1960  The Jaffray School of Missions was founded as a graduate program of Nyack College.

1974  The Jaffray program was revamped to educate and equip students for service in North America as well as overseas. The school was renamed the Alliance School of Theology and Missions (ASTM).

1974  The Master of Professional Studies degree is launched.

1979  The Alliance School of Theology and Missions undergoes another name change to Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS). A Master of Divinity program is established.

1985  ATS established its Puerto Rico extension site with the Puerto Rican District of the C&MA.

1987  Chinese Bi-Cultural and Pastoral Ministries program is developed for ATS.

1990  Alliance Theological Seminary receives accreditation from The Association of Theological Schools.

1993  ATS moves from the Nyack Rockland campus to the former C&MA headquarters building at 350 North Highland Avenue in Nyack.

1997  An ATS extension site on the New York City campus opens.

1997  The Korean Extension Program, established in 1990 at a Queens, NY church is renamed the Korean Extension Program (KEP) now merges with the Lower Manhattan Extension (LME) and becomes Nyack College Manhattan Center.

2000  Full seminary degree programs are now offered at the New York City campus.

2001  Alliance Graduate School of Mission is established.

2010  The ATS Doctor of Ministry degree is approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

2010  Alliance Theological Seminary celebrates its 50th anniversary.

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NURSING COMES TO NYACK

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Initially a trial lawyer, Justice Stratton was the first woman elected as a judge on the Franklin County Court in Ohio. Fair but firm, she earned the nickname, “The Velvet Hammer” because of her manner of handling felony cases.

From her youth, she had embraced her parents’ legacy of service; and in the justice system, she found a niche for doing so. She now leads state and national efforts to help veterans who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system.

Of all the positive impact the Justice Stratton has had in her career, one such story is reported in a YouTube video. It tells of her opportunity to help a stranger with a desperate need—the woman who, unknown to her, more than three decades earlier had given her parents a $1,000 gift to fulfill their destiny of becoming missionaries.

More than 2,000 viewers have seen this amazing story. You can join the growing audience at http://www.youtube.com/justicestratton. Click on “Justice Evelyn Stratton’s Violet Moon Story.” You’ll understand what causes the sparkle in a proud mother’s eyes.

THE FIRST YEAR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

Nyack’s new criminal justice major, launched in the fall of 2009, is another strong addition to its academic programs. The first year began with a special presentation by U.S. Secret Service Agent, Sidney Dresky, who related the demands, the risks, and the rewards of her role in the U.S. government. Barbara Williams of the Rockland Parent-Child Center also visited the Rockland campus and addressed the organization’s Family Connections initiative to break the cycle of intergenerational crime in Rockland County.

Feedback from charter students in the new major has been positive. Says one, “I became a criminal justice major because of the variety of careers to choose from.” Another commented, “I’m interested in criminal justice because I hope to make my community a better place.”

The Nyack criminal justice major is distinctive and designed with a focus on restorative justice—which will enable Nyack College to become a leader in the search for holistic solutions to criminal justice problems. The major will contribute to the mission of the College by preparing graduates who will be trained based on biblical restorative justice with the aim of restoring the social order, restoring the offenders to fellowship with their moral community, and restoring the community’s life and its relationship with God.
Alliance Theological Seminary Launches New Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Degree

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I hope you'll think of *The Path* as a publication that is something much more than a magazine. I trust that as you flip through its pages and read through the stories it contains, you will see it the way I do.

We are all a part of the Nyack family, and what’s in your hands is our family scrapbook.

Like any scrapbook, this one serves numerous purposes. If you’re a Nyack alumnus, you’ll find fond memories sparked by what you find inside. You may see a familiar face or see a familiar name. You may hear about an old friend or a favorite professor. If you’re a current student, you’ll be encouraged by what your fellow students and professors are accomplishing for God’s Kingdom.

If this issue is giving you your first glimpse into what God is doing at Nyack, I can’t think of a better introduction. You’re going to learn about student missionaries making a difference around the world. You’ll read about how God is working through our athletics program. You’ll find out about students who are already at work in inner cities sharing the love of Christ. You’ll see the way Nyack is moved to respond to tragedies. You’ll discover the kinds of students who come here and learn some of the ways God shapes them for His glory in the process.

The stories are rich and they are inspiring; they paint a portrait of God’s grace. They show, far better than I could possibly tell, how blessed we are to play a part in God’s sovereign plan.

Michael G. Scales, Ed.D.
Mr. Frank Dalene, a 1977 graduate of Nyack College, was one of 23 men and women in New York who was honored earlier this year by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) at an awards ceremony at the New York State Capitol Building. The distinguished alumni were acknowledged for their contributions to New York State’s economy by the CICU Board of Trustees. An exhibit of the honoree profiles was also displayed in the Legislative Office Building in Albany.

Mr. Dalene is president and co-founder of Telemark, Inc., and vice president of Hamptons Luxury Homes, Inc., businesses he owns with his brother and partner, Roy Dalene. Telemark is one of the nation’s premier construction services companies. In 2009, Dalene received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for New York State from the American Business Defense and Advisory Council, headed by former Republican Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. In 2008, Dalene was a leader in forming Hamptons Green Alliance, a non-profit association of building industry professionals who promote “green building” technologies.

Beyond his studies at Nyack College, Dalene, a religion major, is largely self-taught. As a result of his extensive research in green building, he developed a mechanism that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by identifying the carbon footprint of manufactured products. In November 2009, he was invited to be a panelist with scientists from around the world at New York State’s Advance Energy Conference in Hauppauge.

An award-winning advocate for sustainable building and an educator to the green building industry, Dalene is active in many trade associations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island. He is also the immediate past president and co-chair of the Health and Sight Committee of the East Hampton Lions Club and is co-founder of the Dalene Family Foundation.
HOME SWEET HOME
by Sarah Butler

As an infant, I was given up for adoption and placed with a Christian couple that loved me unconditionally, as if I were their naturally born child. Although I had a family to call my own, because my parents are Caucasian and I am African-American, I knew that I would always wonder about my "roots."

As I grew older, I never yearned for my birth parents because I had all the family I had ever needed. But as I met new people and they took in my "ethnic" look, the inquiries began: "What is your family background?" "Where are you from?"

When I answered with the only truth I knew—"Texas"—it almost seemed as if the curious questioners didn't believe me.

MISSIONARY MINDSET
In November 2009, at the age of 29, I had the amazing opportunity to visit Senegal on a trip put together by the C&MA Short Term Missions Office (STMO) and the C&MA Association of African-American Churches (AAAC).

Donna Baptiste, director of Bridge Senegal, told us that one purpose of this trip was to give African-Americans a positive experience as missionaries with the C&MA. "When God calls you to be a missionary," she said, "ask questions, develop relationships and take it back to your churches to help them understand the importance of the Great Commission Fund. God has done a good work, and it's time we start giving back."

I couldn't have agreed more. I understand the sacrifices that the career missionaries are making in Senegal. I understand because when I think about going, I think about all the things I would have to leave behind and then all of the work that would lie ahead of me. I understand because when I think about going, it scares me to death.

THE SHOCKING TRUTH
During my time in Senegal, I learned about the African-American missionaries who were treated very unfairly during their time of service. Because of that injustice, much damage was done to African-Americans in the C&MA, making being a missionary with this organization very unappealing to them. Hearing the stories of people who felt called to spread the gospel but were denied the opportunity really shocked me. I had always wondered why there weren't more African-American missionaries and now that question has been answered.

Through a touching reconciliation service with the leaders of the C&MA and the AAAC, apologies were given and forgiveness was received. The participants of this trip were then challenged to stop the "bad" cycle and move toward a future that will involve more African-Americans in global missions.
SURPRISED BY GOD

By Bob Dickson
When Dr. Jonathan Woodhouse graduated from Nyack in 2000, he was planning to serve as an inner-city pastor. But God, he has since learned, is full of surprises. In learning to embrace those surprises, Woodhouse has discovered a field of ministry richer than he ever imagined.

Woodhouse graduated from George Fox University last year with a doctorate in clinical psychology. He is currently completing a two-year neuropsychology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

His area of expertise, which involves looking at the brain and how it affects patient behavior, serves a vital function in the medical profession. “We sit down with a patient for 6-8 hours,” Woodhouse says. “Our assessments focus on cognitive domains such as, memory, abstract reasoning, problem solving, attention, etc. We also assess personality functioning. The patient’s pattern of performance is then compared to evidence-based expectations relative to their age, education, and presenting problem.”

The purpose is both diagnostic and to inform treatment planning. Patients who suffer from neuropsychological disorders need answers. What type of dementia do they have? Are they suffering from Alzheimer’s? Are there residual cognitive effects from their traumatic brain injury? Can they still work? Are there emotional factors at play? In other words, what does the patient need?

In helping uncover those answers, Woodhouse often finds himself at a crucial touch point of ministry. “I sit with patients and families in a very vulnerable state,” he says. “My faith manifests as a profound respect for people made in God’s image ... people I know God cares for. That affects how I bring myself into that situation. I need to consider what feedback I’m giving them. In a sense, it’s a bit like Moses and the burning bush. I feel like I’m standing on holy ground.”

Woodhouse took his first steps along this path while he was a student at Nyack. It came in the form of advice from Professor of Religion, Dr. Larry Poston. “Dr. Poston planted the seeds for my graduate school success by helping me to cultivate the essential skills of an academic, namely, healthy skepticism, critical thinking, and the ability to draw from my own general fund of knowledge in order to analyze information, identify overarching patterns and themes, and generate new ideas based on the synthesis of this information,” Woodhouse says.

Woodhouse’s direction also came through the church. As an undergrad, he and his wife, Kate, who he met at Nyack College, were members of New Life Fellowship in Queens, where they served in youth ministry. After graduating, he completed an internship at New Life in New York City and when the youth pastor took a one-year sabbatical, the responsibility of running their urban youth ministry program fell to Woodhouse. As a result of his efforts, he was offered a staff position.

“During this time, Pastor Pete Scuzzero was working out the details of what would later become his popular book, The Emotionally Healthy Church, and was integrating psychological concepts into our staff development,” Woodhouse says. “This is where I was first exposed to concepts like Bowenian theory, family systems, differentiation, and reflective listening. This left an indelible mark on my personal development, and whet my appetite for the discipline of psychology.”

From there, Woodhouse took prerequisite courses at Queens College before enrolling at George Fox in 2004. “One thing led to another,” he says. “I didn’t even know this field existed. You have to be open to new possibilities – to put your

“...You don’t get to the Resurrection without the cross. You have to let brokenness be holy. You have to embrace that brokenness.

future in the Lord’s hands. There’s a balance between doing everything you can and at end of the day, giving it to the Lord.”

Jon and Kate are grateful for his placement in OU. The couple, blessed with an 21-month-old boy and a baby on the way, serve in St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Oklahoma City, not far from the site of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The stone cross that stood atop the church was broken in the blast. It remains on church property today.

For Woodhouse, the broken cross reminds him of an essential ingredient to his ministry as a doctor of clinical psychology. “You don’t get to the Resurrection without the cross,” he says, “You have to let brokenness be holy. You have to embrace that brokenness.”

“...You need to be open to being surprised.”

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CHRISTIAN LIFE COACHING

by Dr. Lisa Steiner
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(Class of 2004)

Coaching is a well-known concept in sports. Athletes rely on coaches to improve their skills, stay focused, get past the obstacles, and win. Over the past few years, this concept has been developed and applied to personal life goals. Thus, the role of a life coach is to help people overcome personal obstacles and win.

The following paragraphs will provide you with a deeper understanding of what coaching is. We will look at why a person hires a professional coach and the wisdom of using a Christian-based approach.

What is life coaching?
Simply stated, coaching can help move you from where you are to where you want to be in life. Professional coaches are trained to help you get a fresh, holistic perspective on your personal goals and guide you towards achieving them. These goals might be ones related to relationships, careers, finances, or even time management. Using various tools and techniques, coaches partner with you to assist you in discovering your purpose and passion, connecting them with goals and tasks, and achieving fulfilling results.

Why hire a coach?
Our lifestyles can cause us to be pulled in hundreds of different directions, making it difficult to achieve balance and fulfillment. Yet with the professional guidance of a coach, enjoying life and reaching goals becomes much simpler. Your coach can assist you in igniting and maintaining your purpose and passion. S/he will work one-on-one with you, empowering you to experience the rewarding life that you have always wanted.

People hire a coach for various reasons, such as to:
• Better manage money
• Accomplish more in less time
• Improve work/life balance
• Realize potential
• Get focused
• Strengthen relationships
• Make progress
• Enjoy life more in singleness/marriage
• Enlarge personal vision
• Stay motivated
• Reap satisfying results

Coaches provide you with accountability for your action steps, encouragement when you are down, and a place for you to celebrate when you are victorious. When you are ready to achieve a sense of fulfillment in life, create goals, and take action to achieve them, then coaching is for you.

Why choose Christian-based coaching?
The Christian coach cultivates a confidential partnership with you that promotes Christ-like values such as integrity, warmth, and unconditional love. The role of a Christian coach is to help you continue to move from where you are to where God wants you to be!

The Word of God asks in Amos 3:3, “Can two walk together unless they are agreed?” When hiring a coach, it is therefore essential that your coach’s core approach be in line with your values. At the heart of a Christian-based coaching model is Jesus Christ. Without Christ, you are limited. Yet with Him at the center, you can do all things by Him who strengthens you!

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2010 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR
• Rev. Alfred Lee Hearn ’65 - Service to the Kingdom
• Dr. Philip Renicks ’65 - Service to Christian Education
• Rev. Dr. Dennis Krajacic ’75 - Service to the C&MA

2010 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
• Rev. David Pletincks ’64 – Administrator Emeritus
• Rev. Paul Lehmann ’66 – Basketball
• Henry Thompson ’83 – Baseball
• Danny Rollins ’98 – Basketball
• Sarah Butler ’02/’03 – Soccer, Basketball
• Ralph Carusillo ’02/’03 – Baseball
• Erin Bruno ’03/’04 – Basketball

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• Dr. Jeff Cook
• Dr. Richard Eldred
• Prof. Ralph Ellenberger
• Dr. Marion Howe
• Dr. Donal Nilsson
• Dr. Ron & Prof. Bev Ruegsegger
• Dr. Brad Stamm
• Dr. Eldon Woodcock

Friday Highlights
• Founder’s Day Chapel
  Featuring Speaker Cheryl Phenicie ‘80
• School of Nursing Dedication
• Back to the Classroom
• Alumni Athlete Banquet*
  Featuring Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

Saturday Highlights
• President’s Breakfast*
  Featuring Alumni of the Year Awards
• Soccer Games
• Outdoor Performances
• Taste of Nyack
• Under the Tent Marketplace
• Lil’ Warriors Kidz Zone
• First Annual Alumni and Faculty Reception
  Hosted by Former Nyack Professors
• School of Education Alumni Luncheon
• School of Business Alumni Luncheon
• Honors Program Alumni Dinner*
• Class Reunion Dinners*
  1960 • 1970 • 1980 • 1990 • 2000

*Childcare available.

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Handwritten letters are nearly a lost art. The personal touch of a thoughtful letter gives way to cryptic and often crass comments on social networks viewed indiscriminately by audiences of thousands. Marcie Jenkins Bauer, a Nyack alumna (1978-79), contacted the college about her family’s discovery of letters written by an aunt, Frieda Hanna, who attended the Missionary Training Institute in the forties.

“When I read the letters, I felt like I was reading a treasure—a piece of history, a “slice of life.” They also broke my heart. I heard the excitement, the love for the Nyack campus, and the awe for what the future held in my aunt’s voice,” Ms. Bauer wrote.

She continued, “I never had the pleasure of getting to know her. But she left quite an impact on our family. I’ve heard stories about her graceful, funny, loving spirit throughout the years, despite the fact that she died 16 years before I was born. Her greatest desire was to serve the Lord in China as a missionary. It was a huge, HUGE accomplishment for her to make it to Nyack—even if only for her freshman year.”

*The following are excerpts from a letter Ms. Hanna wrote to her father.*
Dearest Dad,

I’ve been wanting to tell you about some of my fellow students; so I’ll start on my roommate. Right now she is standing in front of her mirror combing her hair and moaning cause (sic) she is so hungry and she thinks we are having stew and Doris doesn’t particularly care for stew, but she says, “I’ll eat it! I’ll have to!” Ha. Ha. But I think they feed us quite well up here.

I love the way they serve their meals. We walk into the dining room singing a chorus. Everyone stands behind his or her chair. Someone asks the blessing. Then the boy next to you pulls out your chair and we all sit down. The host sits at the head (10 to a table) of the table and serves everyone the main dish. The hostess sits at the foot of table and takes care of the bread, tea, or coffee and such. She also serves dessert. There is one waitress for every two tables.

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My teachers? Well, I have Harold Boon for 2 subjects. He really is grand. Parliamentary Procedure and Sociology. He takes especially good care of us New Castleites. Then my hardest course is really a honey. Man, are we up to our knees already. It’s Old Testament survey. Mr. Freleigh teaches that. He is also very nice. But a tough tester. Evangelism—Mr. McKaig. He is a younger man. Very nice. Dry sense of humor. Everyone likes him. Always says something funny and never laughs. History of Missions is my next toughest subject and I also drew the toughest teacher for that. Miss Stanhope. Dean of Women. It takes a lot of study.

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“Well, I saw the Normandie!” What’s left of her. When I look at that great hulk lying on its side I had to shudder. To think a massive vessel lying like that crippled because of one torch! I saw it on the way to the concert given by the National Orchestral Association in Carnegie Hall. Carrie gave me her ticket. It was a real thrill to drive up, have a doorman open the car, and go in and hear such wonderful music. On the way, we passed Madison Square Garden. I leaned over to Nancy and whispered, “I’d like to come in some night and see Joe Louis beat up another sucker.”

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I’d better stop and get ready for bed. I hear bedroom slippers clicking down the hall and toothbrushes rattling in glasses. Yes, sir. 10 to 10:30 every night is “quiet hour.” At 10:30 “Lights out!” and that means 10:30. But the more sleep I get, the worse I am. I don’t even hear the alarm on this little clock June sent me.”

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There is a beautiful moon out. It’s clear, crisp, and cold. The moonlight is beautiful. There is one wide silvery path across the river. Most beautiful scenery in the world.

Love,
Feed

Marcie Jenkins Bauer, like her aunt, studied at Nyack for one year--1978-1979. Her major was “pre-nursing.” She says, “I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do with my life, but finished my nursing degree at a local (Westmoreland County) community college ten years later (1989). I’ve worked in medical-surgical, geriatrics, orthopedics, as an adult day-care director (my favorite job!), home hospice, and now as a psychiatric nurse. One thing I can say about nursing, you can choose from a variety of fields.
Cheryl Phenicie’s interest in nursing emerged during her childhood when she would help her dad with his backdoor clinic in Burkina Faso, Africa.

That homegrown passion for serving others set the stage for the preparation she would receive at Nyack College. The 1980 Nyack alumna earned an undergraduate degree in social science and went on to earn her nursing degree at another school. She, like many Nyack alumni, is rejoicing over her alma mater’s milestone as the doors of the new School of Nursing open. And her alma mater is also celebrating her and the way God’s calling on her life has evolved. On October 8, 2010, the Cheryl Phenicie School of Nursing will be dedicated on the Rockland County campus.

After embarking on her career as a registered nurse in the United States, Cheryl and her husband Darrell moved to the Middle East to continue their lives of service. She founded Sidon Alliance Prenatal Clinic in Sidon, Lebanon, which led to her being recognized by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) during the organization’s 2003 Christian Higher Education Month. Her superior standard of care—emotional and physical—attracted masses of women and babies from the poorest of the population in Sidon.

Describing her experience of working with the Lebanese women she said, “Many times, by just simply giving them a hug and telling them that I love them, the tears begin to flow. Perhaps, for them, the thought that an American woman would leave her country and come to help them and love them, is even more meaningful. When they praise me for my love and character, it is a perfect opportunity to tell them about the source of that love: Jesus!”

The articulation of the call to nursing is probably best summed up in Cheryl’s words: “In an age where the human voice and human touch have been replaced by automated machines, there is perhaps nothing more soothing or healing than these two things. Nursing is an avenue whereby we can reach out to people in need and show them mercy and love through our touch and our words. The art of nursing is a powerful way to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world and it will be nurtured in a Christian environment like Nyack College, where students are integrating their faith with a practical skill to reach this world for Christ.”

Today although much of her work does not include nursing, it is in those medical venues that she feels most alive and passionate. “My Nyack education provided a wonderful foundation for the life God called me to later on in life.” With a broad liberal arts education, yet a biblical basis in all subjects, Cheryl sees that her years at Nyack gave her a worldview that has seen her through 27 years of service in the Middle East.

Cheryl Phenicie will be the keynote speaker for Founder’s Day Chapel as campus administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students are joined by government officials and community leaders for the nursing school dedication and reception during Homecoming 2010.

Academically excellent. Globally engaged. Intentionally diverse. Personally transforming. Socially relevant. Each Nyack core value is a descriptor that could suitably follow the initials behind Cheryl Phenicie’s name—a trailblazer for Nyack nurses.

**A B.S.N. WITH DISTINCTION**

by Elizabeth Simon RN, Ph.D., CCRN, CEN, ANP
Professor & Director of Nyack’s Cheryl Phenicie School of Nursing

Nursing promotes, maintains, and restores the health of the body, mind, and spirit. A baccalaureate nursing curriculum will prepare Nyack College graduates for an entry level practice and lifelong learning necessary in the pursuit of professional excellence. A Christian perspective of nursing education will equip our graduates to be compassionate care providers and servant leaders in health care. Concepts of continuous growth, renewal, self development, self-discipline, and lifelong learning are fundamental principles necessitated by Christian living as well as professional nursing.

Nyack College nursing has a vision: to be globally engaged in the service of diverse populations. My service as the director of nursing is to nurture an environment to accomplish that vision. Nyack nursing will blend that vision of transcontinental presence and service learning into the framework of the curriculum. Nyack nursing will be known for such notable educational initiatives.

Located in the close proximity of a strategically significant city, Nyack College will attract nursing students with a commitment to touch individual lives and serve a global population. In essence, selfless service, clinical competence, engagement in global health, and a spirit of excellence will be the outcome of nursing education at Nyack College.
There are hundreds of proud alumni applauding the opening of Nyack’s new School of Nursing from places nationwide and around the globe.

When Nyack’s new School of Nursing puts out the welcome mat at the Rockland County campus for the bachelor of science in nursing students this fall, there will be hundreds of proud alumni applauding this milestone from places nationwide and around the globe. Prior to the launch of Nyack’s new degree, some students completed a nursing degree at other institutions. For even larger numbers, who earned their degrees at Nyack or ATS in other disciplines, they are serving in the medical field today.

Plans for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) were announced in 2006 by Nyack President Michael Scales and the response to the news was tremendous. On January 12, 2010, the New York State Board of Regents granted the college approval to offer the B.S.N. degree. Dr. Scales shared, “There are documents going back 50 years showing that a nursing program was in discussion. In the entire history of this institution, this is our first health professional degree!”

At Nyack Hospital, near the Rockland County campus, word of the program also evoked excitement. The hospital’s president and chief executive officer, Dr. David H. Freed, commented, “Nyack Hospital is just delighted to learn that its partners at Nyack College are beginning a new nursing program for at least three reasons. First, students select the nursing profession because they want to make a difference for patients who need their help. Second, Nyack College students are themselves an extraordinarily high quality group of individuals. My colleagues and I have enjoyed the privilege and pleasure of working with them in many different contexts and we are confident that the nursing students will be just as expert, energetic, and exceptional. Last, the societal demand for well-qualified nurses has never been greater. More and more highly trained nurses are a necessity, not an option, for effective health care delivery as the population ages and medical technology advances.

Nurses care not only for patients, but also care about them. Nyack Hospital salutes the vision of Nyack College in undertaking its new nursing program and looks forward to participating actively in the teaching, mentoring, and recruitment of Nyack College nursing students.”

The four-year, 128-credit program requires 55 credits in nursing courses and already students are transferring to Nyack, where they will benefit from more than an excellent curriculum. At Nyack students will be educated in a culturally diverse environment in preparation for real world experiences. They will have the opportunity to experience global service-learning as well as be involved in social and political advocacy aimed at reducing health care disparities.

With an initial $1 million gift to the program in 2006 from Nyack/ATS Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Ronald Eastman and his wife, Marilyn, the answer to decades of prayer by generations of administrators, faculty, and students, manifested. But timing of this new program could not be better. While exceptional leaders in education, business, ministry, and many other fields of endeavor launch careers from either the residential or commuter campuses, there is a specific need that will be addressed with the B.S.N. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a shortage in the nursing field because of current nurses who will soon reach retirement age and because of the increased need for health care providers.

Who better to prepare these emerging leaders than Nyack College, a Christ-centered institution of higher education?

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**REMEMBERING DR. TERESA VIETTI SCHOOL OF NURSING BENEFACtor**

The hyphen that sits between our dates of birth and death is much more than an innocuous punctuation mark. It represents the gift of life that God gave us and what we did with it.

The well-lived life of a Nyack friend and benefactor was recollected earlier this year when 82-year-old Dr. Teresa J. Vietti passed away on January 25, 2010 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in suburban St. Louis, MO. Her death was attributed to natural causes after several months of declining health.

Celebrated by colleagues and peers, Dr. Vietti was widely known for establishing a network of institutions dedicated to cancer research and for the 15 years she headed the Children’s Oncology Group, an umbrella organization dedicated to pediatric cancer research.

Dr. Vietti is the twin sister of Dr. Ardel Vietti, a Nyack College alumna and missionary killed in Vietnam, for whom Teresa Vietti established the Vietti Distinguished Chair of Nursing reported in *The Path*, Summer 2007.

Both distinguished physicians boldly and distinctively made their mark in medicine, as well as exemplary humanitarians in society. Read their story on Nyack’s website at [www.nyack.edu/af/president/Vietti](http://www.nyack.edu/af/president/Vietti).
Nyack College Announces the BS in Nursing Starting Fall 2010

• The Cheryl Phenicie School of Nursing exists to educate, encourage, equip, connect, and mobilize Christian nurses to meet the health care needs of global communities.

• Students will be prepared to serve in a variety of healthcare settings.

• All programs at Nyack are academically excellent and students study in an intentionally diverse environment with an emphasis on personal transformation.
At sixteen, Sean Pica’s life was anything but sweet.

That’s how old he was when he entered the New York State Department of Corrections system. The son of a New York City police officer, Sean was not above the law, despite his youthful decision to commit a crime. The guilty verdict resulted in an 8 to 24 year sentence. Over the course of 16 years, the adolescent became a man while incarcerated in several maximum-security correctional facilities—Elmira, Coxsackie, Great Meadow, Eastern, Greenhaven, Shawanagunk, Down State, and Sing Sing.

For Sean Pica, Nyack College unlocked doors for him that might have otherwise been shut tight considering late 1990s federal budget cuts to in-prison college programs. In 1995 alone, some 70 in-prison college programs were terminated. However, in 2000, Nyack College, in collaboration with the Westchester County nonprofit, Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison, offered a free degree completion program in Ossining, NY’s infamous Sing Sing Prison.

In 2001, twenty inmates, including Sean, received their Bachelor of Science degrees in organizational management from the Nyack College in-prison program. Following this milestone graduation, the program needed a sufficient number of inmates who would be in the facility for 14 months—and have 60 college credits—for the program to continue. Numbers were short on making up a cohort but Nyack was undeterred. The college subsequently began offering single courses in Taconic Correctional Facility for Women, a medium security facility.

Vice President for Admissions and Marketing, Dr. Andrea Hennessy, who served as a professor in the Taconic facility in the early 00’s, saw astounding transformation in the inmates much sooner than she expected. “Bringing the outside inside, shifted the way they viewed themselves,” she explains. The women she encountered the first class—wearing prison issue clothing, disheveled hair, and no makeup, came to the next class wearing colorful sweaters (which covered their prison numbers), with stylishly combed hair and neatly applied makeup. The system identified them by a number. But the mere opportunity for education—a means to affirming personal worth and development—began to unveil the people with potential beneath the prison garb.

Imagine an adolescent, like Sean Pica, conditioned to suppress emotion and forced to build a hardened exterior to survive his incarceration. That could have become his prison within a prison. But by the time he entered the Nyack adult degree completion program affiliated with Hudson Link, he had accumulated 118 college credits from several different in-prison...
programs. All he needed was 60 credits to enter Nyack’s organizational management program. Not only did he earn the Nyack Bachelor of Science in 2001, but he went on to complete a Master of Professional Studies, a Masters in Social Work, and two certificate programs—one in health and human services and one in physical therapy at institutions of higher education in the New York metropolitan area.

Dr. Hennessy notes that Sean was “a real go-getter” and for his work-study assignment in prison, he became the academic coordinator overseeing attendance, organizing textbooks, and communicating with Nyack faculty on behalf of the prisoners. Upon his release from prison, Pica began volunteering for Hudson Link, demonstrating the same capacity for administrative work that he did as a prison liaison. Today he is the Executive Director of Hudson Link for Higher Education. “In New York State, 67% of inmates return to prison after being released,” he says. Of the 120 men who have graduated from the Hudson Link program, none of the thirty-five released inmates have returned to the prison system—shattering statistics across the country.

The benefits of in-prison college programs were substantiated in a recent report, “Education from the Inside, Out,” issued by the Correction Association of New York, the state’s oldest criminal justice organization. The paper concludes that post-secondary education reduces recidivism, gives inmates an incentive for good behavior, and produces well-read, articulate leaders, who have a calming influence on other inmates and even on prison employees. Nyack seized an opportunity nearly a decade ago that still produces tremendous outcomes.

Sean Pica reconnected with his alma mater. This time he was the guest speaker for a gathering of Nyack’s Board of Trustees. Though he was a natural at public speaking, at times Pica paused—clearly to hold back tears—an expression of emotion he had learned to stifle. Intimately familiar with being on both sides of a social worker’s desk, his presentation about the impact of prison education program was not an empty sales pitch to decision makers. The personal transformation in Sean Pica only validates Nyack’s objectives: to continue the work that had been done with female inmates at Taconic Correctional Facility and to expand its program to inmates at Fishkill Correctional Facility for Men in September 2009.

A New Nyack College ADCP Cohort at Fishkill Correctional Facility Nyack College partnered this spring with Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison to launch a new cohort of sixteen students who are pursuing a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership at Fishkill Correctional Facility in Beacon, NY. The program re-establishes Nyack’s history of offering higher education in the prison system. In 2000, Nyack was the first academic institution to develop a degree earning program through Hudson Link. Eighteen students graduated from the Sing Sing cohort.
NYACK EARMARKS $1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP AID TO HAITIAN STUDENTS

Nyack College responded to the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti not only by fundraising among students, faculty, and staff, but also with the announcement of an institutional mandate by President Michael G. Scales: “We are initiating a special scholarship fund, which will allocate more than $1 million in aid for students in Haiti. The administration has authorized ten full tuition undergraduate scholarships and ten full tuition seminary scholarships to students who have been displaced by the earthquake. These students would subsequently commit to returning to Haiti after the completion of their degree to become a part of a new generation of leadership that will rebuild that nation.”

Nyack College co-sponsored a benefit concert at Carnegie Hall in February. The event was produced by the non-profit organization, LEMONAID to Haiti, to support earthquake victims. President Scales commented, “Our students and our alumni have been a part of relief work following other natural disasters—including the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia, 2005’s Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and now, Haiti.”

SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE FOR HAITI

Associate professor of political science, Dr. Vilma Balmaceda headed Nyack’s Solidarity Committee for Haiti to oversee campus efforts to raise funds for the earthquake-ravished nation. In an email communication to the campus community she wrote, “We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the students, faculty, deans, department chairs, and staff members who helped in multiple ways to make the Open Mic and Benefit Concert for Haiti such a great success. The two events combined allowed the student subcommittee to raise a total of $1,129.17.”

She continues, “...the Lord has blessed the efforts of our Nyack/ATS community as we have come together to extend a hand to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Our fund currently has a total of $2,919.17.”

On the New York City campus, outreach for Haiti was conducted by School of Education students, who donated one hundred children’s books to a Dominican school and an orphanage in Haiti. The Nyack students inscribed the books with messages of hope and educational inspiration.

Also an entire evening chapel service, The Nyack Experience, was devoted to remembering the victims of loved ones lost in the Haiti earthquake. Nyack student and pastor James Deas gave an exhortation of comfort. An offering was collected and given to Caribbean Grace Tabernacle and accepted by Elvis Llarrison. She is a missionary in Haiti who heads a program that feeds 400-500 children weekly.

LENDING A HAND TO THE NYACK HOMELESS PROJECT

Nyack College students lend a hand to help the Nyack Homeless Project, an organization that has been helping the less fortunate in Rockland County and New York City by collecting items such as food, toiletries, and warm winter clothes every October through December. Shelters and organizations provide lists of needed items for the winter to the Nyack Homeless Project. Hundreds of volunteers, including Nyack College and its students, collect for the annual event. The college allows the non-profit group to store the donations in Betty Olsen House on the Rockland campus. More than six hundred dollars for the homeless was raised.

Imani Martin, one of several Nyack College student volunteers, was asked to pass out flyers and water or juice in downtown Nyack to anyone who made a donation. Imani said, “This experience was greatly appreciated and, I think, needed for me. It showed me how grateful I should be and to never take anything for granted.”

PRESIDENT’S HALL OF DISTINCTION IS UNVEILED

Dr. Michael G. Scales, Nyack College/ATS president has the unique ability to recognize and celebrate the giving in people. After more than three decades in higher education, his legacy is already established in the trail of mentees that stretches across our nation. Just as he has impacted the hundreds of young men and women who treasure his mentorship, Mike Scales is also quick to esteem the many seasoned leaders that God has placed in his path. So it is no surprise that he would establish a way to honor the people he refers to as the “heroes” in his life.

Dr. Scales unveiled Nyack’s new President’s Hall of Distinction on Commencement Day at a brunch held at the Tarrytown House Estates for family and friends of the honorees along with the members of the campus community. The recipients of this honor embody Nyack’s core values of being—academically excellent, globally engaged, intentionally diverse, personally transforming, and socially relevant. Three individuals were installed. They are pictured below (left to right), RNDr. Martin Palouš, United Nations Ambassador to the Czech Republic; Mr. Michael Ahn, retired president and CEO of LG Electronics North America; Dr. Scales; and Nyack/ATS Trustee, Mr. Paul D. Glenn, Esq.
Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary has embarked on a search for property in Manhattan that will house our New York City campus! “The Miracle in Manhattan,” a $70-$100 million project, will establish a permanent home for our students studying in nearly 50 undergraduate, graduate, and seminary degree programs.

Why do we call it a “miracle?” In the natural, it is impossible for us to come up with the necessary resources for this monument to God’s faithfulness. For us…but not for our God.

Now is our moment in NYACK’s 127-year history to anchor the New York City campus in a facility—a hub of Christian scholarship and a virtual launching pad for world-changers—that will position us for growth and further outreach to the cities of world.

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What kind of students attend Nyack? What kind of heart beats in the chest of a young man or woman who is drawn to the spiritual hothouse that has been this institution for more than 125 years?

I could write you a list of qualifications or I could simply introduce you to Chelsea Geyer. The Nyack junior seems to have been born to attend Nyack. Or maybe it’s the other way around. Maybe Nyack was created to provide a platform for her and students like her.

Chelsea was attending an Adventures in Missions training session in Georgia, when Dr. Ron Walborn, dean of Alliance Theological Seminary, met with trainees. Prior to this, Chelsea had been encouraged to consider attending Nyack when she met 2003 Nyack alumnus, Ben Messner on a mission trip in South Africa. Seemed that she and Nyack would be a perfect fit.

Nowhere is that fact made more clear than in what she and a group of fellow students accomplished in response to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Frustrated by the plight of the victims of the tragedy, Geyer decided to do something about it.

“We decided to spearhead a student response to Haiti,” is how she explains it. “We met at the library to figure out what we could do.”

The result of the meeting was that a group of seven uniquely gifted students – Anna Brue, Jude Charles, Naomi Pierre-Louis, Suzy Sivacek, Christopher Smith, Jamel Wright and Chelsea – came together to produce an open mic and benefit concert to raise funds. The events netted $1,200, which was given to Action Secours Ambulance (ASA), a non-profit ministry led by a team of Haitian professionals – all believers working in human health, women’s and children’s rights, environmental protection, and disaster response.

“Four bands performed,” she says. “And we even had an air band competition. Haitian food was served and we also held a raffle.”

The raffle prizes were donated by students, faculty members, and administrators. Up for grabs were Mets and Yankees tickets, gift certificates to restaurants such as the Cheesecake Factory, Panera Bread, and Starbucks. What really moved the students to give, however, was not the prizes. It was the opportunity to make a difference.

“I had a conversation with Nyack President Mike Scales, and I told him that kids don’t realize they can make a difference, even as students,” she says. “I hope this showed them. We did the whole thing for less than $150. It was by the grace of God.”

“I like making presentations, so I did that,” she says. “We also had a good business person and a natural administrator; we had Haitian students who brought in the cultural aspect. Everyone applied their skills to the project.”

Geyer was particularly struck by a group of art students she had never met who showed up unannounced to draw banners, hang balloons, and set up tablecloths to look like the Haitian flag. The church was truly at work.

Chelsea’s ministry didn’t end with the school year. In May, she traveled to Swaziland to work for Roots of Hope Ministries (RHM). Her role? Serving and loving children recognized as vulnerable, either because both parents are too sick to work or because they do not make enough to support the family. By helping RHM feed boys and girls who routinely go weekends without food, Geyer was able to experience firsthand the kind of impact believers can make for God’s Kingdom through missions work. This was her third trip to that part of the world. The ministry, she says, is in her blood.

“Caring for the poor is intrinsically linked to following God,” she says. “Having a heart for God means having a heart for the poor. God makes that so clear in the gospels.”

The Colorado native plans to pursue a master’s degree in international development. She’d like to gain access to policy decisions concerning impoverished nations. That’s where she feels she can make the biggest difference.

She’s got a good head start in that category already.
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ALUMNI PROFILE:

ZACH TREIN

By Deborah D. Walker

SURFING THE NATIONS

Just how much is a Nyack College education worth? Not in dollars, but in the lives that our alumni touch. Frankly, there just isn’t a price tag on saving lives...or souls. That just happens to be the beauty of a Nyack degree. There is no way to quantify how many ways the tuition is reaping dividends by serving others.

Zach Trein is no stranger to serving. He headed the student group during the 2009-2010 school year, Hands of Compassion, a Nyack College Watchman team that makes sandwiches for the homeless in and around Penn Station in Manhattan. Just as important as the food they deliver on Saturday mornings, they take the love of Christ. Their simple conversations are a welcome change for the street people who are routinely ignored or rebuffed on the streets of our nation’s financial hub.

Zach may never step into a pulpit, but the 2010 alumus has fashioned a ministry out of his love for serving and...for surfing. The twenty-three year old intercultural studies major discovered the organization “Surfing the Nations (STN),” during his internet search for an internship required for completing his degree at Nyack.

The mission of the Hawaii-based non-profit, Surfing the Nations, is multifaceted. Interns receive servant-leadership training. Homeless people—as many as 4,000 weekly—are fed with overstock of perishable foods that grocery stores donate. Young people from homeless families and community youth considered “at-risk” are taught to swim and surf and in the process receive one-on-one mentoring. These outreach efforts open doors to touching the lives of people in the poverty-stricken areas of the place known as the “paradise of the Pacific.”

The STN Surf Club reaches children as young as five years old. The youth, who are taught how to make surfboards, participate in surfing contests, and win trophies and T-shirts donated by surf shops in Hawaii.

Surfing the Nations challenges its interns to create a development project for a community with a need, including establishing a budget and raising funds. Learn more about Zach’s internship at http://servinghawaii.blogspot.com.

“Zach is an outstanding example of how this generation of intercultural workers sees faith and service,” says Prof. Scott Reitz, Nyack’s Director of Global Service-Learning. “His life and work are so synchronized that all of his energies are directed toward preparing for the next step.” In fact, Trein does have a plan.

His eye is on serving in the Indian Subcontinent in September 2010 where there is a Surfing the Nations Surf Club. In addition to surfing, the emphasis on swimming lessons for children addresses a life-saving effort: preventing death by drowning in this region. It is considered a leading cause of death—thousands annually—among toddlers to teens because of flooding, rising sea levels, and monsoon rains.

Adds Prof. Reitz, “This Nyack graduate loves Jesus and he loves what he does. He’d do it for free. This man is a world-changer.”

World-changer? It’s a familiar life theme in the lives of Nyack students and alumni. Their preparation goes far beyond the pages of a textbook. In Zach’s case, he’s surfing the nations.
In June of 1939, Ruth Brooks came to the Nyack Missionary Training Institute. She was engaged to CMA missionary Ernie Presswood, and the Missions Board understood the key role of wives on the field. She was on campus until May of 1940—not quite as long as she expected, but duty called.

“I passed audition and we were married!” She said in a recent interview with The Path.

“I intended to graduate from Nyack, but Ernie had to be back on the field within a year to keep his Netherlands East Indies residency. Of course, I went with him.”

The couple married in December 1940 and in May 1941, the Presswoods set sail for Makassar in the Celebes Island (Netherlands East Indies). The fate of the mission—and the direction of Ruth’s life—changed forever six months later when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7. The missionaries, including Nyack alumnus, Dr. Robert Jaffray (serving in China/Vietnam/Indonesia, 1896–1946) and his family, evacuated to Benteng Tinggi. In March 1942, the Japanese came for them.

“The Japanese came down, conquering as they came,” Ruth explains. “They lined us up and questioned us. I wanted to move next to Ernie, but they moved me back with a bayonet pressed in my back. They took Ernie out of the circle and into another room and beat him.”

The men and women were separated. The men were interned in Pare Pare about 93 miles away from the women’s camp at Kampili (near Makassar). Ruth went three-and-a-half years without seeing her husband. In 1945, after the Japanese surrendered (September 2), the Presswoods were reunited, but it was a short reunion.

“Ernie was a courageous man and dependable,” Ruth says. “He felt he should stay on until other missionaries would come from America. He was the only man left.” (Jaffray died July 7, 1945, thirty-five days before the war ended. Another Nyack alumnus and colleague of Jaffray’s, Russell Deibler died on August 29, 1943.)

The pair initially set up base at Tarakan on the coast, then traveled to their area of ministry—the jungles of east Borneo to the Dyak people. Ernie met with one of the Christian leaders to spread the request for all the Christian leaders to meet at Tanjunselor in one month. Ruth and Ernie traveled on to Long Berang, then headed back to Tarakan. But on their way back to Tarakan, they upset in the treacherous rapids and almost died.

Within five days of returning to the coast, Ernie left again for Tanjunselor. Ruth, who was exhausted from all the traveling and became very sick with dysentery, did not go. Ernie told her he would return on a certain date. He kept his promise, as always, but
he returned in a wooden box. During the conference with the nationals in Tanjun selor, he became acutely ill and went to be with the Lord on February 1, 1946.

Ruth nearly died also, but God chose to keep her in this world. She married Jimmie Hutchins in December 1947. The Lord blessed them with a daughter, Martha, in 1949 and two grandchildren, both Nyack alumni, Stephanie (2000) and James (1999-2000).

Ruth continues to serve God faithfully to this day. Her 100th birthday is in January 2011.

“God is in control and He will carry you through. It’s best to yield to Him because it’s in the yielding that you get the victory.”

Ruth Hutchins
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Pay tribute to people of influence in your life through Nyack’s In Memory & In Honor program. Your investment helps us continue educating and equipping men and women who are giving back to others as servant-leaders around the globe.

Nyack alumna, Billie Shockley Bair (‘42-’43 and ‘44-’45), made a gift paying homage to two classmates—in memory of Erma Loomer (‘43) and in honor of Virginia Jacober (‘45). “I am amazed at the ones who choose to do ordinary jobs just so they can enter “closed countries” to be a witness for God. There are those who enter a branch of the medical field, learn linguistics, and the list continues to grow in ways people can prepare to go to a mission field. I feel sure that as long as there is a Nyack College that there will be those whose lives have been prepared to serve. For this reason, I am happy that in my later years, God has provided the finances that make it possible to donate to Nyack College for continued education of a bright, lively student body.”—Mrs. Billie Shockley Bair, Wasilla, AK

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'08 Minister Donna Baptiste (ATS '85, MSOL '08) spearheaded Bridge Senegal '09, a short-term missions trip to Africa hosted November 5-16, 2009 by The Christian and Missionary Alliance's African American Association and Short-Term Missions Office. The target participants were African Americans in the Alliance. During a reconciliation service, denominational leaders denounced the denomination's policies from the 1950's that barred blacks from serving as missionaries with the C&MA. Another portion of the gathering involved Senegalese church leaders joining the Alliance missionaries and Bridge Senegal participants to work as teams in addressing the issues of pastoral training as well as medical, music, and prison ministries. An article about the trip, “A Mosaic Mended,” written by Min. Baptiste appeared in the February 2010 issue of ALife.

'09 Jon Raber began working in the migrant camps of Franklin County, PA, shortly following his graduation from Nyack. As the translator and director of the State Migrant Program for Franklin County, Jon helps migrant families register for healthcare services in addition to working in a clinic that implements healthcare. Jon feels that his years at Nyack prepared him for this time of service and says, “I want them to know that this is the love of Christ coming to them.”

'09 Denissa Suriel served abroad in Papua, Indonesia, from January to May 2010. As part of her ministry, she took Indonesian language lessons, learned about the local culture, worked with children, and taught English to adults. She led Bible studies, team building exercises, and ministry through drama, music, and sports.

'10 Orlando Suazo has landed a job as a traffic producer at Metro-Shadow Traffic Network. He will work with CBS Studios in New York City.

ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

'99 Christopher Martin Cook is engaged to Cynthia Dawn Young of Goderich, Ontario, Canada. A fall 2010 wedding is planned.

'99 Andres Valenzuela and the former Kim Webb recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. The couple were married in a garden wedding on July 19, 2009 on the campus of Nyack College Rockland.

'06 AGSC Erin (Manahan) Murphy and '06 AGSC Keith Murphy were married on September 26, 2009. Both earned Masters of Arts degrees in counseling at Alliance Graduate School of Counseling in Nyack. Erin is a counselor focusing on family counseling with Family Intervention Services. Keith is the assistant program director and a counselor at the Market Street Mission and also counsels at the Carpenter’s Workshop in Sparta, NJ. The couple happily resides in Morristown, NJ.

'06 Ryan Higgins and Casey Keepers '05 are happy to announce their engagement. Casey graduated from Nyack College in 2005 with a B.S. in Communications. She works as a teller supervisor and is in branch teller training at M&T Bank in Nyack. Ryan graduated from Nyack College in 2006 with a B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies, and in 2007 from Alliance Theological Seminary with a master’s degree in Old Testament Studies. He is enrolled in the master’s program in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan and will begin Ph.D. work in 2011. Ryan works as a barista at Didier...
Dumas French Patisserie in Nyack. A June 2010 wedding was held at the Oakside Mansion in Bloomfield, NJ.

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’07 Jaclyn Campbell said “Yes!” to Josh Blanchard’s (’10) proposal of marriage. They were engaged this past June.

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BIRTHS/AIDS OPTIONS

’96 Wanda (Vega) and (’04) Luis Velez welcomed their new son, Javian Eli at 6:50 a.m. on July 22, 2010. He weighed 9 lbs, 8 ounces. Javian joins siblings, Isaiah, Isa, and Jada.

’97 Scotty and (’97) Wendy (Strong) Neasbitt are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Liam Scott, born July 20, 2009 weighing 10 lbs. 7 oz and 22 inches long. Liam joins big sister, Lauren (age 5), and big brother, Logan (age 3).
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**HOMEGOINGS**

**'31 Louise D. Rhoads**, 103, passed away on April 20, 2010 in New Eastwood Nursing Center. Louise Rhoads was reported to be the oldest alumnus of Nyack College and the oldest resident in her hometown of Williams Township, PA, where she lived for over 90 years in the same house. She, along with her brother and sister, owned the Dri-Art Shoppe in Williams Township where she taught floral design. Prior to that, they owned Rhoads Poultry in Easton, PA. She was a charter and oldest member of Phillipsburg Alliance Church; hosted the Good News Club for neighborhood children; and did missionary work in Brainards, NJ.

**'40 Curtiss Elizabeth (Broadwell) Bedford** passed away on June 5, 2010 at the age of 91. Curtiss and her husband, **Bill Bedford ('41)**, served together as pastor and pastor’s wife for 47 years at Alliance churches in Gray and Somerset, PA; Raleigh, NC; Greenville, SC; Greensboro, NC; Miami, FL; and Ft. Myers (Shell Point), FL. Curtiss continued to live in retirement in Boone, NC after Bill’s passing in 2001.

**'41 Dorothy (Triebold) Carter**, 92, went home to glory on July 29, 2009. Dorothy was a long time member of First Alliance Church (formerly Toledo Gospel Tabernacle) of Toledo, OH, where she faithfully served as a pianist and organist for many years. She also taught elementary music for over 20 years.

**'41 Rev. Nathan J. Rakestraw**, 92, went to be with the Lord on March 16, 2009. He was born in Pennsylvania on March 11, 1917 and came to know the Lord through the ministry of Dr. C. Donald McKaig. After graduating from Nyack College, Nathan pastored C&MA churches in Washington, NJ and Kennedy, NJ where he met his wife, Beatrice Town. Together, Beatrice and Nathan served in Springville, Oswego, Green, and Whitesville, NY. Nathan enjoyed reading God’s Word and praying for the needs of others.

**'43 Dorothy F. Isch** went to be with her Savior and Lord on June 5, 2009, while residing in Good Samaritan Village, Kissimmee, FL. Dorothy and **Louis J. Isch, Jr. ('43)** met in Syracuse, NY, and prior to their marriage, attended Nyack Missionary Training Institute, where she majored in Christian Education. During her years of service and ministry for her Lord, serving along side her husband, Dorothy worked with youth, women’s ministries, Sunday school ministries, and was active in assisting her husband with counseling service and rescue mission ministries.

**'45 Rev. Victor L. Poser** passed away on August 15, 2009 at the age of 87. Ordained into the ministry in 1947, Rev. Poser retired in 1987 as the minister of the Kenton Alliance Church and also retired as chaplain at Hardin Memorial Hospital and the Hardin County Home after 10 years of service.

**'51 Rev. James E. Morton** passed away on December 23, 2009. Rev. Morton graduated from Lockport High School, NY; then from Nyack College, with a degree in theological studies; and later from Presbyterian College in Montreal, Canada. He preached the gospel all his life serving pastorates in New York and Vermont. He married **Lillian (Appleby) Morton ('54)** and had nine children.

**'54 Ruth (Walden) Lemon** passed away on December 20, 2009. She served as a missionary to Ecuador with The Christian and Missionary Alliance from 1958-1963. After returning to the States, she served for about 12 years as the Central Pacific District Alliance Women’s President. She also served on the National Alliance Women’s Committee. Ruth
and her husband, William R. Lemon (’58), were married for 55 years.

’68 Philip R. Paine, 62, passed away on August 19, 2009. He lived in Pearl River, NY where he was the manager of the Pearl River Car Wash for 30 years. Philip was a longtime member of Neighborhood Alliance Church in Pearl River, serving as a church elder and treasurer.

’76 Joan Kerns Ostling passed away in January 2009. Joan was the devoted wife of Richard Ostling and loving mother to daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. A faithful worshiper and a worker at the Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church, she taught English and journalism and advised the student newspapers at The King’s College and later at Nyack College. Over the years she did occasional freelance writing and photography, co-authored a scholarly reference work on C.S. Lewis, and co-authored her husband, Richard’s book, Mormon America in 1999.

’83 Kimberly Lynn (Parker) Li, 47, went to be with Jesus on August 20, 2008. Kimberly graduated from Nyack College in 1983 and Appalachian State University with a master’s degree in reading in 1988. She served over seventeen years in Thailand, Philippines, and China as a teacher/administrator. In recent years, she served as administrative assistant to pastors at Alliance Bible Fellowship.

’93 Kurt L. Glancy went to be with the Lord on January 18, 2010 at the age of 41. He graduated from Nyack College with a B.S. in psychology. Kurt met his wife, Melissa (Camp) Glancy (’95) at Nyack and the two were married on September 30, 1995. He was the pastor of Rock Point Baptist Church in Crawfordsville, IN and previously worked with the Montgomery County Probation Department and ran Alpha & Omega Counseling Service.

’97 Rita Tironi passed away on November 10, 2009 at the age of 71. Rita was a registered nurse employed as a nursing supervisor by St. Clare’s Hospitals in Denville and Sussex, NJ for 40 years. After her retirement, she worked as a school nurse for Sacred Heart School in Dover, NJ and Sacred Heart School in Rockaway, NJ.

Faith Becker went home to be with the Lord on November 12, 2009. As a teenager, Faith spent her summers at Nyack for youth conferences. Faith and her husband, John Becker (’61), former Assistant Dean of Men at Nyack College, sang and played piano and saxophone duets with Youth for Christ Crusades, Billy Graham Crusades, and traveled the country with the R. Paul Miller Evangelistic Team. Faith and John, who were married for 53 years, served full time with their evangelism, music, puppetry, and ventriloquism.

Dr. John Stevey, former chaplain of Nyack College, passed away on January 12, 2010 at the age of 78. Dr. Stevey graduated from Jeannette High School in Jeannette, PA in 1949, entered the army in 1957 after earning his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in religious studies and Christian education at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. In 1977, Col. Stevey retired from the army and served as chaplain and director of placement at Nyack College until 1980, when he was hired as dean of students and associate professor of counseling and ministry for Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS), a position he held for a decade. He was also the chaplain at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, OH.

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WE” Wins

Something special was taking place on Nyack’s Rockland campus. A closely-knit group of young women – basketball players – surrounded by a cadre of friends and supporters, huddled in front of a television in the cafeteria inside Boon Campus Center.

These were the members of the Warriors basketball team, fresh off the program’s first-ever Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) tournament victory. The TV was airing the NCAA Division II tournament selection show. For the first time, Nyack’s name would be called.

“It was fun to be a part of that,” said Warriors coach, Josh Thompson. “They were talking about Nyack College and then there we were.”

Thompson, who had coached Nyack for eight years, didn’t join the team in the cafeteria that day. But he was watching. Why wouldn’t he? The tournament invitation marked the culmination of a season of hard work. The practices. The drills. The conditioning. The game planning. All of it paid off in the CACC title and the tourney bid that followed.

It also paid off in Thompson being honored as the CACC coach of the year – not that he would call that the payoff. For him, the payoff came in the form of something less visible but infinitely more tangible – the testimony of his team.

“Spiritual growth is the most important thing,” Thompson said. “Nyack is developing young ladies into women of God – women who walk with the Lord. We stress that from the beginning. People are supposed to know Christians by how we love each other. We want to show other teams we’re different. That’s our testimony. That’s team success.”

The Warriors (21-12) were led on the court by junior forward, Victoria Sweet (13.4 ppg); seniors, Jasmine Minter (10 ppg) and Kelsy McIntosh (9.8 ppg); and graduate student, Shelly Yount (11.2 ppg).

“Before the season started, I really felt God telling me this was a special team,” Thompson said. “We found a way to win. We were very focused. The ladies were ready to work.”
The Warriors built an eight-game winning streak that vaulted them to the top of the CACC. The team then cruised through the opening rounds of the conference tournament before meeting #14 ranked Holy Family for the right to make the big show. Nyack emerged, 45-43.

Nyack’s season ended a week later at the hands of Franklin Pierce, the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Division II tournament. But it was a satisfying end. The team had met its goals – on and off the court.

“When it comes down to it, we are witnesses,” Thompson said. “We want to be witnesses to other teams, to the fans, to the referees. We represent God in everything we do. The honor and glory of God is our goal.”

And God was honored. The Lady Warriors played as much like a family as a team, observers have said. That, too, is intentional. The motto of Lady Warriors basketball is “WE.” It’s based on 1 Corinthians 13 – the chapter about love.

A portion of the motto reads:

“In essence, “WE” means that the whole is greater than its parts … “WE” is characterized by a strong concern for each other. It goes beyond the court and into the more important areas of life … “WE” does not quit, and can overcome the largest of obstacles. “WE” is what God can do in each of us, and will set us apart from the rest of the world.”

In 2010, the Warriors were set apart: League champions. CACC Coach of the Year. All done for each other, and for the glory of God.
Joe Lee, who will be a senior at Nyack’s Rockland campus this fall, has accomplished something most golfers dream of simply having the opportunity to accomplish. He has posted four birdies on California’s renowned Pebble Beach Golf Course.

“Holes seven, eleven, sixteen, and eighteen,” Lee says, smiling. The memory of the 2007 feat is not difficult for the business administration major to recall. Lee came to Nyack that year under the then inaugural scholarship offered through The First Tee of Metropolitan New York and Nyack College. The idea behind the scholarship is to make college golf a reality for students in good standing with the First Tee Chapter.

Lee has made the most of that opportunity. Lee led Nyack to the school’s first-ever appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Atlantic/East Regional (May 3-5), finishing second individually at the conference championships and helping the Warriors to a second place team finish.

“A lot of people were surprised by how well we did,” Lee says. “But it just shows that in golf, anything can happen. Nyack has come a long way.”

Lee hopes to carry his golf clubs onto the PGA tour after graduation. He’s got his eye on qualifying school in 2012.

“I think he has a chance,” says Nyack golf coach Earl Miller. “A lot of professionals in the area have seen him play and they agree he’s got potential.”

According to Lee, the keys to success on the links are focus and belief.

“You have to pick out your target,” he says. “It’s just you and the fairway. There’s a lot of self-talk. You need to be confident.”

Finally, Lee says you need faith and the support of the team around you.

“You have to remember that God is providing everything,” he says. “Everything comes in His time … I’ve built a lot of great relationships at Nyack. That’s key. We’re all working for a common goal and that’s the most positive experience.”

Lee hopes to lead Nyack to the NCAA national tournament next year. He’ll be the most seasoned golfer on a team that’s also returning four sophomores and a freshman. He’s doing the hard work to prepare, but in the end he’s putting it in God’s hands.

Experience has taught him that’s where it belongs.
NYACK GOLF TEAM GOES TO REGIONALS

The Nyack Warriors 2009-2010 Golf Team was the first team in the program's history to represent the college in the NCAA Division II Atlantic/East Regional at Glade Springs Resort in Daniels, WV May 3-5, 2010 (Practice Round: May 2, 2010). Eighty teams and 32 student-athletes were selected to participate in the regional competition, which were hosted by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Concord University.

Congratulations to Coach Earl Miller and the players!

KEITH DAVIE A CACC OFFICER

Nyack College Director of Athletics Keith Davie was selected as Second Vice President of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). Davie has been Nyack Athletics Director since 1997 and has served as head men's soccer coach since 1995. Keith Davie led the Warriors to the CACC Men's Soccer Tournament Championship during the 2009-2010 season.

CACC MEN’S SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Nyack College Men's 2009-2010 soccer team claimed the 2009 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Men's Soccer Championship in New Castle, DE, with a 1-0 triumph over Bloomfield College. Tournament MVP was Nyack junior goalie Adrian Ibanez.
Under the leadership of Keith Davie, Director of Athletics, and his coaching staff, Nyack Warrior teams brought home breakthrough championships this year along with personal achievements for scholar athletes and coaches.

Nyack College, a Christian liberal arts college of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, seeks to inspire students in their spiritual, intellectual, and social formation, preparing them for lives of service to Christ and His Church and to society in a way that reflects the Kingdom of God and its ethnic diversity.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton visited Nyack’s campus just as its criminal justice major was launched last year. The 2009 Founder’s Day speaker, Justice Stratton shared her testimony of how the legacy of service has impacted the lives of others as well as her own.
AFRICAN CONNECTION

While I was excited to be able to serve God in any way possible, I was also eager to go to a place where I would blend in with the people around me—part of the racial majority for the first time in my life. It was also an opportunity for me, being adopted, to possibly bond with the people of my ancestors.

That connection began sooner than I had imagined. I began to blend in with my surroundings as soon as I arrived at my departing gate in JFK airport, where I sat among many people returning to Senegal from the United States. When we boarded, I was seated next to a Senegalese woman who immediately started talking to me in a language that I later discovered was Wolof. I smiled politely and told her I spoke English. She laughed, apologized and said that I looked exactly like a Senegalese woman. Little did I know that this would be the theme for the next 11 days!

As Bridge Senegal split up into ministry teams and met the nationals, there was not one time that a Senegalese person didn't at first mistake me for a fellow citizen. Even when they found out I was not from Senegal, most told me that judging from the tone of my skin and the shape of my face and body (I am thin and nearly six feet tall), there was no doubt that my ancestors were Senegalese. It became a running joke with my teammates that I needed to carry my passport at all times or the authorities would never let me go home!

But I saw an opportunity in looking Senegalese, and I began to use this to my advantage. I felt accepted by them (even after they found out I was American), and they were intrigued that I was in their country for only a short time. They wanted to know more about me, which led to many good conversations about my Christian faith.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I was on the music ministry team that sang at various locations around Dakar and Sali (another Senegalese city). One of our “gigs” was at the most popular jazz club in Dakar. Most nights, it was the place to be—a lot of college-age kids came to hang out. It’s a very secular scene, and our team opened for a hip-hop group. Senegal is 95 percent Muslim, and the majority of our songs were praise and worship. Needless to say, we were all very nervous about the crowd’s response. I could feel my heart thumping; my hands were sweaty and my stomach was uneasy. Would they boo us, throw things, clap along or just be silent?

As we started our first praise song, Better than Life, the smiling people actually started moving to the beat, and some even took pictures. It was such a relief to know that they were an accepting crowd, and my only prayer then was that they would really listen to the words of the songs. As we continued our set, I was blessed to see some people singing along and clearly enjoying the upbeat music praising our God. It was an indication of the openness of the hearts of the Senegalese people.

As I think back on that night, I remember what one of our team leaders, Rev. Terrence Nichols, told us at the beginning of our trip. He said that the prayer for Bridge Senegal should be Isaiah 43:18–21: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.” My only hope was that, through this “unconventional” way of spreading God's love, someone might hear the words we sang and see the pure joy in our faces and link the two together.

YEARN TO RETURN

Throughout the trip, I was continually challenged and plagued by questions stirring deep within me. Why did God send me on this trip? What is my purpose? Am I to come back some day, and if so, for how long? We are only here for 11 days—what difference can I make in that short time? Then I remembered what Matt Peace, director of the C&MA’s STMO, said to our team: “You did not choose to be on this trip—God chose for you to be on this trip. He is going to do something much larger. A short-term mission is often the door that is opened for the church to get more involved with missions.”

I realized that I couldn’t figure everything out about the future right there in Senegal, but I do know that I was there for a reason. God would not have sent me to Africa and let me blend in so well, let me be accepted so much by this specific people group, let me be mistaken for a Senegalese woman every day and let me fall in love with the country and its people if He didn’t want me to go back. Something was planted inside me during that trip that makes me yearn to return. God gave me the gift of going to Africa, but most of all He gave me the opportunity to feel as if I had returned home to a place that felt eerily familiar, to a place where I could look into anyone’s face on the street and literally see my own. He gave me the opportunity through this short-term trip to step out of my comfort zone and let Him do something new in me.
Esta Schuerholz got an early taste of the ministry of a registered nurse. It came during an internship at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Esta, who attended Nyack College from 1984-1986 before transferring to another local college to pursue a degree in nursing, worked with mostly transplant patients. One of those patients, just 30 years old, did not respond well to the procedure. He was not going to survive.

Esta witnessed the heartbreak of the young man’s wife and small children. She remembers the view from the hospital window that day – the way the boats made their way routinely up and down the East River.

“It’s a huge boost to our Christian growth,” Esta says.

Jon graduated from Nyack in 1988 (and married Esta between the fall and winter semesters). Esta completed her bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1990.

She thinks Nyack’s new nursing program is well timed and perfectly placed. “It’ll be a huge plus,” she says. “Nyack can continue its mission in students’ lives. The longer they’re surrounded by Nyack professors and students, the longer they have to dig great spiritual roots. To have Christian professors teaching courses about human life is such a blessing … if you have a Christ-centered view, you’re going to see people as precious, made in Christ’s image. You’re going to understand the value of every human life.”

Esta, and her husband, who is the senior pastor of Kenmore Alliance Church in Buffalo, have adopted five children out of difficult environments. Zeke (14) was the first, followed by Micah (12), Cora (10), Jadin (9), and Boaz (6). “All five children God placed in our laps,” she says. “We can’t have kids naturally, so we said, ‘God, if you want us to have children, you will have to bring them to us.’”

Not surprisingly, Esta has limited her nursing duties in a local hospice to just one day a week because family is her priority. “Our job as parents is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who then make disciples,” she explains. Raising two black children and three racially-mixed children as white parents in upstate New York might have been a challenge, but God has worked that out, too.

We have African Americans we don’t know come up and say, “Thank you for loving our children,” Esta says. “We’ve seen in our church that it’s so much more diverse now, though we know we’re not the sole reason for that. It’s a little glimpse of God’s kingdom.”

Jon’s church regularly sends students to Nyack – he knows firsthand how critical a Christian education and environment can be.

“We’re big sellers of Nyack,” Esta says. “Our kids tell us they can’t wait to go to Nyack College. We will be thrilled to have them attend Nyack College to impact the next generation, their community, and the world for Christ.”
FIRST NYACK COLLEGE DOCTORAL DEGREE APPROVED BY NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

During his inaugural speech in April 2007, President Michael G. Scales shared his vision to see Nyack College attain university status. Reaching that goal is well in sight as the New York State Board of Regents recently approved the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree program, which will be launched in January 2011 at Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS), one of the institution’s eight schools. This degree is the first of three doctorates required by the State to transition the college to university status.

The 12th president’s visionary leadership mirrors the same fervor of Nyack’s founder, Dr. A.B. Simpson. “I believe Dr. Simpson would be proud,” declared Dr. Michael Scales. In his announcement to the campus community this month, Scales said, “Our perseverance, endurance, and persistence finally win. More importantly, God blesses us with a favorable ruling in HIS time!” ATS is also the first of The Christian and Missionary Alliance-affiliated institutions of higher education to reach this milestone.

With campuses strategically located in Nyack and New York City, Scales pointed out, “This is a major step in our God-given goal to become New York’s Christian university. And a Christ-centered university in New York is a Christ-centered university to the world!”

Dr. Elias Dantas is the director of the D.Min. program, which will offer a concentration in Christian Leadership in the Global Context. Prior to his ATS appointment, Dr. Dantas was the associate pastor at Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, CA. He earned graduate degrees in church growth, missiology, and intercultural studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

Prospective students interested in the 36-credit, three-year program should contact the Office of Admissions for details on the application process by phoning 1.800.541.6891 or emailing admissions.ats@nyack.edu.

MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION RE-ACCREDITS NYACK COLLEGE

The evaluation visit team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education delivered their findings to administration and members of the campus community. The team recommended to the Commission the reaffirmation of the College’s accreditation for the next ten years. They noted that the college meets all 14 Standards for Excellence of the Commission.

In a departure from the usual practice of these reports to a campus community, Team Chair, Dr. David Black (President, Eastern University) asked that a colleague read the commendations that brought Nyack high praise. The team commended President Scales’ leadership and the vision he has for the next stage of development for the college. From Board members to vice presidents, from faculty and staff to students, the campus community is confident in his leadership and laudatory of his collaborative leadership.

The report also applauded the faculty’s genuine care and interest in the students to ensure their success in their academic programs. Repeated input the team received from students described the faculty as believing in them and helping them to believe in themselves. Good mentoring and advisement have clearly made a difference in the lives of Nyack students. Perhaps the most powerful statement shared was made by a site visit team member who said, “Nyack’s students are its most powerful asset—a glowing testimony to the wonderful educational program of the college and the dedication of a faculty who truly believe in student success.”

BELIEVING IN “THE MIRACLE”

President Michael G. Scales made a bold declaration: “Now is the time in the college’s 127-year history to anchor the New York City campus in a permanent facility that will position the institution for growth and further outreach to cities all over the world.” He went a step beyond the public statement.

Last fall, the Nyack College community convened at seven Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary locations to pray for the “Miracle in Manhattan,” an initiative to search for a new, permanent home for the New York City campus. President Scales asked, “Why do we call this work a ‘miracle?’” How else would you characterize a calling much bigger than yourself? We are depending on ‘divine intervention,’ but we know that friends of Nyack are cheering us on to a victorious outcome…a praise report that will bring glory—not to us—but to God.”

For more information on the Miracle in Manhattan, please visit the Nyack website for updates at nyack.edu/MiracleManhattan.

THE WORLD COMES TO NEW YORK

The Center for Studies in Global Christianity in partnership with Nyack College/Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS) and Promise Church, will host a conference for strategic pastors and leaders. This conference, co-hosted by ATS professor and director of the doctor of ministry program, Dr. Elias Dantas, took place August 3-5, 2010 at Promise International Fellowship in Flushing, NY. Co-hosting the event with Dr. Dantas, who is also president of the Center for Studies in Global Christianity, was Dr. Nam Soo Kim, senior pastor of Promise Church; and Dr. Michael G. Scales, president of Nyack College/Alliance Theological Seminary.

The Christian church is vibrant and growing and “Learning from the Global Church” provided pacesetting leaders with the opportunity to learn and share the best ministry practices of the global church in the North American context.

Guest speakers were: Dr. Luis Bush, keynote speaker; Rev. Sameh Maurice on “Creative Outreach Ministries;” Dr. Mark Brewer on “Influencing Culture;” Rev. Edmund Chan on “Selecting and Developing Leaders;” and Rev. Daniel Ho on “Prayer.”
If you thought that proud parents stop beaming from the sidelines once their children finish, say high school, think again.

The eyes of 1947 Nyack alumna, Corrine Hendricksen Sahlberg, were lit like 100-watt bulbs as she listened intently to her daughter, Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, the Founder’s Day chapel speaker at Nyack’s 2009 Homecoming event. In fact, most alumni send news to The Path about their personal successes. In 2008, Corrine sent a “class note” about her daughter receiving the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, a prestigious service award given to Americans who have made outstanding contributions to our nation.

It’s no surprise that Justice Stratton has been recognized for service numerous times throughout her career. In fact, servant-leadership is in her bloodline. Her father, the late Elmer Sahlberg, met his wife while they were students at Nyack College. Both felt they were called to be missionaries, but for two years, Elmer served as pastor of a church in Alabama. This praying couple eventually received a $1,000 gift—just the amount they needed to support their quest to serve in Southeast Asia. Their benefactor was an Ohio resident who “randomly” chose their names from a list of candidates.

The 147th Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio arrived at the high court in 1996 with a rich personal heritage that began from her birth in Bangkok, Thailand. As a child, Evelyn spent nine months of the year during the Vietnam War at the Dalat School, that provided elementary and high school education for children of C&MA missionaries. At the young age of 18, she arrived in the United States alone with a modest sum of money to attend college. Eventually, she earned her law degree at Ohio State University College of Law.
GENERAL NEWS

‘70s

‘73 Dr. Leo S. Thorne is serving as the associate general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, where he is responsible for the Office of Mission Resource Development. He traveled to Manipur, India to be the keynote speaker for the Annual Assembly of the Manipur Baptist Convention. More than 20,000 people attended each night of the three-day event.

‘80s

‘81 Dr. Thomas Wright accepted a full-time position in ministry as correctional chaplain for the Connecticut Department of Correction. Prior to this ministry, Dr. Wright was a full-time social worker and part-time minister for 25 years.

‘83 Robert E. Bishop, also a 1988 Alliance Theological Seminary alumnus served as president of the National Association of Community Action Ministries and is currently the executive director of the Dayton Christian Center. In addition, he also serves on the advisory board of the Ohio Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, where he helps develop policy and focus for faith-based initiatives throughout the state. An active leader in the Miami Council Boy Scouts of America, he was a recipient of the Council Unit Leader Award.

‘83 Dr. Mark Putnam became the 21st president of Central College in Pella, IA, effective July 2010. Putnam previously was the senior vice president for executive affairs at Northeastern University in Boston, MA, where he served in a number of leadership roles over the past decade. He has also held key administrative posts at Connecticut College and at Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS). His master’s degree and doctorate were earned at Columbia University, NY.

THE VOICE

…speaking out against human trafficking.

‘The Voice is a project featuring 2010 alumni Josh Blanchard aka “kroothless” and Jackie Campbell that tells the story of a Romanian girl caught in the sex trade.

The United Nations defined human trafficking as “The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.”

Of the reported 300,000 women trapped in the prostitution rings in Spain alone, it is estimated that 80% of them have been trafficked. Proceeds from the sale of The Voice as well as a summer tour will benefit the safe house for women released from trafficking in Spain, which is run by Christian and Missionary Alliance missionary, Betsy Blanchard, also Josh’s mother.

The project was produced by kroothless, and in addition to the powerful voice of Jackie Campbell features Christian Evans, Isaac Goncalvez, Shin Sung Kang, Kevin Valdovinos, Miqueas Lopez, & Drew Reinstra.

‘90s

‘93 Maria Olivera was named director of special projects for Crystal Run Healthcare. Olivera has more than 15 years of experience in sterile processing, central supply, and preparation of surgical instruments, and has held management positions with St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital, NYU Medical Center, and most recently with Mount Sinai Medical Center. She holds a M.S. in Health Service Administration.

‘99 Andres Valenzuela received recognition for his business, Andres Valenzuela Photography, which was voted one of the best wedding studios in the New York Metro Area by The Knot (www.theknot.com), a national wedding magazine and network. Andres Valenzuela Photography is listed in the 2010 edition of The Knot’s Best of Weddings 2010.
NYACK COLLEGE SCHOLARS SYMPOSIUM

Nyack College hosted its first Scholars Symposium on April 6 at the Rockland campus, featuring two dozen faculty members. Presentations were based on research accomplished during faculty sabbaticals or as a result of research grants. Faculty members presented their research on subjects such as theology, literature, worship, computer science, psychology, social work, and education to an audience of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Presenters included Dr. David Ahn, Dr. Fernando Arzola, Jr., Dr. Carol R. Awasu, Dr. Charles Awasu, Dr. Vilma C. Balmaceda, Dr. Ronald Belsterling, Dr. Stephen Bennett, Dr. Frank Chan, Dr. William Crockett, Dr. James P. Danaher, Dr. Amy Davis, Prof. Susanne Hartl, Dr. Leonard Kageler, Dr. Marie Herseth Kenote, Dr. Dongsu Kim, Prof. Mayra Lopez-Humphreys, Dr. Tammy Lunn, Dr. Stephen Maret, Prof. Brad McDuffie, Dr. Jim Nichols, Dr. R. Steven Notley; Dr. Martin Sanders, Dr. Ronald Walborn, and Dr. Steven L. Ware.

Based on the spring success, a second Scholars Symposium will be presented on October 6 featuring college and seminary professors from the Rockland and New York City campuses. Many of the same professors will present again. Ten presentations will be made in the first session and seven presentations for the second session. The plenary responders will be Dr. Fernando Arzola, Jr., Dr. Vilma Balmaceda, and Dr. James Danaher.

NYACK COLLEGE DC CAMPUS LECTURE SERIES

The Institute for Public Service and Policy Development at the Nyack College DC campus co-hosted three lectures this spring with the Institute for Global Engagement. Featured speakers were Michael Gerson, E.J. Dionne, and Dr. Andrea Bartoli. The series theme was “Christian Contributions to the Middle East Conflict.” Each event was held at the U.S. Capitol.

Michael Gerson, a writer at The Washington Post and senior research fellow at the Institute for Global Engagement, was the first lecturer on “Faith or Fanaticism.” Dionne, a columnist at The Washington Post, professor at Georgetown University, and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, presented “Cries for Justice.” Bartoli’s lecture “Overcoming Violence” concluded the series. Dr. Bartoli is the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution’s Drucie French Cumbie Chair at George Mason University.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONORED

This past spring President Scales hosted a dinner in President’s Hall saluting the accomplishments of the Nyack Honors Program, uniting students with alumni, faculty, and staff to celebrate the program’s 12th anniversary.

Throughout the evening, Honors Program Director Dr. Jonathan Gates, recounted humorous moments from overseas trips, described the diverse pursuits of the program’s alumni, and gave thanks to God for the wonderful honors students who have studied and served at Nyack College. The evening featured three honors alumni who described God’s ministry through Nyack and the Honors Program to equip them for ongoing service and scholarship: Henok Ephraim (’02), currently an Information Technology staff member at Nyack College; Samantha Bassler-Palmer (’04), Ph.D., a student in ethnomusicology at the Open University (UK); and Rose Lemire (’04), management consultant for Touchstone Consulting Group in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Bassler-Palmer is an adjunct instructor of music at William Paterson University and is organist at Christ the King Episcopal Church. Ms. Lemire’s professional focus is in supporting Department of Defense officials in the Pentagon and leaders in the Intelligence Community in the development and implementation of effective internal and external communications strategies. Her project experience includes work with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) where her team analyzed employee survey responses and developed recommendations for leadership that address MDA personnel concerts.

GRANTS UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Office of Advancement, Information Technology Department, and the Division of Library Sciences, Wilson Library was awarded a grant from the Hyde & Watson Foundation. The Hyde & Watson Foundation supports capital projects such as costs related to the purchase or relocation of facilities, purchase of capital equipment, and other one-time capital needs. Linda Poston, dean of Library Services for the Rockland and NYC campuses, with the help of Nyack IT specialists, decided that the grant be used to purchase Mac laptops for Wilson Library.

These new laptops offer “dual boot” technology, allowing users the option to use either the Windows or Mac operating systems. The laptops feature better security, intuitive interface and video tutorials, and MS Office for Mac. Through highlighted programs such as iLife, iPhoto, GarageBand, iMovie, and iWeb, users will have broader technological capabilities such as creating and editing photos, recording and editing music, creating and importing videos, designing and publishing webpages, and much more.

Nyack also received a $25,000 Chatlos Foundation grant, which will upgrade smart classroom technology in several classrooms on the Nyack and ATS campuses.
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'02 Sarah Butler won three gold medals last summer at Lewis-Palmer High School during the adult track and field portion of the State Games of America. Competing in her first meet since middle school, Butler won the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter hurdles. She also claimed bronze in the 100 and 200 dashes. Currently on the editorial staff of Alliance Life in Colorado Springs, she is also a talented writer and photographer. Read her ALife article on pages 4-5.

'03 Rashida Jolley, an accomplished harpist, songwriter, vocalist, and motivational speaker was a finalist on the fall 2009 edition of NBC’s America’s Got Talent. Rashida lectures and performs nationally and internationally with a special interest in teens. She holds the coveted title of being the youngest person appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Jolley is also the recipient of the Tomorrow’s Leader Award, the Impact Award, and numerous others for her commitment to community service.

'03 Matthew D. Riley is the pastor of Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. The Methodist church continues its centuries-old tradition of the circuit rider ministry. Raised in Keyport, NJ, Riley pursued a B.A. at Nyack College in history as a member of the honors program. It was during his junior year that he met his wife, Katherine (Focht) Riley ’04, who is currently working on her master’s degree in counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary. The Rileys have spent the last six years in Wilmore, KY at the seminary where Pastor Matt is earning his M.Div.

'04 Samantha Bassler is a musicologist, music educator, and disability rights activist. Since graduating from Nyack College, Samantha received a master of studies in musicology from Merton College, the University of Oxford (UK), and a master of arts in musicology from Rutgers University. Samantha transferred to complete her Ph.D. in musicology at the Open University (UK, expected 2012), but lives in New Jersey with her husband of five years, Tim Palmer, who is an M.Div. student at Princeton Theological Seminary. Samantha teaches as an adjunct instructor of music at William Paterson University and is organist at Christ the King Episcopal Church. While her Ph.D. dissertation is on English Catholic identity and the reception history of Latin-texted music after the Reformation, Samantha’s work on music scholars with invisible illnesses was published in the journal Music Theory Online and in the disability magazine of the Shekel Association (Center for Accessibility in Israel). A new article on constructions of disability in English renaissance is forthcoming in the journal postmedieval.

'05 Rose Lemire works as a management consultant in Washington, DC for Touchstone Consulting Group. Ms. Lemire’s professional focus is in supporting Department of Defense officials in the Pentagon and leaders in the Intelligence Community in the development and implementation of effective internal and external communications strategies. Her project experience includes work with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), where her team analyzed employee survey responses and developed recommendations for leadership that address MDA personnel concerns. Following her graduation from Nyack College in 2005, Rose lived and worked in France as an elementary school English teacher.

'06 Shameka Hamlet wrote a volume of poetry Ink Clots, Tear Stains, Blood on Cross: Where America Finds True Freedom Again, which was published by iUniverse.com. After graduation she began working as a marketing assistant at the Dream Center in Los Angeles.

'07 Janice Samuel-Powell was acknowledged by Stanford Who’s Who for her exemplary work in the child care industry. As executive director of Vincente K. Tibbs Child Development Center, Janice is responsible for directing operations, budgeting and payroll, meeting with the Board of Directors, compliance with the New Jersey Department of Health, administrating curriculum, hiring staff, and managing human resources. Janice earned her master’s degree in organizational leadership from Nyack College in 2007 and is currently working towards a doctoral degree. She is a member of the National Association for Education of Young Children and is on the Board of the New York State and New Jersey State Associations for Education of Young Children.

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