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My 2009 Guatemala Experience

Contributed by Don Kubacki, Class of 1969

Recently I had the opportunity to again participate in the College's Guatemala Project, which Jim Adduci and Br. Jerry Schweiterman have been so masterfully organizing these past seven or eight years. This year's travel team included Br. Jerry and Jim, as well as six current or graduated students.



Guatemalan mother holds back tears as her daughters receive school supplies

If you're not familiar with the Guatemala Project, please let me share some information with you.

Throughout the year, Jim and Br. Jerry work diligently to find donations or contributions of supplies that the group can take to La Labor Vieja, Guatemala, a parish led by Fr. Bill Beuth of the Precious Blood Order. The supplies range from medical items to school supplies and each traveler is asked to transport 50 pounds of supplies, in addition to their own personal items.

The supplies that we carried included toothpaste, toothbrushes, hypodermic needles, hundreds of pencils, as well as religious items – rosaries, crucifixes, and prayer books. All of these items are donated by friends of the college; items that are very much needed by the people, and very much appreciated by them; even if it is something small like a pencil.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The front page of this Update highlights the upcoming Grand Opening of our new Student Athletic/Community Center on Thursday, September 17th. We hope you will mark it on your calendar so that you can be present as we open the first new building in the College's history. As you know, this history has taken us from church basements and storefronts, to our donated vertical campus, and now to our own athletic facility. God has certainly blessed us!

We continue our Capital Campaign as we plan for new science and computer labs and renovated space in our current building. Your gift, large or small, will help us to reach our goal.

This issue of the Update contains so much useful information. If you are looking for a job or need to update your resume, please check out page 6 as we welcome Marsennia Wells. She and other members of our Career Services Office are ready to assist you. Your connection to CCSJ doesn't end with commencement. Let them put their resources to work for you.

In May we completed another successful trip to Guatemala. See page 1 and read about alum Don Kubacki's experience on this trip. His words are truly inspirational. Plans are already underway for our 2010 trip, April 29 – May 6th. Please contact me if you would like more information. We will gladly accept contributions of school supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, children's Tylenol and vitamins, and low dose aspirin. Monetary contributions are also needed to continue our sewing project. This project enables women to learn this valuable skill which enables them to help support their families and communities. Thank you to all of you who have supported this project in so many ways. There is still much for us to do.

Our 10th Annual Crimson Wave Golf Outing will take place on Thursday, August 13th at Lost Marsh Golf Course. Round up some friends or clients and join us for this event to benefit our athletic programs. You can also sponsor a hole or donate an item for our silent auction.

Also don't miss the alumni outing to the Railcats game on August 14th. This event gets more popular every year.

I know that somewhere in this issue you will find an item that inspires, informs or motivates you. Take a minute and act on that feeling. Whether it be marking a date on your calendar, sending some pencils or toothpaste, or setting up an appointment for help with your resume, be an active CCSJ family member. Join us in our celebrations and let us help each other when we can. That is what our family is all about.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you would like more information regarding any of our programs, please contact me at 219-473-4254 or jadduci@ccsj.edu.

Jim

Congratulations Class of '09!



Sarah Bane gives commencement address

The beauty of the spring day couldn't match the joy of the faces of over 300 graduates as they received their diplomas during commencement exercises in May. A standing room only crowd at Bishop Noll Institute honored the hard work and discipline of the graduates.

It was truly a day in which the college celebrated so many of its own family. Dr. Richard Morrisroe was the 2009 honorary degree recipient. He was intimately involved in one of the most tragic

events of the Civil Rights Era of the 1960's in Hayneville, Alabama. He was honored not for this event, but for his lifetime pursuit of social justice. Calumet College of St. Joseph has long been blessed by Dr. Morrisroe's example as he has served as an adjunct faculty member for many years.

Valedictorian of the Class of 2009 was Kristen Lator of Hobart. Kristen received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education but was unable to attend. Sarah Bane, Zivich Award winner, gave the commencement address. Bane, from Dyer, also received her degree in Elementary Education.

Perhaps the most moving moment of the ceremonies occurred as 84 years young Willa Hughes ascended the stage to accept her diploma. She returned to the college in January 2007, 40 years after she first enrolled, determined to receive the degree she had promised herself. As she received her associate's degree in Religious Studies, the entire graduating class and



Willa Hughes graduates at 84

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44th Annual Ball a Success

Due to the support and generosity of alumni, friends, and benefactors of Calumet College of St. Joseph, the Trustee's 44th Annual Ball was a rousing success. As a fundraiser for student scholarships, it brought in nearly \$30,000. As an event, it was a wonderful night complete with fine dining, beautiful live music, and dancing into the evening hours. Most importantly, though, is the fact that even in this troubled economy, charity still lives on. To those of you who participated and supported the college in this event, thank you. To those of you who were unable to join us, we hope to see you next year!

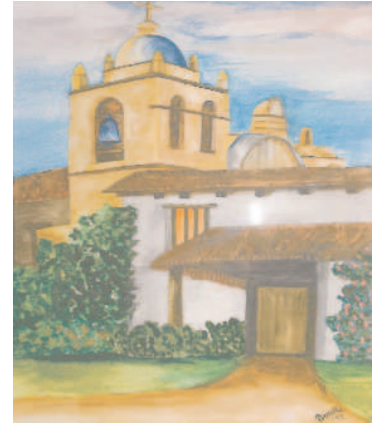
Alumni Phon-a-thon

On Sunday, May 31, and Monday, June 1, 2009 volunteer alumni, staff, and students picked up the phones in Room 200 for three hours and were contacting alumni all over the United States. It was a decent two nights with lots of discussion with alumni, resulting in pledges of over \$7,000 dollars. On behalf of Calumet College of St. Joseph I want to thank everyone for their effort to provide needed funds to support our college.

Herb Yekel
Director of Alumni
Class of 1975

Alumni News

- '81 **Victoria Merrill-Washington** achieved her doctorate in Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. Her dissertation was entitled "Emotional Intelligence, Multicultural Knowledge and Awareness, and Ethnicity in School Counselor Effectiveness." Dr. Merrill-Washington works with many civic and community organizations and has published articles and papers. In addition, she has completed training as a certified mentor for school counselors in Indiana.
- '00, '03 **Robert Byrd**, Chief of Police of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, was recently named Calumet College of St. Joseph's Public Safety Person of the Year. Chief Byrd received his award at the Graduation Banquet in May.
- '05, '07, '08 **James Paoletti**, formerly a Chicago Police Department captain, was recently hired as the Chief of Police in Crete, IL.
- '08 **Brian Fennelly** was recently promoted to Commander of the Village of Morton Grove Police Department.
- '75 Congratulations to **Ruth Ann (Birute) Slicko** for having all her paintings and drawings published. Her works in the book began in 1972 and includes her work into 2008. After graduating in 1975 from CCSJ, she went on to earn a degree in 1983 from the famous Chicago Art Institute. This book was printed by Silver State Industries, 2009.



*"Carmel Mission"
1979, 11" x 17" watercolor
Ruth Ann Slicko*

Are you experiencing some exciting changes in your life - perhaps a new job, engagement, marriage, or a new baby? We would love to hear about it and share it in an upcoming Update! Send your news to Herb Yekel, Director of Alumni, at hyekel@ccsj.edu.

Alumni Association

Your relationship to Calumet College of St. Joseph does not end with your graduation. As a graduate, you are automatically a part of the Alumni Association. Want to make a difference? Be actively involved in the Association and make an impact in the many programs and activities that enrich Calumet College and the alumni experience.

Pictured is the most recent alumni association meeting on March 19, 2009.



Left to Right: Rich Enzwiler ('69), James Juarez ('91), Daniel Dwornik ('69), Jesse Garcia ('80), Laura Kuzma ('90), Michael Skowronek ('77), Herb Yekel ('75), (William Roth ('90)

In Memorium

- '73 Linda K. (Tunstall) Biagi of Whiting, IN. Passed away April 1, 2009.
- '06 Andrea M. Hill of Lowell, FL. Passed away April 6, 2009.

Crimson Wave 10th Annual Golf Outing

As summer finally catches up with us, it's all we can do to catch up with ourselves as we go out and about to all the activities we've been waiting for since winter.

One summertime sport you will not want to miss is the Crimson Wave 10th Annual Golf Outing! It will be held on Thursday, August 13 at the Lost Marsh Golf Course in Hammond, Indiana. Proceeds from this marvelous event support Calumet College of St. Joseph Crimson Wave Athletics. Past funds generated from the golf outing have enabled us to purchase new equipment for the weight room, the trainer's room as well as video equipment and other athletic department needs.

This is a banner year for Crimson Wave Athletics. We are building an athletic/student activity center which is scheduled to be completed this summer. We could certainly use your support! You don't have to play golf—you could sponsor a hole, or donate an item for the silent auction. With 230 student athletes competing on 19 teams, we are hoping to add to our facilities and equipment this year, and your help is vital.

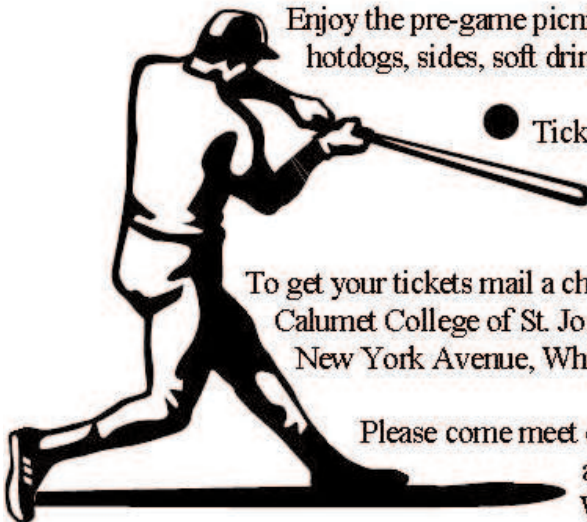
For information on the Golf Outing, please contact Andy Juscik 219-473-4326, ajuscik@ccsj.edu or the Development Office at 219-473-4325.



Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association invites you to

Family Night with the Gary SouthShore RailCats

at U.S. Steel Yard Stadium on Friday, August 14, 2009.



Enjoy the pre-game picnic, includes all you care to eat hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, soft drinks, and post-game fireworks.

Tickets are \$27.00 per person and include the pre-game picnic. Picnic begins at 5:30 p.m., first pitch at 7:00 p.m.

To get your tickets mail a check or money order by **August 6** payable to Calumet College of St. Joseph. Mail it to the Development Office, 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting, IN 46394.

Please come meet other area alums, their families, faculty, staff and cheer for the RailCats as they take on Winnipeg!

For more information please contact the Development Office at (219) 473-4318.

Sammy Krucek

Sophomore bowler **Sammy Krucek** battled for the individual USBC national championship this May in Euless, TX. Sammy qualified during the individuals sectional in Fairview Heights, IL this past March and finished second overall. Sammy was one of 16 finalists in competition for the individual national championship. Sammy earned honorable mention credits on the USBC All-American team for his stellar efforts on lanes this season. He also was one of 12 CCSJ (men and women) bowlers named to the USBC Academic All-American team. However, the early morning game of BEST of FIVE did not end well for Sammy. He lost 3-1, winning the third game (186-165) but could not build enough momentum to tie the match in the fourth and go into the fifth deciding game. Still, there is no question that Sammy has made a HUGE impact to the men's bowling program as well as in the classroom as a CCSJ student-athlete. He has been a great ambassador for the College while competing in the sport of bowling.

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audience gave Ms. Hughes a standing ovation. Her determination continues as she is already attending summer classes working towards her bachelor's degree. She truly inspired all who attended.

The College continues to demonstrate its growth as the first graduates of the Masters of Science in Quality Assurance program received their degrees. The other graduate programs are Public Safety Administration, Masters of Arts in Teaching, and Leadership in Teaching.

The actual number of graduates is 424 students, including 65 from the master's degree program, 313 from the baccalaureate degree program, 11 from the associate's degree program and 35 from the Transition to Teaching certificate program. The ceremony marked the 47th commencement of the College.

Same Game, Different Field

This past January, Crimson Wave athletics welcomed two new softball players onto the team. Not only were they new to Calumet College and the region in general, but they were also new to the country. MeiLani Quintanilla and Maynesha Villagomez are from the 209-square-mile island U.S. territory of Guam.

The pair of freshmen wanted to play softball in college somewhere in America. Through the website berecruited.com, MeiLani was discovered by coach Tom Fickett and recruited to Calumet College of St. Joseph. Her only requirement was that she be allowed to bring her friend, Villagomez.

Having a friend in a new country has helped with homesickness, but nothing could prepare the players for our particular winters.

“I was shocked, really, about the weather — playing when it's 40 degrees out,” Quintanilla said. “That's the biggest thing.”

Marsennia Wells Named New Job Placement Specialist

We would like to welcome Marsennia Wells to Career Services. Ms. Wells comes to the College with a great deal of experience in career and professional development. Her previous positions included providing career services, employment coaching, and creating career focused programs. She views her role at CCSJ as a guide, coach, instructor and motivator.

The Career Services Office maintains a wide range of current occupational information, internship and job listings, and career assessment materials designed to aid students and alumni explore career opportunities. Job preparation workshops and consultations are offered along with career guidance.

If you are currently in the job market or trying to plan your future, stop in and see Marsennia. Her great smile and warm personality will put you at ease and her experience will provide the support that you need. For *continued on page 9*

This Only Happens ONCE

This year we will proudly dedicate the first new building in our history, the Student Athletic/Community Center. Not only is this a proud moment in CCSJ history, but it is a golden opportunity to connect your business to the passion and excitement of college athletics, utilize naming opportunities for dedications, connect with students and supportive alumni, and expand visibility to the CCAC schools in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

The Grand Opening will be upon us two short months, and one opportunity you will not want to miss is to advertise in the Grand Opening Program! What better way to show your support for CCSJ than to display in this commemorative booklet? Remember: This only happens once.

Grand Opening Program Advertising

Inside Front Cover \$200.00
Back Cover \$200.00
Inside Back Cover \$150.00
Full Page \$100.00
Half Page \$50.00
Quarter Page \$25.00

Signage/Other Naming Opportunities

Scoreboard
Score Table
Lockers
Baskets
Bleachers
Concessions

Opportunities are available for personal as well as commercial use. Packages are available that can be customized to fit your budget. For more information contact Andy Juscik at 219-473-4326 or ajuscik@ccsj.edu

Fond Farewell to Battistella and Goodman

John Battistella retired from the Accelerated Program Admissions and Advising staff this past April. John worked off-campus in the IIT Building where CCSJ offers Public Safety Management programs for Chicago public safety officials. John served as academic advisor and general confidant to hundreds (even thousands) of Chicago LEM/PSM students over the years. A native South Sider, John was a Chicago police officer for many years. He met fellow officer, Dave Plebanski, at the beginning of his career, and it was over a round of golf many years later that Dr. Plebanski learned that John had gone on to earn his master's degree. The conversation turned to the newly formed Law Enforcement Management program that CCSJ had recently started and John was invited to serve as an instructor for CCSJ in the fall of 1999. Teaching soon led to academic advising, and the rest is history.

Barbara Goodman has accepted an appointment as English Department Chair at Clayton State University and will be leaving Calumet College this summer. Clayton State is located near Atlanta. It is a great joy for Barbara to pursue this opportunity and equally a great sadness for all of us at the college. As you know, Barbara has made tremendous contributions to Calumet College of St. Joseph and her many, many students over the course of her tenure of nearly 19 years. In honor of her service, the Black Box Theater is being renamed to the Barbara A. Goodman Theater.



Dr. Daniel Lowery presents Dr. Goodman with the plaque that dedicates the theater in her name

We wish them both the best of luck.

Vice President Victor Earns Doctorate Degree



In this era of revolving door employment, Alexandra Victor is a true exception to the rule. Victor began working at Calumet College as a work study for the Dean of Students while attending college. In 1990 she graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Communication and was hired full-time as the Secretary to the Assistant to the Academic Dean. Since then she has steadily climbed the corporate ladder holding such positions as Coordinator of Special Events and Assistant to the President. She currently holds the title Vice President for Business and Finance.

Left to right: Mr. Katsahnias, Dr. Victor and Dr. Rittenmeyer

As her career took flight, so did her desire for higher education. She calls Robert Ross, a Trustee Emeritus of the College, her education cheerleader. She met Ross when she was 26 and he would always ask when she would begin her next degree. Dr. Dennis Rittenmeyer not only provided her the opportunities to grow as an employee, but as a role model, and instilled in her the value of an education.

Victor received her Master of Science degree in Management from National Louis University in 1995 and we are proud to announce that this past May she received her Doctor of Education from Benedictine University.

She said she has been inspired by so many of the people she has met here at the College. Professor James Fattore had an impact with his insight into business and his dedication to the college and its mission. Jim Adduci, currently Vice President of Development, was Victor's professor for Contemporary Economic Issues. She credits him with teaching the class to learn the impact of issues, not just true and

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This was my second trip to Guatemala and I can honestly say that after both trips, I came home with a little more insight on the spirit of the people of Fr. Bill's parish, and a lot more appreciation for what I have, in comparison. Many of the people of the parish have very few material possessions. They don't have a lot of clothes, or in the newest styles. Some hardly know when or what they will have for their next meal. Children from larger families must wait their turn to go to school. They have few school supplies, like paper and pencils, to do classroom work or even homework. They may not be able to do homework, because their home may not have electricity. On a visit to one of the schools, I observed the lunchroom lady serving a tostada with a squirt of catsup and mayonnaise; and the student was happy to receive that.

Despite the lack of food, medical care, housing, and all of the other daily necessities that we may take for granted, the people we meet and work with have incredible spirit. They smile a lot, laugh a lot, pray a lot, and are grateful for what they have. It is a heart-warming experience to see the happiness in the eyes of the mothers and fathers when their children get a simple pencil, or a toothbrush and toothpaste. They are a strong and generous people who will share what little they have with someone who may have even less.

Having the opportunity to work and pray with these people is an experience that I will always cherish, and I hope to continue being able to work with Jim and Br. Jerry as long as I can.

“Marsennia Wells”

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more information or to make an appointment, call 219-473-4349 or email mwells@ccsj.edu.

Services are offered from 9-5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 9-7 on Thursday. Appointments are suggested but walk-ins are welcomed.

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false answers and for demonstrating the importance of thinking outside the box.

When asked what advice she would give to someone contemplating a graduate course of study, she replied that you should research the different programs available, find your niche and follow that path. Stay focused, and if you feel you are losing some of that focus, get support and quickly. Find a mentor.

Her experience in so many different aspects of the College has made her an invaluable asset to the students, faculty and staff. Congratulations, Dr. Victor!

Alumna Elected to Prestigious Position

Munster, Indiana, July 2009 – Louise M. King, CPA (B.S. Accounting, 1987), Partner at Legacy Professionals LLP in Munster, Indiana, was elected to serve as President of the Board of Directors of the TradeWinds Rehabilitation Center, Inc. She served as the Vice President for the past year.

TradeWinds is dedicated to providing support services and training designed to promote individual choice, growth, and self-sufficiency for people of all ages and abilities. The organization seeks to enhance the quality of life for both the individual and the community-at-large by serving persons with disabilities in Lake, Porter, St. Joseph, and LaPorte counties in Indiana.

Legacy Professionals LLP is a Chicago-based CPA firm with offices in Munster, Indiana and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Legacy’s 19 partners and over 130 professionals provide audit, accounting, and tax services to nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, and employee benefit plans. Visit www.legacycpas.com for more information.

CCSJ Offers New Humanities Degree

The College is proud to offer a new Bachelor of Arts in Humanities Degree which explores the human condition. Through the study of classic works in philosophy, religion, literature, history and the visual and performing arts, students acquire a greater understanding of the fundamental questions of human life. Who am I? How should I understand God? How should I relate to the larger society in which I live? In the disciplined encounter with great works of the human spirit, students develop skills in critical thinking; in reading, writing and speaking; in carrying out effective research; and in efficiently using information technology. As a whole the program builds intellectual curiosity, open-mindedness, cultural awareness and creativity.

A Humanities Degree provides students with the background suitable for future studies in law, business and the traditional humanistic disciplines. Its emphasis on cultural knowledge, critical thinking and communication skills also makes it perfect for students seeking personal enrichment or professional career advancement.

If you’ve developed an abiding interest in the human condition and miss the classroom, we encourage you to consider this new academic offering. It was developed with you in mind.

This program will be offered in the accelerated format. Classes will meet one evening a week for four hours over an 18 month period and will begin on September 3rd at our main campus in Whiting. An information session will be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for both the Humanities Program and the Organization Management Program. For more information, please contact Cathy Mertens at 219-473-4202 or by email at cmertens@ccsj.edu.



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