

Class Notes

1940s

Elaine Bobzin, '46 B.A., is out of retirement for the third time. She is working part-time for an international Internet service provider. She celebrated her 80th birthday last June with all eight children and 50 or more grandchildren and great-grandchildren from all over the United States.

Claire Shulman, '46 B.S., was elected to The Museum of the Moving Image Board.

Eleanor Paul (Luitgarten), '50 B.S., is approaching her 80th birthday and lives in a retirement home. She is recovering from major surgery. Her last job before retirement was as a school nurse for BOCES in one of their occupational schools.

1950s

Deena Lesser, '50 B.A., currently serves as the director of Inter-municipal Affairs in the Office of the Supervisor and as the deputy director of the Office of Inter-municipal Communications for the Town of North Hempstead. She also serves as the chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Great Neck Water Pollution Control District. She is the vice president and co-founder of the Great Neck Historical Society and is the chairperson of North Hempstead Supervisor's Committee Against Family Violence.

Ofelia Barrass, '51 B.A., celebrated her 78th birthday in January.

Joan Doran, '51 B.A., has poetry published in *The Poet's Touchstone*, *The OASIS Journal*, and *The Twig*. Her poem, *Ursa Major*, took first place in the Poetry Society of New Hampshire's National Contest. She recently judged the PSNH quarterly Members' Contest.

Martin Lebson, '52 B.A., is still working full-time as an insurance agent and has returned to China to work with some agents of Chubb Insurance. He has done mentoring by email and has recently written a worldwide policy for a Chinese company.

Willard Manus's, '52 B.A., novel, *A Dog Called Leka*, was recently published.

Martha Jantho, '59 B.A., retired from the Chicago Public Schools and is working part-time at the Lyric Opera and Harold Washington Community College.

1960s

Jack Dowd, '60 B.A., has created a new sculpture project honoring Andy Warhol, the great American Pop artist.

Lawrence Fried, '60 B.B.A., and his wife Diane Williford, along with their two golden retrievers, Molly and Lucy, will be taking a birthday weekend trip in their motor home to Lake Lanier Islands for a five-day weekend. He recently had a quadruple bypass, and is getting along great, and starting to work a full schedule again. He is planning a gala holiday reunion at Lake Lanier Islands Winter Festival for all Georgia and surrounding alumni to see the decorations and enjoy the companionship. More details to follow.

Felissa Lashley, '61 B.S., was one of the panelists participating in the taping of the New Jersey Public Television and Radio television special, *Remaking American Nursing*. The half-hour special covered issues ranging from the nursing faculty shortage to nursing retention problems.

Barbara Luehning, '61 B.A., will retire after being an art teacher for 41 years.

Herma Aiken, '62 B.A., retired to a golf and tennis community outside Atlanta, Georgia, in 2005. She is a volunteer at Sacred Journey Hospice and Flippen Elementary School Library. She has traveled to six continents and will continue to travel.

Samuel Bernstein, '62 B.A., is happily married with one daughter, who is also married and has a child.

Lois Miller Nave, '65 B.S., and her husband, Richard, own their own company. They have more than 65 properties in the greater Los Angeles area. They have four children, two grandchildren, and one on the way.

Paul Berko, '63 B.A., has been married to Marjorie Berko since 1972. They have two children, Lloyd and Craig, and two grandchildren, Alexander and Sam. He practiced law for 40 years, and is currently looking to teach on a college level.

Alice Byrne, '63 M.S.W., presented a workshop at the Annual Conferences of American Group Psychotherapy Association. She also presented a sibling workshop in Belfast, Ireland in August.

Barbara Lyso, '63 B.S.N., is a disability management specialist for federal workers, a geriatric care manager, and CEO and owner of a consulting firm.

Gary Rosenberg, '63 M.S.W., is the Edith J. Baerwald Professor of Community and Preventive Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is the past president of the Society for Social Work Administrators in Health Care. He has been elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame and has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Adelphi University and the Founders Day Award from New York University. In addition, he is a fellow in the Brookdale Center on Aging, a fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine, and a recipient of the Ida M. Cannon Award of the Society for Hospital Social Work Directors of the American Hospital Association. He co-authored *The Social Work-Medicine Relationship-100 Years at Mount Sinai* with Helen Rehr, D.S.W.

Gail Wise, '63 B.S., and her husband, **Jim Wise '63**, are proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Connor Wise.

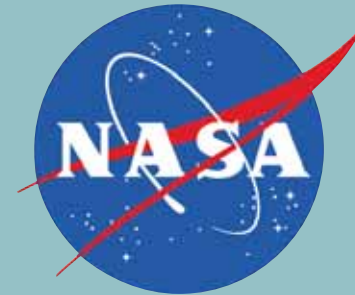
Mitchell Freedman, '64 B.A., is president of Mitchell Freedman Accountancy Corp. He is married to Arlene Jakes. He has two children, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren.

Stanley Norwalk, '65 B.A., is the president and CEO of Telestar Satellite and on the board of directors of the Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association.

S. Michael Plaut, '65 B.A., was awarded the inaugural 2006 Service Award by the Society for Sex Therapy and Research.

Edward Brown, '66 M.A., and his wife Norma celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in July.

Jane Rubin, '66 B.A., lives in Tampa, Florida, where she is the president of the Lowry Park Zoo Docents Organization, and was also named as the Zoo's 2005 Docent of the Year.



PRESTON BURCH '66 Racing towards

SPACE

Preston Burch's great-grandfather, Preston M. Burch, and grandfather, William P. Burch, were famous race horse trainers who are both inductees of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York.

But the nomadic life of a champion thoroughbred trainer just wasn't in the stars for the younger Preston Burch, who graduated from Adelphi in 1966 with a degree in physics.

"It wasn't a life for a family," he says.

So, the younger Mr. Burch set his sights on a race equally as intense as the Kentucky Derby or the Preakness—the race to outer space. After graduating from Adelphi, he joined the Grumman Aerospace Corporation to work on the NASA Apollo Program as a thermal vacuum test engineer on the Lunar Module, an experience that today, even after working in the field of aerospace for more than 40 years, stands out as the most exciting project that he's ever worked on.

"Sending humans to the moon was one of the greatest accomplishments ever, and my role was very small," he says, adding that his duties included testing both specific pieces of the lunar module and the flammability of the crude cabin.

"The program had a blank check to go ahead and beat the Russians," he says. "It was a very unique and exciting experience, paving the way for humans to go to the moon."

Preston Burch '66 wears a cleanroom "bunny suit" while sitting in the Mission Commander's seat in the cockpit of the Space Shuttle Orbiter Atlantis in 2002.



In 2001, Mr. Burch assumed the role of associate director/project manager for the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Program at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. The Hubble Space Telescope, launched in 1990, orbits above the earth's atmosphere and provides uniquely clear and deep views of the cosmos. Hubble has made possible such discoveries as black hole signatures in the galaxy and has provided evidence for the existence of dark energy, a mysterious repulsive force that causes the universe to expand at an increasing rate, according to the Hubble Web site.

In his current role, Mr. Burch oversees the operation and on-orbit servicing of Hubble, the Hubble science program, and the development of future Hubble science instruments and spacecraft components. He is also manager of the astrophysics project division at Goddard, but his duties with Hubble consume about 80 percent of his time, he says.

Since childhood, Mr. Burch has been interested in rockets and space travel. He chose to major in physics because "it gives you a good foundation to go into a number of things."

At Adelphi, he was able to make strides in the field of aerospace by participating in a NASA research fellowship during his final two years of college.

Although his work with Hubble has many perks, such as working with 2006 Nobel Prize winner in Physics John C. Mather, senior astrophysicist and senior project scientist for the James Webb Space Telescope, and cavorting with astronauts, Mr. Burch still hasn't partaken in one of NASA's legendary missions to space.

After watching a shuttle launch at the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida and viewing the IMAX movie *The Dream is Alive*, which takes the viewer on a space shuttle, with his youngest daughter, he briefly flirted with the idea of becoming an astronaut, he jokingly recalls. Although Mr. Burch never made the journey to outer space, he recently orbited back to his *alma mater* last year for his 40th reunion with his wife Martha. 📍

- By Erin Walsh

Getting AIDS Out of the Closet

"I think that for many people, HIV and AIDS are still linked to sexuality, and people continue to have enormous difficulty with issues of sexuality."

— Marjorie J. Hill '77, M.A. '79, Ph.D. '81

Started in 1981 by six volunteers with \$70,000, the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) is the oldest comprehensive AIDS advocacy and support organization in the world. It was founded before either the disease or the HIV virus that causes it had been named.

Today, the New York City-based organization has a budget of \$27 million, roughly 200 staff members, thousands of volunteers, and serves 15,000 clients a year—85 percent of whom live at or below the poverty level. The organization provides free meals—96,000 a year. It offers free testing, free counseling, and a hotline. GMHC is involved in HIV and AIDS policy making at the local, national, and international levels.

"We are the oldest AIDS service organization in the world," says Marjorie J. Hill '77, M.A. '79, Ph.D. '81, who was appointed CEO of GMHC in October 2006, right after AIDS and GMHC turned 25. "First in the Fight" is our motto. And

even after 25 years, stigma and discrimination continue to drive the epidemic."

"I think that for many people, HIV and AIDS are still linked to sexuality, and people continue to have enormous difficulty with issues of sexuality," says Dr. Hill, adding that homophobia is at the root of the disease's persistent stigma.

"It is a very terrible thing for a person to contract a disease that is in fact preventable," says Dr. Hill. "The difference, though, is that if today, somewhere somebody is in a doctor's office or an HIV clinic and they find a positive test result, they may not tell anyone. Whereas if someone is diagnosed with cancer, any kind of cancer, the chances are they're probably going to tell their parents, then tell their wife, and their husband, their next door neighbor, and their pastor so that people can rally around them and support them."



Marjorie J. Hill '77, M.A. '79, Ph.D. '81

According to Dr. Hill, well-grounded fears about the social isolation that accompanies the disease deter people from getting tested. She notes that 28 percent of the New York City residents who are diagnosed with HIV are also diagnosed with AIDS, meaning that they have been living with the virus, and likely helping it to spread, for up to 10 years.

In New York City, which has the nation's highest AIDS case rate, more than 100,000 people are living with HIV, and HIV is the third leading cause of death for those under 65.

In the face of such daunting realities, Dr. Hill says her top priorities for GMHC are to provide quality support and care for individuals living with HIV and AIDS, promote HIV education and prevention to targeted

risk groups, and advocate for social justice issues around economic empowerment, racial disparities, and homophobia.

Despite a passion for her work, Dr. Hill acknowledges she originally had different plans for her career. She intended to start a private psychology practice and attended Adelphi because it "was the best clinical psychology program in the country."

But Dr. Hill earned her Ph.D. the same year that AIDS was discovered, and the disease quickly infiltrated her personal and professional lives.

"The first person I knew who died of AIDS in 1982 was someone I met just before I went to Adelphi," says Dr. Hill.

In her child psychology work in the late 1980s she began to see children who were having difficulties because a family member, often a brother or uncle, who had been diagnosed with AIDS had come home to die.

"It became clear that families in the late '80s needed support around helping young people and other family members deal with the stigma of HIV and ultimately the death of a family member," says Dr. Hill.

Her role as a community organizer led to an invitation to work for the Dinkins administration, where she learned an important lesson.

"It was very clear that government had enormous responsibility and enormous influence. And as a person who always viewed herself as an activist, it was important to be in a place that I felt like I could make a difference," says Dr. Hill.

Yet, she notes she hasn't strayed too far from her Adelphi roots.

"Clinical psychology has always been a cornerstone of the work that I do, both as a psychologist and in public health, and in government," says Dr. Hill.

Dr. Hill points out that she directly applies her psychology training in running a support group for women who have been living with HIV or AIDS for 12 years or more. According to Dr. Hill, most of the women have not revealed their illness to family members; most of the women who are working haven't told their employers, and she points out one woman who works for her church's AIDS ministry hasn't even told her pastor.

"And when I asked her why, she looked at me like I didn't quite get it, which I didn't," says Dr. Hill. "Because her pastor would treat her, her fellow church members would treat her, differently. So 25 years into the epidemic, individuals do not feel like they can share basic information about a major health condition." ■

— By Bonnie Eissner

Stephen Book's, '67 B.A., new book, *The Actor Takes a Meeting: How to Interview Successfully with Agents, Managers, Producers, and Casting Directors*, has recently been published by Silman-James Press. His first book, *Book on Acting: Improvisation Technique for the Professional Actor in Film, Theater, and Television*, was recently translated and published in Poland.

Tsoltim Shakabpa, '67 B.B.A., was selected by St. Joseph's School, North Point in Darjeeling, India as the winner of the inaugural Most Distinguished North Point Alumni Award for significant contributions to the world and the community through his profession. The award was presented in March. Despite a chilling

about with cancer and a debilitating stroke in the 1990s, he wrote and published four books of poems: *Records D'un Tibeta*, published in the Catalan language in Spain in 2002; *Recollections of a Tibetan*, published in the United States in 2003; *Winds of Change—an Autobiography of a Tibetan*, published in India in 2005; *Odds and Ends*, published in the United States in 2006. In April 2007, the fifth premier collection of poems entitled *Voice of Tibet* will be published by Paljor Publications in New Delhi, India.

Mary Jo O'Connor, '68 B.S.N., worked in nursing until 1983. Upon graduation from nursing school, she focused on elderly in the community. She received her M.A. in pastoral min-

istry from Boston College in 1984, was NACE certified, and served as a hospital chaplain until August 2005. She received a certificate in spiritual direction in 1994. She retired in 2005 because of health issues. She is a phone volunteer for the M.S. Society, focusing on her spiritual journey while dealing with M.S.

Neil Willens, '68 B.A., has been appointed national sales manager for Salmon Medical Innovations, a Rockville, Maryland-based manufacturer of the DentaSafe (TM) Intubating Dental Guard, a class 1 medical device used by anesthesiologists. He has been the liver transplant mentor for the Inova Fairfax Hospital and Transplant Center in Falls Church, Virginia, and

a member of the Speakers Bureau of the local organ procurement organization, the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium. Three years ago, he established an insurance agency representing AFLAC in Maryland, where he and his wife Barbara reside. Their daughter Tamara Brown teaches children with autism at the Gateway School in Manhattan. Their other daughter, Rebecca Willens J.D., who specializes in land use and development at Miles and Stockbridge in Rockville, Maryland, was recently appointed by Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan to the Montgomery County Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board.

James Frost, '69 M.S.W., is the proud father of three daughters, two grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Steven Handwerker, '69 B.A., graduated from New York University with a Ph.D. in clinical/community psychology and became licensed as a psychologist in 35 states. He is currently in private practice in Florida and is actively lecturing at national professional and international conventions on topics related to values of psychology. He has been married 32 years and has two children.

Mark Israel, '69 B.B.A., '78 M.B.A., was named director of internal audit and oversight for the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory. In his new position, he is responsible for directing financial and business operations reviews for Brookhaven Lab. He also conducts independent institutional

assessments to measure the adequacy of work performance and to promote improvements.

Judy Werner (Breuer), '69 B.S.N., '74 M.S.N., published her seventh article, "The High Cost of Independence," in *Nursing Spectrum*, April 2006. She is a medical surgery educator, specializing in brain injury, rehab, and pain and wound care, at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, New York. She is a new grandma to baby Rolf, born November 17, 2006. She is also ANCC certified in professional development.

Barbara Willens (Weinstein), '69 B.S.N., is a member of Maryland's Nursing Emergency Response Group, and is the nursing clinical coordinator for Suburban Ambulatory Surgery Center of Bethesda, Maryland.

1970s

Raymond Bellanca, '70 B.A., has been a professional in the private club industry for more than 20 years. He is the first horn player (alto sax/electric clarinet) with Cat Mother of Cat Mother and the All Night Newsboys. Both were on the road for four years with Tower of Power, Boz Scaggs, Elvin Bishop, Lydia Penz, and Cold Blood, among other groups. He was also contracted with United Artists and Blue Thumb, when they played with the late Sylvester at the San Francisco Playboy Club.

Steven Epstein, '70 B.A., celebrated 35 years of marriage in January. He has worked in the field of home finances for many years.

Ronald Lawner, '70 B.B.A., is ending his 25-year career with Arnold Worldwide, an ad agency.

Lucille Beck, '71 B.A., a senior executive with the Department of Veterans Affairs, has recently received the top honor from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Arlene Hawks, '71 B.A., after retiring from 32 years of teaching and directing drama at East Aurora High School in Aurora, Illinois, was honored to have the newly renovated auditorium dedicated as the Arlene S. Hawks Auditorium. Her son, Victor Hawks, has appeared on Broadway in *Urinetown*, *The Producers*, and the new revival of *Les Misérables*.

Ewald Kimmel, '71 M.A., and his wife, Harriet, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. He retired from teaching art in North Babylon, New York, in 1991 and now exhibits his art in various galleries and libraries in New Hampshire.

Georgette Preston, '71 M.S.W., has had two poetry books published: *Songs of Cities*, published by Birnham Wood Graphics, Northport, New York in 1992, and *Air Wedded to Light*, published by Live Poets Society in 1998. She is currently working on a novel.

Randy Birken, '72 B.A., received a medical degree from Boston University in 1976 and currently has a private practice in gynecology, uro-gynecology, and laparoscopic pelvic surgery, and serves as assistant clinical professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine. He has written a number of medical publications, as well as short stories and poetry, and his most recent book, *A Harvard Death and Other Stories* (Blue Dolphin Publishing, Inc.) was published in October 2006. In addition to his love for literature, teaching, and writing, he is an avid cyclist, fitness enthusiast, golfer, baseball aficionado, pianist, and amateur radio operator. He and his wife, Liz, live in The Woodlands, Texas, and have three sons, Tim, Mike, and Kyle.

Richard Korn, '72 B.A., is president and CEO of 911LifeLink.

Ann Morabito, '72 B.S., retired from the New Jersey State Judiciary and is currently volunteering for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

Laurette Shrage, '72 B.S., was appointed assistant director of special education-elementary level in the New Rochelle School District in September 2005.

Ruth Balkin, '73 B.A., was recently appointed to the New York State Supreme Court.

Cecilia Campoverde, '73 M.S.W., an associate professor of social work in the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs at Florida Atlantic University, has recently been named Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, Palm Beach County Unit. She also co-founded the Latin American Immigrant and Refugee Organization, Inc. and the Guatemalan Maya Q'etzal Organization, Inc. She serves as a consultant for those organizations, and is active in several other community organizations. Her research and service interests are in the area of immigration and disabilities.

Roberta Gerold, '73 M.S., was recently appointed superintendent of the Middle Country School District on Long Island. With more than 30 years experience, she has also held posts as superintendent of the Miller Place and Farmingdale school districts.

Janet Loewenstein, '73 B.A., is a history teacher in the Spanish bilingual program at the East Side High School in Newark, New Jersey, and is an adjunct professor of ESL at Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey. She is the Secondary ESL SIG representative on the board of the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators, Inc. In addition, recent workshops were presented on SIOP: *What, Why, How* (NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc. conference) and *New Teachers: Classroom Management Strategies* at East Side High School.

Eva Perry, '73 M.A., since graduation has taught in elementary school and currently holds a position as Nassau BOCES School Library System Director.

Ann Waitz, '73 M.A., is retired after teaching in the early childhood program of Suffolk County Community College for 13 years and in nursery schools of eastern Long Island for 10 additional years.

Benjamin H. (Berkowsky) Berkley, '74 B.A., published his first book, *My Wishes: Your Plan for Communicating and Organizing the Essential Information Your Family Needs*, Sourcebooks, in June 2006. His second book, *The Complete Executor's Guide*, will be released in June 2007.

Karen Desmond, '74 B.S., is currently matriculated at New York Medical College in the master's of public health program with a major in epidemiology. She also works in the community to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Manuel Martinez, '74 M.B.A., was honored by Nassau County's Office of Minority Affairs in February 2007. He serves as president and CEO of Utopia Home Care, Inc., which has been Long Island's number one ranking minority-owned firm for the last nine years consecutively.

James Rigano, '74 B.A., is a partner with Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP and represents clients with regards to subsurface contamination issues. He manages environmental scientists in the investigation and remediation of subsurface contamination, negotiates contracts, and interacts with environmental agencies.

Janis Brenner, Non Degree, was honored in February at Janis Brenner & Guests 25th Anniversary, a four night performance series featuring Janis and her dance company, all applauding her work in the arts field of the past 25 years.

Robert Batky, '75 M.S., is finishing his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Fisheries Program.

Ethel Seldin-Schwartz, '76 M.S.W., served as an extern at the Nathan Ackerman Family Institute for training as a family therapist.

Roberta Berken, '77 M.S.W., is involved in psychotherapeutic work and also served as a docent at the Eldridge St. Synagogue.

Paul Freedman, '77 M.S.W., recently became executive director of the Jewish Family & Children's Service, bringing with him 30 years of experience in the operation of not-for-profit agencies on community- and county-based levels. He had been executive director of the Burlington County chapter of the American Red Cross for the past seven years. From 1994 to 1996, he ran Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey, a behavioral healthcare organization located in Princeton. He helped engineer the merger of the facility with the Middlesex County Family and Children's Services.

Michael Leopold, '77 B.A., was named vice president and counsel of Liberty Title, LLC's Manhattan location.

Mark Arbeit, '78 M.S., was appointed as sales associate in the Margatte office of Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors. He is also a member of the Atlantic City and County Board of Realtors.

Patricia Charthem, '78 M.A., was the recipient of the Education Excellence Award. She is married to Loniel Charthem and they are the proud parents of one son, Brian Loniel, one daughter, Kimberly LuAlin, and one daughter-in-law, Tracy.

Maria Georgiou, '78 B.S., '82 M.S.W., has been the executive director of the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau since 2001.

Lee Monday, '78 B.A., recently published his book, *Life: Enjoy the Ride*, Aventine Press 2006.

Robert Schneiderman, '78 M.B.A., is principal for Parallel Holdings LLC in Mount Kisco, New York. He has a wife and three children.

Linda Hoyes, '79 M.S., spent 29 years teaching K-6 and special education for the New York City Board of Education before retiring in 2002. She also worked in management for New York Telephone Company (Verizon) and H.R.A. Her two greatest gifts are her daughter and retirement.

Judith McAuley-Overby, '79 B.A., recently published a new poem entitled *You are so Right!* This is her second time winning a poetry contest. She has eight grandchildren.

Louise Morrow, '79 M.S.W., spent part of her summer in Cazenovia, New York, and traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, '79 B.S.Ed., was nominated to be commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. She had been vice president of the American Cancer Society since 2004. She lives just outside Albany, New York, in Bethlehem, with her husband, Robert Palumbo, a hospital administrator at Albany Medical Center, and their two children, Kyle, 10, and Kyra, 7. Before joining the American Cancer Society, she was with the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan as executive vice president, senior vice president of government programs, and vice president of government relations. She also has worked in the New York State Office of Mental Health as director of children and families.

Margaret Zezulinski, '79 B.S., retired from being a mainframe system analyst and just purchased a winter home in Lady Lake, Florida, where she joined the American Association of University Women of Lady Lake.

1980s

Laura Bruce, '80 B.B.A., is a senior reporter for the North Palm Beach, Florida-based Bankrate.com.

Hilary Chasin, '80 B.A., was appointed as senior vice president, chief marketing officer of the J. Jill brand.

John Coughlin, '80 M.B.A., is the new director of human resources for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Margaret Evers, '80 M.S., was appointed principal of Jefferson Primary School in Huntington, New York.

Denise Fraser, '80 B.S., is chief of surgery at Martha's Vineyard Hospital in Massachusetts. The hospital has recently become an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital. She lives on the Vineyard year-round with her husband Jim and two sons, Douglas, 14, and Brian, 11.

Sheila Mayhew, '80 B.S., became a science teacher in 2004. She is currently working at a private school in Coral Springs, Florida. She is a science fair coordinator and teaches 5th through 8th-grade science.

John Powell, '80 B.B.A., '82 M.B.A., was named assistant superintendent for business of Great Neck, New York public schools.

Robert Torra, '80 M.S., is the vice president of professional banking services for Fairfield County Bank Corp.

Patricia Griffith, '81 M.S.W., co-founded Mercy Haven, Inc., where she continues to serve as the executive director.

Herbert Huebscher, '81 M.B.A., served as a School of Business adjunct professor of business policy from 1986 to 1993, after a 32-year career with the Hazeltine Corporation, last in the position of vice president of strategic planning. He was then a full-time professor at Long Island University-C.W. Post campus. He is now retired and avidly engaged in the avocation of DNA-based genealogy research. He made a major presentation on the subject at the 26th annual convention of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies in New York City last August.

John Natale, '81 B.B.A., was promoted to first vice president for New York Life Insurance Company.

AU Alums Honored for their Service

Adelphi alumni were well represented at the 2006 Bank of America Excellence Initiative Awards Program on November 14, 2006. Started in 2004, the program "recognizes, nurtures, and rewards organizations, local heroes and student leaders helping to rebuild and revitalize their communities in 44 of the bank's major markets," according to a bank press statement.

Lynn Needelman '93, executive director of Long Island Cares, Inc., was recognized for the Neighborhood Builders Award that her organization won last year. The award provides grant funding and two years of leadership training to grantee organizations.

This year, three Adelphi alumni were named Local Heroes for the contributions they have made to the Long Island community through their involvement in nonprofit organizations. **Richard P. Dina D.S.W. '92**, former president and CEO of Family and Children's Association, who is now a senior advisor for University Advancement at Adelphi, was honored for his nonprofit leadership and for having "dedicated his life to serving the underserved." **Aldustus Jordan M.A. '71**, associate dean for student affairs at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, was recognized for his extensive volunteer service, including his roles as president of the board of Literacy of Suffolk and chair of the board and founding member of ERASE Racism. **Lynda Perdomo-Ayala '78**, department administrator in pharmaceutical sciences at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, was recognized for her work as president of the board of directors of VIBS, which assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and her contributions to the Hispanic community and the founding of Stony Brook's Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center.

"What a cast of Adelphi graduates in leadership positions," says President Robert A. Scott, who attended the event.

Have you been recognized for your accomplishments? Share your news with fellow alumni via the online community, accessible at <http://alumni.adelphi.edu> (click on "Alumni Directory").

Roberta Treacy, '81 M.B.A., is founder and principal of Green Seas Performance Management, Inc., a training and development consulting firm.

Joseph Carfora, '82 B.B.A., serves as senior litigation partner of Carfora Klar Gallo Vitucci Pinter & Cogan, and has joined its board of directors.

Muriel Herring, '82 A.A., '86 B.A., '88 M.A., was the recipient of a certificate of recognition from the Town of Hempstead for her exhibit, *A Retrospective—20 Years*, sponsored by Center for African American and Ethnic Studies Program at Adelphi University, January 2006, Ruth S. Harley University Center Gallery. She has been honing her sculptural skills at The Art Students League in NYC since June 2006. In December 2006, she was awarded funding from the Nassau Grants for the Arts for her exhibit, *Exploring Line, Color & Movement*, which was held February 2007 at the Freeport Memorial Library, Freeport, New York. She was invited by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport to exhibit some of her paintings in the Art Alcove, spring 2007. She was invited to display two paintings at the NGA Check Distribution Reception for the reading of performing artist Marcia McNair's original script, *Diary of a Mad Black Feminist*, March 2007 at the Freeport Recreation Center, Freeport, New York.

David Kunen, '82 B.A., moved to Florida from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to join the *Sun-Sentinel Newspaper* human resources department. He currently holds the position of human resources coordinator in the employment section. He is also certified as a human resources professional and a member of the Society of Human Resources Management.

Amir Mohammadi, '82 B.S., '87 M.B.A., has been named vice president of student affairs at Delaware State University.

Susan Samoff, '82 B.A., M.S.W. '84, was promoted to social work department chair at Ohio University.

Kenneth Shifrin, '82 M.B.A., was named chief financial officer of NYMEX Holdings, Inc.

Douglas Adams, '83 B.B.A., '84 M.B.A., was named vice president of development for Stanley M. Seligson Properties of Norwalk, Connecticut.

Maurice Henderson, '83 B.B.A., began a new job at Henderson Mental Health Center as a youth therapist with the family preservation program in July 2006.

Diane Schall (Hroncich), '83 B.S.N., is a clinical nurse assessor for Gurnin Jewish Geriatric Center.

Karen Blenner, '84 M.A., serves as an art teacher at Howard C. Johnson Elementary School.

Donna Calado, '85 M.A., '87 M.A., co-founded The Home Program, Inc. with a friend and is the executive director of the company. They provide psychological services to several hundred families per year. She has been married for 18 years and has two daughters, ages 16 and six.

Adam Levin, '85 B.A., a performing songwriter, recently released a jazz-pop CD, *A Different Page*, and produced a classical music CD, *Pieces for Piano*. His song *As Young as I'm Old*, is featured on the 2006 compilation CD, *Giant for Another Hour*. His next jazz-classical CD, *Blissful Behemoth*, is being released this year. He also wrote and performed research for New York State Attorney General candidate Mark Green, after serving as his senior ombudsman in New York City's Office of the Public Advocate.

Jeanmarie Moustafa, '85 B.S., '87 M.S.W., is currently living in United Arab Emirates and working as a teacher. She and husband Ibrahim Moustafa have a six-year-old son, Hossam, born December 16, 2000.

Leonard Neils, '85 M.S.W., is a retired priest of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and also graduated with an M.S.W. from the Wassaic Developmental Center.

Conrad Singer, '85 B.B.A., ran on the Conservative and Working Families Lines. He is serving his second four-year term as the Great Neck Plaza Village Justice. He also serves as a hearing officer for the New York Department of Education and the judicial hearing officer for the Nassau County Traffic Violations Bureau. Has been a member of Great Neck Vigilant Fire Department for more than 25 years and served as chief of the department from 2000 to 2004.

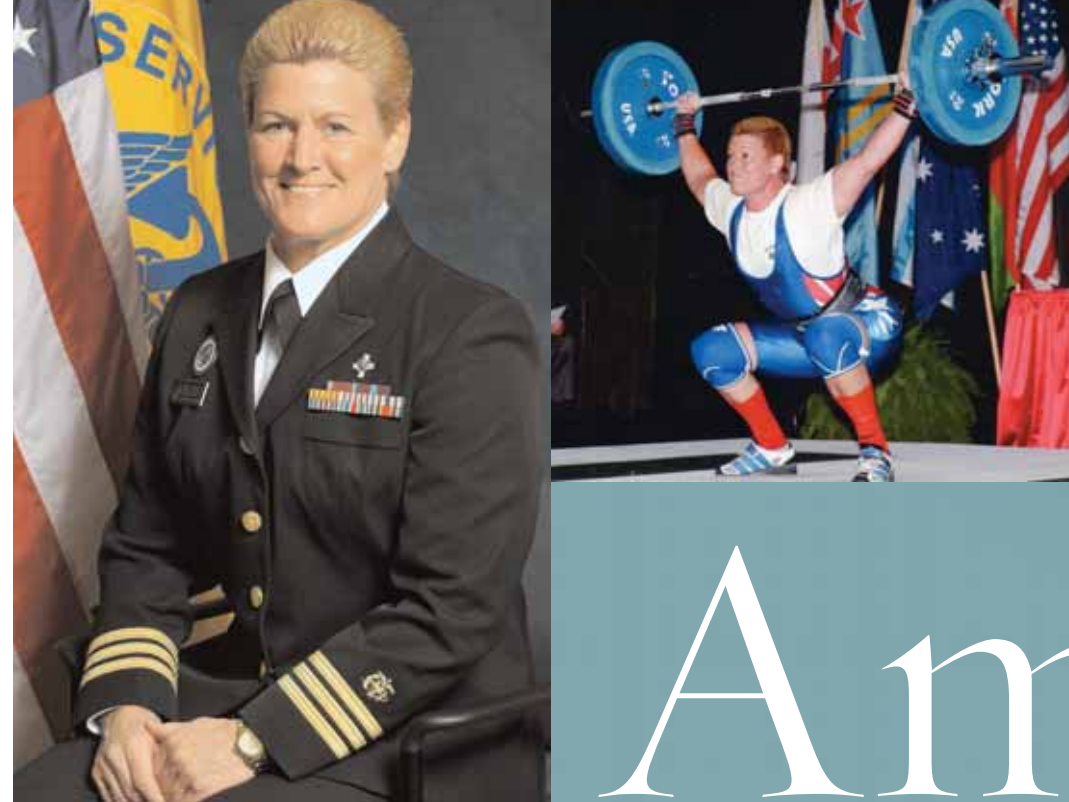
Victoria Town, '85 B.F.A., performs throughout the country at festivals, museums, schools, and libraries helping others celebrate the stories that inspire the human spirit.

Eileen Anderson, '86 M.S.W., has been promoted to senior vice president and has joined CDC of Long Island's Executive Management Group.

Patricia Baker, '86 M.A., is currently serving as the clerk of Superior Court for Cherokee County, Georgia, a metro-Atlanta county, a four-year elected term of office, 2005–2008.

Maryanne Krasinski, '87 M.A., '93 G.C., traveled with 200 teachers from the U.S. to Japan for nearly three weeks as a recipient of the Japan Fulbright Teacher Memorial Fund in June 2005. In the summer of 2006, she was selected to work on a math standards setting committee with other teachers from New York State.

Melanie Sinatra-Boardman, '87 B.S., is married to Dr. Warren Boardman, with whom she has two children, Rachael and Alexandra. She is currently working in her private ophthalmology practice.



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A Healthy Dose of Ambition

Seven years ago, **Linda Jo Belsito M.S. '91**, needed a career makeover. She had been a nurse at North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital and its predecessors since 1980 and had worked her way up to a comfortable position in hospital administration.

“I just wanted to do something else that was going to offer me more diversity and challenge and growth, both personally and professionally,” she recalls.

Ms. Belsito was even prepared to leave nursing entirely. A chance glimpse of a help-wanted advertisement for Immigration Health Services, however, intrigued her. The ad was an appeal for registered nurses who liked to travel and were looking for opportunities.

“So I logged onto their Web site and within 24 hours I was being recruited into the U.S. Public Health Service,” she says.

Six months later, she was commissioned as a lieutenant commander with the Public Health Service and soon thereafter, in June 2001, began her first assignment, working as a nurse in a day clinic at an immigration detention center, housing about 200 detainees, just outside John F. Kennedy Airport.

She thrived in the most unlikely of settings.

“There are a lot of things you take for granted working in a regular hospital,

such as putting down a pen and walking away,” says Ms. Belsito. By contrast, she says that in a prison setting, “You can't turn your back on the people for a second because there's a chance that they could take that knife, or they could take that needle or syringe, or they could take that pen and turn it into a weapon.”

Yet, she was moved by the profound impact her care had on her patients. “Even though it doesn't sound like a very glamorous position, you really make a big difference in these people's lives,” she says.

Soon after September 11, she answered a call for nurses and pharmacists to form a national nurse response team that would coordinate vaccinations and other services in the case of massive outbreaks or assaults, such as a smallpox epidemic or further anthrax attacks. In September 2002, she was appointed the administrative officer for the eastern region, charged with developing emergency response teams of civilian nurses and pharmacists. Over the following year and a half, before her responsibilities were transferred to civilian leadership, her teams had recruited between 400 and 500 personnel, according to Ms. Belsito.

Ms. Belsito continued working at the clinic, but knew that her advancement opportunities were limited, and she was eager to apply the management skills she had gained in her

civilian life. In 2004, she was invited to headquarters in Washington, D.C. to play a role in administering a managed care system that Immigration Health Services had recently launched. “You can't really turn that down, so off I went,” she says.

She has since been promoted to chief of managed care for Immigration Health Services, where she and her team of five nurses review 4,000 requests a month for medical treatment that require specialized services that are not available on-site at detention centers.


Ms. Belsito has long had an interesting way to blow off steam and channel her ambitions outside of work. For all of her career success, she is probably better known for her avocation. She holds seven world titles in Powerlifting and four national titles and four world titles in Olympic weightlifting.

Always athletic, Ms. Belsito took up weight training while in nursing school in the early 1980s as a way to manage stress. She was told she had potential, and began to prove it in local and statewide competitions. She won her first national championship in 1990 and traveled to the world championship in Paris while she was pursuing her master's degree at Adelphi. At her personal best, she has achieved a 440-pound squat, a 231-pound bench press, and a 456-pound dead lift

(picking up a weight off of the floor and standing up with it).

In 1998, looking for a change and a new challenge, Ms. Belsito decided to take up Olympic weightlifting, an almost unheard-of feat for someone over 35. She had just won the master's worlds in Powerlifting and Olympic weightlifting was going to be introduced as a women's sport in the Olympic Games. Olympic lifts involve muscling weights overhead, without the assistance of belts or other supportive gear, so technique and overall athleticism are crucial.

Ms. Belsito says the transition to Olympic weightlifting was a Herculean undertaking, but she is hooked on the sport. Her strongest lift is the snatch (lifting a weight from the floor to overhead in a smooth motion), and at her personal best, she has snatched 65 kilos, or 143 pounds. The other lift is the clean and jerk (pulling a weight from the floor to the shoulders and then jerking it overhead), for which her personal best is 82.5 kilos, or 181 pounds.

“(I) wonder if I was doing the Olympic lifting all the years I was doing Powerlifting, would I have gone to the Olympics?” says Ms. Belsito. Still, she says, “It's been a great ride.” 

— By **Bonnie Eissner**



Sylvia Riskin '37 has few fond memories of the Long Island Rail Road from her undergraduate days commuting from Brooklyn to Adelphi's Garden City campus. "If it snowed three flakes, it quit," she says dismissively.

Sylvia Riskin '37, Speaking her Mind, Saving Others

She was fortunate to have her own car, a Chevrolet with a rumble seat, and used it to transport herself and often two of her friends to class reliably, rain or shine, with two nimble passengers in the rumble seat.

Because her father was ill and she was the only one at home, she felt she should be close by and chose to attend Adelphi. She enrolled at age 16.

She also had a personal connection to the school. Her Latin teacher at Erasmus Hall High School was Mr. Harley, the father of alumna and famed administrator Ruth S. Harley '28, and he often spoke of Adelphi's merits.

Dr. Riskin had decided at a young age, and with the full support of her parents, to pursue a career in psychology. During her summers while in college, she took courses in psychology at Cornell University, allowing her to earn her B.A. in three and a half years, at age 19. She earned her M.A. from Columbia University a year later, and her Ph.D. in 1944.

Mental health clinics at the time she earned her degree were few and far between, and jobs for clinical psychologists were scarce. Yet, she was far from unemployable. Still in her 20s, she worked with two psychology professors in a corporate setting to develop personality tests for industry, an emerging

field at the time. She also put her interviewing and observational skills to use as a personnel officer in the Office of War Information, traveling the country to recruit war correspondents.

She was skiing in upstate New York when she met Samuel Riskin.

"He was tall, dark, and handsome," says Dr. Riskin.

More importantly, unlike many other men, he was not put off by her advanced professional standing, unusual for women at the time. Throughout their life together, he supported and encouraged her work. In the 45 years of their marriage, they rarely spent an evening apart.

"I was lucky to have wandered into his path," says Dr. Riskin of her late husband. She describes his high regard for women as truly unusual for "a man of his vintage."

Mr. Riskin practiced law at the time. He later shifted gears and gained national prominence as president, CEO, and chairman of the board of Valley National Bank, which he served for almost 40 years. He and Dr. Riskin had two children, a daughter who is a psychotherapist and a son who is an artist.

Soon after their marriage, they settled in Passaic, New Jersey, Mr. Riskin's hometown.

Dr. Riskin looked around for opportunities in the mental health field and found none. She also found no mental health services available. So, she spearheaded a group to establish mental health services in the community, which the team did with a \$60,000 grant from the state.

For want of funds, the executive director of the new agency had her office in a broom closet in city hall, says Dr. Riskin. Today, the Passaic Mental Health Clinic has a budget of \$6.5 million and a staff of 173, owns three buildings, rents two others, and handles about 2,500 cases a year. Dr. Riskin served as chairman of the board and professional consultant of the clinic for many years.

Dr. Riskin was appointed to the first Passaic County Mental Health Board when it was established in 1956. On the state level, she served on the State Mental Health Board for 15 years, half the time as chairman. She was also an active member of the New Jersey Mental Health Planning Commission whose landmark report and recommendations created benchmarks in the state's future framework for mental health services.

Dr. Riskin continues to serve on the board of the Essex County Mental Health Association.

Among her many honors, Dr. Riskin won the Commissioner Ann Klein Advocate Award for her efforts to reduce the stigma associated

with mental illness, and awards from the New Jersey Society of Clinical Psychiatrists, and the New Jersey Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Dr. Riskin laments the stigma that is still associated with mental illness, but notes that mental health awareness and treatment have come a long way since the 1950s. She has been no small part of that change.

Seeking a fit memorial for her husband, and mindful of the need for mental health services in the community, Dr. Riskin put up the seed money to establish the Samuel F. and Sylvia S. Riskin Children's Center. Its mission is to change the trajectory of the lives of troubled children, according to Dr. Riskin.

Founded in 2003, the center treated 600 cases in its first two years. Children and parents of all backgrounds are treated, on a minimum sliding fee scale basis, using a diverse array of services, including psychiatric consultation, art and play therapy programs, parenting classes, and a parent resource center, among others. Dr. Riskin is still active in the work of the center.

"We're victims of our own success," says Dr. Riskin of the center's explosive growth and ongoing need for supportive funds. ❏

Kathleen Somerville, '87 M.S.W., was recently honored for her dedication and service to the community over the past 25 years by Port Washington and neighboring communities.

Kevin Davy, '88 M.A., serves as associate professor of human nutrition, foods, and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of the Human Integrative Physiological Laboratory at Virginia Tech. He has been elected a fellow of the American Heart Association and the Council for High Blood Pressure Research.

Richard Galante, '88 B.A., has been senior vice president of business development at Marsh USA, a risk and insurance services firm in Morristown, New Jersey since 2002.

Maxine Hochhauser, '88 M.B.A., was named chief executive officer of Visiting Nurse Regional Health Care System (VNR), a non-profit organization that brings outstanding home health care to New Yorkers.

Russell Poker, '88 B.S., is a physical therapist and owner of Fit For Life in Bellmore, New York.

Steven Post, '88 M.B.A., is the author of *Samsara Moon*. His debut novel is a piece of historical fiction set at the turn of the 20th century and spans England, Ireland, South Africa, and India.

Robert Seery, '88 M.B.A., was appointed as senior vice president of Structured Finance Group.

Shamir Ally, '89 B.B.A., '92 M.B.A., president/CEO of International Consulting & Financial Services in Pennsylvania, was selected for inclusion in the 2006/2007 35th Edition of *Marquis Who's Who in Finance and Business in the USA*.

Maria Grasso, '89 G.C., '89 M.B.A., recently joined Flushing Savings Bank, headquartered in Lake Success, New York, as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Jacquelyn Nealon, '89 B.A., was promoted to vice president of enrollment services for New York Institute of Technology.

1990s

Robert Batule, '90 M.A., a monsignor associated with the papal household, is working on a degree called a license (S.T.L.) in Rome, Italy.

Mark DeFilippis, '90 B.S., is currently working in the emerging field of video telepresence with industry leader Teliris. As chief of network engineering, he recently was appointed global director of network engineering. He has more than 20 years experience designing market data transport systems and networks for the Wall Street financial industry.

Ian Galespie, '90 B.A., and his wife, Elizabeth, are the proud parents of three children, Jake, 16; Colby, 13; and Zoe, 2. He is now working as a television production safety representative.

Stephen Leonard, '90 G.C., '91 M.B.A., is managing director of PIC Solutions.

Theophilus Joseph, '90 M.S., '91 M.B.A., has been licensed as a forensic certified public accountant in Spokane, Washington. He was admitted to the Forensic Certified Public Accountants Society upon completion of certain testing and experience guidelines.

Timothy Voels, '90 M.S., was appointed as principal for W. Tresper Clarke High School in the East Meadow Union Free School District.

Martin Clarke, '91 B.B.A., was a contestant on NBC's *The Apprentice*.

Beth Tenser, '91 B.A., has served as art director for Band Distributing Co. for 10 years. She designs for the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens, and Preakness accounts. She specializes in skybox photography for the local stadiums. She was recently inducted into the *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders* for 2007.

Jill Levy, '92 B.A., has been an attorney in private practice for 10 years. She is also a traffic court magistrate. She made political history in Florida by sweeping her non-partisan primary election on September 5, 2006 over two other candidates for a Broward County Court judgeship.

Leila Atkinson's, '93 B.A., '97 M.A., artwork can now be seen on her new Web site Leilaatkinson.com.

Marc Haskelson, '93 M.B.A., was appointed senior vice president of sales/marketing of Questcon Technologies.

Anna Pereira, '93 B.B.A., was appointed as municipal judge in Newark, New Jersey.

Ronald Gimondo, '94 M.A., joined the administrative staff at the Kennedy School as assistant principal.

David Salkin, '94 B.A., was married in 2002 to his wife, Wilrochelle, and had a son, Mike Paul Salkin, in 2004. In 2001, he received a doctorate from the University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic and, in 2005, he received a master's of acupuncture from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, New York. In 2006, he started Salkin Acupuncture and Chiropractic Practice.

Anne Salters, '94 M.S.W., has been married to Arthur Salters for 18 years, and they have two twin sons. After 13 years of social work with the elderly, medically and mentally ill, and people affected by domestic violence, she is now a stay-at-home mom.

Daniel Tobin, '94 M.A., earned the award of appreciation from New York State Blood Center for his 87 lifetime blood donations. He completed the production of *The Gondoliers* with the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island this year and announced his candidacy for U.S. President in 2008 on the Libertarian Party line.

Ana Colon, '95 B.S., '96 M.S.W., received the Congressional Angels in Adoption Award after being nominated by United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and United States Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

James FitzPatrick, '95 B.S., was named president of the Nassau County Dental Society.

Magetta Chantiloupe, '96 B.S., was invited to Congress to discuss her book *Iraq—The War that Shouldn't Be: You Decide*.

Wendy Creamer, '96 B.A., M.S.W. '98, was married in October 1999. She has three children ages four, three, and nine months old.

Annamarie Edwards, '96 M.A., is a certified international job and career development coach from the Career Planning and Adult Development Network. Presently, she is a doctoral student at the University of Phoenix. She is a job search expert who has written books on career/workforce development.

Scott Gianelli, '96 M.S., recently spoke at Adelphi as part of a Physics Colloquium talk entitled, *The Basics of Climate Change and the Monitoring of Aerosols in the Atmosphere*.

Michael Iagrossi, '96 M.B.A., has joined Novo to lead the Chicago office.

Susan Letvak, '96 Ph.D., was promoted to associate professor with tenure at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Rose McSweeney, '96 B.S., '98 M.A., earned a doctorate in educational leadership and policy in 2005. Her research focused on cognitive development and secondary mathematics. She is currently the director of instruction for Hicksville Public School District.

Jodi Metzger, '96 B.S., '97 M.S.W., has been promoted to the position of associate director of social work in the Department of Psychiatry at the Elmhurst Hospital Center.

Laura Wolfert, '96 B.A., '98 M.S., married Charles Wolfert on August 2, 2003. She had two girls, Elizabeth (8/6/04) and Kathryn (10/13/05). She worked as a special education teacher in Binghamton, New York, and Fairfax, Virginia, but is now a stay-at-home mom and loves it.

Mona Harley, '97 B.S., is a member of New York State Nurses Association. She currently works in critical care (intensive care unit and coronary care unit) and telemetry step down unit. She is the proud grandmother of two girls and three boys.

Michele Sanzone, '98 B.S., '99 M.S.W., is a new adjunct for Adelphi University. She will be teaching a graduate social work class at the Hauppauge Center.

Matthew Swinson, '98 M.A., was appointed assistant principal of Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School.

Janice Thompson, '98 Ph.D., is currently chair of the Department of Nursing at Quinnipiac University. She recently completed a second M.S.N. as an adult nurse practitioner. Her research interests include clinical learning initiatives and Third World country nursing.

Anastasia Foufas, '99 B.S., graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2004. She is currently an associate dentist at Joel Pearlman, DMD and Associates in Foxboro, Massachusetts, and at the Tufts Dental Clinic at the Wrentham Developmental Center.

2000s

Meredith Eaton, '00 M.A., has appeared in television roles, from an attorney on the CBS drama, *Family Law*, to her latest success as William Shatner's love interest on the hit show, *Boston Legal*.

Angela Digennaro, '01 B.F.A., is happy to announce her engagement to Michael Mordecai. The wedding ceremony will take place on December 1, 2007 in Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Julian Samodulski, '01 B.A., received his clinical doctorate in physical therapy in May 2006 from Long Island University, where he also served as the president of the physical therapy student body and various other committees serving both faculty and students. He was assigned to many clinical affiliations through LIU, both in Manhattan and on Long Island. After graduation, he was hired by ICE Sports Rehab on the east side of Manhattan, where he is currently working. He recently passed the licensing exam to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Danielle Bifulci, '02 B.A., recently passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams and works as an attorney practicing reproductive law. She is also engaged and planning an October 2007 wedding.

Jason Jelen, '02 B.B.A., is happy to announce that he was recently married and is expecting a baby.

Tracy Krisanits, '02 B.A., is associate editor of *Dance Retailer News Magazine*.

Kimberly Kruger, '02 B.S.N., is currently employed as a public health nurse for the Department of Health in Bayshore, New York.

Carol Phelan, '02 M.S.W., has been named assistant director of the Student Counseling Center at Adelphi University.

Reshmi Paul-Oudouard, '03 M.A., '06 Ph.D., was appointed to the position of consultant in

the New York office of RHR International Company.

Austin Barry, '04 B.S., is currently a graduate student at the Five Towns College in Dix Hills, New York. He received his master's degree in jazz/commercial music performance in December 2006. He auditioned for *Showtime at the Apollo* and has recorded 10 of his own songs onto a CD.

Celeste Eagleston, '04 B.S., expects to receive her M.B.A. from Adelphi in 2007. She is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and is pursuing her pilot's license.

David Horowitz, '04 M.S., was appointed field sales representative for government services field for Siemens Northeast territory.

Cigdem Muslu, '04 B.A., '06 M.A., and her husband Misel have moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. She will be teaching kindergarten at Thiroit Elementary School.

Ryan Rudnet, '04 M.B.A., joined Richner Communications, Inc. as the company's first ever CFO. He resides in Oyster Bay, New York with his wife Claudia, and two sons, Aaron and Noah.

Andrea Smith, '04 M.A., is a new physical education teacher at Lewisboro Elementary School. She is also the assistant varsity coach for both volleyball and basketball at John Jay High School.

Jaime Zito (Clark), '04 M.S., was married on August 26, 2005.

Colleen Duffy, '05 M.S.W., has been working with the aging population for seven years. She will be getting married in October 2007.

Matthew Carpenter, '06 B.S., was recently appointed aquatics supervisor at Mid Island Y JCC, Plainview, New York to teach and oversee classes, lifeguard scheduling, as well as the aquatic center's daily activities.

Savitri Choon, '06 M.S.W., recently attained a job as social worker/case manager at Community Housing Innovations located in Ronkonkoma, New York, where she assists individuals in obtaining permanent housing. She is applying to Touro Law Center to major in a dual degree program (J.D./M.S.W.) through Stony Brook University.

James Desetto, '06 B.S., passed the New York State boards and is now a registered nurse.

Carlyshia Hurdle, '06 B.A., is currently overseas playing professional basketball. She plans to return to the United States and play with a WNBA team.

Charleen Jacobs, '06 B.S.N., is working at Jacobi Medical Center as a staff nurse in the surgical and burn intensive care unit. She plans to start travel nursing in September 2007.

Robert Potter, '06 M.A., completed his student teaching in the South Huntington school district.

Marriages

Ian Galespie, '90 B.A., to Elizabeth Bass

Diane M. Hymes, '95 M.B.A. to John E. Matuzak

Nicole Wood (Young), '97 B.A., to George Thomas Wood, III.

Samantha Grilo, '98 B.S.Ed. to Abdul Gaibi

Keri Healey, '98 B.A., to Eric Golus

Kenneth Yanek, '01 B.S., to **Andrea Pierro, '99 B.S., '01 M.S.**

Dana Gambino, '03 B.A., '04 M.A., to Peter Caccioppoli

Births

Bethany Eve to **Mary C. Boland, '88 B.S.**, and Robert Boland on February 5, 2006 at 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Luis Adolfo Perez-Arias to **Silvia Arias, '91 B.S.**, and Luis Perez on March 31, 2006.

Dean Michael to **Lori Parenti, '91 B.A., '93 M.A.**, and Charles Parenti. He joins big brother Cole.

Lillian Paige to **Mariellen Sullivan-Thilesen, '93 B.B.A., '95 M.B.A.**, and husband Karl on October 11, 2005.

Jack Henry to **Christine Antoneck, '94 B.A.**, and husband Rich on June 23, 2006.

Devan Richard to **Carrol Shah Brandt, '95 B.A., '98 B.S.**, and husband Mark on August 2, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Big sister Avani, who is 3, is doing well and is happy to have a little brother around.

Jack William to **Megan Longobucco, '96 B.S.Ed.** and husband Frank on November 1, 2005, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Anna Kate to **Wilma Diaz-O'Kelley, '97 B.S.**, on August 15, 2006. She joins her two older brothers, Jack and Jamie.

John Joseph, Jr. to **Megan Barry, '03 M.A.**, and John Barry on November 15, 2006.

Darrienne Jolie to **Lisa Fusco, '03 M.S.**, on June 22, 2005.

Penelope Lane to **Ann Miles (Burnell) Kearns, '04 B.F.A.**, and Martin Kearns on May 2, 2006.

Dominic Gregory to **Tanya Reid, '05 B.S.**, and Francisco Abreu on August 3, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

TMia Alyssa to **Savitri Choon, '06 M.S.W.**, on July 14, 2006.

In Memoriam

Edna Fredel '27 B.A.

Mildred Lotz '30 B.A.

Doris Thompson (Blattmachr) '35 B.A.

Marianne Smith (Imperato) '36 B.A.

Margaret Diesing (Viviani) '38 B.A.

Alison Read (Pascal) '39 B.A.

Edith Stillwaggon (Michaels) '40 B.A.

Helene Alisberg (Rosen) '45 B.A.

Anne Gypson (Gutkowski) '48 B.S.

Joseph F. Finn, Jr. '50 M.A.

Eileen Ruoss (Aro) '50 B.S.

Dorothy Kapp (Hoffman) '51 B.B.A.

Hazel Nelson (Olsen) '52 B.A.

Gail Rainey (Richards) '57 B.A.

Stanley Raffa '60 B.S.

Helen Burtis (Gilroy) '69 M.S.

Louise Feldman '69 M.A.

Eugene Jefferson '69 M.S.W.

Maxine Rubin '70 B.S.

Doris Faso '72 M.S.

Ruby Jones '73 M.A.

George Realmuto '73 M.B.A.

Noeline Roberts '73 B.S.

Harold Smith '74 B.B.A.

Thelma Bertin '75 B.S.

Alan Lewis '75 M.A.

Arthur Bloomfield '76 M.S.W.

Beatrice Pelletier (Watts) '77 M.B.A.

Mary-Lloyd Dugan '78 M.A.

Elaine Pizzolato '79 M.A.

Mark Wasserman '79 B.B.A.

Helen Brevda (Hammerdash) '82 B.A.

Theodore Hogeman '84 B.S.

Michael Lossin '84 B.A.

Lawrence Biale '87 M.B.A.

Michael Cunningham '96 B.A.

Mary Nugent (Barber) Non-degreed alumna



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