The New Faces of Philanthropy: Women Are Taking the Lead
President’s message

Dear Alumnae/i and Friends,

As I reflect on the events occurring in life, there are numerous reasons for celebrations, especially for those that are life giving to others. They include the 475th Anniversary of the founding of the Ursuline Sisters in Italy, in which the spirit of St. Angela Merici continues to inspire and motivate us today; the 140th Anniversary in 2011 of the founding of Ursuline College, which provides a quality education and prepares students for roles of leadership and service; the 45th Anniversary of the location of the college to Pepper Pike, where we have seen numerous changes and growth; and the 30th Anniversary of the murder of the missionaries in El Salvador, who truly gave their lives that others may live. All of these events provide us with the opportunity to look back in history reflecting on where we have been while preparing us to look forward to where we are going.

Each of the anniversaries sheds light on the role of women in giving to those in need in order to improve their lives. In this publication we will look specifically at six women who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to Ursuline College as they also impact the lives of so many. And, as always, we will look at other ways in which members of the Ursuline College Community reach out to help people.

We are truly blessed as a College Community and grateful for those who touch our lives. Gratitude is such an important attitude that we need to foster within ourselves and in relation to others. Life is not perfect, but we are given the opportunity each and every day to work toward making life better.

Thank you for the ways in which you impact the life of Ursuline College. You are always remembered in our prayers and we ask that you always keep us in yours. May God continue to watch over you and bless you every day, and may gratitude be your approach to life.

Gratefully yours,

Sister Diana Stano, O.S.U., Ph.D. ’68
The New Faces of Philanthropy: Women Are Taking the Lead

The world’s major philanthropists — Bill and Melinda Gates, Ted Turner, Oprah Winfrey and Warren Buffet — are familiar to everyone. Gifts the size of some country’s GDP make front-page news. The stories we don’t often see are the small gifts of money and time given each day by many people. And women are playing a more important role than ever.
Throughout my life, I’ve been blessed to have been surrounded by many strong women. I feel dually blessed to have a daughter of my own to instill in her the value of strength in the face of adversity and the importance of character.

Throughout this issue we celebrate many amazing women who have broken barriers for other females. I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know the women who participated in the College’s Linedrives and Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women In Baseball scholarship event. Among them were Mamie “Peanut” Johnson, one of only three women to play alongside men in the Negro Baseball Leagues. With all the courage and gusto she has, it’s hard to imagine anyone calling her “peanut”! I also got to know a very humble but tough Audrey Haine Daniels, a former baseball pitcher for the All American Girls Baseball League.

I especially enjoyed spending one-on-one time with Doris O’Donnell, now a friend, mentor and woman I hold in the highest regard for her professionalism and bravery. She was one of the first women journalists to break into the men’s world of sports reporting. I think all attendees of the event walked away inspired by the stories all three ladies told.

In addition, the six women we have chosen to highlight in our philanthropy feature have inspired me as well. Most of them recall having been motivated at some point by another amazing woman or group of women. I commend them for their perseverance and compassion in choosing to help others in need. They have made a significant difference in the lives of the individuals and communities touched by them.

As an alum and employee of the College, I continue to see examples of how a small group of women (to quote Sr. Diana) and a few good men can make a huge difference in the lives of others. I believe at Ursuline we do this everyday for our students. I hope you also can be inspired by the amazing women around you!

Angela Niro DelPrete ’00

P.S. You can always find us on the web at ursuline.edu and join our communities at:
Board welcomes new Chair

Ursuline has a new Chair of the Board of Trustees. Jack Newman took over for Tom Smith who has been in the position since 2004. After joining the board in 1995 Newman has served on and chaired the student services committee. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1966 and received his law degree at Harvard University in 1969. Currently Newman is a partner at Jones Day Law Firm in Cleveland where he represents public companies in securities litigation, shareholder actions, and fiduciary and governance actions.

“Jack is a loyal supporter of Ursuline and I look forward to working with him as we move ahead in the continued success of the College,” said Ursuline President Sister Diana Stano.

Stepping down as chair of the board, Smith also served as chair of the development and finance committees, where he helped raise nearly $30 million for the College. In 2008, Smith and his wife, Kori, donated $2.5 million, which was used to build the new residence hall, Smith Hall. He was formerly the executive vice president, chief financial officer and secretary of Forest City Enterprises. Smith will remain an active part of Ursuline’s Board.

Christine Stevens, Ursuline College nursing alumna, will assume duties as Board of Trustees Vice Chair. Stevens joined the board in 2007 and currently serves on the student services committee.

New to the Board this year is Mhoire McGrath Cade, Sr. Jennifer Corlett, O.S.U. ’71, Teri Herrmann Corletzi ’90, Dixie Lee Davis and Sr. Maureen McCarthy, O.S.U. ’60SJ. Jean Siebert ’99 will serve as the Alumna Board liaison.

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William R. Cosgrove
Jeffrey Heinen
Mary Khouri
Robert J. King, Jr.
Ursuline welcomes new alums

This past May, over 400 graduates, including Ursuline’s first MBA graduates, marched across the stage at the Allen Theatre, Playhouse Square to receive their diplomas. Graduates and their families also attended the Baccalaureate Mass in the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity and the conferring of the academic hoods.

Inspiring Ursuline’s graduates to get involved in their communities, President and CEO of Clinical Research Management, Inc. (CRM) Victoria Tifft, addressed Ursuline’s newest alumnae with her speech titled “A Life of Service”. Tifft shared her passion for helping her local community and stressed the importance of working together to improve society.

“We were thrilled to have Victoria, such an excellent role model, as our keynote speaker to offer words of empowerment and encouragement to our graduates. She exemplifies the core values of the College and all that we hope for in our students,” said Ursuline President Sister Diana Stano, OSU, Ph.D.

This year’s graduating class is made up of a total of 467 students. Of those, Ursuline graduated 34 students between the ages of 50 – 60 years old, the oldest alum being 78 years old, students from eight countries around the world and 11 legacy students (a parent of the student is a St. John or Ursuline alum).
Dear Sister...

How does Ursuline College instill philanthropic values in its students?

The foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, St. Angela Merici, was known for her generosity in serving others. The College works to instill that same value in our students today. Here at Ursuline College through the Office of Campus Ministry, the Student Nurses of Ursuline College, the Social Work Organization and other supporting offices, students are invited to participate in various service activities and to help raise funds for those in need. Service activities include a turkey drive at Thanksgiving, St. Jude’s Hospital fundraiser, blood drives on campus and a fundraiser for the American Heart Association called “Go Red.”

Student athletes volunteer at the annual alumnae phone-a-thon, Urban Community School, the Mayfield Adaptive Program, the Cleveland Food Bank and the Tri-City Consortium. Students provide assistance for the St. Nicholas Mass and Brunch, collect clothing and other items for the poor and sponsor numerous bake sales to support many worthy causes.

The Senior Class Gift Program is another way in which students are involved in philanthropy at Ursuline. Seniors are asked to give back, as others have before them, so more deserving students can afford an Ursuline education.

Philanthropy is still alive and well at Ursuline College. It is remarkable to see so many students involved in helping others and making a difference through their generosity.
Ursuline welcomes the Core Ensemble

Theatrical group the Core Ensemble recently came to campus and performed the chamber music theatre work *Tres Vidas* at the College’s Little Theater.

*Tres Vidas* celebrates the life, times and work of three significant Latin and South American Women: painter Frida Kahlo of Mexico, peasant activist Rufina Amaya of El Salvador and poet Alfonsina Storni of Argentina. Storylines include Frida Kahlo’s dramatic and passionate relationship with painter Diego Rivera, Rufina Amaya’s singular survival of the massacre at El Mozote and Alfonsina Storni’s lifelong challenges as Argentina’s first feminist poet.

“We were excited to host this performance because it presents such dramatic situations timeless in their emotional appeal and connection to audiences across all gender and ethnic spectrums,” said Ursuline College English Department Chair Sr. Cynthia Glavac, O.S.U., Ph.D. ’78. In addition, the performance was symbolic because this year Ursuline will mark the 30th anniversary of alumna Sr. Dorothy Kazel’s death in El Salvador. Rufina Amaya was the sole survivor of the Mazote Massacre in El Salvador a month after Kazel’s murder. According to Glavac, Ursuline teaches courses in Latin American women’s Literature, which include the works of Alfonsina Storni.

With a script written by Chilean poet/writer Marjorie Agosín, *Tres Vidas* offered powerful portrayals of each woman and included the singing of traditional Mexican folk songs as well as Argentinean popular and tango songs made famous by Mercedes Sosa and Carlos Gardel. Additional music by Astor Piazzolla, Orlando Garcia, Pablo Ortiz, Alice Gomez, Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez, Michael DeMurga and Osvaldo Golijov rounded out the musical score.

Director Matthew Wright stated, “*With such a deep interest in learning more about different cultures, Tres Vidas was a great fit for the Ursuline College community.*” He continued, “The entire community welcomed our group and was very friendly. We would love to return to Ursuline in the future.”

Since 1993, the Core Ensemble has toured nationally to every region of the United States and internationally to England, Russia, the Ukraine, Australia and the British Virgin Islands. The Ensemble was the recipient of the 2000 Eugene McDermott Award for Excellence in the Arts awarded by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has received support from the State of Florida Department of Cultural Affairs, New England Foundation for the Arts, Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Aaron Copland Fund for Music and the Virgil Thomson Foundation.
Coloring Ursuline

The focus of this year’s annual Founder’s Week Celebration was to celebrate the arts at Ursuline. The theme, “Color Me Ursuline”, allowed students to learn more about the arts, ranging from the College’s art majors to the Wasmer Gallery. The week was dedicated to gathering the College community together to commemorate the founding of Ursuline. It began with the annual Founder’s Week Awards Ceremony, where a wide-array of College committees and individuals were honored.

As the week continued, students were able to participate in a variety of activities. They created pinch pots in the Art Department, watched a hypnotist and competed in a variety contests for fun prizes. The week concluded with a blacklight toga party for all students. The festivities were sponsored by the Office of Students Affairs and the events were coordinated by student members of the Founder’s Week Executive Committee.

Founder’s Day Brunch

The College’s friends and supporters were honored at the annual Founder’s Day Brunch. New Board of Trustees Chair, Jack Newman, welcomed everyone to the 139th anniversary of the founding of Ursuline College.

This year’s Teaching Excellence Award recipients were Dr. Celeste Wiggins, professor of English, who has been at Ursuline for 17 years and Richard Rule-Hoffman, adjunct professor in the Art Therapy and Counseling Program, who has been teaching in the program for more than 20 years. “Both faculty members were recognized for their ongoing accomplishments in the classroom on behalf of student learning and in support of the educational mission of the College,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs, JoAnne Podis, Ph.D.

Each Founder’s Day the Marie LoPresti Faculty Award for Community Service is given to a member of Ursuline’s full-time faculty who, during his or her career, has performed distinguished volunteer service. This year, the LoPresti Award was given in memory of an outstanding individual, Dr. Virginia Marion, Professor of Education, who passed away earlier this year. Dr. Marion was with the College for twenty-one years, and just this past Spring she was honored by her peers and the Ursuline administration with promotion to full Professor, the highest academic rank. For more information on Dr. Marion’s legacy please see the In Memoriam section on page 52.
The Ralph M. Besse Library celebrated its 25th anniversary on September 26th. Rev. Thomas E. Chambers, C.S.C. led the celebration with a presentation titled “Hold on to Your Dreams,” explaining how the dream of building a library on the Ursuline campus became a reality.

“I am proud that this library has grown and transformed into the successful campus resource it is today. It is an honor to celebrate the past 25 years,” said Sr. Diana Stano.

Attendees were given the opportunity to view special library collections including rare books, stamps and Ursuline archives. Guests were encouraged to bring new or gently used children’s books to donate in support of HELP Malawi, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hope, education, love and protection to children everywhere.

President Sr. Diana Stano, OSU, Ph.D and the Ursuline Board of Trustees recently welcomed the community to a reception celebrating the College’s ongoing effort to Transform the College through Values, Voice and Vision.

As part of the overall American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Ursuline was recently awarded $607,754 from Ohio’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to improve the general energy efficiency of Ursuline’s Joseph J. Mullen Academic Building. Renovations will include new windows, ventilation systems and improved lighting to enhance classroom and office space to advance student learning. The reception signified the start of the renovations, particularly the installation of new windows.

“As recipients of the Energy Efficiency Grant, we are happy to be able to make changes to the campus that will enhance student experience,” said Sr. Diana.

Along with special guests and campus tours, the event featured remarks by the Director of the Ohio Department of Development, Lisa Patt-McDaniel who spoke about how higher education is related to Ohio’s economy. Ohio Senator Tom Patton and Pepper Pike Mayor Bruce Akers also spoke about how Ursuline has a significant impact locally and regionally.
Ursuline College hosted Linedrives and Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women’s Baseball an exhibit and gala event. The exhibit at Ursuline’s Wasmer Gallery featured more than 60 women’s baseball items ranging from picture postcards, game programs, photographs, posters and in-depth articles from mainstream magazines. The exhibition explored the often forgotten history of women in baseball and traced women’s involvement in the sport dating back to the mid-1800’s. The exhibit illustrated how, when given the opportunity, female baseball players often overcame the odds. The exhibit’s presenting sponsor was the Cleveland Indians. Other sponsors included: Mrs. John C. Wasmer Jr.; Lake County Captains; Key Bank; Contempo Communications and The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). In conjunction with the exhibition were two events highlighting women’s role in baseball history.

Ursuline hosted a “Linedrives and Lipstick” fundraiser at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven on the evening of October 16 with special guest, Bob Feller. Barbara Gregorich, Cleveland native and bestselling author of several books including, Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball was the event’s moderator. She led a discussion by panelists Doris O’Donnell, legendary journalist from the Cleveland Press who was voted out of an all-male press box in Baltimore, D.C. and Boston, and Mamie “Peanut” Johnson, a pitcher and second baseman of the Indianapolis Clowns from 1953-55, one of only three women to play alongside men in the Negro Leagues. Another panelist was Audrey Haine Daniels, a former baseball pitcher who was recruited from her native Canada to play in the All American Girls Baseball League on teams including: the Minneapolis Millerettes, Fort Wayne Daisies, Grand Rapid Chicks, Peoria Redwinds and the Rockford Peaches. Audrey was also featured in a cameo appearance in the hit movie A League of Their Own.

They discussed their experiences playing baseball and their fond memories of how they broke the barriers for other women in a male-dominated sport. Baseball memorabilia and silent and live auction items were up for bid.

The community was invited to a special screening of the new documentary, Girls of Summer: The WBL Sparks in Cooperstown, NY. In the documentary, director Max Tash focused on the struggle of one women’s baseball team in a world where most people think that girls don’t belong. Included in the film is Justine Siegal, a longtime women’s baseball player and the first female to coach a men’s professional team. Attendees of the event had the opportunity to hear Siegal in person as she presented “Girls Playing Baseball: What’s Love Got To Do with It?”

With the opening exhibit reception, gala at Landerhaven and screening event at Daley, the College generated over $115,000.00 for student scholarships.
Ursuline welcomes new VP for Enrollment Management

After an extensive search that yielded exceptional candidates, Sr. Diana Stano, Ph.D., OSU, announced the appointment of Thandabantu B. Maceo as Ursuline’s Vice President for Enrollment Management (VPEM).

“We are thrilled to have Thanda on board as the new VPEM. His expertise in enrollment management will allow the College to improve current practices and develop new strategies for attracting students,” said Sr. Diana.

Thanda (pronounced “tahn-duh”) was most recently the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing at Heidelberg University and has several years of experience within admissions, financial aid and enrollment management. According to Sr. Diana, Maceo has strong leadership qualities that will allow him to excel at Ursuline. While at Heidelberg, Maceo achieved record enrollment and consistently exceeded enrollment goals for three consecutive years.

The VPEM is responsible for the formulation of institutional enrollment goals, leading enrollment management initiatives and overseeing all aspects of enrollment management.

GETTING TO KNOW

Thanda Maceo

What is your background in admissions and recruitment?
My career in higher education with recruiting, marketing and enrollment management started in 1991 as assistant director of admission at the University of Cincinnati. Since then, I have moved progressively ahead in my career as director of admission at Central State University in 1998; 1999 director of admission and financial aid, Central State University; 2003 dean of enrollment management at Bethany College in Kansas; 2007 vice president for enrollment management and marketing at Heidelberg University. Over this period, I have done enrollment management and marketing consulting work and presented at national and regional conferences.

What are the recruitment strategies you intend to implement at Ursuline?
In general, we will start with realigning people and streamlining systems and processes to match work requirements with talent and resources. We plan to implement best practices and strategies that will include planning and executing an integrated marketing communication plan; implementing and executing a customer relationship management (CRM) system for admission recruiting; planning and executing effective telemarketing campaigns with admission counselors and peer-telescounselors; planning and executing an effective search strategy; implementing predictive and qualification modeling; planning and executing strategic use of financial aid funds (leveraging); developing into a data and research driven organization; leveraging all technologies to accelerate the rate of performance; delivering quality customer service with high touch and high tech approaches effectively using social media applications to enhance and augment marketing communication strategy.

What role can alumnae play in this new strategy?
With the proper organization, communication, coordination and training alumnae can play a critical role in identifying, attracting, recruiting, enrolling and retaining students.

What made you decide to come to Ursuline?
Clearly, Ursuline’s vision, mission, core values and most importantly the people convinced me that this is the right place for me to continue my passion in higher education.

What is your favorite thing about Ursuline so far?
Again, I truly enjoy the people. Sr. Diana is an exceptionally talented leader; my colleagues who sit on President’s Council are gifted professionals in their respective fields of work, and the staff members in enrollment management are a dedicated group ready to take on the challenges and opportunities before us.
Save these dates

Join the Ursuline College Community and journey to St. Angela Merici’s homeland in Italy from **October 17-23, 2011**. Become part of the celebration of the 475th anniversary of the founding of the Ursuline Sisters. The trip is a pilgrimage of the heart. Walk in the footsteps that Angela and her sisters trod in 1535 and begin and close each day with prayerful activities. Take in the beauty of the surroundings and let your spirit be touched by the breath of God as you tour the streets and cities where Angela worked, prayed and founded a unique form of religious life. You will leave home a traveler and return a pilgrim, more deeply formed into a person God has created you to be through focusing on St. Angela and the formation of her Company. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec at 440 449 1200 ext. 114 or mebrinovec@ursulinesisters.org.

**Ursuline pilots new program**

**Ursuline College** is piloting a unique coaching program that began this fall titled UCoach, sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences and URSA (Ursuline Resources for Success in Academics). **UCoach offers a personal coach who helps students to construct an individualized success plan for high achievement in college and beyond.** The program is open to new students who declare majors in the arts and sciences or who have not yet chosen a particular major.

Beth Kavran, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, describes the philosophy behind the program: “At Ursuline we want every student to succeed. Having a UCoach advisor is like having your own academic personal trainer. UCoach advisors personalize the education of our students. We assist the student with learning strategies, life management skills and navigating Ursuline.”

The program’s two main components are creating a coaching relationship and career development/readiness for the job market. The first component involves pairing each student with a faculty or staff member from the first week of classes. This coach is there to help new students transition into college successfully. As the student progresses through the first year, the coach guides the student in setting goals and developing a personalized college success plan. Regular one-on-one meetings offer ongoing support and the coaching relationship is designed to last until the student has graduated.

The second component of the program offers a one-credit career development course in the spring semester, in which the student will be introduced to the practice of informational interviewing and a one-credit sophomore course in which the student will complete a job shadowing experience. These experiences will be the foundation for an internship experience for credit in the junior year. Finally, the student will learn how to develop an e-portfolio that can be used in the job search process in their senior year.

We would like to invite interested alumnae to become involved in the career development component of UCoach. If you would like to learn more about how you can partner with a UCoach student please contact Sr. Virginia DeVinne, UCoach Coordinator, at vdevinne@ursuline.edu or 440 684 6018.
Ursuline recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the social work program. Alumnae, faculty members, students and staff gathered to celebrate the growth and success of the program throughout the past 20 years.

In 1990, Ursuline's Social Work Department was formally established with Sr. Kathleen Cooney ’65, OSU, Ph.D. serving as program director. In an effort to ensure a close connection with community leaders, the Social Work Organization was created in 1992. Now, Sr. Kathleen and Sharon Wilson, MSSA, LISW serve as co-directors.

“The 20th anniversary of the social work program represents Ursuline’s longstanding tradition of educating women for leadership in social work and the College’s commitment to giving a voice to marginalized populations. Ursuline College has been training social workers since the 1940’s and formally established a degree program in Social Work in 1990,” said Wilson. “Funding challenges, policy decisions and the current economic climate have reduced and eliminated the safety net once available to the poor. The social work program continues to evolve and change in its efforts to meet the emerging needs of the poor in our community,” continued Wilson.

For Ursuline’s students, the 20th anniversary provides a legacy and an assurance that they will receive the training and education necessary to succeed in this field. The celebration also connects current students to our alumnae, who work in our community as social workers, social work supervisors and program directors.

At the celebration, past alumnae and current students were recognized for their excellence in Social Work. Among them, Jody Timko ’00, MSW, LISW-S was honored with The Distinguished Social Work Alumnae Award. Currently, Timko is the Director of Clinical Services for the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland. She has also been the program director at New Life Community, where she worked to help families become independent. Timko received the 2005 Social Worker of the Year Award from the Cleveland Region of NASW-Ohio, while working at MetroHealth Medical Center.

“It’s been a privilege to watch Ursuline College’s Social Work program become a model for social work education and to celebrate 20 years of sending well-prepared generalist practitioners into the community. For me, there is no greater accomplishment than to take the ‘values, voice, and vision’ of Ursuline College into the community; being acknowledged as a distinguished alumna from Ursuline’s exceptional program is an honor both professionally and personally,” said Timko.

Since graduating, Timko has served as an active member of the Social Work Program’s Advisory Board since 2004, adjunct professor and role model for Ursuline’s current students. With years of professional experience, Timko has offered students words of wisdom and encouragement to help master the skills necessary for the social work profession.

The Ursuline College Distinguished Social Work Alumnae Award was established by the Social Work Department and the Alumnae Association in 1996. The award honors outstanding social work graduates who have promoted spiritual vitality, social work values, and a more just society through leadership, practice, research, or community service. Individuals are nominated for this award by social work alumnae of the College. Individuals must have at least ten years post-graduation experience to be considered for the award.

The streak continues. The National Association of Social Workers of Ohio named recent Ursuline graduate, Robyn Manchick ’10, the Baccalaureate Social Work Student of the Year. In fact, over the past eight years, the National Association of Social Workers of Ohio named an Ursuline senior the Social Work Student of the Year. A member of many student organizations, Manchick served as vice president of the Student Social Work Organization from 2008 – 2009. Currently, Manchick works at the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Outpatient Clinic at Hillcrest Hospital.
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Women have traditionally given much of their time and talent to charitable organizations. Some argue that women, by nature, are more altruistic than men. The Center on Philanthropy in Indiana agrees. The Center asserts that women have been an overlooked resource to fund social change. Women not only give freely of their time, but also of their dollars. Research by the Women’s Philanthropy Institute (WPI), under the aegis of the Center, proves that women play a significant part in charitable donations across all income levels. The research findings show that women give more than men in nearly every income group and marital category. In female-led households, charitable giving is nearly double that of male-led households in all but one income group. WPI’s research confirms that women have the will and the capacity to give - proving that women can confidently embrace their role as philanthropists in the 21st century. In its work to ‘unleash the potential of a rapidly growing population of women interested in the joy and power of giving,’ WPI counsels charitable organizations to recognize women as an appreciable force to forward their missions.

Education is a key driver of the advancing position of women in American society. Women have made great strides in recent years in both levels of education attained and wealth accumulated. According to the IRS, in 2004 forty-three percent of the nation’s top wealth holders were women. The number of women attending college continues to grow with women now outnumbering men. And this trend is not projected to slow down. The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that half as many women as men will earn bachelor’s degrees in 2017. Female entrepreneurship is outpacing that of men. Some studies show that women are starting businesses at a rate three times faster than that of men. All these factors increase both the ability women have to fund causes meaningful to them and to influence societal change. Today, women lead three of the top ten U.S. grant-making foundations. Combined they control billions of dollars of assets. Their standing demonstrates to others that women have a prominent part to play in philanthropy.
The world’s major philanthropists like Bill and Melinda Gates, Ted Turner, Oprah Winfrey and Warren Buffet are familiar to everyone. Gifts the size of some country’s GDP make front-page news. The stories we don’t often see are the small gifts of money and time given each day by many people. Together their philanthropy adds up to amazing accomplishments. At Ursuline College the same is true. The most common donation pledged during the phone-a-thon is twenty-five dollars. It may not seem like much. Some alumnae give less and some give more, but combined the many gifts given during the annual fund-raiser add up to considerable support for the school.

The significance of each gift, regardless of size, is never unnoticed. Kevin Gladstone, Ursuline’s Vice-President for Institutional Advancement is often heard commenting, “We treasure every gift to Ursuline College. Every gift is important. If the gift is meaningful to the donor, it is meaningful to Ursuline.”

Currently, only 18 percent of Ursuline/St. John alumnae donate regularly to the school. A majority of those donors are over 65 years old. To the youngest alumnae, becoming a philanthropist may seem unrealistic and out of reach. How can Ursuline encourage its graduates to join the scores of women leading the way and making philanthropy a way of life? Part of the answer is to engage students on the verge of graduation to stay involved with their alma mater. There are many opportunities for alumnae to remain an active part of the Ursuline community – and be an active supporter of the school.

In 2006 the College launched the Senior Class Gift Program to develop and strengthen the spirit of philanthropy at Ursuline College. At the end of the senior year, the graduating students are asked to make a commitment to donate each year for the first five years after graduation. Beginning with the approachable amount of ten dollars and increasing modestly each year, the Senior Class Gift Program invites every alum to support the future of Ursuline. Upon the completion of the five-year commitment, the graduate’s philanthropy will be honored with a brick displaying her name. All the named bricks will become a walkway planned for a prominent place on campus.

Ursuline has a long history of serving the underserved. As a result, a strong emphasis is placed on scholarship programs and financial aid which are an essential part of that mission. Currently, over ninety percent of Ursuline students are receiving some form of aid. Over the years, the College has graduated many fine students who appreciated the help provided by these scholarships. Crucial to the school’s ability to continue its tradition of assisting students in need is the support of alumnae. Currently alumnae endow many of the scholarships available to Ursuline students. Increased numbers of alumnae willing to contribute will ensure the future of these important programs.

Every contribution to Ursuline College whether in time, talent or treasure strengthens the College’s mission of providing a holistic education that moves students towards professional excellence and transforms them into leaders. Each generation can join together to help another. Contributions from former students help new Ursuline students achieve their dream of a college education.

For two weeks every October, nearly 100 volunteers join together on campus. Ursuline students past and present, alumnae, board members, Ursuline Sisters, faculty and staff donate their time for a good cause – the future of their beloved school. They all volunteer in the annual phone-a-thon to raise much needed funds for Ursuline College. The money raised during the event is important to the sound financial footing of the College. Like all private schools operating today, tuition is only part of the answer to covering the high costs of day-to-day operations.

In fact, the daily cost of operating the College is nearly eighty-one thousand dollars. This could be a daunting amount to comprehend, if not for a dedicated core of alumnae and friends who bolster the school’s coffers and keep the Ursuline mission strong.

In this issue we would like to highlight just a few of the individual women who are cheerleaders for Ursuline – always ready to step forward, committing their time, talent or treasure to keep Ursuline vital. Common to all their stories is a willingness to use their voices in support of a meaningful cause. Not all of the women are alumnae of Ursuline, but all have been touched by the special quality or spirit of the school.

Each of the women exhibits a strong value of sharing what she has to offer to empower others to realize a fuller life. By supporting her vision with action, each of these individuals serves as a role model for women interested in philanthropy. As women empower their personal and professional aspirations, they boost their individual standing and women’s standing as philanthropists. Together we can make a difference.
Marcia Cuyler-Lewis ’04 enjoys her role as an enthusiastic supporter of Ursuline College and generously gives of both her time and dollars. She only wishes she started sooner! “I support Ursuline because it’s a great college geared towards helping women succeed — enabling us to give back, not only in our professional workplace but to our communities as well,” states Marcia.

Marcia believes young people are our future and that we have a responsibility to nurture their confidence and education. Much of her philanthropic work is focused on children and young adults. She is a strong advocate of the scholarship programs at Ursuline because she doesn’t want the many costs of attaining a degree to prohibit any young student who has the dream of a higher education. She believes the excellent education she received at Ursuline empowered her to build upon her career in human resources and ultimately to embrace entrepreneurship. Today, Marcia is the president and founder of Sun Haven Home Health Care in Solon, Ohio.

Marcia grew up in a household that placed a high value on altruism. “My late parents always gave to help others. No matter the cause, they were always giving,” says Marcia. In fact, her family has a multi-generational commitment to helping others. Marcia’s siblings and her son are also active in their communities. Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Cleveland, veterans, Habitat for Humanity and the youth choir at her church are groups, in addition to Ursuline College, that benefit from Marcia’s philanthropic efforts.

Marcia envisions a prominent future for women philanthropists. Women have come a very long way from the typewriting stand, affirms Marcia. She sees women’s influence expanding as more women take on leadership positions in the professional realm. They also control increasing amounts of the invested wealth in the United States.

But it is not only dollars that can make a difference according to Marcia. She challenges all graduates of Ursuline to remain involved with their alma mater. “Sharing your time and talent is simple,” says Marcia. In 2009, Marcia joined the Alumnae Board at Ursuline. She invites new graduates to join in the many activities offered “…to stay involved, stay connected and be part of Ursuline’s future.”
Joan Harkulich ’53SJ is a steadfast supporter of Ursuline College. An alumna of St. John College, she was a nursing student in the College’s third class. Although she graduated from St. John College, she believes it is essential to support Ursuline. She feels St. John alumnae should donate because Ursuline College made a place for them when their college closed. “It was our port in the storm,” emphasizes Joan. “Over the years I have grown to deeply appreciate Joan’s commitment to Ursuline’s vitality’” says Pat Riley, Ursuline’s Director of Development. Pat organizes the phone-a-thon held every October. The ‘official’ phone-a-thon lasts two weeks. Joan’s phone-a-thon lasts well into January. She tirelessly contacts each St. John graduate missed during the fund-raiser until she makes a connection to share her enthusiasm and her message.

Joan was part of a committee instrumental in creating the St. John College Memorial Garden on campus. When St. John College abruptly closed in 1974, the students and alumnae were taken by surprise. All of the school’s belongings were scattered — and eventually even the buildings were gone. St. John alumnae were left nothing by which to remember their alma mater. When Riley asked Joan what St. John College alumnae would appreciate she replied, “To have something of our own.” With that, the idea for the garden was born. The committee and Riley worked together to create a place on campus to honor St. John College. Riley, through some investigative work, recovered a collection of artifacts from the College. Two of the original cornerstone’s of the building, a cross from the school’s chapel, and the coat-of-arms were discovered in a storage barn at Calvary Cemetery. St. John alumnae supported the refurbishment of the pieces and they now grace the memorial garden. Designed for meditation, studying and prayer it is an oasis for students, faculty, and visitors to enjoy. “What’s better for St. John alums than to see the garden used by so many?” beams Joan.

Joan is justly proud of the prominent value her family placed on philanthropy. Her grandmother meticulously cared for all the priests’ clothing and grew flowers for their family church. Joan laughs, “We couldn’t touch the flowers.” Her mother volunteered well into her 90’s and was, at one point, the oldest volunteer in Cleveland. Joan’s father helped structure and pass child labor laws and workers’ compensation laws. Joan even went with her aunt once a week as a young girl to volunteer time at the draft board. The family always donated their time and talent. “All of these people and their gift of giving throughout their lives made me believe that philanthropy was so important,” says Joan emphatically. It would be difficult to paint a complete picture of all that Joan does to give back to her community – and to Ursuline College. Plant the seed and then it will grow for generations, insists Joan. She did that with her children. As a result, they are all active philanthropists in their own right. She believes we must plant the seed in our younger alumnae.

She encourages students today to value not only the education they are receiving at Ursuline but the value of keeping the school in their hearts. Joan often remembers hearing Sister Edith and Miss Brinker of St. John College tell her and her fellow students how fortunate they were to graduate from such a unique nursing program. “I wouldn’t be me” if not for Sister Edith, Miss Brinker, and her classmates at St. John College, says Joan. Women are caring people by nature. Joan believes that as women become more involved in the world, they will become more involved in philanthropy. “They will see the need and get involved,” according to Joan. “I have faith this school will be around long after I’m gone, continuing to provide the quality education it does now.”
Mary Jane and her husband Jack have been tremendously generous over the years in their support of Ursuline College. Their connection to the school began more than twenty years ago when Mary Jane accepted an invitation to coffee with then board president, Herbert E. Strawbridge. He knew his long-time friend would be a wonderful asset to the school. Over coffee, he encouraged Mary Jane to join the board. Mary Jane and her husband have a strong tradition of supporting educational institutions including St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University. Mary Jane was drawn in part to Ursuline College because she is a former nurse (St. Vincent Charity Hospital, 1957) and because she realized the value that the College delivered to the local community.

Both Mary Jane and her husband Jack believe that Ursuline’s nursing program is particularly vital in providing talented and caring nurses for America’s increasing healthcare demands. In 1998, they endowed the school with the largest gift in its history for the establishment of the Breen School of Nursing.

When one chats with Mary Jane Breen, her energy and enthusiasm are immediately evident. She is very matter-of-fact about all that she and her husband have done for the many beneficiaries of their philanthropic work. Her belief in giving back came from her mother. “My mother was my inspiration,” says Mary Jane. Although her mother struggled to support five children alone after her husband’s premature death, Mary Jane says she was always generous to others in need of help.

Mary Jane accepted Herb Strawbridge’s invitation and became a member of the Board of Trustees in 1989. In her role as a trustee and in everything she does, Mary Jane believes in speaking her mind in a forthright fashion. “I think people call on you when you’re straightforward and say what’s on your mind. You don’t always want to say it, and they don’t always want to hear it,” says Mary Jane. But she feels it best to let others know where you’re coming from rather than play guessing games.

She is cognizant of the challenge Ursuline College has in raising the necessary capital to remain financially secure. The majority of the school’s graduates go on to work in fields not traditionally known for lucrative salaries such as social work, nursing and education. Mary Jane notes that although many alumnae may not be able to donate large sums individually, together the Ursuline/St. John community can work together to keep the school vital and an important part of the local area. “That’s why we have to work so hard,” says Mary Jane energetically. Just as Mary Jane’s mother inspired her, the commitment and generosity Mary Jane has for Ursuline College is a model for burgeoning women philanthropists.
Molly McCown ’03 believes her experiences as an undergraduate student at Ursuline were an essential step in becoming the person she is today. She was introduced to new ideas, people and cultures while an undergraduate — and she cherishes the many friendships she formed during her college years. The knowledge and skills she gained from her professors in the social work department launched her career as a social worker. She is a steadfast supporter of the College because she wants others to enjoy the benefits of an Ursuline experience as rewarding as her own. “My experiences at Ursuline have made me a richer, more complete person,” asserts Molly.

Molly has a clear vision of where and how she wants to allocate her philanthropic dollars. “I choose to support organizations that are well-established and improve the quality of life for people in the Cleveland area,” affirms Molly. In addition to Ursuline, she supports other organizations around town including the United Way and the Playhouse Square Foundation. In working with her clients, Molly has had many opportunities to see the United Way in action. Impressed with the scope of services it offers to the community and the diversity of charities it supports, she regularly donates. Her support of Playhouse Square was sparked by happy memories of school fieldtrips to the theatre. Remembering the joy of seeing live theatre as a child is something that she wants to share with others through the Playhouse’s school programs.

Molly’s role models are her mother and father. She grew up seeing her mother’s steady donations to her church and several charities. Molly affectionately calls her father “the handyman.” Her father was always ready to help out his neighbors and friends tackle their home improvement projects. Molly feels blessed and says that supporting organizations that assist others is my way of saying ‘thank you’ for all the blessings I have enjoyed throughout my life.
Many students, past and present, talk about the special atmosphere distinctive to Ursuline. Sheryl Zellner ’97 was one of those students touched by the nurturing environment of the College. When she was studying for her public relations degree in the late 1990’s, she found Ursuline to be a place where she not only received an excellent education, she felt at home. “Everyone knows your name. You are not just a number at Ursuline,” says Sheryl.

Sheryl began volunteering in support of Ursuline and its mission even before she graduated in 1997. After graduation, she joined the Friends of the Ralph M. Besse Library. Established in 1985, the group provides financial support to supplement the Library’s budget through special programs and events such as lectures and book sales. Members of the Friends work energetically to promote community understanding of the Library and its many resources. Sheryl was actively engaged with the group for six years — part of that time she was the group’s president. Then she shifted her energies to the Ursuline College Alumnae Board and contributed her time there for four years. “So actually I have never really left Ursuline,” affirms Sheryl.

Sheryl would like current students of the College to know about groups like the Alumnae Board and Friends of the Library before they graduate. “They will forever be a part of Ursuline College,” says Sheryl. By staying actively involved on campus, they can not only be philanthropists for their alma mater, they can stay tuned into the wonderful spirit they enjoyed while students at Ursuline.

Sheryl says, I have not come this far in life alone. Sometimes you don’t always know where help comes from, it just comes. She donates her time and money to organizations like Ursuline College because she wants to be that help for someone else. She feels it is her duty and responsibility to help others find success. She values Ursuline’s focus on nurturing women to be leaders. “Ursuline brings out the best in women,” asserts Sheryl. Whether it’s volunteering her time, contributing to the annual fund or simply enjoying a college event with her husband, Ursuline College remains a part of Sheryl’s life and a key focus of her philanthropic efforts.
Eva Dolan’s first exposure to Ursuline College was in the late 1970’s when she audited a series of classes. Not only did she absolutely love the class experience, but was touched by the “spirit of Ursuline.”

It was a time of transition for Eva. Her children were teenagers and she was exploring whether additional schooling was desirable and feasible for her. She was interested in getting her law degree but was still unsure of her abilities as a student. It had been some time since she was in a classroom. She knew in her heart that she could do it but still was hesitant. At Ursuline, Eva found the professors stimulating and the atmosphere nurturing. “I discovered that I could learn, remember things and do homework again,” laughs Eva. Any doubts she had evaporated. Eva went on to complete her law degree at Cleveland State University. Eva credits her time at Ursuline as making the difference, “Ursuline gave me the courage to do it.”

Her impression of that special quality of Ursuline stuck with her. When she was approached in 1999 to join Ursuline College’s Board of Trustees, she was entering another transition in her life. She had achieved her goal of practicing law and her children were now grown. Eva felt it was the right time to direct her attention to philanthropic activities. She accepted the position on the Board of Trustees.

Although Eva generously supports a wide array of non-profit organizations, her priorities are on her local community. Eva recalls hearing the adage *charity begins at home*. Even though she is originally from New York, she states, “I’m a Clevelander, I live here and I know these needs in an intimate way.” Ursuline College has benefitted greatly from her local focus and the tremendous energy she devotes to the school. In return, Eva says she receives the personal satisfaction of feeling useful and vital.

Along with being an active member of the board, she serves on the College’s Social Work Advisory Committee. Comprised of alums, faculty, students and individuals in the industry, the committee assists the department in setting goals, managing challenges, forecasting trends and providing support to keep the program moving ahead. It is a perfect fit for Eva because she has spent much of her professional life focused on women’s issues.

Eva hopes that the College will be able to navigate through the tough economic times and remain financially sound. She believes that Ursuline’s Catholic nature gives it a unique strength not found at other institutions. She contributes in every way she can so that the College can continue its mission of serving womankind in the exceptionally nurturing, caring way she finds so remarkable.
U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge recently awarded senior nursing student Jasmine Jennings with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBC) Scholarship, CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship and the CBC Spouses Education Scholarship. “Receiving financial support from the CBC has helped me move forward with my education and has allowed me to continue working toward my dream of becoming a nurse,” said Jennings.

Established in 1988, the CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. The Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 and has experienced substantial growth. The fund is operated through the district offices of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC Spouses partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship has served hundreds of students over the years, and has helped to create leaders in the medical and health related fields.

Seventeen Ursuline Breen School of Nursing students spent an October morning participating in a Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC) coordinated by Army ROTC personnel based at John Carroll University. Students were divided into teams and taken through several scenarios that involved leadership and followership skills, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Christine Wynd, Ph.D., R.N., ’74SJ, Breen School of Nursing dean, said “The purpose of the field exercises were to enhance the students knowledge and skills of leadership relating to team-building, problem-solving, communication and trust development.”

The activity allowed students to get out of the classroom and into the fresh air at North Chagrin Metro Parks. The students spent the day applying the leadership skills they learn in their Leadership in Nursing course. In addition, the participants examined their own leadership performance after receiving evaluations from professional ROTC guides and Ursuline faculty.
Welcome Class of 2014

Just as the summer came to a close, the Ursuline campus lit up as the newest members to the College community began their journey. During the two-day orientation experience students explored the campus, made new friends and learned about all things Ursuline. Sponsored by student activities, orientation is designed to welcome and acclimate new students to Ursuline, while emphasizing the College’s four core values; commitment to spirituality, student focus, respect for the individual and collaboration. A team of 15 upper-class students were chosen and trained as Orientation Arrows to facilitate and lead activities to help the new students in this exciting transition.

To close out the orientation activities this year, Ursuline’s development office hosted an event for the new students. Each person received a T-shirt with a replica of the Cedar Hill bell on it and the words, “Ursuline College, The Tradition Continues” surrounding it. The students carried candles, placed them in the quad and as they left, one by one, they rang the bell. Four years from now, immediately following the Baccalaureate Mass at graduation, those same students will return to the quad to ring the bell once more.

A garden was recently created to commemorate those alumnae who attended Ursuline while it was located at Cedar Hill. The bell is significant because it is the only remnant of that campus. Having been saved and later refurbished by Maryanna Cipar Vondriska ’49 the bell was generously donated by her and placed in the garden.
Recognizing student excellence

Ursuline junior Megan Arms was recently honored with the St. Catherine Medal for academic performance, leadership and organization participation during the College’s Student Leadership and Award Recognition Ceremony. The St. Catherine Medal, named after the martyr St. Catherine of Alexandria, is awarded annually to a member of the junior class who has exhibited outstanding leadership, both on campus and in the community.

As a nursing major, Arms was recognized for her numerous contributions to both Ursuline College and the greater Cleveland community. On campus, she has served as an Orientation Arrow and currently as an Orientation Team Advisor. Arms has also been a team leader for the Emerging Leader’s Retreat, sharing her leadership skills with new students, as well as serving as an active member of the Residence Hall Council. She was a member of the Executive Committee for the St. Jude “Up ‘Til Dawn” event and coordinated the letter-writing campaign and entertainment for the finale event, as well as other fund-raising events to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Off campus, Arms served as a volunteer in the Pediatric Department at Fairview Hospital, and also as an active volunteer at Bountiful Basement Hunger Center in Cleveland. Arms distributing groceries to families in need. Because of her commitment to leadership and community involvement on and off campus, Megan was inducted into the Fleur-de-Lis Leadership Honorary earlier this year.

Fashioning Goodwill

Last spring, Goodwill Industries approached the Ursuline Fashion Department to coordinate a fashion show featuring trendy Goodwill finds fashioned together by the College’s merchandising and design students.

Jennifer Knaus, Ursuline fashion instructor said, “This show provided students not only with the opportunity to showcase their talent and hard work, but to become involved with the local community and the wonderful organization of Goodwill.”

Held in October at the Cleveland Metroparks Rainforest, over 35 fashion design and merchandising students were involved with the project. The student’s were challenged to spend no more than $25 in a Goodwill store and either create a new garment from their purchases or merchandise an outfit with their finds. The money was used on everything from pants and shoes to dresses and accessories. In the end not only did the students get to create the runway fashions, but they also modeled them during the show.

“It is important for students like us to be involved in fashion shows for exposure into the real world, said Annie Grindle, ’10, fashion merchandising major who participated in the show. “Having the opportunity to step outside the classroom gives you a deeper understanding of how things operate; it was definitely a great learning experience for me.”
Legal Studies students in Constitutional Law had an exciting first night of class as Avery Friedman, Visiting Professor of Constitutional Law, arranged for the students to be transported to Case Law School to listen to a lecture by Julian Bond, noted Civil Rights activist and former Chairman of the NAACP. During the term, the class studied Bond v. Floyd, 385 U.S. 116 (1966), an important case involving freedom of speech under the First Amendment.

After listening to the lecture, Professor Friedman arranged for the students to meet Julian Bond and the class had the opportunity to give him a “collective high five” as captured in the photo. Professor Bond was very impressed with the Ursuline College Legal Studies students.

Friedman noted, “To have my students touch history, to have them understand that people in these cases are like us, is a million to one opportunity and I was delighted it arose. Professor Bond told me his students at Harvard and University of Virginia never did a collective High 5. So Ursuline College students offered him a first and he loved it!”

Currently, Professor Bond is a faculty member in the history department of the University of Virginia, where he teaches history of the Civil Rights Movement. He is also a Distinguished Adjunct Professor at American University in Washington D.C. and has taught at Harvard University and Drexel University.

Faculty News

UCAP Facilitator of the Year

Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ph.D. was recently named the 2010 Ursuline College Accelerated Program (UCAP) “Facilitator of the Year”. Weaver has served as an Associate Professor of Religious Studies since 2003 and Department Chair from 2006 – 2009. She has also served as the Coordinator of the Humanities Program and spearheaded efforts to bring the Humanities major and minor into the accelerated format. Beginning in 2006, Weaver has been teaching courses in UCAP. Courses include Religion and Violence, Women and Christian Theology, Christian Theology and Belief, Values of a Committed Life, Humanities Senior Thesis and Theology of Suffering. Weaver has published two books, Babies First Latin and Marriage and Family: A Christian Theological Foundation. She holds degrees in classical languages, philosophy and ethics and completed her Ph.D. with a dissertation on feminist theology from Loyola University.

Each year, UCAP students nominate and award an outstanding faculty member who demonstrates continued excellence. The final decision is made by a student committee based on the facilitator’s ability to promote critical thinking and application of concepts in the classroom, engage a wide range of student learning styles and support of school and program activities.

One student’s nomination stated, “Natalie Weaver is enthusiastic, well-versed and knowledgeable about the subject matter of every course I have taken with her. She uses multiple teaching tools, books, videos, internet and articles. Her classroom teaching ability keeps everyone engaged, interested and informed. She listens to all and her students are active participants in her classes because she sets a tone that makes everyone comfortable and willing to speak and think critically.”
The College recently announced a new partnership with the Yangtze Delta Region Management Education Center of Tsinghua University in Zhejiang, China. This distinctive program focuses on providing Chinese students with the opportunity to earn a master’s degree in management from Ursuline’s School of Graduate and Professional Studies. Students will earn their degrees via a combination of courses offered in China, online and on the Ursuline campus.

This past June, Sr. Diana Stano, O.S.U., Ph.D., and Debra Fleming, C.P.A., D.B.A., interim dean of the school of graduate and professional studies, traveled to China to meet with administration, staff, faculty members and students from Tsinghua University’s Management Education Center in Zhejiang. Students who will be involved in the program serve in upper level management positions of local companies and many of them own their own businesses. Sr. Diana said, “I believe this international partnership with Tsinghua will enhance community networking opportunities between corporations located in China and those located in the United States.”

The students will have the opportunity to work with business professors in both China and the United States who have an in-depth understanding of how cultural, legal and governmental issues impact the strategic decision making process. Dr. Fleming, who serves as the program director for this project, said “as future business leaders, these students will experience first-hand how the interrelationships among globalization, technology and internationalization of businesses can have a significant impact on the world economy. They will also learn how to use advancements in technology to enhance the effectiveness of team-based projects associated with the tools, techniques and concepts of project management.”

Tsinghua University’s main campus is located in Beijing, China. They have cooperative contracts and joint ventures with more than 180 domestic and international companies. During the past decade, Tsinghua has steadily increased scientific cooperation with industries and regional communities. With 14 schools and 56 departments in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art, the University has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research. Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and to world development.

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Breen School of Nursing Dean Christine Wynd, Ph.D., R.N., ’74SJ recently traveled to the International Council of Nurses Global Leadership Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Wynd was selected to attend this Institute as one of several nurses representing the United States. Held in September, the Institute offered an opportunity to discuss issues surrounding nursing practice, education and research, as well as similarities and differences in health care, with other nurse leaders from around the world. For one week, 30 nursing leaders came together at the Chateau de Bossey, located 15 miles outside of Geneva.

“The Leadership Institute provided an opportunity to develop global nursing networks and strengthen ties for future interactions and the sharing of knowledge,” said Wynd.

In preparation for the Institute, each participant was asked to develop a country profile indicating primary causes of mortality, issues and challenges facing health care, and the current number of nurses and physicians available for the provision of health care. During the course of the week, various participants came together in groups to share a rich diversity of knowledge about health care, health care reform, payment systems, quality care indicators and mechanisms for enhancing nursing input into global health care policy development.

The leaders heard from dignitaries associated with the World Health Organization and the International Red Cross. In addition to the USA, countries represented by the participants included the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Papua New Guinea, the Bahamas, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iran, Nepal, Bhutan, Malaysia, Thailand, Togo, Lesotho, Botswana, Tanzania and Uganda.

“Everyone left the Institute with a deeper understanding of global health challenges, better equipped to build strategic alliances, able to identify leadership strengths and areas for improvement and prepared to take on greater leadership roles both nationally and globally,” said Dr. Wynd.
Ursuline College is excited to announce that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has approved the Arrows membership application for NCAA Division II status. Ursuline, which is currently affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), will begin its candidacy in 2010-11 as a Year One Institution in the NCAA Division II membership process.

“We are excited about the new direction for our athletic department,” said Athletic Director Cindy McKnight. “The leadership and commitment from Sr. Diana and our President’s Council has helped position us to make this move. The entire staff has worked to prepare our athletic program to be competitive as an NCAA Division II school and we look forward to this challenge.”

Upon becoming a full member, Ursuline will join the following Ohio institutions affiliated as NCAA Division II: Ashland University (Ashland), Central State University (Wilberforce), University of Findlay (Findlay), Lake Erie College (Painesville), Tiffin University (Tiffin), and Urbana University (Urbana). Rivals Cedarville University (Cedarville), Malone University (Canton), Notre Dame College (South Euclid) and Walsh University (Canton), along with Ohio Dominican University (Columbus) are all currently in the process of becoming NCAA-II members.

According to McKnight, this is great news not only for the athletic program at Ursuline, but will also result in a tremendous boost to the campus and community that supports the College.

“Ursuline has always been known as a strong academic institution and with the introduction of athletics 11 years ago, we began to establish ourselves as having a solid athletic program,” said Ursuline President Sister Diana Stano. “With the acceptance into the NCAA Division II process, we are excited about the opportunity to advance our athletic endeavors.”

The timeline for full Division II membership is a minimum of three years. In 2010-11, Ursuline will begin Candidacy Year One, followed by Candidacy Year Two in 2011-12. Year Three (2012-13) is known as a Provisional Year and Ursuline will be expected to meet all NCAA legislation. The Arrows would then become an active NCAA member in the 2013-14 academic year.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) awarded Ursuline College the Champions of Character Five Star Award. Ursuline is one of 240 institutions that received the Five Star Award. To receive the award, members scored 60 or more points on the NAIA Champions of Character Scorecard and conferences named to the list had at least 60% of its member schools making the grade with 60 or more points. Ursuline came in 34th with 77 points.

Institutions were measured based on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in each of the following categories: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earned points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by obtaining zero ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year. The Scorecard process is based on the NAIA’s flagship program Champions of Character, which emphasizes the five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.
Fall update

**Golf:** Under new head coach Kevin Alcox, golf finished the fall season after three events. They finished at the bottom of the first two tournaments after losing their top returning senior to injury. However, the Arrows closed the fall portion of the year with a victory over rival Notre Dame College.

**Cross Country:** Under new head coach Keith Whitman, cross country has closed out its season before moving into the Indoor Track Season. The team finished among the top in all meets, including an impressive fifth place finish at the American Mideast Conference Championships, and a sixth place finish at the All-Ohio Championships against Division II and NAIA teams. They even finished higher than some Division I schools at the All-Ohio meet, finishing 28th out of 39 total teams.

**Volleyball:** Has improved this season with 15 wins, topping their win total from last season (nine wins). The senior trio of Jamie Fox, Molly Altier and Melissa Molli led a great group of freshman that should continue the program’s climb.

**Soccer:** Battled injuries to a handful of starters early in the conference season, but with good health late the team once again finished with a winning record at 10-7. After a trip to Florida for fall break, the Arrows regrouped and came back to conference action with a new found energy. With only one graduating senior and a group of very talented freshmen, the Arrows finished the season strong with its second-straight winning season and a program record 10 wins, topping last season’s record of nine wins.

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**Jamie Fox – senior volleyball player**

Named to the All-AMC (American Mideast Conference) Volleyball Second Team

Ursuline volleyball’s all-time leader in kills, digs and service aces

She finished her career with 269 service aces, 1,435 kills and 2,003 digs.

She has been a two-time American Mideast Conference Honorable Mention and was on the AMC All-Freshman Team, with awards still to be handed out for this season.

She currently ranked 22nd in the nation in service aces (58). Last season, she ranked 25th in the nation in service aces (57).
College welcomes new coaches

The College has welcomed new coaching leadership in swimming and cross country programs.

Swimming
Recently, Wayne Ruhl entered his first season as the Head Coach of Ursuline’s swimming program. He comes to Ursuline from Saint Andrew’s School of Boca Raton in Florida, where he most recently served as a teacher and coach.

During that time, he also served as Waterfront Director at Camp Chen-a-Wanda. His teams placed annually in the top three of the 30 programs in the county athletic association. His ability to work with sprinters and backstrokers led to 24 individual champions during the course of his 13-year tenure.

At the championship meet, which hosted over 30 teams each year, Ruhl was chosen as director by the host site and then as a mentor to subsequent meet directors.

Ruhl also has experience training triathletes as the aquatics director of the Daytona Beach YWCA. At that location, he took a start-up aquatics program and instituted age-group club swimming teams, adult and youth swimming lessons, and established a master’s team training site.

Prior to that, Ruhl spent four years as the Swimming Coordinator at the College of New Jersey where he managed a large community swimming program, trained and directed lifeguards, and created a competitive swimming course. During his time there, he tripled the income and participation in the program which benefitted the College’s Department of Physical Education.

Ruhl, a NCAA varsity swimmer at Allegheny College, graduated with a double major in communications and English. He went on to assist as a volunteer coach at West Chester University where he earned his master’s degree in English. He is certified by the American Red Cross at the Instructor level in Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, WSI, AED, O2, Waterpark, and Waterfront. He has also been an official timer at the NCAA D-III Women’s National Championships.

Cross Country
Keith Whitman took over as the Head Coach of the Ursuline’s Cross Country Program in 2010. He also serves as an Assistant Coach for the Arrows Track & Field Program.

Whitman, who specializes in distance, brings years of experience to the program. He has spent time coaching at Magnificat High School, Southeast Middle School, and Theodore Roosevelt High School. He has collegiate experience at Muskingum College, the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), Kent State University and Baldwin-Wallace College.

A student athlete at Kent State University, Whitman graduated with his bachelor’s degree in physical education and his master’s degree in sports administration. While at Kent State he was a scholarship varsity athlete on the Track & Field team. A member of the school record holding 3200-meter relay team, Whitman finished 4th in the conference in the 1000-meter indoor race, 5th in the conference 1500-meter outdoor race, and 6th in the conference 1500-meter indoor race.

Among his coaching success stories, he has guided four NCAA Division II National Qualifiers, two NCAA Division II All-Americans, four NCAA Division III national qualifiers, three Ohio Athletic Conference Champions, and four NCAA Division III All-Ohio Champions in track. In 1999, UNK’s Men’s Cross Country Team earned 14th place finish at the NCAA championships. He also coached five Individual Academic All-Americans in Cross Country at UNK.
Letter from the Alumnae Association President

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as president of the Ursuline~St. John Alumnae Association for the next two years. My acceptance of this position provides me with an excellent opportunity to repay the College, in some small measure, for the superior educational opportunities and benefits I have received as a student and alum!

As you are probably aware, Ursuline offers over 30 undergraduate majors and nine graduate programs. It is the only women-focused college in Ohio and one of only a few in the United States. Ursuline prepares students for further education, careers, leadership and service to society while encouraging the search for wisdom. As president, my vision for the Alumnae Board is to strengthen and encourage the Ursuline mission of excellence and fellowship among students and alums.

One of the goals the board members may pursue is becoming a more integral presence on the College campus. We can accomplish this by actively supporting student activities both on and off campus. The Alumnae Association also strongly encourages alums to participate in the Annual Fund drive by calling former classmates to ask for their financial support. It is the success of the drive that enables the Ursuline tradition of education to continue into the future. We also look forward to inviting student representatives to several of our meetings to exchange ideas, to reach out to one another and to strengthen ties to the Alumnae Association.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members who have graciously agreed to give their time and talent to serve: Rita Luebke ’02, Marcia Cuyler-Lewis ’04, Caren Rallo Nakhoda ’97, Carmen Glassco Szep ’94, Suzanne Beucler Fortuna ’92 and Sandra Wilkes ’00. As always, we invite our new graduates to continue their affiliation to the Ursuline College community by joining the Alumnae Association.

I am eagerly looking forward to the new school year and the upcoming events we have planned. Please save the date for Regina Brett as she presents “Lessons for Life” Thursday, March 24, 2011 in Daley Dining Hall and Reunion 2011, June 18, for classes ending in 1 and 6. I cordially invite you to stop by and see all the new and innovative accomplishments that are taking place on the Ursuline College campus! Jean M. Siebert ’99

Another successful alumnus

Ursuline College alumnus, Ronald Dziedzicki ’81, Chief Support Services Officer for UH Case Medical Center, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General effective October 9, 2010. He will be assigned as a Deputy Commanding General for the 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command, Fort Gillen, GA.

“My nomination and confirmation to the Rank of Brigadier General demonstrates the achievement of a significant career goal and my drive to continue to move forward in my military career. This achievement also reflects the values that I live each and every day: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. These values are and continue to be a vital element of my success,” stated Dziedzicki.

Dziedzicki has 26 years of service in the United States Army Reserves and is currently serving as commander, 307th Medical Group, Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Ursuline in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and received his Master of Business Administration in 1992 from John Carroll University.

“My education at Ursuline set a foundation that allowed me to continually shape my vision in an ever-changing world, thus assisting me in achievement of my career goals,” said Dziedzicki.

As an active alumni and member of the Ursuline community, Dziedzicki has served on the alumnae board from 2004 – 2008. He has also hosted four University Hospital Nursing Alumnae receptions for the College in an effort to bridge the gap between the hospital and nursing students.
Gonzaga award recipients

This year’s Gonzaga Medal recipients were Mae Bennett ’10 and Justine Rastatter ’10. Named in honor of Sister Mary Gonzaga Haessly, OSU, the award is presented to a graduating senior who exemplifies the personal qualities of refinement, dignity, integrity and sincere concern for others.

Mae Bennett, a Social Work major, has been a leader who embodies the spirit of Ursuline since she came to the College. She was the president of the Social Work Organization (SWO), organizing and participating in many activities including a Bra Drive, which won a community service project award at 2009 Founder’s Day celebration. She organized a school supply drive for Ghana, worked as a student panelist and tour guide for Adult and Transfer Student Orientation, volunteered her time for Ursuline’s annual Phone-A-Thon and participated in Up ’Til Dawn to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Off campus, Mae is active with her church, Vineyard Community Church where she helps provide meals for the City Mission and assists with the Christmas for Kids program. Mae is also a Victim’s Advocate for the Euclid Police Department, a program that she co-founded with the Euclid Police Department by writing and receiving an $80,000 grant.

Justine Rastatter, a nursing major, contributed to Ursuline in countless ways and has been actively involved in the community. She served as president of the Ursuline’s Student Programming Board and was a member of the Student Government Association. Justine also participated in the Admission’s Orientation Program for new students and was one of four students selected to plan the Orientation and Welcome Week in 2009. In addition, Justine served as a Navigator for the Admission Office for several years providing tours to prospective students and families.

Justine participated in the Up ’Til Dawn campaign to raise funds for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. She also has also been an active member in the community participating and volunteering for the March of Dimes campaign to raise money for research to support premature infants. In addition, Justine also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at her parish.

Ursuline Sisters’ Jubilees 2010

Please join the Ursuline College community in celebration of these Sisters and their years of guidance and inspiration.

70th Anniversary
Sister Mary Claire Walton, OSU ’43

60th Anniversary
Sister Ruth Marie Behrend, OSU ’58SJ
Sister Margaret O’Brien, OSU ’59SJ
Sister Therese Demchok, OSU ’59SJ

50th Anniversary
Sister Rose Mary Hoge, OSU ’64
Sister Karen Bohan, OSU ’64
Sister Donna Kristoff, OSU ’64
Sister Miriam Fidelis Pinchot, OSU ’64SJ

25th Anniversary
Sister Barbara Jeannet Sever, OSU ’78

UCAP Wine and Cheese Social

The Ursuline College Accelerated Program and the Ursuline College Alumnae Association hosted a wine and cheese social for UCAP current students, alumnae and facilitators.

During the event, Caryn Rockind, of Team NEO, addressed the 100 attendees about the work force trends in Northeast Ohio.
On location in Illinois and Arizona

Alumnae and friends of Ursuline College gathered for an afternoon tea in Chicago. Kevin Gladstone, vice president for institutional advancement gave a College update and Ursuline’s Admissions Counselor, Val Pratscher encouraged guests to volunteer to recruit students to Ursuline from the Chicago area.

Lorita Winfield, former fashion adjunct hosted an afternoon tea and talk in Arizona at The Bead Museum for Ursuline alumnae, friends and bead museum members.

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In June over 150 alumnae gathered on campus to celebrate their reunion. The Ursuline and St. John Classes of 1960 celebrated their 50th with a special luncheon hosted by Sr. Diana Stano. The Amadeus Rappe Award was given to Sr. Rosemary Hocevar, OSU ’60 and the Crystal Award was given to Barbara Gibson Gustafson ’55SJ. The Cedar Hill Garden was also dedicated during reunion and blessed by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB.

Reunion 2011 is scheduled for June 8th for classes ending in ‘1’ and ‘6’. Alums interested in serving as a class rep or hosting a private class party should contact Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer ’03 at tmushrush@ursuline.edu or 440 646 8375.

Ursuline Book Club

The Ursuline College Book Club is getting ready for more reading fun. In the coming months the club offers best sellers, a local Plain Dealer columnist and alumnae authors as part of the lineup. We hope you will join us. Ursuline book club is held on the Ursuline College campus at 5:30 PM. Contact Tiffany, tmushrush@ursuline.edu or 440 646 8370 for more information.

March 10
God Never Blinks by Regina Brett

April 6
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

May 19
Love You More Than You Know by Ursuline alumnae Janie Vayo Reinart ’71 & Mary Anne Cotman Mayer ’72
Alumnae News
Kay Lockwood Allen ’55 (Ft. Lauderdale FL) was inducted into the Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) High School Hall of Fame last April. The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni/ae, faculty members and others associated with the VASJ community who, through their achievements, their exemplary character and their dedicated service, embody the ideals nurtured by the current school and its predecessor institutions – Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School.

Barbara Gibson Gustafson ’55SJ (Cleveland Hts. OH) was the recipient of the 2010 Ursuline~St. John College Alumnae Association Crystal Award this past June. The award is presented annually to a graduate of Ursuline or St. John College who has demonstrated dedication to and support of the college and the Alumnae Association.

Sr. Rosemary Hocevar, OSU ’60 (Pepper Pike OH) was the recipient of the 2010 Ursuline~St. John College Alumnae Association Amadeus Rappe Award this past June. The award is presented to an outstanding graduate of Ursuline or St. John College who has made significant contributions to their religion, profession, home and community.

Mary Rose Oakar ’62 (Cleveland OH) was featured in a Cleveland Magazine article in which she tells how a diner helped launch her political career.

Bonnie Hall ’63SJ (Burbank CA) traveled to Italy this past spring. She went from Milan to Amalfi and then to Venice.

Jane Stepanik Murphy ’63SJ (Silver Spring MD) welcomed the birth of her grandson, Leland Joseph Venema, born June 15, 2010.

Tish Keegan Petricca ’64 (Holiday FL) and her husband, Tony celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on a cruise to Europe, visiting Spain, France, Italy, and Croatia. Their two daughters, Mary and Maureen joined them for their celebration.

Sr. Loretta Spotila, CSA ’65SJ (Irvine KY) is the director and founder of Interfaith Wellness Ministry in Appalachia, Eastern Kentucky.

Judith Shultz Tuwalski ’65SJ (Strongsville OH) toured Alaska last September on a seven day cruise with Princess Cruise Lines. She enjoyed sight-seeing in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Dinali National Park.

Ann Graf ’66 (Columbus OH) retired as a senior counsel financial officer in the Legal Department of American Electric Power Service Corp. in Columbus after 23 years of service.

Sr. Caroline Cerveny, SSJ-TOSF ’67 (Oldsmar FL) is the president and founder of Interactive Connections (IC), a global network of faith-based ministers working in collaboration for professional development, knowledge generation, advocacy and leadership. A membership organization, IC provides leadership and service to improve faith-based formation, learning and ministry leadership by advancing the effective use of technology in schools, catechetical ministries and adult formation ministries.

Sr. Diane Therese Pinchot, OSU ’68 (Cleveland OH) hosted a U.N.I.T.E. (Ursuline Network of Talented Inspired Entrepreneurs) “How To Workshop” focusing on business portfolios this past October.

Sr. Mary Assumpta Zabas, CSSP ’68 (Garfield Hts. OH) and her “Nun Better Cookies” were featured on the CBS Sunday Morning with Bill Geist this past April.
Renee Jones Weeks ’70 (South Orange NJ) recently retired as a superior court judge in New Jersey.

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Mary Therese Cottle Slota ’72SJ (Cleveland OH) has a new position at St. Francis de Sales Church in Parma, OH as a family life minister working with their Moms Group and Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Preschool. Her husband, Wayne is retired from the City of Cleveland Health Department and enjoys golfing and being part of the Music Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Maureen Brady Johnson ’73 (Oberlin OH) was inducted into the Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) High School Hall of Fame last April. The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni, faculty members and others associated with the VASJ community who, through their achievements, their exemplary character and their dedicated service, embody the ideals nurtured by the current school and its predecessor institutions – Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School. Maureen also won the Founders’ Award of the Educational Theatre Association at the group’s annual conference in New York City. Maureen is a playwright, director and educational author.

Sr. Susan Zion, OSU ’73SJ (Pepper Pike OH) recently established the Ursuline Piazza website. The Ursuline Piazza supports the HIV-positive community in order to increase the likelihood that they will remain compliant with their care regimens and to address gaps in HIV/AIDS services for residents, former residents, families/caregivers and the staff of St. Augustine Manor.

Deborah Grgetich Wykoff ’74SJ (Westlake OH) is the revenue recovery coordinator at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. Her son, James graduated in June from The Ohio State University.

Christine Doman Wynd ’74SJ (Broadview Hts. OH) was awarded tenure as a professor in The Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline.

Denise San Antonio Zeman ’74 (Cleveland OH) was a speaker at the Amplify Speaker Series, Nonprofit Community Service Panel Discussion presented by Cleveland Business Connects, Cuyahoga Community College – Corporate College and Fred Baker Audi this past May. Denise is the President and CEO of Saint Luke’s Foundation.

Kimberley Greenwald ’79 (Peoria AZ) recently accepted a new position as a registered nurse manager in surgery at Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City, AZ. She is currently working on a master’s degree in nursing leadership and has completed her master’s degree in educational leadership.

Ronald Dziedzicki ’81 (Brunswick OH) has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General effective this past October. He has been assigned as a Deputy Commanding General for the 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command, Fort Gillem, GA. Ron is the chief support services officer for UH Case Medical Center.

Jeanette Novak Mazzola ’81 (Parma Hts. OH) recently announced that her oldest daughter, Catherine, graduated with BSN from the University of Toledo this past May. Catherine plans to accept a position as a registered nurse at University Hospitals of Cleveland, where Jeanette had worked in cancer care for nearly twenty years. Jeanette was featured in the employment section of the October 17th edition of The Plain Dealer entitled, “Oncology nursing requires compassion and continuous learning.”

Lyola Vitantonio Puin ’82 (Lyndhurst OH) celebrated her 90th birthday with 90 guests at Moxie restaurant. Pictured are the many Ursuline alumna she became friends with while at school.

Christian Madsen ’83 (Cleveland OH) is completing a certification program at John Carroll University’s Ignatius Spirit-
Janet Johnson Stephens ’86 (Roswell GA) co-authored the book, *The Blue Manual Ribbon Competitive Needlehearts Events*. In addition, she was asked by The Knitting Guild Association to develop and administer a program for the certification of knitting judges. Janet is pictured here with her husband, Robert and grandchildren, Katherine and Jake.

Mary Kay Conlon Gillis ’89 (Tucson AZ) attended the Ursuline “An Afternoon of Beads and Tea” event at The Bead Museum in Gledale, AZ. Pictured here are Mary Kay and Connie Korosec, Ph.D., head of Ursuline College Fashion Department.

Roseanne Witmer Storrs ’97 (Sagamore Hills OH) recently retired as principal of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary School in Wickliffe, OH. She is currently working part-time as an administrative assistant for the Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic Medicine. She married David Storrs this past July.

Lisa Barnhart Leinweber ’98 (Cleveland Hts. OH) married Lawrence Leinweber, Ph.D. this past September at The Church of the Gesu in University Hts. The reception was held at The Cleveland Skating Club in Shaker Hts. Lisa received her MA from John Carroll University this past May and is licensed professional counselor. Her husband, Lawrence is a computer engineer consultant.

Kimberley Osborne-Milstein ’98 (Novelty OH) welcomed Kingsley, a new addition to her family this past summer.

Sandra Bierut Valermann ’98 (Mayfield Hts. OH) joined the Executive Women’s Golf Association, a nonprofit organization formed to promote the growth of women’s golf that offers clinics, special events, and tournaments.

Pamela Ferguson Gordon ’99 (Macedonia OH) and her husband, William, welcomed the birth of their second child, William John Gordon, IV, this past August.

Angela Leschinsky ’99 (Avon Lake OH) is a department assistant in The Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute at The Cleveland Clinic.

Dana Dzurko ’00 (Strongsville OH) and Kristi Cirino Maloney ’02 (Painesville OH) presented “Sprucing Up Your Professional Dress” event at The Chagrin Inn this past July for the UNITE (Ursuline Network of Talented Inspired Entrepreneurs) group.
Sarah Gareau '01 (Hickory NC) completed her Doctorate of Public Health Promotion, Education & Behavior and her Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies this year. She is employed as an Assistant Professor and Director of the new Master of Public Health program at Lenoir-Rhyne University, a private Lutheran college in Hickory, NC.

Janice Pavis Cackowski '02 (Wickliffe OH) recently accepted the position of office manager at Hudson Financial Advisors, Inc.

Che’ Paskert Travers ’05 (Brooklyn NY) married Mark Travers this past May in Peninsula, OH.

Mary Ellen Margocs DiDonato '05 (Parma OH) was a bridesmaid and in attendance was Dr. Constance Korosec, chair of Ursuline’s Fashion Department.

Kristina Kosloff Viviani ’05 (Lakewood OH) married James Viviani in June 2009. Ursuline alumnae who attended the wedding included Abigail Root-Denigris ’10 (Lakewood OH) and Jill Bodeker Trevarthen ’05 (Lyndhurst OH).

Anne Kline ’03 (Mentor OH) was featured in a Cleveland News Channel 5 story this past April entitled, “Horizon Science Academy teacher prides herself on giving back to community.”

Veronica Glashauckas ’05 (Rocky River OH) is currently a student at Cleveland State University’s bachelor in civil engineering program. She will graduate in May of 2012 and is a student member in the American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineers without Borders and the American Concrete Institute.

Adrianne Semosky Son-Hing ’06 (Pepper Pike OH) married Dr. Jochen Son-Hing this past July.

Lia Kalin ’07 (Cleveland OH) was featured in the April 21, 2010 Plain Dealer article, “Blind date created a beautiful partnership at Hudson boutique: Places in Style,” highlighting how she and her business partner, Michelle Bryce started their clothing store, B. Lux Boutique. Lia also hosted a U.N.I.T.E. (Ursuline Network of Inspired Talented Entrepreneurs) networking event at her store and talked to the group about her experience with opening B. Lux Boutique.

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Amanda Santiago-Lott ’07 (Middleburg Hts. OH) traveled to El Salvador this past March with COAR, an organization which strives to promote justice, community and peace in El Salvador through the support of effective programs in health, education and welfare, which assist children and others, not only to develop their own full human potential, but also to contribute to the betterment of the world in which they live. Amanda runs the sponsorship
program at the Cleveland COAR office. She went to El Salvador to work with children at a COAR facility there and assisted with translation between the visitors and the children. Pictured here (far left) is Amanda with her co-workers in El Salvador.

Dawn Burns ’08 (Euclid OH) is a therapist with Murts Taylor Services in Cleveland.

Daryl Musick, MA ’08 (Cleveland Hts. OH) recently had an exhibition of his artwork at Forest Hill Church entitled, “An Artist’s Journey through Schizophrenia.”

Sarah Quick Pappalardo MA ’08 (Laurel MD) married Nathan Pappalardo (U.S. Navy) this past August in Brunswick, OH. Sarah is an eighth grade science teacher at with Howard County Schools in Maryland.

Katelynn Altgilbers ’09 (Montclair NJ) completed her first year of her Masters in Fine Arts at Monclair State University in New Jersey. She has been awarded a graduate assistantship position for her final year of graduate school. Pictured here is Katelynn’s project for her final critique this past spring. The artwork required assistance from her entire class and had to be installed within 30 minutes. The piece was over 36 feet in length and over 5 feet tall and divided the gallery in half.

Amy Banner ’09 (Vinton IA) graduated this past August from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), a full-time residential program for men and women, ages 18-24 that strengthens communities while developing leaders through direct team-based national and community service. Amy is currently serving in an extended service program based in Vinton, Iowa, where she works as a recruiter for the Midwest region.

Beth Mastroianni Bryan ’09 (Amherst OH) is a member of many Cleveland arts organizations and was on the planning committee for the 2010 Drawn and Quartered Draw-Off at Asterisk Gallery. She and other Ursuline Art Department alums, Stephanie Kasza ’09 (Uniontown OH), Dana Nunez ’09 (Cleveland OH), Katherine Cirincione ’07 (Brecksville OH), and Bob Piotrkowski ’08 (Euclid OH) are currently participating in the Sketchbook Project. The project entails gathering sketchbooks from artists across the country to put in a traveling exhibit at galleries and museums around the United States. At the conclusion of the exhibit the collection of sketchbooks will be on permanent display at the Brooklyn Art Library in New York. Beth also started the Jeff Chiplis Neon Heart Memorial Fund to help local artist Jeff Chiplis who was shot this past summer after attend-
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ing the popular Tremont ArtWalk. In addition, Beth was selected out of over a hundred artists to paint a rain barrel for the Cuyahoga County Rain Barrel Project. The rain barrels will be displayed and auctioned off to bring awareness to this water saving device.

Chris Ann Drosdick MA ’09 (Hudson OH) has accepted a position as a school-based therapist with Pastoral Counseling. In addition, Chris has also accepted a faculty position with Cuyahoga Community College.

Ann-Marie Gurko ’09 (Bedford OH) participated as a designer in Fashion Week Cleveland and was featured in The Plain Dealer article, “Fashion Week Cleveland pares down events but shows off designer’s talents.” Anne-Marie is also an adjunct instructor in the College’s Fashion Department.

Ebony Bailey Glass ’09 (Richmond Hts. OH) married Vasel Glass this past August. The wedding reception was held at Highland Park golf course.

Jessica Korkosz ’09 (Sinking Spring PA) volunteers twice a week with Junior Achievement, teaching second graders the key concepts of economics at Spring Valley Elementary School in Sinking Spring, PA.

Dana Nunez ’09 (Cleveland OH) had a solo art exhibition entitled, “A Day of Your Life” at the Cuyahoga County Library, Beachwood Branch this past March. On display were Dana’s ceramic, digital photography and paintings. The exhibition was inspired by the book Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson.

Meghan Scully Ceska ’10 (Cleveland Hts. OH) married John Ceska this past April. The wedding was held at the Church of St. Dominic in Shaker Hts., followed by a reception at The Mayfield Sandridge Club.

Andrea Lavin Howell ’10 (Euclid OH) started her own gift basket business, LaBella Baskets.

Sheri Lawrence ’10 (Shaker Hts. OH) is an art teacher at St. Rita’s School in Solon.

Whitney Newberry ’10 (Akron OH) served as an intern at the Yellowcake Shop for Cleveland designer and Project Runway contestant Valerie Mayen this past summer.

Katie Polefko ’10 (Brook Park OH) was selected as a recipient for the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Janssen Scholarship. The scholarship included registration, travel and lodging expenses to attend the APNA 24th Annual Conference in Louisville, KY this past October.

Brandy Reppert ’09 (Shaker Hts. OH) earned a Master in Business Administration from Cleveland State University this past spring.

Hillary Beachy ’10 (Defiance OH) is working as a graduate assistant with Defiance College’s Athletic Department. She is currently working on a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in leadership and will graduate in May of 2012.

Fashion Department 2010 graduates gathered for a photo at 2010 Commencement services. Pictured here are Catherine Hecker ’10 (Chagrin Falls OH), Joelle Hammerschmidt ’10 (Vermillion OH), Melissa Gerhardt ’10 (Broadview Hts. OH), Whitney Newberry ’10 (Akron OH), Kristen Mascha ’10 (Mentor OH), Meganne Eddie ’10 (Cleveland Hts. OH), Nino Bejanishvili ’10 (Moreland Hills OH).
In Memoriam

Our Alumnae

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68SJ Eileen Canda Waiwood
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76 Rita Balyys
76 Frances Wienciek Tierney
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81 Mary Dendinger Boone
83 Maryann Dister Dubyoski
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86 Regina Evert Berlan
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87 Dail Ann Walker Ciani
87 Joanne Calabretta Lee
(mother-in-law)
87 Sr. Sandra Sabo, SSJ-TOSF
88 Liz D’Amica Chojnacki
88 Denise Petrof Liszka
88 Lawrence McCabe
88 Diane Mullin Riehl
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88 Joann Filipski Ruff
89 Lori Griffiths
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In Memoriam

Dr. Virginia “Ginny” Marion

A beloved member of the Ursuline community for over 21 years, Virginia “Ginny” Marion ’66SJ passed away September 15 after a heroic battle with cancer. Ginny, a trusted and devoted teacher, colleague and mentor worked to empower and teach the College’s education students. She will be missed by many. On the Ursuline website news of Ginny’s passing was posted and alumnae, students and friends were encouraged to share their fondest thoughts of her. Here are a few of those memories:

Dr. Marion – as I continue on this journey, and get closer to graduating (FINALLY!!!), I realize how much I had come to rely on you. Your words of wisdom, your kind way of NOT giving advice, your laugh, and your ability to always listen are things that I know have impacted my life in many, many ways. You were also a fountain of knowledge to prepare me for my career! I miss you dearly, but I know that when I step in front of the classroom (my own classroom one day), you will be with me!
Angela Patterson ’11

Ms. Marion was my Student Teaching advisor. She motivated me to work hard and not to give up on my dreams. Ms. Marion believed in me and my abilities when others did not. She will be deeply missed.
Zelina M. Pames, M.Ed. ’98 ’01

Dr. Marion, words cannot describe how much I miss you. I look at how I have grown as a person, student, and soon to be teacher and at every aspect of those you have helped me change for the better. Thank you so much for the smiles, the laughs, and the frustrations that were melted away by you saying raspberries. I’m sure I will realize in my future that you impacted me more than I can even recognize today. I am so glad that I had the pleasure of knowing such a remarkable and influential person; you will be greatly missed.
Liz Maher ’12

Dearest Ginny: I miss you so much. Your sense of humor was something I enjoyed and looked forward to often. Working with you and knowing you was my sincere pleasure. I truly miss our talks, your friendship, and your advice. Peace be with you and yours.
Most sincerely, Marilynn Butler
Upcoming Events

2/11 – 4/1
Art Department Faculty Show, Wasmer Gallery 440 646 8121

2/23
Faculty Lecture Series, Topic: Frank Lloyd Wright 440 684 6069

3/6
Chicago Alumnae Chapter Celebration 440 646 8375

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Naples, FL Alumnae Chapter Celebration 440 646 8375

3/19
Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter Celebration 440 646 8375

3/23
An Evening with Regina Brett, Topic: Lessons for Life 440 646 8375

3/24
Faculty Lecture Series, Topic: Technology and Health Care 440 684 6069

3/30
Lenten Reflection Series, Topic: Lenten Joy, an Oxymoron?
A Music/Prayerful Reflection 440 684 6022

4/6
Lenten Reflection Series, Topic: A Reflection on One’s Lenten Journey 440 684 6022

4/12
Faculty Lecture Series, Topic: Exploring Italy 440 684 6069

4/13
Lenten Reflection Series, Topic: Growth and Gratitude: A Reflection on 1 Thessalonians 1:2–5a 440 684 6022

4/15 – 5/20
BFA Senior Show, Wasmer Gallery 440 646 8121

5/5
Nursing Extravaganza and Alumnae Awards 440 646 8375

5/20
Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises 440 646 8320

6/3 – 7/8
Fifth Annual Healing Imagination Exhibition, Wasmer Gallery 440 646 8121

6/17
Class of 1961 Ursuline ~ St. John College 50th Reunion Luncheon 440 646 8375

6/18
Ursuline ~ St. John College Alumnae Reunion 440 646 8375
Can you solve the mystery?

Do you recognize any of the women in this photo? Do you know when it was taken or what event was taking place when it was shot? This mystery photo from Ursuline’s archives appears to have been taken in the late 1970’s. We would love your help in finding out any more information. If you can help identify it, please send the Marketing Department an email at mysteryphoto@ursuline.edu and put mystery photo in the subject line. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mystery Photo Solved
(Spring/Summer 2010)

Thanks to her fellow classmates from the class of 1980, including Kathleen Harrington Kravitz ’80, Ann Marie Wojcik Holland ’80, Beth Hlavac Woodman ’80, Virginia Matthews ’80 and Ann Mincek ’80) last issue’s mystery photo featured Christine Centa Berne ’80. According to Berne, the photo was taken in the late 70’s during a biology lab class. She believes it was taken by a Sun Press photographer and it appeared in the local Sun Newspapers.
You can make a difference.

Rachel’s aunt, an Ursuline alum, was Rachel’s first introduction to Ursuline. When she came for a visit, she learned that the education department was the only one she had visited that actually ensured that their students were in elementary schools, teaching, in the freshmen year. Rachel loves the hands on experience! She was later impressed by Ursuline’s small classes and the fact that all of her professors know her by her first name.

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