

CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2008

Calumet College of St. Joseph held its 46th commencement on May 17th at Bishop Noll Institute. Over 300 graduates proudly received their degrees in front of a standing room only crowd of family and friends. Co-valedictorians were Jennifer Pollitt of Crown Point, majoring in Elementary Education, and Nicholas Zivanovic of Hammond, majoring in Organization Management with a minor in Accounting.

The College was pleased to honor Senator Richard G. Lugar with the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa. Senator Lugar has faithfully served the people of Indiana and the United States by his integrity and leadership in the Senate for the past thirty-two years.

Of the 473 degrees earned, 102 of them were Master's degrees, 320 were Bachelors, 23 were Associates, and 28 were certificates. Our Master's programs continue to expand as our first group of students received their Master's degrees in the Leadership in Teaching program.

Bishop Dale Melczek and members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood concelebrated the baccalaureate Mass which preceded commencement ceremonies.

COMMENCEMENT AT CCSJ - IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Commencement is a thrilling moment for every family. Multiply that excitement by two or three and just imagine! The college was honored to have several sets of family members receive diplomas together at commencement this year. It was indeed a proud day for the following families:

George Buck and his wife Denyse Ryder Buck - both received Master's degrees in the Leadership in Teaching Program.

Naomi Irvine (Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education) and her daughters Amanda Irvine Perkins (Master's degree in Leadership in Teaching) and Abigail Irvine Ringer (Transition to Teaching).

Peter Bumpass (Transition to Teaching) and his daughter Krista Jarrett (Master's degree in Leadership in Teaching).



George and Denyse Buck

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Even during the lazy days of summer our college is buzzing with activity. We continue to wrap up some projects and begin others. Our mission team completed a very successful trip to Guatemala and Herb Yekel and his team have completed the initial portion of our annual phone-a-thon and the Harris Directory update. You can read more about these activities in this issue.

Concrete is being poured for the new Student/Community Activity Center. We watch each day with pride as the building begins to take shape. This also allows us the opportunity to remember men and women such as Irv Lewin, Harry Cane, Emil Krejci, Emma and John Kostolnik, and the Specker family who knew the value of higher education to the region. In the college's early days, it was men and women like these who were instrumental to the growth of the college. Dynamic leadership allowed CCSJ to provide an educational opportunity to working class families. The college also became a herald for social justice issues, a path which continues today.

Many other benefactors have come forward to aid in the expansion of the college during our current capital campaign. They realize how valuable a resource Calumet College of St. Joseph is to our neighborhoods, communities, and the entire Calumet Region. Your education has certainly contributed to the successes you have achieved. You are a living testament that CCSJ transforms lives and makes a difference.

Tuition alone does not cover the cost of a college education. Our current students are, like our alumni were, dependent upon the benevolence of others to assist them on their journey to achieve their degrees. Your donation will be a catalyst for change not only for our students but for our communities as well.

Donations can be sent to the college in care of the Development Office, or you can remember the college in your will. For more information, please call 219-473-4325.

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PEOPLE'S BANK DONATES TO CALUMET COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

People's Bank recently donated \$5,000 to Calumet College of St. Joseph's Capital Campaign. Chairman and CEO David Bochnowski said that People's Bank has experienced firsthand the continuing success of Calumet College. They presently have fourteen graduates in their employee ranks along with four other current undergraduates. Bochnowski said, "Based upon our experience, we know that your students and graduates have been distinctively prepared to make a meaningful contribution to a high quality workforce."



People's Bank CEO David Bochnowski and alumni staff present check to President Dennis Rittenmeyer

The presentation was made by Mr. Bochnowski and the alumni employees to President Rittenmeyer.

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

Here is your chance to permanently leave a mark that will forever link your past at Calumet College of St. Joseph to the future-the Buy a Brick program sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association. The bricks are placed in Alumni Park surrounding the Alumni Park sign. Each brick is four by eight inches and can be inscribed with three lines of fifteen character text that is engraved for a lifetime of clarity.

Suggestions for inscriptions include your name and graduation year, your family name, the name of a professor or other person you wish to honor. Logos may also be engraved; please call for more information.

The cost per brick is \$100.00. Laying of bricks will be done after 100 or more are purchased. This is done as a cost savings for shipping and installation.

Buying a brick is a great way to symbolize the spirit you felt when you were at CCSJ-the same spirit still present on campus today, and will enable the college to continue providing the finest education. If you have any questions please contact the Alumni Office 219-473-4227, toll free 877-700-9100 ext. 227.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANS EVENTS

The Alumni Association met on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

Topics discussed were:

- ♦ Alumni trips offered
- ♦ Recent Annual Ball
- ♦ 4th Annual Bowling Challenge
- ♦ Upcoming Alumni Phon-a-thon
- ♦ Railcats game on Aug. 22, 2008
- ♦ Selected a fall 08 show - "The Producers" - Oct. 17th at Theatre at the Center in Munster.

If you would like to get involved with the association or would like more information regarding any of these events, please contact Herb Yekel at hyekel@ccsj.edu or 219-473-4227.



Some members of the association are pictured left to right: Don Kubacki, William Roth, Laura Kuzma, Tina Barr, Michael Skowronek, Richard Enzwiler.

LEGACY GRANT

The CCSJ Legacy Grant will award up to \$3000 to the children of our alumni starting 2008-09.

For additional information please contact the Financial Aid Office at 219-473-4296.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 7 New Student Enrollment
- Aug. 22 Railcats Outing
- Sept. 2 Classes Begin
- Sept. 12 Golf Outing
- Oct. 17 Night at the Theatre: *The Producers*

Alumni News

- '70 AL HAMNIK was recently inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame in Indianapolis. For the past 25 years he has been a respected writer covering Region prep sports as well as the NFL, NBA and MLB.
- '96 GREGORY HARDIN is the Director of Semoran Treatment Center in Gary, IN. He has recently been elected president of the new Indiana Treatment of Opioid Dependence (INTOD), which is affiliated with the national American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD). While attending CCSJ, Gregory was Student Representative to the Board of Trustees and Student Government President. He resides in Hammond with his two minor children, Malik and Gwendolyn.
- '99 KAREN WEYER was recently featured in the "Getting to Know" piece in the The Times. She has been the Director of Human Resources at the Hammond Clinic for the past 10 years and is chairman of the PRIDE committee whose mission is to promote respect for patients and involvement in the community.
- '02 JACOB WALKER is the Warehouse Administrator for Spirit Delivery and Distribution Services, Inc. since July 2006. Some of their business partners include Home Depot, General Electric, Whirlpool and LG.
- '06 Hammond Police officer CPL. KELLY MICKEY was one of two officers recently honored as Officer of the Year for 2007. She was recognized for her off-duty involvement in making an arrest in a homicide case, as well as for the arrest of a child molester and for her interpreting work with the deaf community. Kelly is also an instructor at the law enforcement academy in Gary.
- '82 DELIA MCCLAM, has been selected as an American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) Reynolds High School Journalism Institute Fellow at Arizona State University. She was selected out of 360 applicants. Funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, she is one of 35 high school teachers who will attend.
- '07 MAUREEN MILLER's story was recently told in The Times as an example of "Working Smarter." Maureen returned to CCSJ after 30 years and a bout with breast cancer. After earning her real estate license, she has worked for McColly Realtors for the past eight years, but always wanted to earn her degree. After completing an internship in August, she will return to earn her bachelor's degree.

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.

In Memorium

- '68 Maureen (Miller) Thomas, of Valparaiso, IN. Passed away on May 5, 2008.
- '71 Michael J. Moricz of Whiting, IN. Passed away in August, 2007.
- '75 George P. Field of Knox, IN. Passed away on May 27, 2007.
- '82 Susan Garrett of Munster, IN. Passed away in March, 2008.
- '06 Mersaides McCauley of Chicago, IL. Passed away on April 6, 2008.

ANNUAL ALUMNI PHON-A-THON

On Sunday June 1, and Monday June 2, 2008, alumni and staff gathered in Room 200 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to again call alumni throughout the country! It was the once per year phone call to alums for their financial support to the college. As expected, alumni that were contacted responded to the call. Over the two evenings we attempted to call 600 alums, of which 129 responded with over \$9,000 in pledges. We are still in the process of mailing pledge forms to over 300 alumni who have received answering machine messages from the volunteers.

It is important for us alumni now to remember to support the students of today with financial help, because when we attended college here at St. Joseph's, alumni back then supported us with their pledges. It is a system of pay back--remember, tuition alone does not support all the things that college provides.



Thanks for your support!

Herb Yekel
Director of Alumni

Brother Ben Strikes a Chord with History

Br. Ben Basile, Associate Professor of Mathematics at CCSJ, is well known for his facility with numbers. You may not be aware that he is also a very gifted musician. He recently gave an organ recital, performing the works of Handel, Haydn and Debussy, among others. The recital was held in the First Congregational Church in Michigan City as part of their annual summer organ series.

The organ in the church has a very interesting history. It is a Roosevelt pipe organ that dates from 1891 and was floated to its present location from Chicago on a barge in approximately 1907. The church was actually enlarged to accommodate the instrument. According to Br. Ben, "These old instruments function as "time machines" which give us a glimpse of the sounds heard in a previous century." The Victorian Gothic building has unusual Prairie Style windows and light fixtures, which were installed in that building after a fire in 1907 - prior to the installation of the organ.

If you would like to attend one of these concerts, they are held every Wednesday, the second week in June through the second week of August and begin at 12:15. The church is located at 6th and Washington Streets (one block from the main entrance to Lighthouse Mall).

This is Br. Ben's fourth year as an organist in this concert series. So although you may have missed him this year, be sure to check the schedule next summer for our Renaissance Man!

BP FABRIC OF AMERICA

BP has offered their employees a unique opportunity to benefit the community through their Fabric of America program. All eligible BP employees may designate an organization to receive \$500. No matching funds by the employee are necessary.

If you know someone who is a BP employee (maybe it's you!), ask them to designate CCSJ as the beneficiary of their \$500. The contact person for the college is Gabrielle Manson, 219-473-4325 or gmanson@ccsj.edu. Contact your employer or visit the BP website at BP Fabric of America for more information. Thank you for helping us grow!

Congrats to Masters Degree Recipient Alums

The following CCSJ alums recently received their Masters Degrees from the College. Congratulations!

Leadership In Teaching

Denyse Ryder Buck	Highland, IN
George Buck	Highland, IN
Amanda Irvine-Perkins	Schererville, IN
Patricia Cloonan Pfeiffer	Highland, IN

Law Enforcement Administration

Yolanda Nelson	Chicago, IL
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Public Safety Administration

Charles E. Brown	Chicago, IL
Tracy P. Delgado	Chicago, IL
Varrick Douglas, Sr.	Chicago, IL
Rodolfo Flores	Cicero, IL
Elvira Garcia	Chicago, IL
Marcus Hall	Chicago, IL
Michael Hunter, Sr.	Chicago, IL
Vincent James	Chicago, IL
Salvador C. Moreno	Chicago, IL
Kevin Muth	Chicago, IL
Paul Niezabitowski	Chicago, IL
Patrick Palmer	Chicago, IL
Scott Plebanski	Chicago, IL
Raimond Ranne	Chicago, IL
Joseph Rotkvich	Chicago, IL
Elizabeth Ryan	Chicago, IL
John Savage	LaGrange, IL
Michael Toth	Chicago, IL
David Tobin	Crown Point, IN
Kimberly Turner	Chicago, IL
Denis Vale	Chicago, IL
Rafael Yanez	Chicago, IL

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Pablo Delgado (Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Management) and his wife Tracy Delgado (Master's degree in Public Safety Administration).

Abraham Olivares and his brother David Olivares - both received Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice.



Left to right: Abigail Irvine Ringer, Naomi Irvine, and Amanda Irvine Perkins

Elisa Deleon-Ramirez (Bachelor's degree in Media and Fine Arts and Criminal Justice) and her sister Sophia Deleon-Ramirez (Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice).

The college is also very proud of the following members of our own family: Bruce Alexander (Director of Security), Tony Martinez (Coordinator of Student Accounts), Laura McAdams (Asst. Director of Athletics), and Nick Zivanovic (Operations Supervisor, Public Safety Institute) who all earned degrees as well.

Congratulations to all of you!

The Producers

Join Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association at Mel Brook's classic comedy *The Producers* on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 8 p.m. The performance will be held at Theatre at the Center, located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster.

Please reserve your seats by September 30, 2008. Group tickets are \$26.00 per person for groups of 20, or \$36.00 per person for groups less than 20. Make checks payable to Calumet College of St. Joseph.

For more information contact Herb Yekel, Director of Alumni at (219) 473-4227 or email hyekel@ccsj.edu.

Arrangements can be made for group seating for dinner before the performance at Charlie's Ale House, 8940 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN. (Food and drink are not included in ticket price.)

FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE RAILCATS

Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association invites you to come meet other area alums, faculty, and staff and cheer for the RailCats as they take on Joliet at U.S. Steel Yard Stadium on Friday, August 22, 2008.

Arrive early and enjoy the pre-game picnic, which includes all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, soft drinks, and post-game fireworks. Tickets are \$25.00 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 11, payable to Calumet College of St. Joseph, Development Office, 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting, IN 46394.

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

“WE ARE FAMILY”

GUATEMALA PROJECT 2008

Calumet College of St. Joseph successfully completed the seventh mission to the Sangre De Cristo Parish in Guatemala. Our team this year consisted of CCSJ staff members Br. Jerry Schwieterman, Sr. Michelle Dvorak, Jim Adduci, alumnus Don Kubacki, and students Robert Bursua, Jen Anderson, Jill Friesma and Paige Patterson.

In previous years teams focused on the village of La Labor and completed projects such as the development of a learning center/computer center, bookstore and ministry of manual labor that has aided church restoration and sanitation improvement. This year the team traveled to the village of La LaGuineta and developed a learning center there. As in La Labor, the poverty of La LaGuineta is striking to see. Most villagers live in shacks cobbled together with bits of found items – sheets of corrugated metal, cinder blocks, and sticks.

To help alleviate some very basic needs, our eight member team hand-carried over 400 pounds of supplies to the parish. These supplies were generously donated by so many people. We, and the grateful people of Sangre De Cristo Parish, would especially like to thank Temple Israel, Gary and the Jewish Federation for their massive donation of low dose aspirin; students and faculty of St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Whiting for their donation of crayons, pencils, and school supplies; former Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow for his donation of markers, crayons and low dose aspirin; and everyone else who responded to the needs of others. You have made a difference in so many lives!

BONANZA RAFFLE **Support Student Scholarships**

Were you the lucky recipient of a scholarship that helped you pay for your education? This would be a great time to "pay it forward"!

The drawing for the annual Bonanza Raffle will be held on Saturday, November 22. The grand prize is \$10,000 and all other prizes are \$1,000 each. Fifty percent of the proceeds after expenses will be awarded. The total number of prizes and odds will be determined on the night of the drawing by the number of tickets sold.

The ticket price is \$100 and for every ten tickets you sell, you will receive one FREE entry into the raffle.

All proceeds support student scholarships at CCSJ. Be a part of making someone's dreams come true by either purchasing or selling the tickets that you will receive in the mail. The winner need not be present but you are welcome to join us for the drawing at 8:00 in Room 200. Remember, you can't be the winner if you don't buy a ticket!

For additional tickets and information, please contact the Development Office, 219-473-4325.

This collaboration resulted in the following list of items distributed in Guatemala:

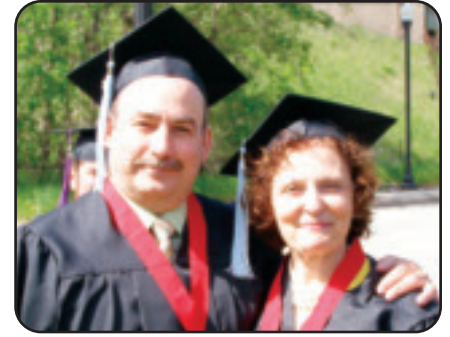
1,680 tubes of toothpaste
2,000 toothbrushes
250 containers of floss
250,000 tablets of low dose aspirin
1,260 boxes of crayons
26 pounds of markers
50 pounds of paper
8,500 pencils

This mission continues to grow in scope and vision. The next trip will be April 30 – May 6, 2009. God continues to call wonderful people and organizations to assist in this project. If you are one of them, please contact Br. Jerry Schwieterman at 473-4239 (jcschwieterman@ccsj.edu) or Jim Adduci at 473-4254 (jadduci@ccsj.edu) for more information.



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