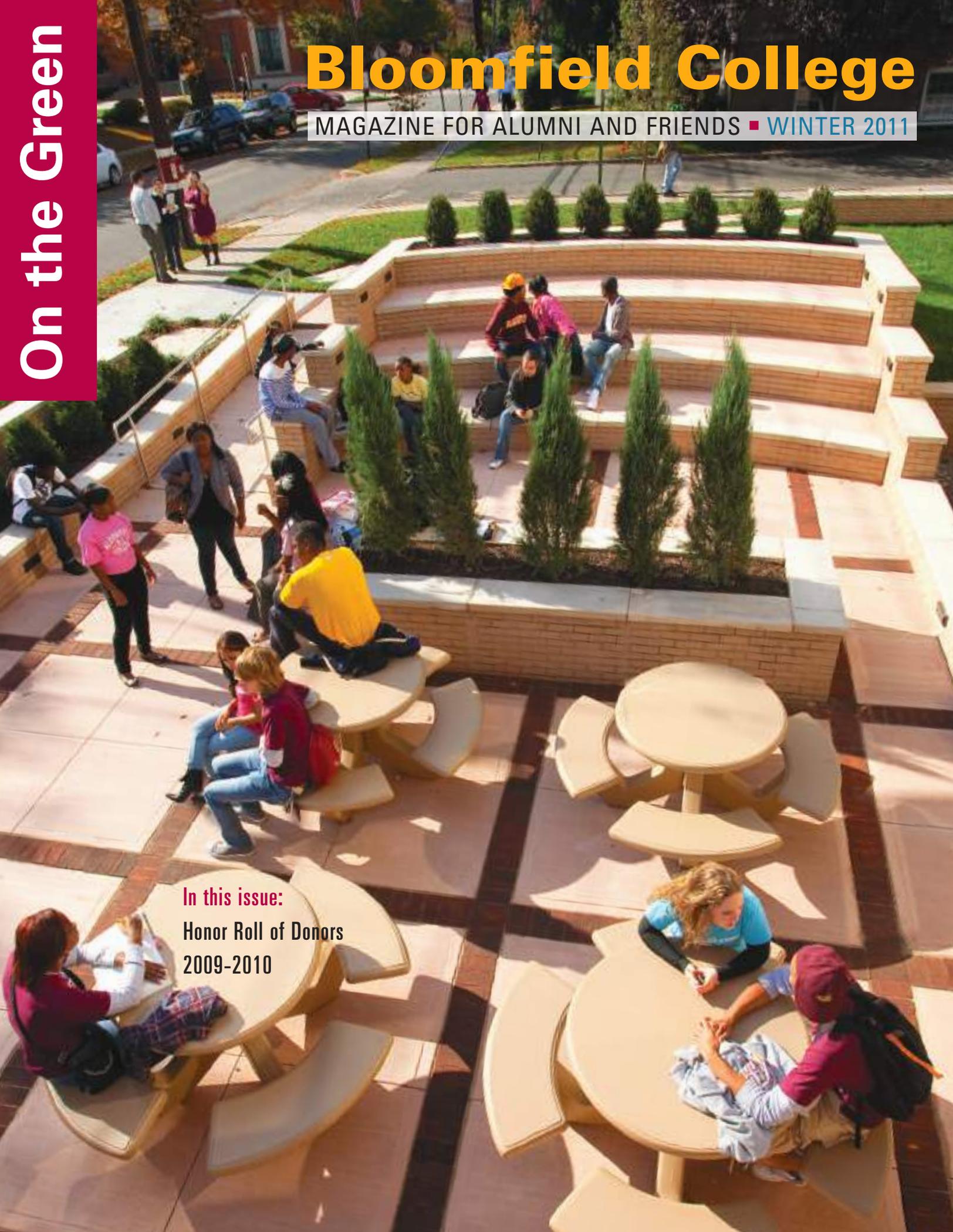


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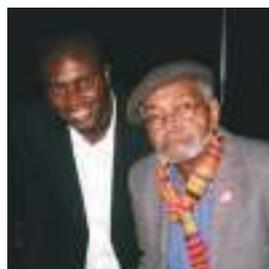
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Our Mission:

To prepare students to attain academic, personal, and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Achieving an education is becoming increasingly important as the global and national economies continue to right themselves and employers seek talented and educated candidates to move their organizations into the future with confidence. Despite the economic downturns in the last two years, Bloomfield College is fully committed to enrolling qualified students, supporting their dreams of continuing their education through programs such as McNair and LSAMP, and providing programs designed to support students who are motivated to learn including those who may need a little extra help. We are fully aware of the difficulties this economy has had on some of our students and their families and have been able to meet the needs of our deserving students through scholarships.

We continue to bring academically rich and rigorous programs on campus to challenge our students. The Honors Program is one such initiative in which students who maintain a high GPA are able to avail themselves of programs and events that introduce them to other students with similar interests who excel at the college. The Math Pilot program, designed to bring incoming students up to speed for college-level math, has become nationally recognized as a model for other colleges and universities. These are just two examples of the ways the college works to educate and enrich the lives of all our students.

In this issue of the *On the Green*, we have adapted the Honor Roll of Donors to include academic, athletic, and statistical information about the 2009-2010 fiscal year. You can read about the programs and initiatives that were either added or enhanced through gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations, and government-sponsored higher education grants.

Our history has consistently been one of progress and we have stayed true to our mission. Bloomfield College opened its doors 142 years ago to first-generation students who were to become pastors to a growing German population of Presbyterians. We continue to offer a well-rounded education to our students, and they are making their mark on the world. You can read about Craig Lindsay '76 who is now living and working in Hong Kong, and senior student Donna LaTorre who came to Bloomfield College after serving as a medic in the United States Army with plans to return to military service armed with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The college welcomes three new trustees: Vernon Endo, Patricia Etzold, and Carolyn Glynn '69. They bring many skills, talents, and much enthusiasm to the Board. Their bios are in the Board Room section of this magazine and I am sure you will enjoy getting to know them.

The Bloomfield College Alumni Association is planning a Reunion and Gala in the spring. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, 2011. I hope to see you on campus that day.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Levao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Levao, *President*

ALUMNI PROFILE

Craig Lindsay '76

Keep looking for the next opportunity...

Craig Lindsay '76, by his own account, was an average student. He chose Bloomfield College back in 1972 for several reasons, among them; it was close to home and it had a good reputation. Besides, he had friends attending the college, so it would not be as ominous as a freshman to step onto the campus.

He was a full-time business/accounting major with a part-time job in a butcher shop. "This was the time that we paid for

college and tried to avoid student loans," he said. It was a simpler time of getting an education and preparing oneself for the world. His only other activity on campus was as a member of the infamous Austin Animals, the campus commuter club. "I had to work to pay the tuition, so there wasn't much time for other activities," he explained. "But I don't feel that I missed anything."

Memories of Bloomfield College included the controversy of using the latest

technology – calculators – in the classroom. "The prevailing thought was that we should be able to do the equations without help from technology," he recalls. There was a good argument for that theory in that the methods of calculations do need to be understood. "What happens if the batteries die in your calculator?" he says. Professor Albert Tomlinson was his inspiration and helped him to choose accounting as a focus. "He was a tough professor, but he made sure that his students understood the concepts.



Craig Lindsay '76 at the Great Wall of China. Scaling new heights both professionally and personally, he is always on the lookout for the next opportunity.

He was always available for help and he encouraged me to major in accounting,” Lindsay says.

In the early 1980s, Lindsay had the good fortune to be offered a proprietary accounting analyst role with Goldman Sachs. During his 16 years with the firm, he spent six of them in Europe (London, Frankfurt, and Zurich) with Goldman Sachs finance and operations divisions and more

in two offices and they currently manage around \$500 million (USD). “This was not part of the grand plan,” he says. “But when opportunities arose, I grabbed them – they seemed to fit just right with what I enjoyed doing.” In between all of those travels and professional experience, Lindsay returned to Rutgers University for an MBA in Finance.

Lindsay is a sixteen-year resident of Hong Kong, where he lives with his wife

to the place that gave him his start. “It’s right to give back; this is how I was raised,” he says. A strong supporter of Bloomfield College through time, talent, and treasure, Lindsay has been back to campus to talk with students who are interested in business and finance. Speaking to students last spring in the library, he talked about the need to make oneself marketable to stand above the competition. He encouraged them to continue their education, especially in the world



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than four of them in the Goldman Sachs Tokyo office. In 1996 he was offered the opportunity to join a start up internal proprietary trading operation of a major Japanese bank – Tokai Asia Limited – as the chief financial officer, based in Hong Kong. In 2004 Lindsay helped start up a Pan Asian Hedge Fund and in 2007 had the opportunity to join a very well-respected local fund manager, Mr. James Wang, in setting up a new venture, China Alpha Investment Management Limited, in which Lindsay serves as managing director and chief operating officer. A joint venture was created with the largest securities firm in China, CITIC Securities International Investment Management (HK) Limited, and in the past three-plus years grew from five to 30 people

Mie and Alys, his seven-year old daughter. In the mix is Inue, the Golden Retriever whose name means dog in Japanese. Mie is a full-time mom and popular freelance journalist who writes for several Japanese publications.

In addition to his career and family, Lindsay gives back to his community through volunteering. He is a past president of the American Club in Hong Kong, is nearing retirement of his position as executive committee and board member with the Hong Kong Securities Institute, and is the honorary treasurer for St. John’s Cathedral where he also serves on the finance committee.

While his career has taken him to the other side of the globe, he remains faithful

of business, and learn a second or third language. “Business is global and the need to communicate in another language is becoming more and more necessary. For example, China is an emerging marketplace, so learning to speak Mandarin would be a good addition to one’s résumé,” he offered.

Concerning advice to students, this global businessman says, “Develop a unique skill set and don’t be afraid to start small or to take risks with smaller companies. Entry level jobs may not be in abundance in the U.S. so you may have to travel to another country to get experience. Most of all, work harder than anyone else in your company, be very flexible to your employers needs, and always keep looking for the next opportunity.” ■

The Bloomfield College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the addition of three new members: Patricia Etzold, Vernon Endo, and Carolyn Glynn '69.

Carolyn R. Glynn has spent her career rising through the ranks at Hoffmann- LaRoche Inc. located in Nutley, NJ. She began as a guest services representative and worked her way through the public relations department as a specialist, manager, assistant director and director. She then moved up into the public policy and communi-



Carolyn R. Glynn '69

cations arena and in January of 2001 became the vice president, public affairs and member of the North American Executive Committee where she held this position until her retirement in July 2009.

Among the professional organizations in which Glynn was an active member are: The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Public Affairs Section (chair, Alliance Committee; member, Advertising Steering Committee; chair, FDA Issues Committee; chair, Communications Seminar; member, Steering Committee; board member liaison to the Board Steering Committee on Emergency Preparedness; vice chair, and chair); HealthCare Institute of New Jersey (founding member, Steering Committee; chair, Steering Committee; trustee), New Jersey Health Products Council (executive board member, chair-elect, chair), Executive Women of New Jersey, Public Affairs

Council, Institute for Public Relations Research and Education, National Council on Patient Information and Education, and National Pharmaceutical Council, Public Affairs Committee. She was also a member of the Issues Management Association, American Medical Writers Association, International Association of Business Communicators, Women in Communica-

tions and the New Jersey Press Association.

Glynn has been honored with several professional awards. In 1984, she received a Tribute to Women and Industry award and she was given the 1993 Woman of the Year award by the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association. The Executive Women of New Jersey gave her the 2004 Salute to the Policy Makers Award and she received the 2006 Woman of Influence in Communications award from the Women's Fund of New Jersey.

A 1969 graduate of Bloomfield College, Glynn was one of the students

selected for the World Campus Afloat program in 1967-68 Semester at Sea. She served as vice president in the former Bloomfield College Alumni Federation (now the Bloomfield College Alumni Association) and lent her talents to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the New Jersey Advisory Committee of Thirteen (PBS), Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, ARC of Essex County, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell.

Vernon "Vern" M. Endo began his career at Citibank in 1976. He serves as a vice chairman of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers.

Endo served as managing director of FGIC (Financial Guaranty Insurance Company) from 1988 to 1991 and was responsible for the mortgage finance unit. He was a member of the financial institutions group at Prudential Securities.

He moved to the position of managing director and member of corporate leadership team at FGIC from 1991 to 2001.

He was responsible for various

business segments including structured finance, bond insurance underwriting (including public finance and international), capital markets and new products at FGIC. He served as a director of FGIC from 1991 to 2001.



Vernon M. Endo

THE BOARD ROOM (continued)

In 2003, Endo co-founded GFGC LLC and also served as its chief executive officer.

Endo served as a director, president, and chief executive officer of Ram Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiary, Ram Reinsurance Company Ltd. (RAM Re) until May 14, 2010.

A graduate of Williams College, Endo holds a B.A. in Political Science. He resides in Montclair, NJ.

Patricia A. Etzold is a partner in the New York office of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Investigation and Securities Litigation practice. She provides specialized advisory services to boards of directors, audit committees, and internal and external counsel of



Patricia Etzold

multi-national companies. Her expertise is in international forensic financial fraud and corruption investigations and remediation programs.

Etzold has provided accounting expertise and litigation consulting services to clients in the automotive, technology, pharmaceutical, communication and industrial product industries. She has assisted the US Department of Justice and counsel in their response to informal and formal Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice inquiries. She has investigated financial statement frauds, employee embezzlements, foreign corrupt practices, and has developed remedial corporate governance and anti-bribery compliance pro-

grams for multi-national clients in food retail, research-based biomedical and pharmaceutical, electronics and engineering, and medical device industries.

She is a regular speaker on financial and bribery forensic investigative and remedial topics and has trained Compliance and Internal Audit executives. She co-authored the PricewaterhouseCoopers' Securities Litigation Study and has authored various articles on global security litigation and forensic investigative topics. A certified public accountant, Etzold is also certified in financial forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She is a member of the AICPA, an associate member of the ABA, and a member of the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. Etzold holds a BS degree from King's College. ■

Spring Programs at BC

Institute for Technology and Professional Studies (ITPS)

ITPS offers certificate programs for upgrading job skills or changing careers. January 2011 marks the start of several new programs in ITPS including:

- Developing iPhone and iPad applications with Flash/CS5,
- Introduction to JavaScript, and
- Health Insurance Specialist program, with classes in Managed Care, Health Care Management, Health Informatics, and Health Insurance Marketing.

Classes in CCNA, CCNP, A+® /Network+® Helpdesk Certification, Microsoft Office 2007 Specialist, Computer Graphics and Web Design, Medical Billing and Coding, Pharmacy Technician Certificate and Review will start in the spring of 2011.

For more information, visit www.itps.bloomfield.edu, or call 973-748-9000 X 117.

Center for Adult Learning (CAL)

The Center for Adult Learning (CAL) serves the unique educational needs of adult students. The new programs are:

- **Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing.** A new cohort will begin in March 2011 and September 2011. This program will allow completion of a BSN in 15-18 months with once-a-week classes.
- **Health Informatics** contains technology, best practices, methodology and policy across healthcare delivery systems in the areas of clinical, medical, nursing, and biomedical informatics. Students will have the academic knowledge required to pass the Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems certification. A new cohort starts in March 2011.

For more information, contact Dr. John Mwaura, director of CAL, at (973)-748-9000 X 453.

On the Quad

How important is your credit score?

College students are learning the importance of developing and maintaining a good credit score. At a finance seminar for students held in the Deacons Den on Friday, October 8, students learned just how important that score is and steps to take to create and keep good credit. The seminar was developed by sophomore student and resident advisor Ashley Taylor and was presented by Carmine Corino, an independent financial planner and member of the Bloomfield College advisory board for the ITPS Certified Financial Planning certificate program; and Samantha Benson from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA). They spoke to the students about how to develop a credit rating, such as opening a debit card account and keeping it solvent and applying for a major credit card and paying off the balance every month.

Benson talked about student loans and opportunities through the state of New Jersey for financial assistance. She also spoke about how to prevent identity theft when applying for credit cards. Corino spoke about the impact of credit scores on personal and professional lives. He told them that a good credit score will allow them to make large purchases such as a car or house and may help them in job searches because employers will often check credit scores of prospective employees.

This seminar earned T.R.U.E. points for all who attended. ■



Carmine Corino and student Marta Babyak '12

Korean Food Festival

The Institute for Technology and Professional Studies (ITPS) Korean internship students hosted the first international food festival with the students offering traditional dishes they cooked themselves. The fare included gim bap, grilled marinated beef, kimchi, and san jeok, all of which was eagerly tasted by the Bloomfield College community.

In addition to the wonderful fare, the students set up tables with information about their culture and one talented young lady was transcribing peoples' names from English to Korean in calligraphy.

"This is the first of what we hope will become an annual event," explained Vice President for ITPS Peter Jeong. "We hope to do this again next year with either a Latino or Romanian theme. An event like this brings people together to understand different cultures."

As the dining portion of the event wound down, the Korean students plugged an iPod into the speakers and soon a crowd of young people gathered to dance.

The Korean internship program brings nursing and healthcare students from colleges and universities in Korea to the Bloomfield College campus for immersion English studies and shadowing medical professionals in area hospitals. Similar programs are offered to students from Romania, many of whom study IT. ■



Students find music to be the international language as the dancing began.



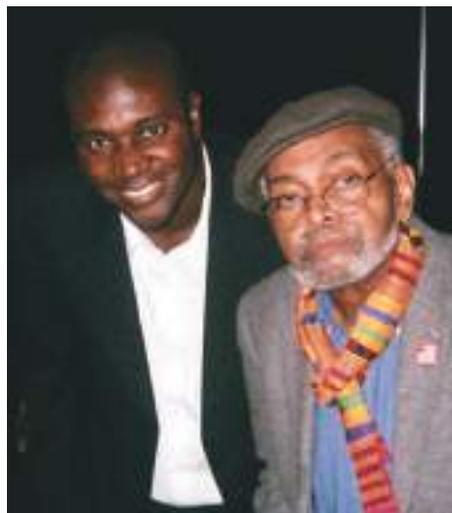
A calligrapher translates English names into Korean characters.

Poets converge to share thoughts

In the heart of Newark, in the spirit of poetry, students, teachers, writers, readers, listeners, musicians, and story-tellers from around the world gathered together for the 13th Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival. The day was full of poetry readings, interviews, life-lectures, book signings, live music, and story-telling. For lovers of writing and writers themselves, the festival was fun, entreating, educational, and inspirational.

On Friday October 8, 2010, the Division of Humanities of Bloomfield College took a group of 100 students and five faculty members to the poetry festival through the generosity of the Elizabeth C. and Archibald M. Palmer Endowed and Annual Co-Curricular Innovation Grant Fund. Included in the Bloomfield College troop were professors and published poets, Paul Genega and Rachel E. Griffiths. Students of the division and student guests were openly invited, though particular classes such as Professor Griffiths' Advanced Poetry Seminar were required to attend and write a recap of their experiences.

The students experienced readings by celebrated poets Amiri Baraka, Joseph Millar, Marie Ponsot Billy Collins, Rita Dove, and Sharon Olds and many others. The poets brought their own unique styles and writings to the stage. Baraka, formally the Poet Laureate



Bloomfield College student Michael Agyei with former NJ Poet Laureate Amiri Baraka.

of New Jersey, is now the Poet Laureate of Newark Public Schools.

The open readings session was occupied primarily by amateur poets of all

ages and from all over the world. In the speaking room of the New Jersey Historical Society, experienced performers and not-so-experienced readers covered the air with their words. Some poems were from published books, while others were lines sketched on loose-leaf pages seconds before they were read aloud. All poets were commended with claps or customary snaps for their presence at the podium. According to the festival director and foundation president Chris Daggett, the focus of the Dodge Poetry Festival is to "make a space for poetry. This opportunity for students, teachers, writers, readers, and listeners to gather as brethren of the craft set an endorsing example of the Geraldine R. Dodge foundation goal: to establish a society more human – a world more livable." In that place for that time, we were all one people; we were all fans of poetry. ■

Living from the Land – One woman's dream puts communities to work

A TLC presentation, co-sponsored by the business division, featured Dr. Vianna Muller, anthropologist and entrepreneur, during the second of the series called Center for Alternative Visions. Held in the Shelby Room of the Library, Dr. Muller was introduced by Professor Rashmi Jaipal. The presentation was attended by college faculty and staff members.

Dr. Muller is the co-founder of World Wide Botanicals, a company that distributes medicinal plants harvested in Peru. She spoke about the rewards and challenges of developing a for-profit company that works for environmental sustainability, free trade, and social justice.

She spoke at length about the business model of finding the herbs, preserving their growing space in the tropical rainforests of South America, and helping to develop the impoverished communities through sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

From the aspect of starting and maintaining a business,



Vianna Muller Ph.D., founder of World Wide Botanicals

Dr. Muller spoke about the challenges of growing a business within a global business world while staying true to the mission of protecting the native habitats and communities. She talked about the partnerships that she developed with NGOs in Peru and working with the indigenous communities to not only develop methods of growing and harvesting using organic techniques, but also how to use the natural resources to live day to day. As an example, Dr. Muller illustrated how solar ovens could be used for cooking, which offered viable alternatives to trying to find fuel in a harsh environment. She also spoke of the methods used to promote entrepreneurship among the communities through loans and training.

Her company has helped several remote communities improve their own living conditions through small business development. The emphasis however, was to create environmentally sustainable growing scenarios to allow the small businesses to flourish over the long term. ■

Community service highlighted

On Wednesday, October 20, 2010, Bloomfield College held a Community Service Partnership Recognition Breakfast in the Shelby Art Room of the College Library. The breakfast was hosted by the Office of Student Affairs to recognize community service activities throughout the campus. The college community welcomed guests Ray Shepard, CEO of the American Red Cross; John Hughes, chairman of the Knights of Columbus; and David Lehman, PBA representative and Bloomfield Township police officer. The program highlighted two community service fundraising campaigns: The Help & Hope for Haiti and the Knights of Columbus Wounded Veterans Tank Pull event.

Student Government President Tashon Jackson presented Mr. Shepard with a check of \$3,300 towards the Haiti Assistance Program from the College's efforts called Help & Hope for Haiti. This fundraiser began collecting donations in February 2010, following the earthquake disaster in Port-au-Prince. The College plans to send a volunteer group of student leaders and faculty to Haiti during spring break 2011 to volunteer their services rebuilding Haiti.

Also recognized at the breakfast was the Tank Pull for Wounded Veterans Fund sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Mitchell McDonald, a high school senior at Livingston High School with sophomore status at Bloomfield College, helped organized

this fundraiser which included participants from Bloomfield College and the Bloomfield Police Department. Team Bloomfield College raised \$5,125. Also recognized at the breakfast on behalf of the Bloomfield PBA was patrolman David Lehman. Both groups were recognized by John Hughes, chairman for the Tank Pull, for their participation. Ray Sheppard acknowledged Bloomfield College for its fundraising efforts for the Help & Hope for Haiti. The event ended with a quote attributed to Mother Teresa, "If I didn't pick up that one person, I wouldn't have picked up forty-two thousand. The same thing goes for you, the same thing for your family, the same thing for your church, your community. Just begin – one, one, one." ■

Bloomfield College was acknowledged for its fundraising efforts for the Help & Hope for Haiti.



Ray Shepard, CEO of the American Red Cross and Bloomfield College Student Government President Tashon Jackson.



From left are student Mitchell McDonald, PBA representative David Lehman, and John Hughes of the Knights of Columbus.

Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing receives accreditation



The nursing faculty and staff celebrate the good news!

The Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing at Bloomfield College received word from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) that it has been granted a full, ten-year accreditation with no concerns or recommendations. The announcement was made to the College's faculty and staff by Dr. Neddie Serra, chair of the nursing division and author of the accreditation process.

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices.

The nursing division currently has a 96 percent pass rate average for nursing graduates who take the state's NCLEX exams.

The Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing at Bloomfield College was renamed for its founding chair in 2008. The division is over 40 years old and one of the first schools in the state to offer a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) and a transition program from RN diploma to a baccalaureate degree. ■

College receives third PBI grant

Bloomfield College was notified through the offices of Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) that it has been selected to receive \$250,000 in grant funding under the Predominately Black Institutions (PBI) Program.

The basic intent of the program is to provide students with the literacy skills to access and evaluate information. These skills will help them to pursue scholarly and personal interests and to contribute to their learning community and society as a whole. The multi-phase program will include the formation of an Information Literacy Network that will contain reading, writing, oral and

image-based communication skills, critical thinking, creative expression, technological competence, financial literacy and multicultural and global literacy. Done in steps, each of the competencies will be incorporated into the general education program and the specific majors offered by the college. Long-range goals of this funding include adding a state-of-the-art learning commons center to the current library building. This will be a multi-functional area for teaching information literacy.

The College is seeking to increase retention and graduation rates of students by giving them access to contemporary

technology tools and immersing them in a culture of scholarship. The Information Literacy Network will be a program in which students can acquire the information literacy skills necessary for their persistence to graduation and full participation in careers.

Previous PBI funding awarded to Bloomfield College has been used for student research in the sciences on campus, global research opportunities, upgrading the science and nursing labs, programs promoting math skills-building and male mentoring in education, and a newly renovated building dedicated to the education division. ■

You're in the Army now! *The story of Debora LaTorre N'11*

Army veteran and senior nursing student Debora LaTorre



Debora LaTorre's combined enthusiasm for the military and nursing is contagious. A former Army medic, current nursing student and hopefully a future Army officer in the nurse corps, Debora has a clear path planned out with her career as a nurse as the focal point.

"I joined the Army right out of high school," says Debora. "My dad was all for it, but it took two weeks for my mom to sign the papers, which she had to do because I was only 17. I told her that I was joining with or without her permission and she finally relented. I have wanted to join the military since I was young." Knowing that the Army would eventually pay for college, she enlisted as a combat medic (now called a health

care specialist) and went through 11 weeks of training to get her national EMT certification. "I pulled a plum assignment; I was stationed in Hawaii," she recalls. Originally she had planned to become a pediatrician, but her deployment to Afghanistan changed her mind. During a rotation at a combat support hospital in Bagram, she worked with combat detainees and civilians from outside the wire (off base). "We had a little

nine-year-old girl who was burned over 25 percent of her body due to an oil heater that exploded. I assisted the nurse with debriding her burns. The doctor had given orders and the nurse and I were with her during the treatment. As I watched the nurse console the child, my life changed and I realized that I wanted to be the compassionate caregiver, to stay with the patient and advocate for her. So I decided to change my

direction and become a nurse.” During her 46-week rotation, she had several close calls while outside of the wire including treating a buddy who lost his foot to an IED explosion.

Nursing called to her and upon her discharge from the Army, she began to investigate colleges with a BSN program close to her home in Kearny. She chose Bloomfield College over other area programs because of the small class sizes and the personal relationships between students and professors. “I took a chemistry class with Dr. Vogt and loved it!” she exclaims. “The professors not only know who I am, but they take a personal interest in my life outside of the college,” Debora explains. “They know I had a young daughter and never pass up the opportunity to ask me about her.”

The transition from military to civilian

life was not without its challenges. “In the Army you do as you are told by your superiors but as a nursing student at Bloomfield, I am an advocate for the patient and required to use critical thinking in my learning,” she explains. “Now I am finding out why we employed certain methods in the field.” Discovering that her education at Bloomfield College is comprehensive, she has decided that she wants to return to the Army as an officer in the Army Nurses Corps. “I will have the advantage of knowing both sides of the profession, not just taking orders, but now knowing why I would need to give them.”

The hardest thing she has had to learn as a student is to allow a patient to die. “My whole career has been about saving lives and the alternative was unacceptable to me at first,” she says. “As a patient advocate, I have had to respect the wishes of a patient, such as honoring a DNR (Do Not

Resuscitate) order. This was difficult, but the nursing program stresses patient advocacy and I have learned to let go.”

The Army is paying for her education through the 9/11 GI Bill and she is a Yellow Ribbon recipient at Bloomfield College. “If I am accepted into the Army Nurses Corps, they will pay for my master’s degree,” she explains. “I would love to come back to Bloomfield College after my Army career to teach!” Currently, she is mentoring sophomore students by helping with class work and practicums. “While we have specific mentoring hours, we are available to the younger students at any time,” she says. “This is a model that our professors have given to us, the sense that we are important as individuals.”

“The clinical staff here is outstanding,” Debora says. “I am so blest to have found Bloomfield College.” ■

From Combat to Classroom: BC welcomes veterans



The new GI Bill, instituted after 9/11, gives military veterans the opportunity to start or continue their college educations. Veterans are finding access to education at Bloomfield College with a rigorous program designed to attract those who have served this country and returning as adult students. As a participant in the Yellow Ribbon program, Bloomfield College helps to offset the tuition cost difference between state and independent colleges.

As veterans, these students undergo an assessment of prior learning, taking into account previously earned college credits, transcripts from courses offered by the military during their service, and College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Once a student/veteran completes eight courses, these assessments are reviewed for additional college credits.

For injured or disabled veterans, 100 percent of their college education is funded through federal veterans programs. Bloomfield College has a working relationship with the veterans’ center, located in Bloomfield, which offers additional resources to all veterans.

“Veterans bring so much to our college community,” says Jorge Fernandez, adult admission coordinator. “They come with a sense of respect, commitment, and responsibility that they have developed in the military. They are dynamic students and we are looking to expand our reach to include more veterans as they move from military service to civilian life.”

Any questions about the Yellow Ribbon program or veteran enrollment should be addressed to the Office of Admission and Enrollment Management at 973-748-9000 x230, or by emailing admission@bloomfield.edu.

Make your life count

In a combined event, PSEG Foundation presented Bloomfield College with a check for \$25,000 for the PSEG Foundation Endowed Honors Scholarship Fund that will be awarded to deserving sophomore, junior, and senior students. Immediately following was the inauguration of the Honors Program Speakers Series.

President Richard Levao opened the program with remarks about the newly revived Honors Program. “The Honors Program exists to light the flame, to stimulate the love of learning, especially among our brightest and best; to challenge them to reach higher and continue their desire to study,” he told the audience of faculty, staff, board members, and honors program students. In introducing Vaughn McKoy, president of the PSEG Foundation, he said, “Your presence here today is a tribute to your belief in our mission and purpose. The generosity of the PSEG Foundation will give many of our best students the support they need to continue to study and succeed.” Mr. McKoy responded with the fact that the Foundation’s support of students through scholarships is good for

all stakeholders as students graduate and move into successful careers.

The Bloomfield College Honors Program was re-established in 2008 after a ten-year lapse. Within the first year, 24 students enrolled in the program and to date that number has risen to 30. The program seeks to give students exposure to honors students from other colleges and universities, enhanced programming, and events such as this speakers series funded through private individual gifts.

The first speaker to grace this series was Diana Drysdale, vice president, Renewables, for PSEG Holdings and a member of the Bloomfield College Board of Trustees. Her compelling story of an impoverished childhood, her drive to succeed, and her journey through a male-dominated industry as an engineer was marked with humor and inspiration. She spoke of being number seven in a household of ten children in a small, home in northern Canada with no running water. But she was challenged by her parents who recognized her abilities and she had a strong desire to seek out new worlds. She gave the

audience her tool box of skills that she uses to guide her life. The first is to seek knowledge, build skills, and learn from those around you. “You have two ears and one mouth,” she offered. “Use them proportionally.”

The second tool is to face challenges and make plans to work around them. “My mother used to tell me two things,” she said. “‘This too shall pass’ and ‘If it doesn’t kill you it will make you stronger.’” She said to envision getting past the challenge and seek goals.

Next was not to make excuses. “Making excuses only sets you up for failure,” she cautioned. Push beyond what is expected and don’t let people tell you that you can’t accomplish something, which is how she has lived her life. Having been told that she cannot advance in a male-dominated profession, she became the youngest vice president in an energy company in Canada.

Be grateful and give back is her next tool. “You are never too busy to volunteer, to return to those who have supported you,” Drysdale says. She related the tale of receiving a volunteer of the year award while she was a full-time engineering student, working part time and eight-months pregnant. “There is always time to give back.”

Her final tool in her life’s tool box is to make your life count. “You will never run out of exciting things to do. Don’t just do for yourself, do for others as well. Be the voice for those who do not have one. Explore the world and don’t let fear stop you,” she counseled.

In the question and answer period following her talk, Drysdale spoke to the audience about the importance of continued learning, of finding a mentor to guide one through career steps, networking and developing those networks through volunteering, and tempering one’s enthusiasm with respect for corporate culture. ■



From left are President Richard Levao, Vaughn McCoy, president, PSEG Foundation; Diana Drysdale, VP, Renewables, PSEG Energy Holdings and Bloomfield College trustee; honors student Babasola Ojutalayo, Dr. Marion Terenzio, VP for academic affairs; honors student Jacqueline Rojas, and Dr. Carolyn Spies, associate dean for faculty and program development. PSEG Foundation recently gifted the college with \$25,000 for an endowed scholarship.

2011 Spring Gala Honorees

Trustee Service Award



Maureen C. Grant

Member of the Bloomfield College Board of Trustees

Maureen C. Grant has served Bloomfield College well in many roles. As an administrator, benefactor, volunteer, and trustee, she has advanced the mission of the College in all that she does.

Maureen holds a B.A. in English and Philosophy from Marymount Manhattan College, an M.A. in English Literature from St. John's University, and a Ph.D. in Nineteenth Century Studies from Drew University. From 1989-1997, Dr. Grant was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Bloomfield College. She has a long collegiate career having lent her expertise to the College of St. Elizabeth as the assistant dean of academic affairs; Felician College as academic dean, associate academic dean, director of arts and science

and associate professor of English; and at Marymount Manhattan College as senior vice president and acting president.

Dr. Grant participated in the Visiting Scholar Program at Wolfson College of Cambridge University in Cambridge, England, during the fall of 1995 and the spring of 2005. She also was appointed Visiting Scholar with the Faculty of History of Cambridge University.

During Bloomfield College's 124th Commencement, Dr. John Noonan awarded Maureen the President's Medal for her exemplary leadership as an administrator. In honor of her service, many of her friends from the Christian Community at the Shrine of St. Joseph, an organization of which she is a founding member, established an

endowed scholarship in her name. This is one of the many gifts that Maureen and her late husband Patrick were instrumental in giving to the College. Prior to his passing in 2009, Patrick Grant was president, CEO and board chair of Investors Savings Bank and president of the Independent College Fund of New Jersey. Both Maureen and Patrick have been generous supporters of Bloomfield College for many years.

Maureen has been an active member of the Bloomfield College Board of Trustees and currently chairs the Student Affairs Committee and sits on the Academic Affairs Committee, Compensation Committee, Executive Committee, and the Committee on the Institute for Technology and Professional Studies. ■



Alumni Hall of Honor Award

Rev. Ernest M. Kosa Class of 1945

Ernest M. "Ernie" Kosa graduated from Bloomfield College and Seminary in 1945. After graduating from seminary, he took a position in Cleveland, Ohio, as an assistant pastor in a Hungarian Presbyterian Church. After getting the requisite experience, he joined the Chaplaincy of the United

States Army in 1952 and served in Korea, Vietnam, Europe, and several stations in the United States. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Viet Nam as Chaplain at the

3rd Surgical Hospital." In less than a year, Ernie held 115 worship services, made 2,000 hospital ward visits and 18,000 patient visits and was available day or night help casualties when they were brought into the emergency room. His service was considered invaluable.

*Athletic
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Award*

Frantz Jean-Charles
Class of 1997



Frantz Jean-Charles is widely regarded as one of the premier offensive players in the history of the men's soccer program at Bloomfield College.

Originally from Gonaives, Haiti, the forward began his rise to national prominence in 1988 while playing for Club Sportif Saint-Louis. During his three-year stint for the club, Frantz was a two-time league scoring champion and National Player of the Year selection, earning him a three-year stint on the Haitian National Team from 1988-1991.

From there, Frantz moved on to the United States, enrolling at Essex County Community College in New Jersey. His two-year tenure as a member of ECCC

saw the sharpshooter tally 49 goals and 35 assists, leading Essex to the Region XIX title in 1992. Frantz was named Region XIX Player of the Year, scoring nine goals and dishing out three assists in the regional tournament.

His career at Essex over, Frantz joined the team at Bloomfield College and immediately became one of the most lethal scorers in the NAIA. Over his two year-career as a member of the Deacons, Frantz netted an astounding 73 goals, and assisted on 54 tallies. His 104 total points during the 1995 season set the mark for the most points in a single-season in the state of New Jersey, and earned him a second team NAIA All-American selection. His four-year collegiate career saw Frantz score 120 goals,

and register 89 assists.

Frantz then stepped into the professional realm, playing for the New Jersey Stallions of the Northeastern Super Soccer League. From 1994-1996, Frantz helped lead the Stallions win the NSSL in 1994, and Italian-American Soccer League title in 1995. He concluded his playing career in 1998, playing his final season with the Stallions.

A standout in the classroom as well as on the pitch, Frantz graduated magna cum laude from Bloomfield with a degree in Business Administration/Management. Currently residing in South Orange, New Jersey, Frantz works as a Human Resources Representative at Federal Express. He lives with his wife of 15 years, Nancy, and their two children Maritza, 14,

After his military service, Ernie and his wife Barbara moved their three children to Sparta, NJ. While he searched for a pastor position in a Presbyterian church, he helped out in different area congregations and held services at Picatinny Arsenal (a U.S. Army research facility). He became the Sussex County Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Administrator, a position that he held for 20 years. During this time he also served two churches as an interim pastor. He has been credited with organizing the Council of

Services Agencies, headed the Emergency Management, and remains on the Hospice Committee, Veterans' Committees, 9/11 Committee, RVSP (Retire Senior Volunteer Program), Newton Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show Display Building. Ernie is a member of the Sussex County Veterans Committee and has diligently worked on planning each year's Salute to Military Veterans and delivering the Invocation during the ceremonies.

Ernie remained close to his roots, Bloomfield College, and has been an active member of the BCAA Council for seven years. He lends his talents to BCAA events and is a valuable donor to the Bloomfield College Fund.

Bloomfield College is proud to induct the Reverend Ernest M. Kosa into the Alumni Hall of Honor in 2011. ■

Donor Recognition Dinner

Bloomfield College hosted the Donor Recognition Dinner on October 27, 2010 at Mayfair Farms to bring together scholarship recipients and their generous benefactors. President Richard Levao opened the formal portion of the evening by thanking the donors for their generosity and commitment to the value of higher education. Bloomfield College Board of Trustees Chair Martin McKerrow also thanked the audience for believing in the mission of the college and making a difference to generations of students. Shavon Ford '07 introduced the two student speakers, Jacqueline Rojas '11 and Anthony Addone '11. In his address he noted that through scholarships, students can concentrate on becoming scholars and not worry about how to pay the bills.

Jacqueline Rojas '11 is a Joel M. Weiner '66 Honors Program Scholarship recipient and a scholar in both the Honors Program and the McNair program. She is applying for a Fulbright scholarship and is working towards a J.D./Ph.D. in international relations. "To all who have supported me, you have made a huge difference in my life," she said as she thanked her benefactor.

Anthony Addone '11 is a scholar athlete and the recipient of the Bestfoods Educational Foundation Scholarship and the Donald A. Ross '52 Athletic Scholarship. He says that he learned to dream big with the support of the faculty, staff and his benefactors. "You have changed my life and for that I am extremely grateful," he concluded. ■



▲ Lynne and Archie Palmer with student Sheila Brown.



▲ Donald A. Ross '52 Athletic Scholarship recipients John Vilichka, Emilio Fernandez, Anthony Addone, head baseball coach Jeff Watson, and Michael Monaco.

▶ Edda Gillen and Trustee Jim Gillen



▲ Ellen and Marc Kaplan and student Kristine Kapiral, recipient of the Scott H. Kaplan '02 Endowed Scholarship.



◀ Trustee Rick Larsen '66 with scholarship recipient Emilio Fernandez and Doris Larsen.



◀◀ Representatives from Investors Savings Bank with their scholarship recipient Jin Hwa Balise.
 ▶ Trustee Emeritus L. Donald LaTorre and Professor Maryann Di Liberto enjoy the evening.



▶ Trustees Diana Drysdale and John Campbell with former Bestfoods Educational Foundation Scholarship recipients Erika Ramirez '10 and Maureen Hyppolite '09.

▲ Former trustee and scholarship donor Archie Palmer enjoys a lively discussion with several students.



▼ Dr. Thomas M. Wilfrid, executive director of the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation and the Newcombe Mature Women scholars.



▲ Standing from left are Joy Endo, Toni McKerrow, Trustee Vernon Endo, Adebola Taiwo '09, student speaker Jacqueline Rojas, and Ed Bindel. Seated from left are Trustee Patricia Etzold, Chairman Martin McKerrow, President Richard Levao, and Trustee Adrian Shelby.



▶ Vincent Rospond congratulates Anthony Addone, the student speaker, scholarship recipient, and athlete.



▲ Trustee Joel Weiner '66 with his scholarship recipients and Honors program scholars Jacqueline Rojas, Carrie Herman, and Alysa Ortiz.

Message from the BCAA

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Growing up I always had the notion that the words “house” and “home” were one in the same. However, my belief was tested one day and has forever changed my perception. A high school teacher once said to me that “a house is a place in which you live and a home is the experiences that are tied to a house.” At that moment I made that my mantra; to create experiences that are memorable and ever-lasting. And Bloomfield College is the second house that has become my home. The exact place that has turned me from an ambitious teenager into a professional woman. From freaking out about finals at 3 a.m. in the Student Center to watching the dedicated people who pledge rejoice as they cross into their respective fraternities and sororities on the quad; the laughter and tears that fill every corner of this campus will live with me forever. Now that I have experienced the realities of the world that revolves around us, I have found comfort in knowing that I always have a home to come to whenever the world gets me down.



On the beautiful day of May 28, 2009, by far the best graduating class in my opinion left the College for a bigger world. I could not help but feel saddened at the fact that come the next September I was no longer a part of the daily college routine. Nonetheless, I was determined to find my niche in life after college. Then one day I came across the Bloomfield College Alumni Association and it was like the cup of cocoa after playing in the snow that I needed. I met people who wanted to recapture the essence of college while being trailblazers in the world. I discovered that the benefits of Bloomfield College do not end at graduation, but can become a part of your life as a member of the Alumni Association. For those of us who graduated in the new millennium, we can offer a new perspective on familiar themes – sharing our successes and experiences and lending a helping hand to current and future students. As a council member, I will serve as a bridge for my fellow alumni who want to stay connected. My hope is that this letter reaches you and gives you the path to come back and stay connected to the electrifying home known as Bloomfield College

Sincerely,

Maureen S. Hyppolite '09
Bloomfield College Alumni Association Council Member
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Deacon's Fest 2010 is a success!



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1. Sid Morgenstin '72 keeps his balance during the Circus Arts class.

2. From left, **John Murdock '73**, **Sandra Drayton '03**, **Sandy Scheps '68**, and **John Delucca '66**, all members of the BCAA Executive Council, relax after homecoming at a reception held at the Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House.

3. Trustee **Joel Weiner '66** and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kwi Brennan attended the Lady Deacons Soccer match vs. Georgian Court on the morning of Deacon's Fest.

4. **Lisa Dews '02** and Carrie Bennett, director of annual giving and alumni relations enjoying the festivities of the day. Lisa is a member of the BCAA Executive Council.

5. Ed Andrew '70, Kwi Brennan, vice president for institutional advancement, and **Paul Bowlby '75** enjoy a moment in the alumni section of the tent during Deacon's Fest. The event hosted an alumni homecoming, an admission open house and a parents' day with hundreds of people visiting or returning to the campus.

6. Trustee **Joel Weiner '66** welcomes fellow alum and new trustee **Carolyn Glynn '69** to Deacon's Fest.

7. Former staff member Neville Gittens is welcomed to Deacon's Fest by Richard Levao, president of Bloomfield College. It was a beautiful day and the place was packed!

8. Student **Natasha Crawford** checks in **Robert Cooney '07** and **Kimberly Civinski '08** to the Deacon's

Fest activities. BC sweethearts, Robert and Kimberly will be married in early 2011.

9. Bloomfield Township Mayor Ray McCarthy addresses the alumni during a session about Bloomfield College and its advances. President Richard Levao introduced the mayor and council member Bernard Hamilton (not pictured). Both township officials expressed their delight at having the college in the township and pledged to continue to strengthen the relationship.

10. Mary Fierro '86 and **Terry Fierro '86** enjoy light snacks at the reception at the Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House.

11. The Lady Deacon's soccer match against Georgian Court was a hard fought game. The Deacon's fell 2-0 in the end.

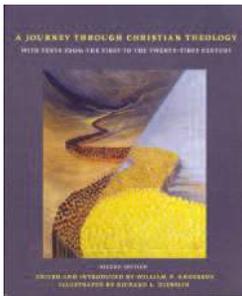
1952 – 1972

Bill Aring '52, David Bucci '59, Robert Toro '72, and Robert Walter '60 have generously given gifts in memory of their recently deceased friend **George Belford '60**. The gifts are directed to the Bloomfield College Scholarship.

1964

James Sawyer celebrated his 68th birthday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Sawyer Picken and John Picken, and his brother, John Sawyer, who travelled to Millersburg, OH, to take him to lunch. Jim lives Scenic Point, a nursing home and rehab center and was given a birthday party with cake and ice cream with his fellow residents. He followed the rescue operation of the Chilean miners closely and celebrated their safe return.

1961



Bill Anderson (Rev. Dr.) sent a copy of his newest book to the Office of Institutional Advancement to be donated to the Library. *A Journey Through Christian Theology*, second edition, was published this year by Fortress Press. His personalized inscription says, "To the Bloomfield College Library, with fond memories of a valued education."

1973



Darel-Ann DePompeo in named **Nurse of the Year 2010** by Valley Hospital. Her photo appeared in the hospital's newsletter.

Darel-Ann Kirshner-DePompeo was honored by her employer of three-plus decades when she was named Nurse of the Year 2010 by the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. Darel-Ann has been an ER nurse for her entire career in a hospital that takes up to 70,000 patients per year in

the ER alone. "This was a complete surprise," she says. She was nominated because of her work and her involvement in several committees over the years. In addition to her BSN, Darel-Ann is a CPR instructor, one of the original MICNs riding with the paramedics, is certified in ED and Critical Care and served on the computer review committee as well as the Code Blue committee and infection prevention devices. She is active in the Northern NJ chapter of AACN and the Emergency Nurses Association. She acts as a substitute school nurse and is the back up for the public health nurse. Darel-Ann and her husband Mike have three sons, Michael, Matthew, and Mark. When she is not working as a nurse, she is a groupie and medical staff member for the Ridgewood Concert Band in which Mike plays the baritone sax. She has travelled to Asia, Europe, and South America with the band.

Nurses Alumni celebrate the Class of 1960

This year's celebration of the 50th anniversary of graduation – the Class of 1960 – had a humorous turn. Betty Wilson Martin N'60 delivered an address reminiscent of nursing in the past. In her greeting, she remarked that she likes to be in a room full of nurses because "we can talk about gross stuff!" Fondly remembering her education in the 1950s, she noted that nursing has come a long way, but one thing remains the same. "We touched many lives, and many lives touched ours," she concluded. With that, the class of 1960 regaled the audience with a parody sung to "My Favorite Things." The lyrics are:

*Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,*

*Pacemakers, golf carts, and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.*

*When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
when the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things –
and then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.*

*When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had and then
I don't feel so bad!*

Remember When?

I was flipping through a photo album left in my office by a member of the BCAA and I came across this photo. Who are they? Where are they? What are they celebrating? Send your answers to advancement@bloomfield.edu.



Albert Pecora was named superintendent of schools for the Wallington School District.

Pecora graduated from Bloomfield College with a degree in mathematics in 1973. Following his graduation he landed a teaching job in Clifton where he taught math for 10 years. In 1983, Pecora stepped out of the educational sphere gaining employment with Pearl Vision, working for that company for 10 years. In 1993, Pecora rejoined the educational system at Passaic County Tech, a vocational high school in Wayne. In his time spent at Passaic County Teach, Pecora was the Director of Technology, Director of Technology and Curriculum and was the assistant superintendent.

Pecora earned a masters degree from Montclair State in education administration and is currently enrolled at Seton Hall for his doctorate in education administration. With a focus on student achievement, Pecora says "It's the major goal for all educators. I am charged with looking at the curriculum, deciding what we can and should use and putting every application/resource we have toward bettering our students' education. The students learning will be my number one concern as long as I am superintendent."

1973 and 1975

Paul Bowlby '75 (Rho Sigma Delta) and **Ruth Harrison Bowlby '73** (Sigma Theta Chi) of Pompton Lakes, NJ, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their granddaughter Alyssa Victoria Rose, born to their daughter Amy Rose and her husband Bill, of Fairlawn, NJ on September 1, 2010. She joins her big brother Jayden!

1991

Rose Mitchell, associate dean of students at the college, was minding her own business while in Montclair on a Sunday morning when she came upon three teenage boys bullying an elderly woman. Rose stepped in and told the boys to leave the lady alone, then reported the incident to the police. Unbeknownst to her, she was being filmed for the "What would you do?" series on the ABC Channel 7 with John Quiñones. Always plugging for Bloomfield College, she was filmed while wearing a BC sweatshirt!

2002

Patrick Fox wrote with some good news. "I entered the 2010 Senior Citizen Juried Art Show that was held at Essex County Hospital in Cedar Grove, NJ on August 18th. I won first place for non-professional computer graphics."

2003

Kellei Cosby premiered her film that she wrote, directed and produced. The piece is titled *Unexpected* and it was shown at the Van Fossan Theatre at Westminster Arts Center on November 11, 2010. The story is of unrequited love and was shot in New York, New Jersey, and Maine. Kellei founded Imagine It Productions, LLC, in 2010.



From left are Essex County Freeholder Patricia Sebold, Patrick Fox '02, Essex County Executive Joseph Divincenzo and Patrick's son, who is named after his father.

2007

Constantina "Dina" Meis just finished a stint as the campaign manager for Bryan Allen (D-PA) in the November 2010 midterm elections. While her candidate lost to the 16-year incumbent, she says she learned a great deal and had some wonderful opportunities. "This was my first time managing an entire race, which was a great experience," she says. She discovered new passions for fundraising and management as well as learning the intricacies of the issues of the campaign. She is now taking a break to spend time with her family and is looking for her next opportunity. She is considering law school and/or a master's in public policy.

2008

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) New Jersey Nursing Initiative has announced the members of the second and final cohort of the RWJF New Jersey Nursing Scholars. **Karen Hoary**, who will

be working towards her master's degree in nursing at Monmouth University, is among the scholars. The nursing scholars will participate in the NJNI Faculty Preparation Program and receive a scholarship covering tuition, a stipend to cover living expenses for up to four years, and a laptop computer.

In Memoriam

George Belford '60 died on October 5, 2010 in Georgetown, TX.

Michael F. Bydlik died on August 1, 2010 in Jacksonville, FL.

Pasquale "Pat" Caruso '58 died in Henderson, NV on July 14, 2010.

Dominick A. Crincoli died in Newark, NJ on September 1, 2010.

Mrs. Ann Guerinni Stilp N'43 passed away on August 15, 2010 in Appleton, WI.

Dennis J. Ingdal '74 died on August 9, 2010 in Sicklerville, NJ.

Helene Lynch N'45 died on August 14, 2010 in Hartford, CT.

Stephen Lewis Mesteller '39 passed away Oct. 10, 2010, in Brooksville, ME.

Molly Reed '75 passed away on November 7, 2010 in Naples, FL.

US Army Corporal Jamal Rhett, former student, died while serving his second tour in Iraq in August 2010.

Emily Sabold Tompkins N'52 died on September 3, 2010 in Montville, NJ.

Winifred Smarzo Coffman N'42 passed away in April 2009 in Richmond, VA.

Bloomfield College Community

Walter J. Bischoff died September 1, 2010 in Chatham, NJ. He was an adjunct professor in the business division.

Dr. Kenneth B. O'Brien, Ph.D. died August 21, 2010. Dr. O'Brien was president of Bloomfield College from August 1969 until June 1, 1971.

Dr. Joseph John O'Connor, former athletic team physician died August 8, 2010 in Sea Girt, NJ.

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Bloomfield College Alumni Benefits

Bloomfield College alumni are entitled to the following benefits:

- Access to the campus library and career services
- Discount at the Bloomfield College Barnes & Noble on-campus bookstore*
- Membership in the Xcel Credit Union
- Discounts with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company**
- Discounts on NJ Nets tickets
- 35% discount on tuition
- 10% discount on ITPS certificate courses

*10 percent discount on general merchandise and selected gifts with a valid alumnus ID card.
**Discounts based on policies specific to car and home insurance needs.

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Let your fellow alumni know what's new with you.

Log on to www.bccommunity.org and submit a class note. You can upload photos too! Your ID number is printed in the upper left hand corner of the address block of this magazine. Use it for a first time log-in.

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FACULTY NEWS

Nicole Franklin, adjunct instructor of broadcast journalism, was selected to be on a panel about Women in Entertainment: Behind the Scenes at The Apollo Theatre on March 22, 2010. The audience heard from talented women working in New York City's entertainment industry. Presented by the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, the Apollo Theater's education program, and New York Women in Film and Television, provided the audience with personal accounts of five women's experiences behind the scenes in film, television and theatre. Franklin, who's worked as an editor, producer, filmmaker and director, recently took on the challenge of being a fill-in stage manager on "The Today Show." "It's four hours of live TV," she said. "You meet heads of state and Britney Spears."



Dr. Neddie Serra with her award and the bust of her inspiration, Florence Nightingale.

Neddie Serra RN, Ed.D., chair of the Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing was honored by the National Association of Hispanic Nurses – NJ Chapter at a dinner in October 2010. The award is the Professional Nurses Achievement Award and the citation said: For your extraordinary service and dedication to the nursing profession.

Peter Gordon released a new album titled *Love of Life Orchestra*. DFA records wrote the following critique of the CD, "Throughout this impressive catalog, harmoniously interwoven strains of jazz, rock and neoclassical, add texture and color to these wonderful songs. *Love of Life Orchestra*, taken as a whole, serves as ample testimony to the far-reaching scope of Gordon's musical sensibilities and a reminder of his enduring musical legacy."



Professor Nova explaining her artwork as seen on the slide. This work of art was a large rectangle constructed of open tissue boxes. It allowed people to take away a piece of the art as they grabbed a tissue.

Laura Nova, assistant professor in the CAT department, opened the CAT Chow series with a slide presentation of her artwork with a talk about how her art evolved from simple pieces to works involving interaction and technology. In the summer of 2010, she had a show at Real Art Ways in Hartford, CT, titled *Limited Run*. Inspired by the Laura's endurance training using the recreational paths and racecourses of New York City, *Limited Run* enacts an indoor track constructed within the confines of the gallery walls. Visitors are encouraged to run or walk around the looped spectacle. A fire bell rings at each completed 20-meter lap. During the first two weeks of June, Laura organized racecourse activities with community groups as well as used the track for her own running regimen.

Bloomfield College was awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation. Professor **Keith Guzik** submitted the proposal titled Registering Security: Investigating the Operation of and Reaction to the Public Vehicle Registry in Mexico.



From left are Paul Genega, division chair, Humanities; Regina Brunache '09, Rachel Griffiths, poet and instructor; Marcella Baglione '09, and Paul LaTorre '11.

Leslie Doyle, a specialist in the SSS-STAR program, has a short story published in the Fall/Winter issue of *Front Porch* literary journal. The story is titled "Backyard Astronomer." It is the story of a woman who copes with a frightening neurological mystery, as well as other problems in her life — unemployment, a bad cold, and uncertainty about what lengths her husband might go to in order to help her get well. She begins to gain clarity while looking up at the night sky, and the sight of an unusually configured comet.

Anthony Salandy, Ph.D. director of the McNair Scholars program, was personally asked by Marian Wright Edelman (President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund – CDF) to join her and a select group of educators and policymakers to discuss effective ways to increase the number of disadvantaged students enrolled in higher education. The meeting was held Tuesday, December 14 to Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the CDF-Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee.

Rachel Eliza Griffiths, lecturer in English, creative writing and poetry, has published *Miracle Arrhythmia*, a collection of her original poetry. The event was celebrated with readings by her current and former students and fellow poet and humanities division chair, Paul Genega, at an afternoon gathering in her honor. Griffiths is a Cave Canem Fellow, a recipient of numerous fellowships, a 2007 Pushcart Nominee, and cover artist for multiple published works. ■



BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE WESTMINSTER ARTS CENTER WINTER-SPRING 2011

ROBERT V. VAN FOSSAN THEATRE 2011 ELEMENTS OF EXPRESSION

There are exciting things happening at the Westminster Arts Center and if you've been missing them – you've missed out on some wonderful live performances! For the past four years, more and more metropolitan groups are calling our very own arts center home as they present everything from theatre to music to dance. Our humanities students have attended and written reports about the Shakespeare shows they have witnessed come alive in front of their eyes. Local school children have filled the theatre to be entertained by the Garden State Band and the Yates Family Theatre's retelling of classical children's stories. And even groups from retirement villages have been bused to our campus so they can enjoy the wonderful performances by our theater in residence, 4th Wall Theatre. But don't worry; you can still witness plenty of events through the end of June. Just visit the website to see a listing of great, live entertainment as BCWAC continues to express various elements of the arts at a very low price. See you at the arts center!

The Westminster Arts Center is a disabled access facility, located on the corner of Fremont and Franklin Streets on the campus of Bloomfield College, in Bloomfield, New Jersey.
www.bccommunity.org/westminster

For reservations:
 973-748-9008 ext. 279

● DANCE SERIES

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METROPOLITAN REPERTORY BALLET — PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM LA TRAVIATA

Saturday, February 12 / 8:00 pm



MRB returns with an entirely new genre in the performing arts, "Ballet/Opera," for which the company has received critical acclaim. MRB delightfully performs excerpts from *La Traviata*, Verdi's well-known tragic love story of Alfredo and Violetta; an elegant and unique

celebration of the classic opera told through dance by the third largest ballet company in the world. General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$15

www.metrorepballet.com



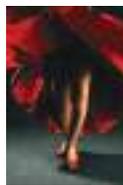
MOSAIC DANCE THEATER COMPANY

Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 / 8:00 pm

MDTC, based in Essex County, New Jersey, develops and presents original dance, theater, and educational programs celebrating the rich diversity of cultures and folkloric traditions of the Mediterranean, including the Middle East, North Africa, Turkey, Greece, Italy and Spain. Mosaic Dance Theater Company returns for a fourth straight celebration of National Dance Week with exciting new pieces and favorites from the company's repertoire of dance from the Near East and the Mediterranean region.

General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$15

www.MosaicDanceTheaterCo.org



VIVA FLAMENCO

Friday, March 18 / 8:00 pm

Flamenco, the fiery song, music, and dance of gypsies from southern Spain, is enjoyed around the world and, for one night only, flamenco comes to Westminster Arts Center. Viva Flamenco proves that you don't have to be Spanish to perform flamenco. With each artist hailing from different continents but living in New Jersey, Viva Flamenco brings together the true grit that makes flamenco unforgettable no matter what the national origin. General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$15

www.vivaflamenconj.com

● FAMILY SERIES

PETER RABBIT

Saturday, February 19 /
 11:00 am

Join Peter and his friends as the mischievous little bunny gets in and out of trouble in this musical adventure filled with singing, dancing and laughter. General Admission: \$10; Children: \$8
 For tickets, call 973.677.0631



NEW JERSEY TAP ENSEMBLE — THE TAP CONNECTION

Friday, April 1 / 8:00 pm

The New Jersey Tap Dance Ensemble (NJTAP) has defined rhythm tap dance for a new generation of dancers and audiences. Through NJTAP's touring performances, people are discovering and rediscovering tap dance—a uniquely American art form. NJTAP shares an evening of dance that not only traces the roots of tap, but shows how the members of the company are tied to the incredible art form in one way or another. General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$15



www.njtap.org

THE PRINCESS SHOW

Saturday, May 14 / 11:00 am

When the evil magician steals three lovely princesses from their fairy tales, they must work together to return to their kingdoms, discovering the power of teamwork and unleashing their hidden potential. Come join the fun in this charming new musical filled with singing, dancing and comedy! General Admission: \$10; Children: \$8
 For tickets, call 973.677.0631

● **MUSIC SERIES**

MEL-O-CHORDS SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, May 14 / 8:00 pm
 Sunday, May 15 / 2:00 pm



This four-part vocal ensemble group returns for a spring concert. Their repertoire ranges from musical theater to popular music from multiple decades.

General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens: \$15
 For tickets or information, call 973.744.3133

www.melochords.org

● **THEATER SERIES**

4TH WALL THEATRE — FUNNY GIRL IN CONCERT

Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22 / 8:00 pm
 Sunday, January 23 / 2:00 pm



Brought to life on the silver screen with Barbra Streisand, *Funny Girl* is the story of Vaudeville and Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice and her husband Nicky Arnstein. This concert version will feature multiple women performing the role of Fanny. Don't miss some 4th Wall favorites singing the fantastic score, which includes such hits as "People," "Don't Rain on My Parade," and "The Music That Makes Me Dance." General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens: \$16; Students: \$15

www.4thwalltheatre.org

4TH WALL THEATRE — M.I.D. STAGE SERIES: WICKED MOON: A CONTEMPORARY ROMANTIC MUSICAL COMEDY



Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
 March 10, 11, and 12 / 7:30 pm

When the Wicked Moon cabaret nightclub is faced with eviction, owner Arlene is visited by niece Kendra and her fiancé Carl, the landlord's thug Pete, and her old flame Dean. Hidden aspirations and memories cascade through the cabaret and true love saves the day. This new musical will be presented as a staged work-in-progress as part of 4th Wall's Musicals In Development Series, complete with a talkback with the creative team after the show.

General Admission: \$15; Seniors and Students: \$12
www.4thwalltheatre.org

ROUGES COMPANY — THE BROTHERS BOOTH

Thursday, March 24 / 7:30 pm
 Friday and Saturday, March 25, and 26 / 8:00 pm
 Sunday, March 27 / 2:00 pm



An original play centering around the famous 19th century Shakespearean actor Edwin Booth and his brother, the infamous actor/assassin John Wilkes

Booth. James Karcher's latest play explores the complex relationships of father to son, brother to brother, and the other possible motives for the assassination of a president. Specters, spirits, and Shakespeare abound in this play for all ages. General Admission: \$20; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$15

www.rougescompany.com

M.O.C. MUSICAL THEATRE — GYPSY

Fridays and Saturdays, April 8, 9, 15, and 16 / 8:00 pm
 Sundays, April 10 and 17 / 2:00 pm



The story of the famed striptease artist, Gypsy Rose Lee and her mother, Rose—whose name has become synonymous with the ultimate stage mother. It follows the dreams and efforts of Rose to raise two daughters to perform onstage and casts an affectionate eye on the hardships of show business life.

General admission: \$25; Seniors Citizens: \$22

www.mocmusicals.org

4TH WALL THEATRE — A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Fridays and Saturdays, June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17,
 and 18 / 8:00 pm
 Sunday, June 12 / 2:00 pm



From the creative team behind *Ragtime* and based on the film starring Albert Finney, this is the story of Alfie Byrne, a closeted bus conductor and Oscar Wilde devotee, in 1964 Dublin. As he leads his amateur theatre troupe toward a production of Wilde's *Salome* at the local church, he struggles to find acceptance, not only from his sister, co-workers, the church, and world-at-large, but within himself. His quiet anthem, stating simply, "You just have to love who you love," is a remarkable message for our time.

General Admission: \$24; Senior Citizens: \$20; Students \$15

www.4thwalltheatre.org

● **EDUCATIONAL SERIES**

ENCORE! MUSICAL THEATRE PROJECT: 13 THE MUSICAL

Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8 / 8:00 p.m.



The curtain rises on NJSDA's new TEEN musical theater company presenting *13*, a grown-up story about growing up! With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, *13* is a hilarious, high-energy musical for all ages about discovering that cool is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it. For tickets, call 973.566.9700.

General Admission: \$10; Seniors Citizens and Children: \$8

www.njactors.org

NEW JERSEY COLLECTIVE — IONISATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, January 30 / 3:00 pm

Chamber music from one of New Jersey's premiere New Music Ensembles, which is celebrating its first 10 years with music by NJ composers and exciting works for percussion, including Edgar Varese's masterpiece after which the ensemble is named.

Premiere seating: \$25; General Admission: \$15; Students: \$10

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.njartscollective.org



NEW JERSEY COLLECTIVE — BROADWAY SINCE 2000

Saturday, May 7 / Saturday at 8:00 pm

An evening of Cabaret featuring top young singers from across NJ and a special Broadway guest performing songs from recent *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Spring Awakening*, *Hairspray*, *The Producers* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

Premiere seating: \$35; General Admission: \$25; Students: \$15

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In Focus

Name: Tavainya Smith, McNair Scholar

Major: Game Programming/Development, Class of 2011

Scholarships: Applying for a SMART (Science, mathematics, and research for transformation) scholarship through the U.S. Department of Defense for graduate studies. This scholarship requires me to work for the DOD for two years after finishing my Ph.D.

On being a McNair Scholar: This is the best thing that has happened to me. The McNair program has opened many opportunities for me and has given me a “can-do” attitude.

About her research: I spent eight weeks at Clemson University programming The Collaborative Physics Sketchbook application for a touch table that was built by the graduate students. We decided to develop an application to teach eighth-grade physics through interactive learning and multi-touch technology. My job was to study the lesson plans and create an application that made use of the lesson plans and utilized multi-touch technology. The focus group of seventh graders loved it!

Goals: I will attend graduate school to earn my Ph.D. in human-centered computing. Eventually I would like to work in the private sector creating learning technologies. I would also like to teach at the college level.



About Bloomfield College: I got a good fundamental knowledge here, not only in programming, but also in my minor – creative writing. I love writing and plan to blend both my programming and creative writing skills in graduate school to develop interactive applications.