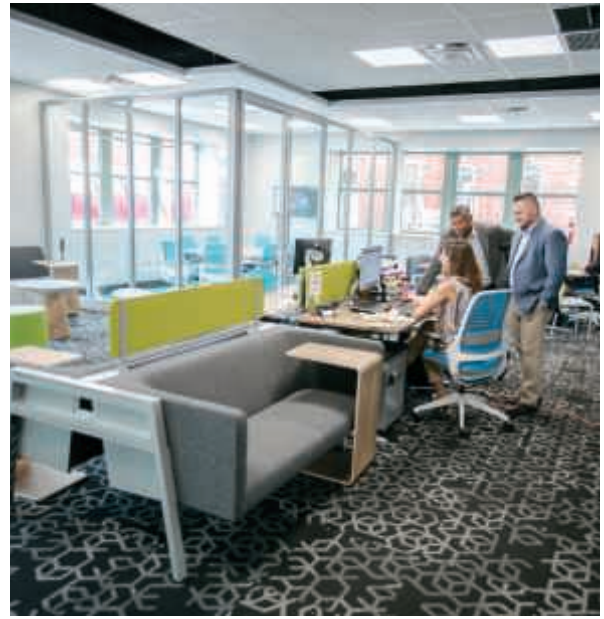
Collaboration among advisers is key, said Denise M. Harris, director of career and professional engagement in the Success Center.

“That is the most important part of it,” Harris said. “We can set up meetings or appointments immediately. That saves the students time -- and they are the ones who matter.”

Success Center staff also work closely with students who plan to transfer to D’Youville after completing some required classes at community college or elsewhere for convenience or to save money.

“Each major will have a four-year plan, and transfer students will have agreements ahead of time, even while still in community college, about what credits transfer,” Das said.

Proactive advising is designed to avoid problems down the road, which



*Photo of the Solutions Center on the second floor of KAB (left) and the Success Center on the first floor of BFAC (right).*

means counselors will be working with students earlier and more often.

“They won’t come only when they are in crisis or put on probation,” Das said. “This will be an attractive place where students can come and explore. We want to expose them to all these possibilities, and discover ways to be their best selves.”

He pointed out that many times students didn’t go see counseling staff until they were struggling, with some waiting until they were being removed from professional programs.

“Now,” he said, “if a student is having a change of heart, or finds curriculum is not what they hoped or can handle, advisers will look at where they are doing OK.”

Students then could be directed to a major that better suited their interests.

Das said that might mean “thinking outside the prepackaged programs, by having regular interaction between the advisers and students.”

In the same way, the Student Solutions Center is designed to bridge the financial minefield students have to navigate. Open and welcoming, the center stretches across the front of KAB’s second floor. Students don’t even have to need its services to use the space – there are comfortable seats and work areas to simply pass the time or study between classes.

“It’s just a safe, nice place,” said Barbara Suriani, compliance coordinator in the Solutions Center.

She estimated more than 500 students have used the center’s services in person since it opened in the fall, to rave reviews.

“Before it was kind of a runaround for the students,” Suriani explained. To drop or add courses, get transcripts or other tasks they might have been sent to two or three offices for paperwork and payments. “Now everything is in one spot.”

Student “ambassadors” in both centers help direct people to the right area and can help them fill out forms and so on electronically, but overall the updated technology hasn’t been an issue.

“It hasn’t been hard (to adjust) for the students,” Suriani said. “When they first walked in it was, ‘Wow, it’s about time!’”

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS HUB AIDED BY CATHOLIC HEALTH SECURING \$5.07 MILLION

Catholic Health has obtained \$5,070,000 from Community Partners of Western New York (CPWNY) to support the development of D'Youville College's Health Professions Hub.

In October 2018, leaders from D'Youville and the Catholic Health announced plans to collaborate on the 50,000 square-foot clinical training center, featuring unique and innovative learning environments for students, those seeking retraining and certification, and offering families in the College's West Side neighborhood greater access to high-quality primary care services.

"We are grateful to Catholic Health for helping The Hub become a reality," said D'Youville President Lorrie Clemo. "With Catholic Health's assistance, D'Youville is well on the way to helping build healthy, thriving communities in Western New York. The Community Partners funding, the largest in our college's history, puts us beyond halfway to our goal of the initial funds necessary to make The Hub a reality within only a few months. With such strong early support, it shows us how vital The Hub project truly is to our region."

"The Hub project along with other D'Youville initiatives will serve as an education ecosystem for high school, undergraduate and graduate students, with learning opportunities ranging from certification programs to associate,

bachelors, and advanced degrees, it'll truly change not only the face of education but change lives," said Clemo.

"D'Youville's goal is to train future health professionals at a campus where interdisciplinary learning can take place in 24/7 environments. This unique setting will test and explore collaborative education and virtual training models, as well as innovative technologies, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to be change agents, delivering and improving healthcare in Western New York and beyond."

"When I first learned about D'Youville's plans to create a Health Professions Hub, I knew it would be a perfect fit for our system and Community Partners of Western New York," said Mark Sullivan, President & CEO of Catholic Health. "Together, our three organizations are focused on improving healthcare delivery for underserved populations, while growing a stronger workforce to meet the demand for skilled health professionals in our community. We are pleased we could secure this funding to move this vital project forward."

As part of the Health Professions Hub, Catholic Health will offer professional staffing and resources to operate a community health center that will provide patient-centered primary care services to area families. Along with expanding access to care



*Mark Sullivan, President and CEO of Catholic Health with President Lorrie Clemo*

within the surrounding community, the center will also offer students and paraprofessionals with unique clinical training opportunities to develop or enhance their skills.

Other highlights of The Hub include a simulation center and workforce development programs to meet the needs of area healthcare employers. The Hub will offer education models with an emphasis on team learning, assure health professions students can function as part of an integrated team focused on high-quality, patient-centered care.

Construction of the Health Professions Hub on D'Youville College's Buffalo campus is expected to begin next summer, with completion set for the fall of 2020.





## JEFF PAPIA NAMED CHIEF MISSION OFFICER

D’Youville named Jeff Papia as the new Chief Mission Officer, effective with the start of the 2019 Spring semester.

“Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge and direct experience in mission integration on a college campus, having most recently served at Hilbert College’s Director of Mission Integration and Campus Ministry,” said D’Youville President Lorrie Clemo. “While in that role, Jeff worked to promote and integrate the mission across the entire spectrum of the college, with students, faculty, staff and the board of trustees.

“His primary focus is on building relationships and embedding mission in all areas of the campus and community, from working with student affairs on the orientation of new students to collaborating with faculty on the development of the general education curriculum, an effort that he was asked to participate in this year.”

Papia received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, with a philosophy

minor, from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and his Master of Theological Studies, with a pre-doctoral concentration in Systematics, from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in Chestnut Hill, Mass. This past June, he completed a master’s in business administration from St. Bonaventure University.

“I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as Chief Mission Officer at D’Youville College,” Papia said. “Inspired by our Catholic heritage and in the spirit of St. Marguerite d’Youville, I am truly excited and ready to serve the entire community, especially our students.”

## CLINICAL ABROAD

In January, 31 Occupational Therapy students and 3 faculty members traveled to Costa Rica for 10 days for a field-work course abroad. The cohort served 65 teenage mothers ranging in age from 12-18 to develop and improve appropriate psychosocial and emotional skills needed for everyday life as well as a geriatric population at a nursing home.

*(pictured below)*



## HELPING HANDS PUERTO RICO

Still experiencing the devastating effects from Hurricane Maria, 16 students and 4 staff members spent 4 days in San Juan, Puerto Rico as part of the annual Lend a Hand trip. In partnership with Saint Bernard Parish, a national disaster resilience and reconstruction organization, students and staff helped with the construction of new homes including mudding, sanding, painting, and laying tile. *(pictured right)*



## DEDICATION OF THE DR. WILLIAM J. MARIANI VETERANS CENTER



*Left to right: Billy Mariani, Lindsay Mariani, Ryan Eaton '19, President, D'Youville Student Veterans Association, Mara Mariani, Marcia Mariani*

The newly remodeled Dr. William J. Mariani Veterans Center offers a space on campus that is dedicated to student veterans and their success at D'Youville. The full-time staff provides support and guidance on academic advisement, degree planning around any known deployments, tutoring and mentoring services by fellow student veteran peers, and connections to the Veterans One Stop Center of Western New York.

Dedicated this past September, the center is named after the late Dr. William J. Mariani, former interim President of D'Youville. Mariani's family was present to celebrate his life and the opening of the new space.

Featuring a computer lab with Skype-equipped computers, the center allows students to connect with friends and family who may be stationed elsewhere or overseas, as well as a lounge to let students socialize, study, and connect with one another while on campus.



## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

To celebrate Veteran's Day, the entire campus community was invited to a Veteran Salute November 8. The event took place in The Kavinoky Theatre and included a color guard presentation and a special thank you to our veterans.

"Here at D'Youville we salute our veterans," said Chief Master Sergeant Robert Ward (Ret.), director of Veterans Services. "This event is just a small thank you that we can provide to those currently serving, who've served in the past, and who are on our campus today. We honor you today and every day."



## A TAXONOMY FOR SERVING VETERAN STUDENTS

### DR. DION DALY DOESN'T LIKE THE QUESTION "ARE YOU A STUDENT VETERAN?"

"If we just ask the question that most campuses are asking — 'Are you a veteran?' or 'Are you in the armed services?' — those aren't good questions," says Daly, a retired Lt. Commander from the United States Navy as well as chair and associate professor of Business at D'Youville, "Those questions leave a lot of people out."

For Daly and fellow co-founder of D'Youville's Veteran and Military Affiliated Research Center (VMARC), Bonnie Fox Garrity EdD, getting to understand a student's veteran or military-aligned status is more complex.

When most people picture a veteran student, they imagine someone with a traditional path: the person joined the military out of high school, completed their duty and came off active duty, and then "transitioned" to college. But that path implies that one life is left behind as another one begins.

"Regardless of a veteran student's current status, they have not left that life behind them," said Daly. "It is still very present and they are dealing with multiple identities, including adding being a student to their identity, but have not having 'transitioned' from their military life. Especially for many who might have lifelong physical, emotional, or mental struggles as a result of their



service — they might never leave this behind and not ever really 'transition' as it would be traditionally thought of."

Some military-aligned students may not even think of themselves as such, says Daly and Fox Garrity, pointing to sub-categories of Veterans that many times don't consider themselves a Veteran. A military-aligned student could include: a student who is the spouse of a student veteran, a student who is a survivor whose spouse died in combat, dependents of student veterans, and others.

And understanding a student's veteran or military-aligned status is often crucial to help colleges and universities apply institutional resources to help students meet desired outcomes — academic success and, ultimately, graduation.

To help schools ensure veteran and military-aligned students succeed Daly and Garrity decided to create the Taxonomy of Student Veterans (TSV) software. The purpose was to find out where these students fit in and what their situations outside of the classroom are. "We needed to know who these students are in order to give them the best support," said Fox Garrity.

In working on the TSV, Daly drew from his own experience in college.

"My first year, I already had a year and a half of military service. I had already been to boot camp, [attended] my school, and I was a drilling reservist. So, I know they didn't count me as a Veteran ... they did count me as a first-year student, but I had many different needs than your typical first-year student," he recalls.

Once the student is placed into the correct category, the right resources can be put into place to help them succeed during their academic career. If that student then leaves school because they were relocated or deployed, the knowledge about the student that the TSV collected can also make it easier for them to come back to school.

Things such as withdrawing from courses, freezing tuition, or cohort programs allow students to pick up courses they may have missed. "Their life has been interrupted. When they come back they want to resume the life they left behind," said Daly.

"The first piece is to get people to think this way. The second piece is to use the tool to help them," added Daly.



## **INAUGURAL NURSING WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

The D’Youville School of Nursing held its inaugural white coat ceremony on December 11. Each student received their white coat along with a pin which has the gold Mobius loop, symbolizing the continuous bond of trust, respect, and communication between healthcare professionals and patients.

The ceremony was made possible thanks to a grant from The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. D’Youville is one of 50 schools to receive the funding to start this tradition.

Nearly 80 students from the Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs received their white coats at the ceremony and recited an oath to “...accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession.”

Denise Dunford DNS, FNP-BC, APRN, professor and director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program said this event is a major milestone for the students. “The ceremony

signifies a transition period for the student from the classroom to a clinical setting to practice what they learned. It’s now more of a focus on the patient interaction and the humanistic interaction between patient and providers.”

Each of the students will begin or continue their clinical rotations starting in January 2019.

## **D’YOUVILLE CELEBRATES NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK**

Physician Assistant Week is celebrated every year from October 6 to October 12 to recognize the PA profession and the contributions they provide to the nation’s health. The week always

officially begins on the birthday of the profession’s founder, Eugene A. Stead, Jr., MD.

PA Week is designed to educate others on what physician assistants do — something that Laura Grable MPAS, PA-C, academic coordinator in the PA program at D’Youville, says is changing.

“I graduated from D’Youville’s physician assistant program in 1996, just as PAs were beginning to be seen in the WNY area. Many physicians were unsure of our capabilities and how we fit into the healthcare model and many patients did not understand our role. I remember many times during the early years of my clinical experience of having to explain my role as a PA,” she reflected.

“Now, PAs are one of the top



professions in the United States. They are in every area of healthcare and are providing comprehensive services. With the demand for more healthcare providers increasing, PAs are proving to be a vital component in the healthcare system today.”

Physician assistants are an important piece to a patient’s health as their training allows for a wide range of responsibilities including conducting physical exams, diagnosing and treating illnesses, ordering and interpreting laboratory and radiological tests, and even writing prescriptions.

Margaret Garito ’18 wanted to become a PA for this exact reason. “I decided to join the PA program because I have always wanted to work in healthcare as a provider,” she said. “I love that PA’s can change specialties and practice in all areas of medicine at any time, the career is very versatile.”

Part of what makes D’Youville’s PA program unique is the involvement in interprofessional education, where students are involved in the whole care of the patient and draw on each area’s innate strengths. Inside of the Interprofessional Education and Simulation Center on campus, students from all seven other D’Youville healthcare majors take advantage of state-of-the-art technology and patient actors to learn collaboratively to optimize patient care.

“It’s very important for the student PA to understand the role of various healthcare providers since they will be the ones referring their future patients for these services,” says Audrey Smith MS, PA-C, pharmacology coordinator and clinical assistant professor in the PA program.

“Patients who need ancillary services such as physical therapy or nutrition depend on the PA to make proper referrals as part of their care.

Interprofessional education allows PA students to become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of other providers to best manage a patient’s care,” said Smith.

After participating in a few simulations, Noelle Harford ’18 sees the importance of interprofessional education for the future of healthcare. “By participating in these labs and working together as professionals now, we understand the important role each profession plays — it can only optimize the success for the patient later,” she said. “It’s imperative that we, as medical professionals with different training and degrees, remember the reason we were trained and what our teamwork is working towards: the patient.”

“These simulations were very helpful in understanding what other health professions can provide for a patient,” said Jenna Secchiaroli ’19. “It gave me the opportunity to see what other healthcare fields see fit as treatment, and how important it is to work as a team to provide the best possible care for all patients.”

Bethany Dunn PA-C, DC, chair and PA program director at D’Youville adds, “Our PA program strives to meet the healthcare needs of a diverse patient population by providing the highest quality of clinical education to turn today’s students into tomorrow’s providers.”

“The focus on research and evidence-based patient-centered care coupled with exceptional clinical rotations helps to develop highly-competent and

compassionate PAs that we are proud to call our own,” said Dunn.

Students in D’Youville’s PA program can earn their bachelor’s and master’s degrees in as little as 4.5 years and graduates report a 95 percent job placement rate within six months of graduation in the medical fields of their choice.



## **PROFESSOR RECEIVES 2018 EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Lauren Clay, PhD, assistant professor in the Health Services Administration department was named as a recipient of the 2018 Early-Career Research Fellowship by The Gulf Research Program of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. Only 20 fellowships were given.

The Early-Career Research Fellow recognizes professionals at the critical pre-tenure phase of their careers who show exceptional leadership and performance, and potential for future contributions to improving offshore energy system safety, human health and well-being or environmental stewardship in the Gulf of Mexico and other U.S. coastal regions. Each fellow receives \$76,000 paid to his or her institution in the form of a two-year grant, for research expenses and professional development.

# TEACHING & HEALING: FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



Bending over microscopes at the clinic in Sierra Leone, two American students from D'Youville College looked for indications of typhoid fever or malaria.

“They won’t get a chance to do THAT back here,” says Paul Violanti, assistant clinical professor in the School of Nursing at D'Youville, and an organizer for the mission trip to the impoverished African nation.

The young women were among a handful of students who have joined

Violanti on three medical mission trips to Africa — to clinics in Sierra Leone and in the Democratic Republic of Congo. At the clinics, the students assist with patient care and help train the local staff when they bring new equipment.

It is an education for all involved.

**If he could, Violanti says, he would have every D'Youville student go on one of the missions, which he sees as a chance to serve, effect change and grow as individuals.**

Violanti has taught in D'Youville's nurse practitioner program for 18 years, but the overseas aid mission is an outgrowth of his other job, at Jericho Road Community Health Center. The nonprofit's community three healthcare centers in Buffalo serve the city's growing refugee population and others.

Violanti sees patients at the clinics and is Jericho Road's director of global health programs. His October 2018 visit to Africa was his 26th medical mission. He has participated in Jericho Road's establishment of clinics in Africa and beyond.

In spring 2018, he traveled with a small group (no students) to an isolated region in Nepal, accessible only by narrow roads cut into the mountainside. Their destination was the Himalayan villages of Hagam and Hapra, at 8,000 feet, near the border with Tibet and about 70 miles from Mount Everest. Most of the 3,000 inhabitants are farmers who cultivate terraced gardens built on the steep slopes.

It is picturesque and peaceful, home to a different kind of poverty from that surrounding the African clinics that Violanti had worked in previously.

"There's no war — no ongoing conflict — and clean water is readily available," Violanti said.

The hardship comes largely from the villages' environmental extremes and their isolation. The nearest hospital is a day's walk down the mountains.

**"People don't realize how the rest of the world lives," Violanti says. The violence and poverty faced by much of the world's population are unfathomable to many Americans, he believes.**

He has brought a few students in D'Youville's medical programs on his trips and many more have done clinical work at Jericho Road's centers. The

ministry's first clinic opened more than 20 years ago on Buffalo's West Side, less than a mile and a half from the campus.

Dr. Myron Glick, raised in a Mennonite family, began the clinic on a dream and a prayer as a Christian outreach to the city's poor. Within a few short years, it also was welcoming a surge of refugees from Burma, Bhutan, the Middle East and Central Africa.

The work environment at the Jericho Road clinics is different from a typical medical office, Violanti said, since it is affected by the traumatic experiences of the refugees they serve.

Clemo indicated the centers would be worth looking at when planning how the college's new HUB community clinic will operate.

There already is significant interaction between college and the centers. Some local D'Youville students also are or have been patients at the centers, Violanti said, and students from the college's pharmacy and family practice programs do internships and clinicals at Jericho Road.

And some students continue that relationship after graduation. Among the D'Youville alum on staff are



"That's why it's so important to take students to Jericho Road and overseas," he said. "They can see all these people. I make sure they talk to the patients, to hear their stories."

Violanti said the D'Youville leadership always has emphasized the important role of the college in serving the community around its campus. After visiting Jericho Road, Violanti said, D'Youville President Dr. Lorrie

Heather Kim, NP, and Takesha Leonard, FNP, administrators at two Jericho Road clinics.

"Technically, they are my bosses," Violanti jokes.

From the classroom to the West Side clinic to the Himalayas, the work is a powerful example of collaborative health care combining on every level, at home and around the world.

## **D'YOUVILLE & NATIONAL GRID WELCOME NEIGHBORS**

In early October, D'Youville hosted a Welcome Neighbors event for local families from Puerto Rico who were affected by Hurricane Maria in 2017. National Grid co-hosted the event held to celebrate both National Hispanic Heritage Month as well as National Disaster Preparedness Month.

Families living in Buffalo had opportunities to meet with local and national organizations and social groups to assist with finding resources. Connections for school supplies, winter preparedness, educational opportunities, healthy meal



preparation, public transportation and housing initiatives were available. There were family-friendly activities as well as a performance by Amor and Heritage.

A panel discussion focused on strong communities and household preparedness. Topics included local hazards likely to affect your household and community; establishing relationships with people in your community; forming a household plan in the event of a disaster; and communication with the community and where to obtain important information. Panelists included:

Lorrie Clemo, President of D'Youville

Lauren Clay PhD, Assistant Professor, Health Services Administration

Glenn Aichinger, Director of Electric Emergency Planning, National Grid NYS

Jeremiah Belknap, Manager, Overhead Lines, National Grid

Tracy Fricano Chalmers, Regional Coordinator, Erie County Department of Health





## D'YOUVILLE WELCOMES FACULTY FROM GUANGXI

A global learning partnership once again came to D'Youville last fall as visiting faculty from Guangxi University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (GXUCM) observed D'Youville classes, interacted with students, and explored Western New York. The 10 GXUCM faculty members were on campus until early December and took part in professional development workshops and cultural activities through a partnership with D'Youville's Global Faculty Professional Institute offered through the Center for Global Engagement.

Professional development activities included tours of the nursing labs, learning sessions on educational technologies, information literacy, intellectual property, and student engagement methodologies. Part of the partnership with GXUCM also included cultural activities such as trips to Niagara Falls for a ride on the Maid of the Mist, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the Buffalo Museum of Science, and Canalside.

While on campus, GXUCM faculty members observed classes, and the instructional techniques that the faculty members develop at D'Youville will be incorporated in their classes at their home institution.

Located in Nanning, the capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in the south of China, Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine (GXUCM) is a higher educational institute that focuses on Traditional Chinese Medicine.

## D'YOUVILLE RANKED SECOND IN BUFFALO-AREA INSTITUTIONS BENEFITING FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

NAFSA: Association of International Educator released a report in November 2018 ranking D'Youville second in Buffalo-area institutions benefiting from international students.

According to the report, New York's 26th Congressional District sees \$223.2 million in financial contributions related to international students studying in the area's colleges. D'Youville boasts \$8.2 million in economic contributions from its international students, supporting 47 jobs, second only to the University at Buffalo.

For every seven international students enrolled in American universities, three jobs are created and supported by the spending occurring in the higher education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation, telecommunications, and health insurance sectors. The economic contributions of international students are in addition to the immeasurable academic and cultural value these students bring to our campuses and local communities.



## LEE FOUNDATION AWARDS MENTAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

To meet a growing demand of mental health workers needed in the area, D’Youville created the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program in 2016. The Patrick Lee Foundation has announced they will join D’Youville and support these students through the awarding of upwards of \$210,000 of scholarships.

“Like many other parts of the United States, our region is experiencing an acute shortage of mental health professionals,” said Jane Mogavero, executive director of the Lee Foundation. “As we work to raise awareness of mental health issues and support people in their efforts to seek treatment, the demand for mental health professionals will become even more critical.”

Through this generous partnership, D’Youville will receive \$70,000 per year for three years to provide up to \$10,000 annually to seven students who show financial need.

Students who are qualified for the scholarship must maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA, be a current resident within the eight counties of Western New York, and pledge to live and work in WNY for five continuous years following the completion of their education.

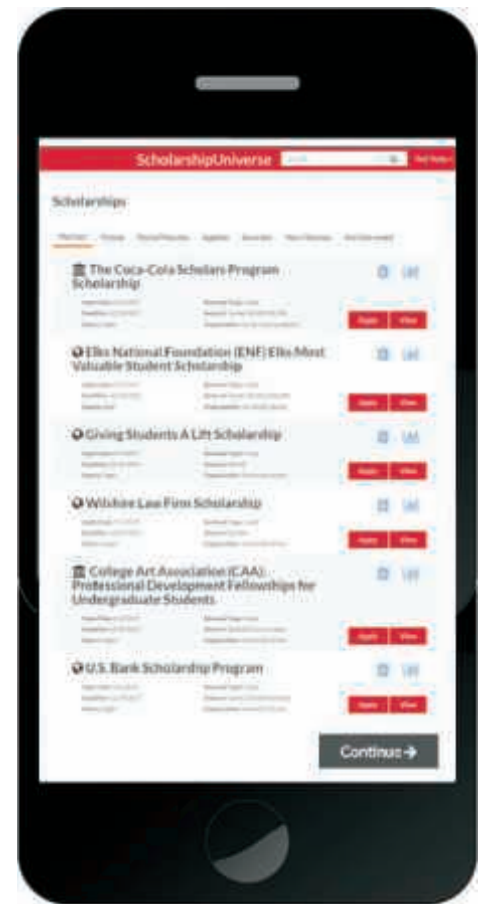
“The Psychiatric Mental Health (PMHNP) program was developed

in response to an awareness of the significant mental health needs of the community. There are efforts to improve understanding of mental illness through anti-stigma campaigns, yet treatment options remain inadequate due to a shortage of providers and services,” said Ann Caughill EdD, associate professor and director of the PMHNP program.

Students may begin applying for the Lee Foundation Scholarship in October 2018. The first recipients of the scholarship will be awarded this fall and be allowed to apply the funds to the spring and summer semesters of 2019. Starting in the Spring 2019 semester, the recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year will be awarded. Each spring semester, up to seven recipients will be chosen for the scholarship to be applied to the fall and spring semesters of the following educational year.

As an organization dedicated to supporting mental health initiatives and a focusing on education for those in need, the partnership between the Patrick P. Lee Foundation and D’Youville is a natural fit.

“Ensuring our community has a well-trained, experienced mental health workforce is at the intersection of the Lee Foundation’s two focus areas – mental health and education. D’Youville is known for its strong academic programs, so we are excited to partner with the College to provide these scholarships for students in the psychiatric nurse practitioner program,” added Mogavero.



## WELCOME TO SCHOLARSHIPUNIVERSE!

The D’Youville Solutions Team is excited to provide a revolutionary tool to assist students in finding new financial aid resources. ScholarshipUniverse is a digital, mobile scholarship management system designed just for students! We recognize the issues in finding meaningful scholarships. To help students with the search process, ScholarshipUniverse will become their one source for institutional and vetted external scholarships on the national, regional, and local levels. We anticipate students will use this tool to find and apply for as many scholarships as possible.

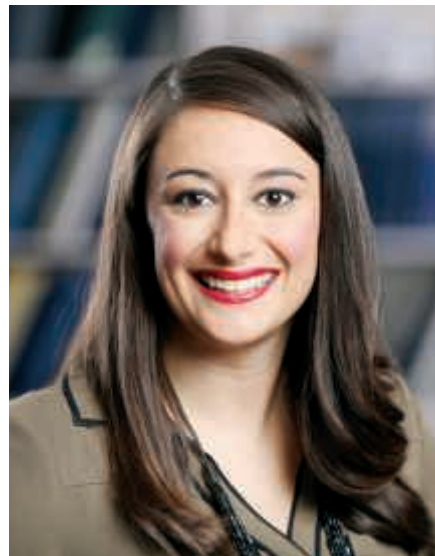
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- For those familiar with the former Endowed and Restricted Scholarship Application process. The application process now sits entirely inside of ScholarshipUniverse. The scholarship application is now called the Donor-Funded Scholarships Application and is accepting applications through April 1, 2019.

## INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT STAFF UPDATES



**Wade S. Hart** – We are pleased to welcome Wade Hart to the D’Youville Institutional Advancement team as the Chief Development Officer. Wade joined us in September 2018 and brings with him 20 years of diverse experience including Alumni Relations, Annual Giving, Planned Giving and Major Gifts. Wade is a graduate of Indiana University, and received a Master’s Degree in Business from Niagara University. In his role at D’Youville he will lead major gift cultivation and solicitations efforts, with a focus on capital campaign goals. Wade is a native of Ithaca, NY and currently lives in Niagara Falls, NY with his wife, Christine.



**AnneMarie Cucci** – We are pleased to welcome AnneMarie Cucci, EdD to the D’Youville Institutional Advancement team as the Annual Fund and Alumni Engagement Director. AnneMarie joined us in November 2018 after six year at the University of Rochester, most recently as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. AnneMarie has both a Master’s of Science and Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. In her role at D’Youville she will oversee all Loyalty Fund and alumni engagement programs, as well as work closely with the Alumni Association Board of Directors. AnneMarie is a native of Utica, NY and currently lives in Kenmore, NY with her fiancé, Luke.

**SPARTANS PLAYERS  
AND COACH GET  
AMCC RECOGNITION  
AFTER FALL SEASON**

**O'YOUVILLE  
SPARTANS**



The expanding D'Youville athletic program enjoyed a successful fall season, with several Spartans teams making it to the postseason, and many athletes taking home awards from the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC).

The men's and women's soccer teams both were cheered on in the post-season. D'Youville Athletic Director Brian Cavanaugh said that the soccer program at the College has grown immensely in the five years since the campus built Dobson Field, home of the school's soccer, lacrosse and softball teams.

Cavanaugh said the field makes a difference for students whose academic life often includes early classes and late labs.

“Our student athletes now have a place near campus where they can practice and they can play, and they have locker rooms where they can change and keep their gear,” he said. “It's all to help the student athletes achieve their goals, and to keep that positive vibe that we are feeling.”

It is paying off. This fall, the women's soccer team concluded the season with a 5-2-2 record in conference and 6-11-2 overall. The team made it to post-season before losing in the AMCC semi-finals.

Despite the loss, senior goaltender Megan Dulniak (Cheektowaga) earned AMCC Defensive Player of the Year and a spot on the AMCC First Team All-Conference. Dulniak had a shutout in each of the team's conference wins this season, and led the AMCC with shutouts (6) and in save percentage (.935).

Also, sophomore forward Makenna Magee and senior forward Magan Magee (sisters from Ellenburg Center/Northern Adirondack) were awarded AMCC Second Team All-Conference. Previously, Makenna earned AMCC Newcomer of the Year and AMCC Second Team All-Conference; Magan earned AMCC Third Team All-Conference in her previous seasons.

Making AMCC Third Team All-Conference were sophomore defense Dominique Riforgiato (Fredonia) and freshman midfielder Margret Leeds (Lockport/Akron). And the guy behind all that success, Coach Jim Hesch, was named the AMCC Coach of the Year, an honor he credited to his players.

The men's soccer team finished its season 4-9-2 overall and 4-4-1 in conference. This was the second season in row where the squad made the AMCC postseason, and the third in the past five.

Senior defense Josh Hammer (Amherst/Sweet Home) was a stand-out, capping his D'Youville career with a spot on the AMCC Second Team All-Conference to become the college's first men's soccer player to win four All-Conference selections. Hammer previously made Third Team All-Conference his first three seasons as a Spartan.

Junior forward Hunter Sherman (Lockport) earned a spot on the AMCC First Team All-Conference this season after making Second Team All-Conference last season.

The men's and women's cross-country teams both finished third at the AMCC Championship, with each team enjoying a number of races with top runners and scores. Junior Patrick Moran

(Wheatfield/Niagara CCC) was awarded an AMCC All-Conference Runner selection.

The women's volleyball team ended its season with a 4-22 overall record, and 3-6 in the conference, falling short in its push to make the postseason for the third year in a row. Junior libero Jasmine Filkov (North Collins) made AMCC Third Team All-Conference as an outside hitter.

The men's golf team competed in eight matches this season, picking up three second-place finishes and earning third place in another match. The men ended the season placing eighth in the AMCC Championship.

Off the field, Cavanaugh said, the D'Youville athletes are continuing to excel in academics. The College now has teams in 15 varsity sports – up from 10 when Cavanaugh became AD in 2006 – and the number of students participating has nearly tripled.

The College, whose student body is 65 percent female, also just started a women's bowling team and a club team for women's rugby.

“It helps enrollment, especially when you know our student athletes have a 96 percent retention rate and that their graduation rate is 20 percentage points higher than the general student population,” he said.

“We're able to recruit because we have great academic programs, and that's the first priority. We build the athletics around that,” he said.

“We're making great strides,” Cavanaugh said, “and that's because we put academics first.”



**The Kavinoky Theatre  
holds a special place in the life of D'Youville.  
Nestled in the southwest corner  
of the Koessler Administration Building,  
it is almost a world unto itself,  
a home for artistic expression that connects  
the campus to the community at large.**



The space was resurrected almost 40 years ago by the theater's founder and first executive director, David Lamb, who had been teaching English at the college. Helped by a fundraising drive led by Edward Kavinoky, the auditorium was restored in the Edwardian style of its host building and of the theaters in Lamb's native England.

But for years, The Kavinoky kept itself hidden away from daily campus life. Once its doors were closed, there was little indication that the stage existed, other than a poster or two and a commemorative plaque in the hallway.

Not anymore. Thanks to an ongoing renovation project in the Koessler Administration Building's main floor, the little theater has a genuine lobby, box office and bar – not to mention an expanded ladies room with lounge.

"The College community is really supporting us," said Loraine O'Donnell, who took over as executive director this year. You will find her in a new office that is just a few steps from the theater itself, much more convenient than its former home in the building's basement.

More importantly, the theater box office also has moved. Instead of being in the basement during the week and at a table in the hallway on show nights, patrons can now find it at its permanent location not far from the theater entrance. It opens onto a new refreshment lounge housing a full bar and with comfortable seating – an upgrade from the previous temporary counter set in a student study area.

The changes are intended to improve the overall theater experience, O'Donnell said.

"We'll also have a cabaret space in the expanded lounge," O'Donnell said. "There might be music there before the shows, during intermission and afterward."

And during the week, she said, the cabaret stage could be available for students to host open mic performances, poetry slams, or storytelling, a la "The Moth" radio show.

"It isn't only for the College. We hope it will become a community gathering space," O'Donnell said.

That is something that will evolve. Right now, O'Donnell is planning what is ahead for The Kavinoky theater company. She worked on the current 2018-2019 season, and now it's time to think of the coming one.

O'Donnell is not aiming to upset the formula that led to the company's many years of success, but she does hope to reflect what Buffalo's theater-savvy audiences want.

"Our quality has never wavered," O'Donnell said. "We have the best actors in town, and the direction has been top notch. We want to continue to present a mix of shows, with probably two musicals a year. We have the stage for it."

Kavinoky hit the mark with its 2017 and 2018 season openers, "The Producers" and "Sweeney Todd," and January 2018's "Mama Mia," a high-royalty risk that paid off with the theater's biggest box office returns ever.

The programming is a balance, O'Donnell explained, trying to bring in new audiences but not alienating Kavinoky's longtime supporters.

**"People have been coming back for years and years. It's really remarkable," she said. "We have big shoes to fill."**

It is an exciting time for the theater and it's new executive director as they prepare to celebrate the 40th



anniversary season in 2019-20. Along with the newly renovated theatre lobby and restrooms, there is one more upgrade in the works: new seating.

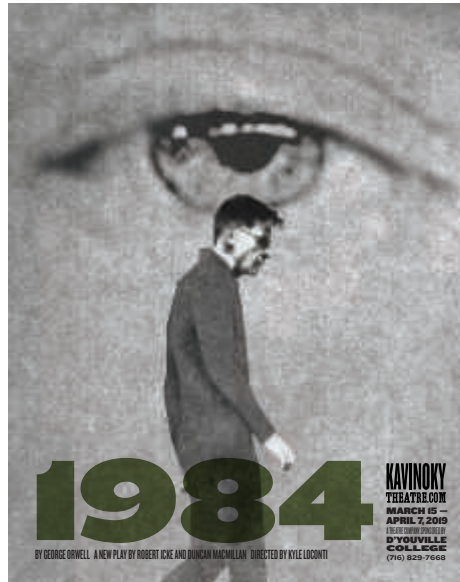
With the “Take-A-Seat” campaign now underway, The Kavinoky hopes to have new wider, softer seats in place by next season. Patrons can purchase the naming rights to a seat and become a permanent part of The Kavinoky.

O'Donnell is hopeful that the renovations will delight longtime Kavinoky supporters and bring in new patrons. Most importantly, the D'Youville community – students, faculty and staff are seeing the impact of new investments and engagement with the theatre. The campus enjoys using the theatre for lectures, student presentations and other campus and community events. D'Youville students meet and study in all of the new spaces, and feel a new sense of engagement with the theatre and the performances.

“Seeing all ages in those audiences, welcoming 'first timers,’” O'Donnell said, “that is our holy grail. That's why we're here.”

The plays planned for the 40th Anniversary season include the musicals *Hairspray*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, the Stephen King thriller *Misery*, the comedy *The Complete works of William Shakespeare*, abridged and a collaboration with Jewish Repertory Theatre to present Paula Vogel's *Indecent*, which tells the story of a controversial 1907 Yiddish play with LGBTQ themes.

# 2018-2019 Season

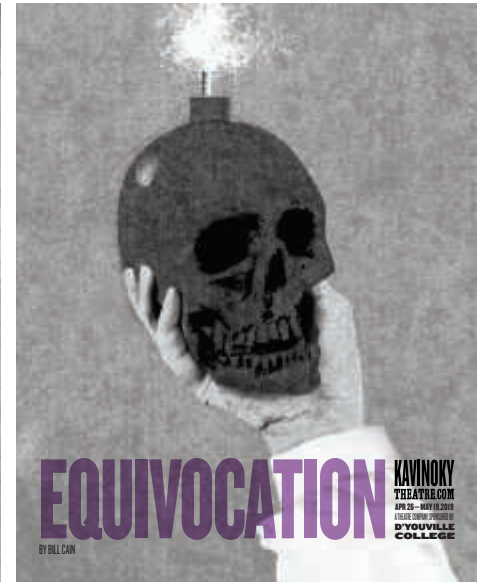


## 1984 by George Orwell March 15 - April 17

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William Shakespeare is commissioned by Sir Robert Cecil, the most powerful man in England, to write the true history of the Gunpowder Plot - a failed attempt to kill King James I. But as “Shag” and his actors rehearse their new play, they suspect the government's version might be a product of “alternative facts.” Now, the greatest writer of all time must decide between writing a lie and losing his soul, or writing the truth and losing his head.

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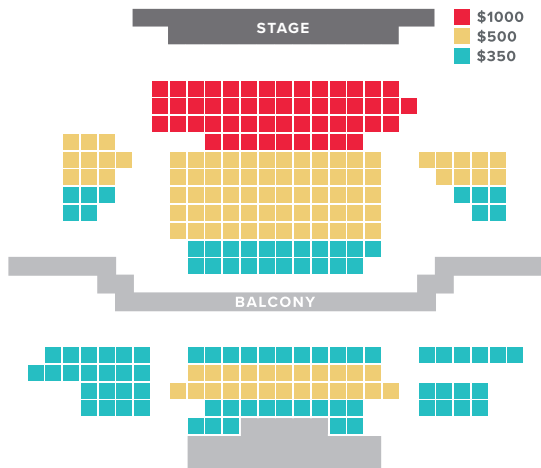
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## YOUNG ALUMNI FIND SUCCESS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

**Dr. Hafiz Cheema BS Biology '13, MBA '16, DC '16, Elias Martinez MS International Business '17, and AJ Nosek MBA '16** all have different backgrounds, but one thing unites these young alumni — a quick jump to success in their careers. Read about their achievements and how their D'Youville education translated to early accolades in their respective business fields.



**Dr. Hafiz Cheema** always knew he wanted to open his own chiropractic clinic, even while studying here at D'Youville. After being open less than a year, Cheema's clinic, Guardian Family Chiropractic earned a *St. Catharines Standard* Readers' Choice Award for Favorite Chiropractic Clinic in the 'Health, Wellness, and Beauty' category.

The clinic, which opened in March 2018, has already made a name for itself in the community. "People actually showed us love and everyone has meaning behind each review. It

means a lot because when you put your mind and heart into anything you can achieve that," said Cheema.

Cheema says his time here at D'Youville has helped him reach the place he is at today. "My time at D'Youville is my favorite time of my life. It's given me a lot and the tools to succeed — where I am today is because of D'Youville. All of my teachers were very positive and always put that positive energy into me."

When Guardian Family Chiropractic opened its doors, Cheema had an initial goal of having 100 new clients within the first 60 days — they reached that goal in 55.

Even while attending his Master's of Business Administration classes on Saturdays, Cheema knew the value of the education he was getting. "Earning my business degree not only gave me the knowledge to be successful, but also taught me leadership qualities, helped me with communication skills, and gave me more confidence along with other higher-level skills that others may lack," he added.

**Elias Martinez** placed second in the 2018 Keybank Business Boost and Build Buffalo Competition which partners with local organizations to provide technical assistance to small businesses in urban neighborhoods that have struggled to access these services in the past.

The judging panel awarded Martinez second place after a 4-minute pitch on his business, Kubed Root, a micro-green urban farm with the goal of creating an indoor farm facility in Buffalo.



"This was a really big deal for me. Not only did it provide some breathing room for my company to grow, but it also legitimized and confirmed my core thesis of creating this indoor workspace," said Martinez.

"This farm space would build an ecosystem of green collar jobs and business owners in a centralized, accessible location and provide the entrepreneurs with cheap easy access to hydroponics, farming equipment, and markets."

Growing up around fellow entrepreneurs from a young age, Martinez got the bug for owning his own business early on and knew he wanted to pursue his business degree.

"I knew that in a world where business is always changing, it's important to have a degree which can be applied to nearly every other field. It is quite often the lack of business discipline and expertise that sinks a company.

"You have to figure out a way to become economically viable in your field whether you work at a business, as an artist or even a farmer," said Martinez.



**AJ Nosek** was named a board member for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Risk Management Association, a resource for commercial lenders and their lending risk management practices.

Earning his MBA allowed him to advance his career through more opportunities with larger firms. He says his favorite memory of his alma mater is the people. “Everyone in my class is still pretty close and I keep in touch even now, years after graduation, including a few faculty members,” said Nosek.

Nosek added that the “hustle of sales” was what led him to pursue business as a major and ultimately a career. “I love meeting people and making connections, building those relationships and learning the behind the scenes aspects of all types of business helps me manage those connections and what may be most important to various types of clients,” he added.

His advice to students: “Find something that you love to do, it sounds cliché but honestly if you love what you do it makes work seem fun. I could not even imagine doing anything else — if business feels right to you, find out what about it most interests you and make it a career.”

This is a local story, a success story, a love story—which, altogether makes this a wonderful D’Youville story.

Katelyn Buck and Kyle Violanti never knew each other when they were growing up in Lakeview, even though they lived only about 10 minutes apart. They went to different high schools and did not meet until they both chose D’Youville as their college.

The two became friends when they were freshmen, both taking courses in the health professions. Kyle was studying to be a physician assistant, while Katelyn was in the diatetics program.

Even that friendship almost didn’t happen, Katelyn said. She had other plans after high school.

“I didn’t look at D’Youville at first, until somebody – one of my dad’s coworkers – told me about the program. I didn’t know before that what a dietitian was,” she said. But once she took a good look, she was hooked.

“I liked that it was a Catholic college and a small school, and I liked its mission statement. It made my choice very easy,” Katelyn said.

She also took a closer look at her friend Kyle, who had chosen D’Youville after applying to several PA programs. The two started dating in their sophomore year.

The relationship continued all the way through graduation. Both had good jobs lined up, with Kyle working for MASH



Urgent Care and Katelyn on staff at Mercy Hospital as a clinical dietitian.

D’Youville had been very good for them, but it wasn’t done yet. On the way to dinner one evening, Katelyn’s sister asked if they could stop at the college so she could pick up a notebook

that a friend had for her.

“We were supposed to meet our parents and I was just thinking we needed to get to dinner, but Kyle said OK. And then we got there and Kyle was getting out. My sister said I could stay in the car, but I came,” Katelyn said, recalling how carefully the moment was choreographed.

As long as they were outside, in front of the architecturally impressive Koessler Administration Building, Katelyn’s sister suggested that she take a photo of Kyle and Katelyn, “because she and Kyle had talked about how the two of us didn’t have any pictures together. And I didn’t even question it.”

And that is why they were able to post on social media a picture of the exact moment when Kyle dropped to his knee and asked Katelyn to marry him.

Since then the couple has bought their first house and they are busy planning their wedding, which will be Nov. 16, 2019 in Holy Angels Catholic Church – right next door to D’Youville.

“It’s just an exciting time,” Katelyn said. “We realize how lucky we are.”

## CLASS NOTES



**Jason A. Santiago '02** a physician assistant and owner of Heart to Heart Home Care of WNY Inc. and Advanced Pain and Wellness Institute LLP, was named to *Buffalo's Business First* "40 Under 40" class of 2018. *Business First* recognizes individuals who are successful in their career and involved in the community.



**Erin Donohue Brough '06** a business management major, has been named program manager for Content and Communications at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence at Yale University.



**Catherine Muth '11** has been hired by the Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance to be the senior manager of Northland Industry Relations. Muth will be responsible for supporting the Northland Workforce Training Center by establishing and maintaining relationships with companies, unions and colleges throughout the region.



**Danielle Mazzu Beilman '13** who received a master's degree in health service information was named administrator of Elderwood Assisted Living at Cheektowaga.



**Lajos Daniel Feher '14** has been appointed as Commercial Attache of Hungary in Solvenia. Feher will be responsible for introducing the Hungarian market to Slovenian companies and helping fellow Hungarians establish businesses in Solvenia. Feher graduated with a master's degree in international business.

## IN MEMORIAM

Anne E. Connors '31  
June 2018  
Getzville, NY

Charlotte Bytner '41  
September 1, 2018  
St. Petersburg, FL

Arline Mason Hoyt '43  
October 2, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Barbara Bruch Carlson '45  
July 22, 2018  
Perry, MI

Ester Weiksnar Curtin '46  
September 26, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Louise Nazzarett Porreca '46  
October 11, 2018  
W. Seneca, NY

Jean Donovan Porter '46  
November 25, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Eileen Fries Brunotte '47  
July 26, 2018  
E. Aurora, NY

A. Therese Brown Bruyere '47  
September 12, 2018  
Ogdensburg, NY

Doris Carlo Erickson '47  
September 20, 2018  
Williamsville, NY

Frances Frizzel Considine '49  
May 2, 2018  
Amherst, NY

Margaret Tonolone Debo '49  
October 21, 2018  
Tonawanda, NY

Ann Moira Henry Mills '49  
October 20, 2018  
Amherst, NY

Sister Irene Murphy, GNSH '49  
July 31, 2018  
Philadelphia, PA

Gloria Drake McDonald '49  
Tonawanda, NY  
December 9, 2018

Dorothy Breen Zimmermann '50  
September 11, 2018  
Glenwood, NY

Iris Kluge Zatorski '54  
September 19, 2018  
Chevy Chase, MD

Sheila Wells Ashely '55  
September 9, 2018  
Ogdensburg, NY

Genevieve Zoltowicz Kanski '55  
July 4, 2018  
Washington, DC

Mary Cornelia Collins-Bamberg Boesl '57  
February 1, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Sueanne Smith Houck '58  
March 1, 2018  
Baltimore, MD

Mary Anne Van Dyke '64  
November 13, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Ellen Demo Wallack '64  
August 24, 2018  
Croghan, NY

Rosemary "Penny" Peffer Holmberg '65  
October 5, 2018  
Kenmore, NY

Mary Joanne Dillon Rudnicki '69  
June 10, 2018  
Lake View, NY

Joanne Cordaro '70  
August 16, 2018  
Safety Harbor, FL

Patricia Tmay DaSilva '70  
July 15, 2018  
Wesley Chapel, FL

Nancy Campiere Savarino '70  
April 7, 2018  
Buffalo, NY

Margaret Doyle Vople '72  
November 1, 2018  
Batavia, NY

Joan Fiebelkorn Bohn '78  
April 26, 2018  
Clayton, NC

Ann F. Boquard '78  
August 25, 2018  
W. Seneca, NY

Mary Gabryszewski Burgio '81  
July 26, 2018  
Getzville, NY

Francis Leli, Jr. '06  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
August 5, 2018

## CONDOLENCES

Rosalie Parlato Krajci '56 on the passing of her brother, George Parlato, MD

Carolyn Amrozowicz Calderon '62 on the passing of her husband Rafael "Ralph" Calderon

Barbara J. Campagna '63 on the passing of her sister-in-law Kay Schanzlin Campagna

Marie Hassett Millen '69 and Kathleen Hassett Seibel '73 on the passing of their brother, Paul Hassett; son of the late F. Dorothy Meegan Hassett '31

Kathleen McFadden Kasprzak '70 on the passing of her husband, Donald Kasprzak

Cameron Hart '96 on the passing of his father Dr. D. Edward "Ted" Hart, professor emeritus at D'Youville.

Dolores Zabrocki '49 on the passing of her husband, Leonard Zabrocki

Dr. Sarah Pictor on the passing of her father, Reverend Canon William L. Louis Wipfler

Brian Cavanaugh on the passing of his brother-in-law, William O'Sullivan

The family of Helen Cardina Reilly on her passing

Camille Forti Tower '60 on the loss of her husband Vincent, in November.

Ellen Berner on the passing of her husband, John.

Cher Ravenell on the passing of her mother and Arianna Ravenell '11 and Giavanna '19 on the passing of their grandmother, Christina Tamul.

Dr. Stephen Grande on the passing of his uncle, Dr. Joseph Grande, professor emeritus and life-long friend of D'Youville.

Mary Ann Kavanaugh Brodeur '65 on the passing of her husband, Richard, in January.



**D'Youville and the D'Youville Student Government Association sponsored the Fall 2018 Rock'n Redfest on Friday, September 21 at Dobson Field. Students, staff and alumni (cover photo) enjoyed performances by local EDM DJ Adam Barrett, global artist Stanaj, and pop star JoJo. She is known for her Billboard #1 Pop Song "Leave (Get Out)."**

**The next Rock 'n Redfest will be during Reunion Weekend from September 27-29, 2019.**



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### March

- 2 Alumni Tea
- 6 Honor's Convocation
- 7 Alumni Board meeting, 5:30pm College Center boardroom
- 18 - 22 Spring Break

### April

- 2 Day of Giving
- 4 Alumni Board meeting, 5:30pm College Center boardroom
- 19 Good Friday - College Closed

### May

- 2 Alumni Board meeting, 5:30pm College Center boardroom
- 18 Legacy Families Reception
- 19 Undergraduate Commencement at 10am  
Graduate Commencement at 2:30pm

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