THE PATH

NYACK...MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN NYC
HOMECOMING
at Nyack
OCTOBER 10-12, 2008

you can...

climb or slide

Kick it with friends and "foes"

Meet and Eat

NYACK
College · Seminary · Graduate Schools
Christian Higher Education Since 1882

Check www.nyack.edu/alumni for frequent updates on activities or phone us at 845.675.4589.
OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE
Dr. Michael G. Scales
PRESIDENT

Dr. David C. Jennings
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER

Dr. David F. Turk
PROVOST & VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Andrea M. Hennessy
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT

Mr. Jeffrey G. Cory
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

ADVANCEMENT STAFF
Mr. Earl S. Miller
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mr. Michael D. Scales
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Deborah D. Walker
DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA RELATIONS

Mrs. Heather L. Garcia
DIRECTOR OF DATABASE OPERATIONS

Mrs. Melissa K. Hickey
COORDINATOR OF ALUMNI EVENTS & SERVICES

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY: HELENA HEWLETT, ANDRES VALENZUELA
ARTICLES BY: KEITH DAVIE, BOB DICKSON, MELISSA HICKEY, DR. LYNDELL O’HARA, DR. SUE TALLEY, DEBORAH WALKER
DESIGN BY: KIM WALDEN

VOL. 17 NO. 2 SPRING 2008

The Path is published by Nyack College. The views expressed herein are the views of individual authors and may or may not represent the official position of the college. Comments are welcome and should be addressed to Deborah Walker, Editor, The Path, Nyack College, Advancement Office, 1 South Boulevard, Nyack, New York 10960

1 Nyack alumni from the 1950s returned from Homecoming and found a lack of space for on a rapidly growing campus and a wealth of possibilities for impact on a key region of our nation.

4 REFLECTIONS ON A NYACK NYCCAMPUS TOUR

The Sound of Total Praise

The School of Music educates amazingly talented young singers and musicians. Some are already gaining international attention.

8 THE SOUND OF TOTAL PRAISE

The ministry of Christian higher education birthed 125 years ago in New York City reconnects with its roots and sees a future that promises to impact “the capitol of the world.”

13 CONTINUING A LEGACY IN THE CITY

16 CAMPUS NEWS

18 ACHIEVEMENTS

22 ALUMNI NEWS
It’s no surprise that when A.B. Simpson went in search of a way to reach the world with the gospel, he came to New York.

Even in the 1800’s, Manhattan Island was a gateway to the world. More than a gateway, actually. The amazing mix of cultures and nationalities was transforming New York City, earning its nickname, “The Melting Pot.” The City was on its way to becoming the most international metropolitan center on the planet.

Today, New York City is a microcosm of the world. With so many nations represented, so many cultures expressed and so many tongues spoken, crossing the street in Manhattan can feel like crossing an international border. With a good pair of walking shoes and a handful of subway tokens, one can traverse what feels like continents, all without a passport.

The world has come to New York City, and for a missionary-minded college like Nyack, that means a world of opportunity sits right at our doorstep. We have the potential to touch countries and cultures right in our backyard. It was with those incredible opportunities in mind that we established a Manhattan campus in 1997. In less than 11 years, enrollment downtown has grown from 100 to 1,000. Not surprisingly, our student body there is rich in its diversity – socially, racially and economically. They do, however, share a love for Christ. And that love binds them to a common purpose. Our students want to bring Him glory. They want to serve Him with their lives.

You’re going to discover some of the ways that kind of ministry is taking place both at and through our Manhattan campus. You’re about to be reminded of something Dr. Simpson knew 125 years ago – that a ministry to Manhattan is in fact a ministry to the world.

Michael G. Scales, Ed. D.
President
Bob Jackson is not your typical Nyack student. Most students attend classes to prepare for a career. Bob Jackson retired in March of 2007. Most students are living away from their parents for the first time. Bob Jackson, 53, is the father of two 20-year-olds.

Most students have caught only occasional glimpses of the world waiting beyond graduation. Bob Jackson, who spent 20 years as a member of the New York City Fire Department and a part of that as a lieutenant at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9 in midtown Manhattan, has seen mankind at its best and at its most wretched.

In the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, his station lost 15 firefighters. Like everyone touched by that tragedy, Jackson will never be the same. “It ripped me apart pretty good,” Jackson says. “I had post-traumatic stress. I’d get angry. I’d go out drinking. I was neglecting my family.”

Jackson sought the help of counselors, but they had little to offer. The kind of healing he needed couldn’t be found in the world. It had to come from God. “About two-and-a-half years ago, I came back to God,” says Jackson, who first met the Lord in the early 70s. “I knew I was saved, but I had drifted away.” As easily as Bob displays his serious side, his infectious sense of humor comes through. “If you told me a few years ago I’d be singing songs, raising my hands, I would have told you to go for it.”

Jackson’s commitment ignited a hunger for God’s Word. He and his wife, Fran, began attending church service once a week … then twice … then three times. Between services, Jackson devoured Bible commentaries by the armload. “I enjoyed it,” he says. “And my wife loved it. She was tickled pink, you know? She’s looked at me and said, ‘My man’s in the Word.’”

Jackson took classes at New City Gospel Fellowship in Rockland County, but he was hungry for more. That’s when a friend suggested Nyack College. “I planned to take one class, but Nyack admissions counselor, Margie Nagy, hooked me up full-time,” he says. “She signed me up for a bunch of classes, so you’ve got to give her credit.”

But make no mistake. Jackson isn’t chasing a degree. That’s not why he came to Nyack and that’s never been his goal. He’s here to learn the Word. “I’m energized,” he says of his experience so far. “Where else can people talk about the Bible at lunch? And taking a New Testament class is like going to church three times a week.”

Bible Professor Amy Davis says that Bob “is a delight to have in class. The other students love him. He doesn’t look down on them as too young, but is one of them, even as a non-traditional student. I think he deeply cares about them. He jokes with some, encourages others, and always has a kind word and a helping hand. The students are fortunate to call him both classmate and friend.”

Jackson doesn’t know where the Nyack experience will take him. But he knows he’s not the one holding the reigns. He hasn’t forgotten his post-9/11 counseling experiences, though. He can’t forget how his counselors were willing to suggest any kind of remedy except the one he really needed. “When you tell them you don’t want to be on meds anymore because you’re walking with Jesus, they look at you like they want to put you on more meds,” Jackson says. “I’d like to maybe do some counseling, but with the Word of God in it. I like sharing what I know.”

“I enjoy witnessing,” the six-foot-seven-inch, 275-pound eye-catching Jackson says. “Sometimes people ask me what I’m doing in Nyack and I tell them I’m going to the college. Then they ask me why, and I’ve got ‘em.”
My first glimpse of Nyack’s New York City campus was through the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies and a New York City campus assistant professor of Youth Ministry, Dr. Fernando Arzola, Jr. He was standing in the middle of a congested Manhattan street wearing a suit and tie, waving our Nyack van to the side. “You guys go on in,” he said. “I’ll park it.”

We – a group of 1950’s Nyack alumni and I – were happy to oblige. We pulled up on Broadway and made our way toward the entrance of the building that has served as Nyack’s metropolitan beachhead since 1997. The outside appearance was nothing remarkable – a non-descript, seven-story structure tucked among several others. Behind its walls, it could have been serving any number of mundane purposes. “A clay pot,” I thought to myself as our group filed through the front door. I took it as a good sign.

We took an elevator up a floor to a conference room already prepared for our arrival. Information leaflets and business cards dotted the table. Moments later, Dr. Arzola came in. “Hello, I’m Fred,” he said. Dr. Arzola, a self-described “New York City-Lifer,” grew up in the Bronx. Just 41 years old, he holds a Masters Degree in Theology and a Ph.D. in Religious Education from Fordham University. He’s also the founder of The Urban Family Empowerment Center, a faith-based community center located in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx.

“This campus opened in 1997 and we had 100 students,” he said. “Now there are 1,000 students and 50 full-time faculty members. It is almost like a church plant. It’s an unbelievable story. God has blessed us.” What makes the New York City campus unique is that, despite its large enrollment, it remains a 100 percent commuter school. Students – mostly African American, Hispanic and Asian American – attend classes once a week for three hours at a time. The block schedule lets them work full-time while pursuing their degrees. Like the campus itself, the flexible class schedule makes pursuing an education possible. “We’re committed to a holistic approach to ministry – to pursuing the vision of our founder, A.B. Simpson,” Arzola said. “We want to serve the needs of the community.”

Dr. Arzola explained that the college rents six floors and the basement of the building. “The building floors were lofts,” Arzola said. “We had to build interior walls and construct classrooms.” And build they did. In
addition to classrooms, the building houses offices for student government, a nurse's station, counseling and student assistance services, yearbook and administration. It also includes a chapel, a nearly 50,000-volume library, computer lab, student lounge, mail center and several music rooms.

We were taken to all of these places during our tour. One of the highlights was our trip to the Music Department. There, a quartet of students – three young ladies and a young man – sang for us. With piano accompaniment their voices filled the room: "Lord, You are welcome in this place. Lord, have Your way."

We listened from desks scattered across the room. Some of us closed our eyes. Some were moved to tears. The Lord was indeed welcome. He was there. He was having His way with us and with Nyack's students.

We met others during our tour. There were counselors, nurses, professors and administrators – all there to serve God by equipping others to serve Him as well. In the administration wing, we met the servants whose job it is to bring students to the school. One admissions staff member told us that bringing people to Nyack is simply a matter of letting them know it's here. "I can't sell cars and I can't sell cell phones," she said. "But I can definitely sell Christian education. We believe Jesus wants us where we are."

One of our last stops was at The Reverend Henny Wilson Library—a vast room with wall-to-wall books and computers. Carried by old paper and binding, the scent of learning permeated the place. Along one of the library's walls stood the work of 1938 Nyack graduate Janis Timyan – a bronze bust of Alliance founder A.B. Simpson. I remember thinking how fitting it was to see it there. In a place so imbued with Simpson's vision, his likeness found a perfect home.
Isaura Amador, a single mother of three children and a former cafeteria worker at Public School 70 in the Bronx, came to Nyack College in the summer of 2000. She graduated with a BS in Childhood Education in May 2005. In the fall after graduation, P.S. 70 Vice Principal Rita Fields, told Isaura that she didn't feel the kitchen was the place for her any longer. Making a dream come true, she offered Isaura a teaching position. Not only does she teach kindergarten, but she has earned three licenses: Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education, and Bilingual Education. And she's still dreaming.

Vice Principal Fields doesn't regret the decision she made to hire Isaura. She saw the determination, drive, and leadership in this woman who came to the U.S. in 1993 knowing very little English. Her story is a perfect illustration of the access and opportunity that a Nyack education can offer. She credits her success to a cheering squad of professors that includes Peter Olsen, Miriam Velez, Marie White, Dr. Art Atwell and ESL adjunct Maria Kim. Of Prof. Peg Bowen, another loyal advocate who raised the bar of expectations, Isaura says, “She made me write my essays two or three times. If she hadn't pushed me, I wouldn't have learned how to write English. I thank God because Nyack made me who I am today. It was the professors who made the big difference.”

She's already become a standout educator in her school. Without the assistance of a paraprofessional, she organized her classroom according to recently adopted citywide guidelines, thanks to what she had learned in Nyack's Teaching with Technology course. P.S. 70 administrators were so impressed with her organizational skills that she was asked to help other more experienced teachers implement the guidelines. Recently she was awarded a grant for computers, which have already been set up for her students.

The classroom is not Isaura Amador's last stop. Now pursuing graduate studies in Bilingual Counseling, she beams, “Thanks to Nyack College I am halfway to my dream of becoming a school administrator!”

Submitted by Professor Margaret Bowen, Director of the English as a Second Language Department, at the New York City campus.
The path to global engagement has recently become much shorter for members of the Alliance Graduate School of Counseling (AGSC) on Nyack’s Manhattan campus. On January 31, a diverse group of 30 students, along with AGSC Assistant Director, Dr. Marcia Lucas, visited the United Nations. It was the first time a Christian college had ever been invited to the U.N. for teaching. The group spent several hours with believers from nations such as Rwanda, Japan, Kenya and the Philippines. It was a divine appointment – a blessed opportunity for Nyack’s future counselors to hear firsthand the needs of a world that many students could never even imagine.

The men and women who spoke belong to the U.N.’s Christian Cultural Society (CCS) – a group of U.N workers that meets once a week for prayer. The engagement was the result of divine providence set in motion in the not too distant past. About two years ago, Dr. Lucas felt the Lord calling her to help the nations of the world meet their great need for emotional and mental healthcare. That call led her to the U.N. “I met the Deputy Chair of Counseling for the U.N. and she taught me about the needs of the various nations,” Lucas said. “It fit our department’s goal to pursue global engagement.” Not long after that she was invited back to give a talk on mental health issues. In the process, she mentioned the counseling program at Nyack.

“I told them what Nyack is doing, and it turns out many diplomats have children enrolled at Alliance Graduate School of Counseling,” she said. “Who knew they would say, ‘We know of your institution. Tell us more.’” And so it was that Lucas formed a relationship with the CCS that would soon bear tremendous fruit. In April of 2007, she took a group of 15 students to attend a Bible study and to take a brief tour of the U.N.

“The students loved it,” said Lucas. “And you know, our city campus is so international, we look like the U.N. We have a little bit of everybody. Our students made a connection. Sensing the significance of the door God was opening, Lucas sought yet another visit – this time for a symposium on international engagement. Thirty students participated. Five speakers from four nations shared the need for spiritual healing in their countries during a full two and a half hour session.

“We came prepared,” said Lucas. “Students drafted critical questions in advance and those questions went through an editing process. The answers to those questions were powerful. “They taught us how to talk to the nations,” Lucas said. “Our students realized how much they don’t know. They felt the impact of what those people have been through. I felt the same way.”

Lucas plans to incorporate future visits to the U.N. into a new course she’s designing titled Global Engagement and Counseling. With such a great opportunity to provide students with hands-on global engagement experiences, she could do no less. “This experience is priceless,” she said. “The students were so moved. They were all crying.”

On the day following the symposium, Lucas received a surprising email from the CCS. “They wrote to say thank you to us,” she said. “That was so much more than I expected. For them to be thanking us … I was humbled.”
Music permeates the Nyack campus in Manhattan. All kinds of music. In one room you’ll hear a piano concerto. In another you’ll hear classical guitar. In the evening, a choir will greet you as you step off the elevator to their sixth floor home. Open a door and violins will sing. The music is rich and varied: spirituals and contemporary gospel; the classical age and the romantic period; twentieth century and baroque classics.

On a busy afternoon or evening, a walk through the School of Music can be a journey across time. And the talent runs deep. Since its inception in 1999, Nyack’s New York City School of Music has performed in venues across the northeast and in countries around the world. Students have played for international dignitaries and church congregations. They have inspired soldiers and school children. They have moved audiences to tears and they have brought them to their feet.

The school’s most beautiful song though, isn’t meant for stages and crowds. It’s the harmony that exists between the nurturing faculty and their students. It’s much more than the sound of a school. At its heart, it is the sound of a family. “The camaraderie here is vital,” says keyboard and Chorale instructor Colin Fowler. “We are so blessed to have the people we do. We have an excellent faculty, but the best thing is our sense of community. Encouragement is so important to developing gifts. We’re definitely not short on that.”

Case in point: Cheered on by supportive colleagues and faculty, two School of Music students, one of them a recent graduate, have appeared on the network television show, “Good Morning, America.” Brightnie Jones performed a duet with Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Josh Groban, at Christmastime; Willana Mack sang on the 80th Annual Academy Awards, singing her brother’s Oscar-nominated Gospel composition.

“Rarely do so many students attend each other’s student recitals as they do here,” Dana Talley says. “They cheer and encourage one another, and it makes a huge difference in their self-confidence.” The School of Music’s sense of community stems first from its faith. Students and faculty pray for one another—aside by side, in and out of the classrooms. For them, music is a means to reach the world for Christ. “Music has that ministerial role,” says Dr. Lars Frandsen, who teaches classical guitar, lute and vihuela. “Music is imbued with a special message. We just respond to it.”

The sense of community within the School of Music also stems from, surprisingly, the diversity of its students. Besides the commuters from the five boroughs of New York City, students hail from as far away as Burma, the Philippines, the Caribbean, China, Japan, the Ukraine, Africa, South America and Europe. Students represent more than 20 nations and tongues. The Chorale, for example, comprises speakers of 27 different languages. You find yourself with four students in a room from four different countries,” says NYC School of Music Program Director and Chorale instructor, Dr. Sue Talley. “The diversity makes for a very exciting mix. It demonstrates the scripture that speaks of the great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language.”

Because of the turmoil of today’s world and the realities of the inner city, some of the students are also bonded by difficult past experiences. An older student who is a recent graduate and wartime hero, a former POW in Vietnam, shares a powerful testimony. A few students come from countries currently in terrible political upheaval. The remolding by Jesus Christ of student lives is evidence of His power. Music flows from some students who have endured unusual adversities by the grace of God. They have felt strongly led to Nyack College. “These students endured suffering and yet they are here,” Dana Talley says. “I’m amazed how they do it. Sometimes they minister to us. We couldn’t do what we do if they didn’t. It’s really a two-way street.”

Says Frandsen, “Their stories propel the students’ musical expression.” The story of the School of Music in the city is unfolding at a remarkable pace. Today, the school is home to around some hundred music majors and a prestigious performing faculty, whose experience includes studying and teaching in great music schools of the world.

As for the future? “The sky’s the limit,” says Fowler. “We’ve been blessed with an abundance of students.” Unfortunately, the space is not quite as accommodating. It can get cozy, the faculty admits. “Space is tight … just like in some homes. The sense of family comes before business,” Sue Talley says. “We’re a family from all over the world.”
If you ask Dr. Richard Gathro when he began training for his new position as Assistant to the President & Dean at Nyack College DC, you’ll hear a surprising answer: “I’ve been in training for 35 years to come to Nyack,” he’ll say.

Considering what those 35 years of “training” include, you might conclude that Dr. Gathro is as equipped and prepared to help pilot Nyack’s campus in Washington, DC as a man could possibly be. You would be right.

“Bringing Dr. Gathro on board is an enormous victory for us,” says Nyack President Dr. Michael Scales. “With his leadership, our Washington, DC campus has even greater potential and is important to our vision.”

Dr. Gathro’s list of service and leadership in ministry is long and impressive. For 30 years, he served the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) in positions such as Executive Vice President (2004-2007), Senior Vice President (1998-2004), and Vice President (1990-1998). Even after his departure from the CCCU, he will remain a permanent Senior Fellow.

He has also served as President of the Fund for Integrated Education in Arlington, VA, Trustee of the Russian-American Christian University in Moscow and as a lecturer at Washington Journalism Center in Washington, DC.

A glance at Dr. Gathro’s resume would reveal a much longer list of accomplishments. But what’s most striking about his history is the pattern it reveals. Dr. Gathro has given his life to the pursuit of Christian higher education. He knows better than most how life changing it can be. He understands its biblical mandate.

“In the Book of Acts, Jesus speaks to Ananias about Saul,” Gathro says. “He tells him that He wants them to speak to the Gentiles and the kings of the Gentiles and to the Jews. He says ‘Tell them about Me.’ That is our task. We’re in the business of talking to people about Jesus. Not about Christianity, but about Jesus. My vision for Nyack is that we’ll not only engage this community, we’ll enrich it.”

Dr. Gathro’s first order of business when his tenure officially begins on April 1 is to help drive enrollment at the Washington, DC campus.

“I first want to assess the environment,” Dr. Gathro says. “Then we’ll work on significantly increasing our enrollment and adding programs uniquely tailored to the DC area.”

Another asset Dr. Gathro brings to the campus is his familiarity. He has lived in DC for 35 years, five as a bachelor and 30 with his wife, Katherine. There’s no learning curve in terms of the culture. There’s no adjustment in terms of geography.

His insight into the community, meanwhile, is keen.

“This is a very ambitious city,” he says. “This is a bit of a generalization, but people say New York City is about money, and that Washington, DC is about power. And yet it is a contrast in power and powerlessness. We want to mentor to both populations. That’s what makes Nyack unique.”

For Dr. Gathro, joining the Nyack team was a natural step. The college’s core values of academic excellence, global engagement, intentional diversity, personal transformation, and social relevance align with his vision. They echo his convictions.

“Nyack is a leader in Christian higher education,” he says. “It has a real vision for those core values, especially in urban centers. The DC campus is an outstanding venue for them.”

For the purpose of pursuing those values, Dr. Gathro is approaching his new position prayerfully.

“I’m praying that Jesus will give me His eyes,” he says.

Dr. Scales believes that prayer has already been answered.

“Rich Gathro is our man for this task,” Dr. Scales says. “He has a well-deserved reputation for the successful training and mentoring of leaders – a skill much needed because of our growth, our diversity and our youth. Even more important than his extraordinary capabilities, though, is his compassionate heart. He embraces our five core values. His heart resonates with ours.”
The day I received a call from Sam Casey of the Charlotte Eagles was just another day, but it turned into something that would influence the rest of my life. The Charlotte Eagles are a professional soccer team that plays in the United Soccer leagues and uses the sport as a platform for witnessing to people here and abroad. The head coach for the Eagles was dealing with some health complications and the Eagles were heading to Nigeria from November 27 to December 17 so they needed a replacement coach. I’ve traveled to England, Austria and Hungary with them in 1988, England and Bangladesh in 1989, and in 1998 to Sweden and France.

I immediately came up with five excuses for not going to Nigeria. 1) I have three boys under the age of nine and I really did not think it would be fair for me to leave for almost three weeks right before Christmas; 2) I am also the Director of Athletics at Nyack College and taking that much time off would probably not go over with my bosses; 3) My passport was expired and these days after 9/11 meant it would be tough to get a new one; 4) I did not think I could raise the funds necessary to go; and 5) I needed to get nine series of shots from the Health Department in order to go and the timing could never work.

I should have known long ago that when God wants you to do something, He works it out. My wife felt it was a great opportunity and that I would be unwise not to go. My boss thought I would be a better coach and administrator by going and that it fit with what Nyack College is about. My passport was expedited in two weeks. My funds came through in two weeks and I got all needed shots in the time needed to get the visa to go to Nigeria.

In Nigeria, we were met by members of Sports Friends Nigeria, which is an arm of the international ministry of Sports Friends. These men are in countries around the world using sports to reach people for Christ. Our job in Nigeria was to come alongside them and to reach people for Christ. Our job in countries around the world using sports of Sports Friends. These men are in

Daniel was a boy in this orphanage who really touched our entire team. He stood out immediately because of his missing lower leg and the thick lenses of his glasses. After coming to Christ, his life goal was to become a pastor. His only problem is that he will lose his eyesight by the time he is a teenager, so he is memorizing the entire Bible so that he can preach.

Six of us went to the small town of Angware. After getting permission from the local chief and the sports commissioner, we went to two high schools. At one, the principal who is a believer, gave us a tour and told us about their need for books. God spoke directly to me at that point saying, “Get them a library.” To date, the Nyack campus community has collected about 1,000 books.

The second half of the trip, in the Northern cities of Bauchi and Maiduguri, we felt a very real darkness in our spirits and knew that our battle was not going to be with flesh and blood. The rough conditions of limited electricity did not deter us from being brave in the face of many who did not want us there. As the coach, I became the official “distracter” of important people. A coach in Nigeria is held in very high regard so whenever we were about to share the gospel, I would go and meet with the authorities with my translator and make small talk so one of the guys could get our message to the kids. It worked flawlessly and many kids made decisions for Christ.

During the first soccer clinic session, we broke up the group into many groups for drills and during this we noticed a young man dressed in obvious religious garb who wandered between the groups listening in to insure that the kids were not hearing something the Muslim leaders would be opposed to. When one of our players began asking questions that were leading towards a gospel message, our Sports Friend contact decided that the conversation should end, as the aftermath for those being left behind could be costly.

This young cleric became enraged and began shouting, “Jesus is not the Son of God!” At this point he picked up a sharp Muslim prayer board and began swinging at our player. Immediately, several hundred kids surrounded the Muslim leader and pushed him out of the stadium. The light was outshining the darkness, and the kids got to hear the gospel.

We also visited a small community of lepers outside of Maiduguri. I went not knowing what to expect, but knowing that it was going to be tough. We were the first non-medical people to visit this village in ten years. We shook their hands, put our arms around them, and spent three hours touring every home in the town. They were wonderful people who had been beaten down by the people around them because of this disease.

Finally our team visited a woman in Maiduguri who was living the life of the persecuted Church. She was at her church across town while her husband and two family friends were home watching the five youngest children of her family. A mob began to burn down the homes of any Christians they could find. When the mob reached their home, the father instructed the kids to follow him out the back and to run. When he came out, the mob was there to beat him and the children refused to come out. The mob burned the house down with the seven people still inside.

For two days, the authorities would not let the mother go back to the house, but each night she had visits from her children in her dreams and they said to her, “Don’t cry, Mommy. We were not burned. We went straight to Jesus.” When the father was allowed back into the house, he found all seven huddled in the middle of the room together, and no flames had touched the middle of the room where they lay. The parents forgave the murderers, but their only regret is that they did not have a picture of their youngest child.

The trip made an impact on me that will be with me for a long time. Living in a society that does not persecute you for your faith really makes you soft, and going to a country like Nigeria that was formally Christian, but is becoming Muslim is an antidote for that softness.

Employed by Nyack since 1995, Keith Davie is Nyack's Director of Athletics and Head Men’s Soccer Coach. The Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference named him Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1999 and Athletics Director of the Year in 2000 and 2007.
Under the Journal News headline, "Rockland County's Rising Stars," Nyack's own Adrianne Garcia is among the galaxy. The class of 1996 alumna is now the Assistant Registrar at Nyack College.

"Rockland's Top 40 Under 40" is sponsored by the Journal News, Rockland Economic Development Corporation, and the Rockland Business Association. Now in its sixth year, the program honors dynamic men and women for their contributions to the community and for working to make Rockland County a better place to live and work.

Adrianne Garcia, a member of New City Gospel Fellowship, a non-denominational Rockland County church, was recognized for her work with 10 and 11-year-old girls in the Pioneer Club at church, mentoring them in their Christian faith. Adrianne has supported mission groups at Nyack doing short-term outreach in Grenada and twice in post-Katrina New Orleans. In Louisiana, she worked with the New Orleans Ministry and Care Center in Chalmette, LA on a crew that spent two weeks cleaning windows, spraying houses for mold, installing insulation, assembling bunk beds, and organizing a warehouse.

Each encounter with local residents allowed Adrianne to share the gospel. Her work allowed her to travel a crew to clean windows, spray houses for mold, install insulation, assemble bunk beds, and organize a warehouse.

Under the Journal News headline, "Rockland County's Rising Stars," Nyack's own Adrianne Garcia is among the galaxy. The class of 1996 alumna is now the Assistant Registrar at Nyack College.
From the stage at Carnegie Hall to the streets of the Lower East Side, Nyack College students are impacting the city of New York. Building on the vision planted in the city 125 years ago by Nyack College and The Christian & Missionary Alliance’s first president and founder, Dr. A.B. Simpson, the Manhattan campus of Nyack College offers students from the five boroughs, Long Island and New Jersey a unique and dynamic setting to pursue both academic excellence and personal spiritual transformation.

“How we thank God for the product already of our Nyack School! Between three and four thousand consecrated lives have gone forth from this place, over one thousand of whom have already reached the foreign fields as missionaries. A large number are actively engaged in the work of other churches and other societies.” These could be the words of Dr. Michael G. Scales, the twelfth president of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary; however, they were really spoken a century ago by Dr. Simpson.

Author, professor, and Academic Dean at Nyack, Dr. John H. Cable, was commissioned in 1932 to pen a souvenir
journal reviewing Nyack’s first fifty years as the Missionary Training Institute. In it, he lists forty different countries where Nyack alumni were serving—The United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Turkey, Bulgaria, Armenia, Palestine, Arabia, Africa (East, West, North and South), India, China (North, South, Central and West), Mongolia, Tibet (East and South borders), Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Islands of the Sea. Service learning and Winterim programs at Nyack still carry on this important work of global engagement.

Nyack College/Alliance Theological Seminary is positioned educationally, philosophically, and even geographically to have an influence on the nation’s region known as the “capitol of the world.” So many industries take their lead from New York City—education, entertainment, sports, medicine, fashion, and manufacturing, to name a few. The New York City campus, which was re-established in 1997, has mushroomed to more than 1,000 students at that site, with more than 3,200 institution-wide.

Dr. Lyndell O’Hara, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences puts the school’s role in succinct perspective: “You are able to study the liberal arts at Nyack—which is what makes it a unique school in NYC—combining Christian faith with liberal arts, bringing you into the excellence of study in philosophy, history, literature, music, art, math, science, and in all these things enabling students to have a solid foundation to serve God in the area to which He has called them.”

Charles Hammond, Director of Student Life and Spiritual Formation at the lower Manhattan campus points out another key dynamic: “You look throughout the classroom and hallways of our school and you see ethnic and cultural diversity. To me that’s what makes the Manhattan campus so exciting. I think it represents the churches of our city.” He adds, “As students gain from our college, they can go back to the church and be effective ministers of the gospel. It is also our mission to come alongside of the churches and then Nyack and the New York City churches can come together to exalt the name of Christ.”

Strong ties to many area churches, including Brooklyn Tabernacle and Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, Primitive Christian Church in lower Manhattan, Greater Allen Cathedral in
Queens, and Bethel Gospel Assembly in Harlem, nearly all headed by graduates of Nyack's Alliance Theological Seminary, have resulted in countless students studying at Nyack. Evangel Christian High School in Queens is an outreach of Evangel Church, whose pastor, Robert Johansson, holds an honorary doctorate from Nyack. He has hired 14 Nyack NYC's School of Education alumni.

One student acknowledges Nyack's far-reaching potential in society and comments, “You don't have to be a pastor to be a minister. There is ministry in the marketplace.”

President Scales says that the students at the NYC campus are continuing a legacy started 125 years ago. “The heart of the Nyack story unfolds in the lives of the thousands of unsung alumni who have lived out what they learned here—faithful men and women who lived for Christ in the cities and in the countrysides, in ministry and in the marketplace. The current students at the NYC campus are receiving a quality education and learning to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus. They are making their communities better. They are helping us develop an institution that is the hub of Christian scholarship and community development in this city and what we do in NYC reverberates around the world.”

In addition to educating, training, and preparing a student population that is possibly the most generationally, economically, ethnically, and culturally diverse in American higher education history, NCNYC students overwhelmingly share a common sentiment: “The campus feels like family.” Another proud student concludes, “A lot of growing and pulling and stretching happens at Nyack. Being here in the heart of the city where everything else is, why not a Christian college as well?”

Visit www.nyack.edu to read historical reviews of Nyack milestone years. At the President’s Page, read a detailed profile of Nyack including its latest accreditations.
STANDOUT STUDENTS

Nyack Student A Visionary Heritage Fellow

Christopher Smith is one of 30 college students selected from a nationwide pool of emerging leaders who participated in the National Visionary Leadership Project (NVLP) at Howard University in July 2007. The non-profit organization was co-founded by Dr. Camille O. Cosby, wife of veteran film and television actor, Bill Cosby, and award-winning former network correspondent Renee Poussaint. The Visionary Heritage Fellows Program is sponsored by Time Warner, Inc. A series of workshops on oral history, research and interviewing techniques and video production are a part of the program that prepares students for completing an independent study focused on prominent community leaders. Rev. Herbert Daughtry, of the House of the Lord Churches in New York City, was the focus of the project that Chris presented. As a part of the NVLP Educational Summit in October 2007, he spent a day shadowing Professor Derrick A. Bell, Jr., author, legal scholar, and the first tenured African American professor at Harvard Law School.

Medical Missions Foundation Awards Scholarships to Students

“Young missionaries from Nyack College risk safety to aid others,” was The Journal News headline on a newspaper feature about Nyack students, Holly Nichols in the Masters in Organizational Leadership program and Luis Sanchez, Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies in Pastoral Ministry and Cross-cultural Studies. Subsequently, the two were recognized by Arise and Walk Foundation Ministries (AWMF) in the fall of 2007 for their short-term missions work. Holly traveled to Pakistan and Luis Sanchez to several areas of South America. Drs. Mark and Mayra Wade, co-founders of AWMF based in Paramus, NJ presented each student with a trophy and a scholarship of $1,500.

CAMPUS GUESTS

International Educators & Administrators Visit Nyack College

Under the auspices of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the U.S. Department of State, a delegation of some two dozen educators and administrators from around the world visited the United States for a three-week multiregional project to study and exchange ideas about “Contemporary Challenges in Higher Education.” Afghanistan, Cambodia, Luxembourg, Turkey, Syria, People’s Republic of China, Pakistan, Bulgaria and India were some of the countries represented.

There are a reported 4,000 degree-granting American colleges or universities. Of these some 900 have “religious affiliations.” Nyack College is among the 100 “intentionally Christ-centered institutions.” When it was pointed out to organizers of the information-gathering group that a Christian college was not on the itinerary, Nyack College was added to the roster.

Information technology, international programs, student services, religious education in post secondary education, and global engagement were topics included on the agenda. A Nigerian journalist, so impressed with what he saw at Nyack urged President Michael Scales to share the college’s vision and mission statement with the White House.

Nyack College on C.S. Lewis Scholar Book Tour

C.S. Lewis scholar, Dr. Michael Ward made Nyack College a stop on his six-month international tour in February promoting his new book, Planet Narnia, which was published by Oxford University Press. Amazon.com describes Ward’s work as “a ground-breaking study that will provoke a major reassessment not only of the Chronicles, but of Lewis’s whole literary and theological outlook, revealing him to be a much subtler writer and thinker than has previously been recognized.”

The Anglican clergyman, author, and speaker argues that Lewis secretly based the Chronicles of Narnia on the seven heavens of the medieval cosmos. Since 2004 Dr. Ward has been Chaplain of Peterhouse in the University of Cambridge. Between 1996 and 1999, he lived and worked at The Kilns, C.S. Lewis’s Oxford home.

Ragamuffin Gospel Author Visits Nyack Rockland

Prolific author and speaker, Brennan Manning was hosted by the Department of Spiritual Formation on the Rockland Campus. The Brooklyn native is a former Franciscan priest, who after serving in the Korean War, studied journalism briefly at
the University of Missouri. When he acknowledged God's call on his life to ministry, he enrolled at a Catholic seminary in Loretto, PA. Manning spent years living and working among the poor in Europe and the United States—at times serving as a water carrier, a mason's assistant, a dishwasher and for a time as a voluntary prisoner in a Swiss jail, with his identity known only to the warden. His books include *Abba's Child*, *Ruthless Trust*, and *Ragamuffin Gospel* and his latest, *The Importance of Being Foolish: How to Think Like Jesus*.

**Rockland County Executive Honored at Social Justice Day**

At its annual Social Justice Day luncheon in January, Nyack College honored C. Scott Vanderhoef, County Executive for Rockland County, in Shuman Hall on the Rockland campus, recognizing his leadership and service to the Rockland County residents.

His solid record of public service began in 1972 under the administration of Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and continued in the political arena, serving two other governors. Mr. Vanderhoef became Rockland's County Executive in 1994. He has advocated for better land use, health care services, creation and protection of several County parks, as well as demonstrating care and concern for all of the County's residents. The environmental attorney, who is a native of Rockland County, is currently serving his third term as the highest elected office in the County.

Mr. Vanderhoef, a history buff, was presented with a rare collector's item: a digital replica of a membership application to Rockland's non-profit humanitarian organization, Fellowship of Reconciliation, completed and signed by civil rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS**

**Marriage and Family Therapy Program**

Nyack’s Alliance Graduate School of Counseling (AGSC) headed by Dr. Craig Ellison has received New York State Education Department approval for the Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Dr. David Turk, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs applauds “the diligent and persistent work” of Dr. Ellison and the AGSC staff for gaining approval for this important new degree program.

**CSWE Accreditation Awarded**

Dr. Kwi Yun, Chair of Nyack's Department of Social Work announced a new accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national association for social work education in the United States of America. The CSWE oversees standards of courses and accreditation of bachelor’s degrees and master’s degree programs in social work. Faculty members who led the process included Dr. Kwiryung Yun, Department Chair and Professor; Dr. Carol Awasu Deputy Chair and Professor; Prof. Mayra Lopez-Flumphyres, Field Education Coordinator and Assistant Professor; and Prof. Scott Dixon.

**Inclusive Education Masters Approved**

The Masters Degree in Inclusive Education in the School of Education has been approved by the New York State Education Department for an extension in Bilingual Education. The program provides a choice of courses that allows currently certified teachers to add to their certification. The Bilingual Extension will allow the educator to teach in a classroom where two languages are used for instruction. Most often these are transition classes for students who are moving from the language of the family to English. The other extensions offered in the Inclusive Education program are Gifted Education and Middle Level Education.

**NYC Drama Team Acts Out**

The Nyack College New York City Drama Team under the direction of Prof. Zeta Godboalt has given new meaning to the term, “improv.” Although the Manhattan campus does not have a stage, lights, or anything to slightly represent a theatre, the team continues to be sought after in the city and around the country. Every semester they perform at no cost for homeless children and at drug rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes. In addition to these performances, they have their mainstage fundraising performance each semester, which aids in their cross country travels. Last year performances included Crichton College in Memphis, TN and the Christian in Theatre Arts’ Conference at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL.

Brennan Manning

County Executive Scott Vanderhoef (c) receives award.
Dr. Fernando Arzola, Jr.

Dr. Frank Chan
Dr. Chan, Head of the Biblical and Theological Studies Department, presented a paper entitled, “Recognizing ‘Elasticity’ and ‘Growth’ in the Fulfillment of Old Testament Kingdom Prophecies: A Key to Resolving the Millennium Debate,” at the Evangelical Theological Society’s annual meeting in San Diego, CA on November 14, 2007.

Prof. Amy Davis
A Bible Department professor, Prof. Davis, taught a four-week class in the fall of 2007 at Stanwich Congregational Church in Connecticut, entitled, “Backgrounds of the New Testament.” The classes surveyed the geographical, historical, cultural, and religious context of the first century and their application to interpretation of the Scripture. She also presented a paper entitled, “Early Christian Initiation: What’s the Devil Got to Do With It?” at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in November 2007 in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Leonard Kageler
Dr. Kageler lectured for a week at Moorland College, Christ Church, UK in March. His latest book, “The Youth Minister’s Survival Guide…How to Thrive and Last For the Long Haul,” is a study of 360 youth pastors who were either fired from their positions or left because of burnout. It will be published by Zondervan/Harper-Collins.

Dr. Steven Notley

Dr. Ronald Walborn
Dr. Walborn has been appointed as the next Dean of Nyack’s Division of Bible and Christian Ministry and has served as a senior pastor of an 800-member church and as a church planter, ministering on both the east and west coast. In addition to teaching at a number of conferences and churches in fall 2007, he completed production of his first 30-minute DVD called, “Reaching the Emerging Generation,” which seeks to help the church bridge the generation gap. It was filmed in Union Square in New York City and produced by All Nations Films, a production company founded by Sam Kim, a 2002 Nyack alumnus and a Christian & Missionary Alliance church planter. The film is available at www.ancny.net.

Dr. James Danaher

Prof. Zeta Godboalt

Prof. Mayra Lopez-Humphreys
The social work professor co-wrote “Examining the Relationship Between Language Barriers...

Dr. Elaine Lux
Dr. Lux delivered a conference paper, “Images of Salvation and Healing in Shusaku Endo's Silence and Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner,” at the Regis College Northeast Conference on Christianity and Literature.

Dr. Louise McCreery
McCreery presented, “Godly Triumph Over Violence in Two of T.S. Eliot’s Plays,” for a professional organization’s meeting.

Prof. Bradley McDuffie

Prof. Jonette Miller
Prof. Miller presented a paper, “Humanizing Communities of Color: Seeking to Create Research Paradigms Devoid of Stereotypes,” at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia, PA. She is a member of the Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA), Division 27 of the American Psychology Association (APA).

Dr. Lyndell O’Hara

Dr. Eleanor Pease
Dr. Pease, who is Chair of the TESOL Department at Nyack, served as Chair of a one-day conference for Christians in English Language Teaching (CELT) at the New York City campus at 361 Broadway on April 2. This gathering of international educators featured two plenary sessions. The speakers were Dr. Zoltan Dornyei, professor of Psycholinguistics at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom and Ms. Lavinia A’Costa, who directs an ESL program at The Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Dr. Larry Poston
“Re-Thinking Career Missions in Light of Paul the Short-Term Missionary,” was Dr. Poston’s presentation at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society in Minneapolis, MN. He also wrote a book review, “God’s Rivals: Why Has God Allowed Different Religions?” in Evangelical Missions Quarterly (October 2007).

Dr. Frederick Stoppelkamp
Dr. Stoppelkamp was elected to Who's Who of College Professors in American Colleges and Universities and Who's Who in International Business from Oxford University, UK. He also wrote the majority of the songs on a CD titled, “Lead Me Home,” by the RFD, a folk rock group. The recording was released in Japan and South Korea.

Prof. Christine Warrington
Prof. Warrington presented a paper at the Northeast Conference on Christianity and Literature at Regis College (MA). The conference theme was “Making Peace in Our Time.” Her presentation was entitled, “Hawthorne’s Blithedale Romance’: Brotherhood Failed.”

Dr. Jacqueline Washington
“Are You Swimming in a Sewer? The Effect of Wastewater Pollution on the Environment” and “Pollution: Effects on the Environment” were presented by Dr. Washington at New Jersey Institute of Technology and “A Sickeningly Sweet Baby Boy: A Case Study on Autosomal Recessive Inheritance,” a National Case Study Collection, University of Buffalo.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark Meehan
Dean of the School of Business, Computer Science and Communications, Mr. Meehan spoke at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Donor Relations Professionals in New Orleans, LA and was recognized as a “Faculty Star,” based on the feedback from conference participants. Other recent speaking engagements included the International Arts Movement (IAM) February conference in Manhattan’s Tribeca on “The Creativity of Business and Art,” and in March at the IAM headquarters in mid-town Manhattan on “The Biblical Basis for Business: The Creation Mandate.”

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. JoAnn Looney
was appointed Dean of the School of Education in December 2007. She was most recently head of the Department of Childhood Education. She joined the faculty in 2004 as Associate Professor of Education after her tenure at Felician College. Dr. Looney earned an Ed.D. at Seton Hall University.
Prof. Mac Nelson
The New York City campus ESL professor published a book entitled, *Waiting For My Fingers: One Man’s Reflection on Sin, Suffering, Healing, and Victory*. A book signing party was held for Prof. Nelson at the New York City campus in February.

Dr. Dion T. Harrigan
Prof. Harrigan presented “The Integration of Faith and Learning: Sounds Good, but What Does it Look Like?” at the ASCI Forum for Christian Teacher Educators in Colorado Springs, CO. Dr. Harrigan gave the keynote address “When Children Ask” at the University of Southern Caribbean Association Meeting in Brooklyn, NY.

Dr. Sue Talley
Dr. Talley completed her Doctorate in Worship Studies at the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies in Florida in June 2007.

SCHOOL OF ADULT AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

Dr. Anita Underwood
Dr. Underwood was a part of the leadership team selected by David Freed, CEO of Nyack Hospital, to present to the Joint Commission, Accrediting Board for hospitals. Her presentation addressed the relationship between Nyack Hospital’s leadership team and the Nyack Master in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) graduate student research that assists in building leadership capabilities.

Dr. David Jennings
Executive Vice President and Treasurer, Dr. Jennings, was a guest devotional speaker at the Pioneer College Caterers’ Annual Management Conference on Monday, December 17, 2007 in Nashville, TN. The conference, entitled, “A Passion for Service, Making a Difference,” gathered corporate management as well as food service directors and managers from Pioneer’s forty-eight Christian college and university accounts across the United States. Conference attendees spent one afternoon assisting at an assembly site for the Angel Tree Project.

Dr. Bennett Schepens
Dr. Schepens was appointed to the post of Assistant Provost as of December 1, 2007. For the last four years Dr. Schepens has been Dean of the School of Education. During his tenure as dean, the School of Education was accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). As Assistant Provost, he will not only oversee the assessment activities of the institution, but will also help develop institution-wide academic policies and procedures.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dr. Marie Kenote
Dr. Kenote lectured at the Hochschule fur Musik in Leipzig, Germany in November 2007 on the “30 Capricen: of Sigfrid Karg-Elert.” She also gave two performances of the flute music Karg-Elert and Eduard Wissmann as part of the Karg-Elert-Festtage Leipzig 2007. Her September 2007 faculty recital was entitled, “My Master Hath a Garden.” This included a Nyack College flute ensemble of “Dawn Carol” an aleatoric work. As a part of the Fulbright Association 29th annual conference in November 2006, she presented a lecture and performance of flute music reflecting nature and gardens in Marrakech, Morocco.

Dr. Tammy Lum
Dr. Lum presented a lecture and performance, “The Five Pieces for Piano” and “The Twilight Stood” by Leon Kirchner on the program at the 50th National Conference of the College Music Society in Salt Lake City, Utah in November 2007.

Dr. Heather Rosenberg
Heather Rosenberg is the new Director of Admissions for the Rockland Undergraduate Program. She has served Nyack as an admissions counselor for the Alliance Graduate School of Counseling (AGSC), Director of Alliance Theological Seminary and AGSC Admissions, and most recently was the Director of Graduate Admissions.

STAFF

Michele Blanck
Mrs. Blanck, Director of Auxiliary Services, was featured in the February 2008 edition of *College Services*, The Magazine Connecting College Auxiliary Services Professionals.

Earl Miller and Miguel Sanchez
Mr. Miller and Prof. Sanchez were co-presenters at a Council for Christian Colleges and Universities workshop, “Expanding Institutional Racial Diversity,” North Park University, Chicago, IL on November 9, 2007.
Stay Connected...

...Through Nyack’s New Online Community!

Communicate
• Chat Online
• Contact Alumni
• View Photo Albums
• Read Alumni Notes

Network/Contact
• Make Business Connections
• Post/Search Resumes/Jobs
• Mentoring Opportunities

Stay Connected
• Register for Alumni Events
• Get the Latest Nyack News

Get Updated
• Add Photos
• Post Alumni Notes
• Create Your Secure Personal File

Register for free access. Log in today!
1. Go to http://my.nyack.edu
2. Click on “First Time Login”
3. Search for your last name (maiden name if applicable)
4. Follow the instructions under “Account Lookup.” Enter your ID# found above your name on the address label.
5. After you log in for the first time, you can change your username and password. Be sure to update your secure personal profile to help you stay in touch!

Questions or comments? Please contact the Alumni Office at 845-675-4589 or alumni@nyack.edu.
GENERAL NEWS

'50'S
Nearly two dozen 1950's alumni met at Mahaffey Camp in Western Pennsylvania in front of the “Bell Tower,” where Al Benn, an alumnus and a professional photographer, snapped the group picture.

Alumni in the photo are: Front row, L-R: Jane Robson '59, Beverly Rader '63, Dorothy (Austin) Dolby '57, Althea (Lucas) McPherson '59, Don Miles '54, Irvin McGarvey '57, Tom Lindsey '52, and Richard Jenks. Second row, L-R: Lena Ross '50, Joan (VanderHorst) Brust '58, Jan (Brock) Baer '57, Nancy (Geffers) Schaefer '62, Marie (Ross) Lindsey '56, Darla (McKenery) Benn '58, and Al Benn '60. Third row, L-R: Ray Stombaugh '56, Emerson Ross '50, Richard Brust '58, Bob Baer '58, Bill Schmidt '55, Glenn Schaefer '60, and Howard Lindsey '60.

'60'S

'60 Glenn Schaefer semi-retired from teaching Old Testament at Simpson University (Redding, CA) in June of 2007, a position he held for 33 years. He graduated from Bethel Theological Seminary and then pastored a C&MA church in Kane, PA for four years. He also received a Th.M. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). His first teaching position was at Mackinac College (Mackinac Island, MI). His plans are to continue with Simpson, teaching half-time and working part-time as a representative in their Foundation/Alumni Office. During most of his time at Simpson, he also served as the Chair for the Division of Theology and Ministry. On nine occasions, he led study groups to the Middle East. He was awarded Professor of the Year three times. He and his wife, Nancy (Geffers), celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in June. Their three children are married. They are grandparents to seven grandchildren.

'61 Dr. Paul Bellino is the founding pastor of Atlanta’s Church of All Nations and is a church planter for Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. For the past 13 years, Paul and his wife, Kyong Cha, have led ACAN in cross-cultural evangelism in metro Atlanta with outreach to the Dekalb County Youth Detention Center, Dekalb County Jail and the State Prison System. Paul is also a police chaplain in the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police and Camp Chaplain at the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) in Dahlonega, GA. He has been an Associate Professor of Bible and Islamics at American University of Biblical Studies (AUBS) in Decatur, GA since 1992 and Visiting Professor for the Biblical Institute for Islamic Studies (BIIS).

'68 Dr. David E. Schroeder, former president of International Teams in Elgin, IL, a not-for-profit humanitarian and missions agency, and 11th president of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary, was installed as president of Somerset Christian College in Zarephath, NJ on November 10, 2007.

'70'S

'72 Rev. John D. Cogan will become a board certified chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains during the Association's Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, March 8-12, 2008. Chaplain Cogan has served at Redstone Highlands Senior Care in Greensburg, Murrysville and North Huntingdon, PA since January 2006. He completed a chaplain residency at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, WV in 2002. He is also a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in MA. He and his wife, Arlene (Carl), currently live in Greensburg, PA.

'74 Pamela (Drake) Blough, wife of Duane Blough ('74), recorded a CD of hymns. Pam was prompted by the Lord to produce the album after Duane’s second bout with cancer this year. The Pastor of Worship and Music from the York, PA Alliance Church, Timothy Shuey is the accompanist. Pam sings both solos and trios, providing the harmony herself. Along with helping to subsidize the family income, the CD was produced to encourage those who miss hearing the older songs and also to minister to those who may be going through difficult times.

'75 Susan Page Davis’s novel The Prisoner’s Wife recently won the Inspirational Readers Choice Contest in the short history category. Susan is author of 10 novels, with several more under contract. Visit her web site at www.susanpagedavis.com.

'75 Bill Teng, pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA, since 2001, has been unanimously endorsed by the National Capital Presbytery as the first candidate to stand for Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., in San Jose, CA, this June. He
served as Moderator of that presbytery in 2004. Teng is the second Nyack alumnus to be nominated to this highest elected office of the church. If elected, Rev. Teng will serve a two-year term.

‘76 Terri (Doughtie) Karlsson is the new minister of music at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brevard, NC. She is the principal musician and music educator of the congregation. She earned a B.A. in psychology from Nyack College and also has a degree in music therapy from Queens University (Charlotte, NC), a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and a certificate in church music from Virginia Wesleyan College. She has organized, participated in and directed a variety of choral groups and is also a private piano, voice and sight-singing teacher. She is married to Lt.Com. Paul Karlsson, U.S. Navy (ret.). The Karlssons operate Boulder Ridge, a bed and breakfast in Pisgah Forest, NC. Visit their website at www.boulderridgebedandbreakfast.com.

‘79–‘80 Laura (Schiavoni) Castine, since leaving Nyack, has graduated from Bradford College with a B.A. in Creative Arts with a concentration in Voice Studies. For the past ten years, she has been a volunteer for Merrimack Valley Hospice and has also led local grief and loss support groups. In 1995, she married Dan Castine, a gifted woodworker and master farmer. Laura and Dan live in a rural section of Haverhill, MA. They are both employed by Ingaldsby Farm in Boxford, MA.

‘80’s

‘80 David Hahn is the Musical Director for the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra and will conduct the group through its sixth season. David is an instructor in the Music Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN. He conducted the college’s “Christmas on Richland Avenue.” As a part of the performance, his wife, Gelsomina (Ceres ‘80), sang the solo, “He Shall Feed His Flock.” In April, he directed the college’s spring production of the Broadway musical, “Into the Woods” by Steven Sodheim.

‘82 David F. Clark recently wrote a book about his personal physical healing entitled Though I Walk Thru the Valley of the Shadow of Death and was published by Red Lead Press.

‘84 Rev. Paul Barner is President of Barner Learning Center in Davao City, Philippines. After marrying his wife Elvie in 1996, they planted a church and then reached out to the community through the opening of a much-needed kinderschool. The church now averages 700 congregants each Sunday and the school has grown to over 289 children through sixth grade.

‘84 Laurie (Van Stee) Klaus recently received an award for Outstanding Musical Direction: College and University from the Metrolina Theatre Association of Charlotte, NC for her work as Music Director for Catawba College’s April 2007 production of “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.” She also directed the music in The Mystery of Edwin Drood at Catawba in 2006. She was nominated to Who’s Who in America. Laurie and husband, Tim, are now proud parents of their first high-school graduate, Alyssa, who they homeschooled K-12. Alyssa is currently interning with Teen Mania Ministries in Lindale, TX. Laurie continues to home school their other daughter, Kristen.

‘90’s

‘93 Todd Hall was promoted to Fire Chief of the Coopers Plains-Long Acres Fire Department and has been a volunteer with the department since 1985. He was also honored as the 2007 Firefighter of the Year for Coopers Plains FD and the NY-Penn Firemen’s Association for service and commitment to the Fire and Emergency Services. Todd was also recognized and awarded for “distinguished life saving efforts” for a rescue following a car accident.

‘95 Shawn and Heather (Brooks ’96) Wallace moved to Malawi, Africa in September 2007 as missionaries with Acts III Global Ministries (in conjunction with IFAP C&MA). They have four children: John (9), Anna (7), Andrew (5), and RJ (2).

‘73–‘76,’95 Rev. Ed Williams is a minister with Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission in Nashua, New Hampshire. He and his wife, Shelly, live with their son in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

‘98 Rachel (Merrill) Cornacchio and husband, Jason, who she married in July of 1995, are currently living in Eugene, Oregon, where Rachel is working towards her Ph.D. in music education and choral conducting.
‘99 Mario Barrett completed his Ph.D. in Applied Management and Decision Sciences specializing in Leadership and Organizational Change at Walden University on April 15, 2007. He also founded and is currently the CEO of The Barrett Center for Leadership Development, LLC, a consulting firm (www.thebarrettcenter.com). Dr. Barrett’s first book, *Leading from the Inside Out*, was published in January 2008.

‘00’S

‘02 Rev. James Derek Gamble has published, *From Disgrace to Dignity, The Chronicles of a Redeemed Addicted Preacher*. This book chronicles Rev. Gamble’s struggle to emerge from the pit of addiction to salvation and redemption. It is a motivational tool certain to encourage, inspire, stimulate, and empower those who need to overcome addiction.

‘02 Richelle (Brumfield) Roth, after graduating from Nyack, moved to Batavia, NY and began to work at the Clermont County Public Library. Since having a child two and a half years ago, she has become the new youth librarian at the Wilmington Public Library in Wilmington, OH. She is responsible for organizing story time for small children, craft activities for the middle-year kids and teen programming. Richelle was featured in the *Wilmington News Journal*.

‘04 Tiffany (McBride) MacDonald began working with Compass International in Colorado Springs, CO in October 2006. Her husband, Gary, is a computer programmer at Ablelink Technologies.

ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS

‘80 Karen Lee (Willis) married David Banks on February 11, 2006. They live in Maine. Karen will receive an AAS degree in Education in the SLPA (Speech/Language Pathology Assistant) program this May. She has also been accepted into AIU Online, in the M.Ed. program with a concentration in Instructional Technology. She also owns a country home decor business, K-Lee’s Kreation, through her online store and local customers.

‘00 Jeannie (Riley) married David Morgan on May 5, 2007 at Calvary Chapel in Old Bridge, NJ. The couple currently resides in Old Bridge, NJ.

‘01 Margie (Nagy) married Brian Jennings on March 28, 2008. They were engaged on December 21, 2007 on a beach in Hawaii. Margie is an admissions counselor at Nyack College Rockland and is working on her Masters in Organizational Leadership at Nyack’s School of Adult and Distance Education. She is also secretary of the Nyack College Alumni Board. Brian, the Local History Librarian at the Nyack Public Library, has a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Long Island University. He is completing his Masters Degree in history at Lehman College.

‘02 Fran (Belford) married Joe Turuta Jr. on August 12, 2006.

‘03 Zena Betancourt married Robert Ortiz Jr. on October 13, 2007 at Antun’s of Queens Village. The couple currently resides in Brooklyn, NY.

‘03 Melissa Gonzalez is engaged to be married to PFC William A. Farley III. They were engaged in April 2007. An October 2008 wedding is planned.

‘03 Michael Hendricks is engaged to Dima Uchendu on July 20. Mike is the district manager for Sanctuary, Inc., a Christian retail chain. Dima works as a dance teacher and a personal care assistant. Dima is the reigning Miss Black Massachusetts. The couple lives in Boston, MA, and are active members at Jubilee Christian Church.

‘03 Teresa “TC” (Nagy) married Paul Hagen on May 19, 2006. TC and Paul met at Nyack College in the fall 1999. The couple taught English for a year in Madrid, Spain and now live in Hawaii.


BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS


‘92 Josephine Velez-Tirado and Pedro Tirado are proud to announce the birth
of their son Ezzio Adrian, born October 10, 2007. Ezzio joins older brother Tiago, age 5.

'93 Heather Beers-Dimitriadis and her husband, Ike Dimitriadis (‘94 Columbia University, ‘09 NYU Stern), welcomed the birth of their daughters Anastasia Eileen Dimitriadis and Katheryn Vida Dimitriadis on November 1, 2006.

‘95 Laurie (Muggleton) Robins and her family celebrated the one-year-birthday of her daughter Lynn Blanche Robins on September 5, 2007.

‘97 Susan Shipe-Haggerty and David Haggerty are excited to share the news of their son’s birth. Charles Allan Haggerty was born November 10, 2006.

‘97 Scotty and Wendy (Strong ‘97) Neasbitt along with big sister, Lauren Grace, welcomed Logan Strong to the family on August 8, 2007. They are currently living in Torrington, CT, where Scotty is pastoring a new church plant.

‘97 Rebekah (Peace) Velasco and her husband, Amilcar, are proud to announce the birth of their third child. Weston Alexander was born on May 10, 2007. He joins big brother Giovani (8) and big sister Graciela (3).

Amy (Leidingher) Souza (attended ‘97-‘99) and her husband, Justin, are the proud parents of Adelaide Esme Souza, born on Monday, March 19, 2007.

‘98 Aimee (Cintron) Faroth and her husband, Arne, have three sons. Their oldest son, Andrew, was born in February of 2004 and their twin boys, Connor and Gabriel, were born in September of 2005.

‘98 Michelle Lynn (Torres) and Carlos Naupari welcomed the birth of their daughter, Jessi Lynn, on August 19, 2007. Jessi Lynn weighed 6lbs. 8oz.

‘99 Mark and Debbie (Repp ‘99) Warner are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Bridgette Ruth. She was born on April 17, 2007 and placed into their arms on April 21.

‘00 Jill (Roberts) Avaltroni and her husband, Michael, welcomed their son, Gavin Jacob, on April 12, 2007. He weighed 11lbs. 9oz. Big sister is Alexandra.

‘00 Jess (Bowen) and Morgan Proudfoot announce the birth of their daughter. Chloe Grace was born on June 27, 2007. She was 7lbs. 14oz., and 20 inches long. Chloe was welcomed by her older sister Brianna (10), brother Noah (4), and sister Elli (1).

‘00 Nilia Sánchez and husband, Marcos, announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Isabel, on February 6, 2007.

‘01 Debbie (Vander Plaat) Berger and husband, Aaron, are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Elias James. Elias was born on April 29, 2007.

‘01 Hilary (Levy) Kustrin and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, Jonathan William, on March 31, 2007. The baby weighed in at 9lbs. 8oz.

HOME GOINGS

‘34 Dorothy (Myers) Heffer-Grosse passed away on November 15, 2007 at the age of 95. Her husband was Rev. Wilmer Heffer, who also graduated from Nyack in 1934. Together they served C&MA churches in Porters Corner, Greenville, Ellwood City and Corry in Western PA; Houston, Pasadena and Maytown in Texas; and North Caldwell, NJ. The Heffers moved back to Texas, where Wilmer was an evangelist for a number of years before retiring in 1977. The Lord called Wilmer home in 1982. Dorothy faithfully supported her husband in ministry and was a prayer warrior remembering her family in prayer daily as well as the world-wide work of the Lord. In 1997 she married Edward Grosse who also preceded her in death. Dorothy is preceded in death by first husband Wilmer; second husband Edward; and daughter Ruth. Dorothy is survived by son Robert; daughter Charlotte; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
'37 Rev. Merle Gifford went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 3, 2007 at the age of 97. After graduating from Nyack, Merle assumed his first pastorate of a C&MA church in Chicora, PA. Merle and his wife, Sara, pastored as a couple for more than 35 years in Cumberland, MD; Aliquippa, PA; and West Pittston, PA. After Sara’s death in 1986, he married Betty Garber in 1990. Merle and Betty lived in Elizabethtown, then Leola, PA before moving to Rolla, MO to be near family in these later years of life. They celebrated nearly 18 years of marriage. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Arthur Gifford of Wooster, OH, and Frank Gifford of North Chili, NY; his daughter, Dr. Darlene, wife of Dr. Charles Bressler of Houghton, NY; granddaughter, Heidi Bressler, of Atlanta, GA; stepdaughter, Cindy, wife of Dan Smith of Rolla, MO; two stepsons, Jim Garber of Lancaster and Tom Garber of Montoursville, PA; 7 step-grandchildren and 13 step-great grandchildren.

'37 Rev. Richard L. Sauvé passed away on January 10, 2000 at the age of 88 in Chattahoochie, FL. A native of Keremeos, British Columbia, he had lived in Chattahoochie since 1989 with his wife, Ann. He was a member of Tallahassee Christian & Missionary Alliance and of the 29ers Choir of First Baptist Church in Chattahoochie. He was survived by wife, Amy Sauvé, one son, Norman Sauvé, two daughters, Eva Harper and Joan Brandenburg, two sisters, Joan Keith and Rita Hare, and four grandchildren.

'39 Rev. Paul Sankey DeHaven passed away on August 25, 2007 at the age of 95. He served as a minister of several Christian & Missionary Alliance churches, including New Kensington, New Wilmington, Latrobe, Cambridge Springs, Fuss Mills, Bradford and Donegal. He attended the New Stanton Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mildred Heist DeHaven; two sons, David DeHaven and his wife, Rosann, of Tucson, AZ, and Paul DeHaven of Altamonte Springs, FL; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

'42 Frances (Bender) Owens passed away on November 18, 2007 at the age of 87 at Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, FL. After graduating from Nyack, she worked in ministry in Lumberton, NC and was involved with Christian Business Women in several western states. After attending the Child Evangelism Institute in Pittsburgh, PA, she worked in the state office. She married Rev. Thomas Owens ('41) in 1950. He preceded her in death on October 11, 2005. Together they served churches in Acmetonia, Grove City, and Huntingdon, PA. In 1985 when he retired from active ministry, they moved back to Grove City where they remained for three years and then moved to an independent apartment at Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, FL. Frances is survived by her children: Sheryl and husband Edward Gore of Orlando, FL; Carol and husband Thomas Morningstar of Lewistown, PA; and James Owens and wife Lynette of Wilmore, KY; five grandchildren and one great grandson.

'46 Ruth (Armstrong) Megill passed away on August 14, 2007 at the age of 78 after battling cancer since her diagnosis in 2004. Ruth was active in the C&MA and National Religious Broadcasters (NRB). She was an accomplished pianist and organist, and was asked in 1956 to play the organ at the historic Gospel Tabernacle at Times Square, NYC. By the early 1970’s, Ruth was playing for audiences in PA and NJ, and composed music. In recent years, she was a member of the Georgia Chorale known as the “Singing Saints.” She was a pastor’s wife and also the executive secretary for NRB for over twenty years. She also served as an administrative assistant to Toccoa Falls President Dr. Paul Alford for 18 years. She was the granddaughter of Rev. B. F. Armstrong and daughter of the late Benjamin L. Armstrong, Sr., pastor and district executive of the Northeastern region of the C&MA. Her brother, Dr. Ben Armstrong (‘45), serves as academic dean of Faith Theological Seminary and was an Executive Director of the National Religious Broadcasters for 23 years. Her son, Virgil G. Megill, III is the founder and president of ROCK of Africa Mission. She is also survived by her husband of 55 years, Rev. Virgil G. Megill, Jr.; two daughters who are educators, Margaret Mull and Caroline Newbern; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'48 Mildred (Urbanik) Johnson went to be with her Lord on October 1, 2007 at the age of 96. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on February 18, 1911 and spent most of her childhood in Erie, PA. She met her husband, the late Rev. Harold Johnson, at Nyack College, where they graduated together in 1948. They started a 40-year long ministry with the C&MA and built and pastored their first church in Hazelhurst, GA. Mildred was a dedicated preacher’s wife and spent many years serving as President of the Women’s Missionary Prayer Fellowship. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Starke and her husband, Don; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren. Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Harold Johnson, on October 23, 1998.

'50 August “Gus” Martin passed away on September 12, 2006. Gus was born in Jersey City, NJ on September 19, 1923. He graduated from high school and joined the Army Air Corp. He served in World War II as a radio operator and flew many missions in Normandy and Europe. At the end of World War II he attended Nyack where he met and married Jeanne “his southern belle” with the beautiful voice. They were married for 56 years. He began his ministry in the C&MA serving churches in North Carolina, New Jersey and Montreal,
Quebec. Gus and Jeanne moved back to Florida, where he spent 18 years as the Director of Youth For Christ. He was an active member of the Good Samaritan Community Church, where he served on the Deacon Board. He also enjoyed volunteering as cashier at the Community Center which brought him comfort after the loss of his wife in 2004. Gus has two daughters, Bonnie and Darlene; grandsons, Glenn and Joshua, and granddaughter-in-law, Katy.

'50 Hazel (Kim) Meier passed away on April 6, 2007. After graduating, she married Rev. Floyd E. Meier. They had 35 years of ministry together serving the Lord in C&MA churches in Western PA. Floyd was still serving at Dorseyville as pastor when the Lord called him home in April 1985 after a brief illness. After his homegoing, Hazel moved to Ohio with her son. There she taught 75 piano students until she moved to the Concordia Retirement Community in Cabot, PA. While in Cabot she was a member of the Freeport Alliance Church in Butler. Hazel is survived by her two children, Rev. Gordon Meier, District Superintendent of the Central District, and Esther Fetherlin, a former missionary and wife of Dr. Robert Fetherlin, VP of International Ministries of the C&MA. She also leaves four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'51 Betty Lou (Kelly) Davis went to be with the Lord on June 17, 2007. Her husband, Rev. Clyde Davis, Sr., passed away exactly 6 months earlier on December 17, 2006. They were married in 1950 while attending the Missionary Training Institute (now Nyack College). After Clyde’s graduation in 1951, they began their ministry that September in the Western PA District of the C&MA which continued until their retirement in January of 2006. They served faithfully for 54 years in several Western PA churches. Betty Lou is survived by three children: Rev. Clyde Davis, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer; Rev. Dr. Kenneth Davis and his wife, Lori; Mrs. Beverly Matos and her husband, Rev. William Matos; nine grandchildren; and her sister, Norma Jean Abbott.

'55 Arthur R. Everett, Jr. passed away on July 26, 2007 at the age of 72 in Colorado Springs, CO. He was born on September 13, 1934 in Asbury Park, NJ. Those left to carry on his ministry: beloved wife of 50 years and spice of his life, Dorothy (Gutwein) Everett; children: Ruth Schubarth, Mark Everett, Faith Fast Horse and Joy Welling; and thirteen loving grandchildren and one blessed great-grandchild.

'56 David Martin Smith passed away in December of 2000 at the age of 65. He was a linguistic anthropologist and a visionary pioneer in the field of ethnography and education. An ordained minister, he completed a master’s degree in Linguistics in 1965 at the Hartford Seminary Foundation and worked as both a missionary linguist and a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar in West Africa. He received a doctorate with distinction in 1969 in Anthropological Linguistics from Michigan State University where he was hired as an assistant professor in Anthropology and African Studies. Over the next three decades, he was a professor of anthropology, linguistics and education at four major universities: Georgetown University, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, and finally at University of Alaska Fairbanks. In the year 2000, he became Professor Emeritus in Anthropology and Linguistics at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Affiliate Senior Researcher at the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology at University of Arizona. He is survived by his wife, co-author and colleague, Perry Gilmore; three daughters, Jodi Smith, Cindy Meyer and Elena Houle; four grandchildren, Jesse, Seth and David Cameron Meyer and Svetlana Houle; and twelve brothers and sisters. Visit David’s website at: www.ed.arizona.edu/davidsmith.

'57 Claude H. Green, Jr. passed away on March 18, 2006 at the age of 76 from respiratory failure. He lived in Haines City, FL since 1991, and was the curriculum coordinator for Landmark’s Freedom Baptist curriculum. He attended Landmark Baptist Church. He was a church planter for four years, a teacher for more than 16 years, and a curriculum representative and consultant for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Belt) Green ('57); sons, Richard Green and Brian Green; daughter, Juanita Schopke; sister, Mary Elaine Bunn; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
'57 Donald L. Hills passed away on July 26, 2007 at the age of 80 at the Holland Community Hospital in Holland, MI. He was born on May 29, 1927 in York, OH. After graduating from high school in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the occupation forces in World War II. Following an honorable discharge, he returned to school in 1953, enrolling in classes at Fort Wayne Bible College, where he met Eleanor Violet (Pascoe ’55). They married in 1954. Don and Eleanor were later blessed with two daughters, Lorraine, who tragically died at the age of 13 from Reyes Syndrome, and Kathy. Shortly after marrying, Don began attending Nyack Missionary College. He then became an ordained minister and delivered sermons from pulpits in Fleetwood, PA and in Alma and South Haven, MI. He also attended Western Michigan University, receiving his B.S. degree in Education. Don is survived by his wife, Eleanor Violet (Pascoe ’55) Hills; a daughter, Kathy Stearns; a sister, Rosetta Merillat; a brother, Perry Hills; and six grandchildren. Visit Don’s personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com.

'78 Rev. Fred Tanis, Jr. passed away unexpectedly on February 15, 2007 at the age of 50. He was most recently the pastor of United Reformed Church of Clifton, NJ. He previously served RCA churches in Queens Village and Catskill, NY. He became an ordained minister of the Word in the Reformed Church in America in February 1984. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and sons Andrew and Peter.

'82 Robert K. Atkinson, Jr. passed away suddenly on July 19, 2007 at the age of 47. He was the beloved son of William Sr. and Ellen Atkinson; dear brother of Billy Atkinson and Susan Walker; also survived by nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held last summer in Glenshaw, PA.

'98 Lonnie Morrison, Jr., who attended Nyack College in 1998 and was a former Nyack College golf coach, passed away on July 16, 2007. A memorial service was held on July 21 at the Joseph P. Kennedy Center in New York City, NY. A one-time high school golf coach in Virginia, Lonnie recruited students from the Portsmouth, VA school to attend Nyack College. Remembering Lonnie’s time at Nyack, Keith Davie, Director of Athletics & Head Men’s Soccer Coach commented, “We are all saddened by Lonnie’s passing. His spirit and smile were infectious and he was a big part of our department while he was here. His passion and persistence led to the creation of Nyack College Golf and his name will be synonymous with the golf program from now to eternity.”

Nyack alumnus, William Reiter, of Wexford, PA passed away at the age of 26, following an epileptic seizure. A funeral was held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Kenmore Alliance Church in Tonawanda, NY. Bill, who was passionate about youth ministry, was a frequent worship leader in chapel. He entered Nyack in 2001 and dreamed of one day starting a church in the Buffalo area. His family has asked that donations be sent to the Epilepsy Association, Epilepsy Association of WNY, Inc., 339 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222 or visit www.epilepsyny.org.

'07 Robert Pickett passed away on September 26, 2007. The 2007 magna cum laude graduate, who majored in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Youth Ministry and Psychology, was just 37 years old. Dr. Fred Arzola shared that Robert’s favorite scripture was “I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances” (Philippians 4:11). Robert was passionate about poetry, sports, and mentoring.

'Tim Conway Drafted by the Chicago Fire

On January 24, 2008, Major League Soccer’s Chicago Fire drafted Nyack College senior Tim Conway in the fourth round pick. Tim is the first player ever drafted out of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and from Nyack College. Nyack Coach Keith Davie says, “I’m so proud of this accomplishment for Tim. He has been a joy to watch develop and he deserves this honor.”
HOW DO YOU REMEMBER PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

Why not say, “thank you” with a gift that keeps on giving? Nyack’s In Memory & In Honor program presents an opportunity for you to recognize a deceased or living loved one, mentor or friend who has made a difference in your life.

When you invest in this program, you can ensure that Christian higher education provided at Nyack College continues the mission of training young men and women to impact lives around the globe.

Complete this form and mail it with your gift to Nyack College, 1 South Blvd., Nyack, NY 10960 (Make checks payable to Nyack College.)

YES, I would like to remember someone significant in my life through Nyack’s In Memory & In Honor program. Enclosed is my gift of

☐ $1,000  ☐ $500  ☐ $100

☐ Other __________________________

☐ YES, I want to remember someone by making a gift online at www.nyack.edu.

Your Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: ________________________________________________
State: _______ Zip: _______
Phone #: __________________________________________
Name of Person Being Honored: _______________________

*To learn how you can establish a scholarship fund or named endowment with a minimum gift of $10,000, contact Jeff Cory, Vice President of Advancement at 845.675.4425.
SAVING SO LONG TO

REV. HARRY WEBSTER, LOYAL NYACK INVESTOR
1908-2007

A dear friend of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary, Rev. Harry W. Webster, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 22. He was known to many as pastor, church planter, and military chaplain, as well as husband and father. Sharing his time, talent, and “treasure,” with Nyack, the work of this gifted artisan is seen in the stained glass windows at ATS Rockland and in Pardington Hall on the Nyack Rockland County campus.

Rev. Webster was known for his generosity to both Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary through several scholarships that he established. The first of several was the Harry Webster Scholarship, a $100,000 endowment that has helped dozens of ATS students pursue their seminary degrees.

A poignant snapshot that beautifully captures Mr. Webster’s decades of service to The Christian and Missionary Alliance and to the Body of Christ, can be read in its entirety at www.nyack.edu/?page=WebsterEndowment.

A SON PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN TAYLOR (NC ’43)
1923-2007

Dr. Taylor was a 1943 Nyack alumnus, Nyack Dean of Men, Instructor, Director of Publicity, Vice President of Public Affairs, and Executive Director of Nyack’s Alumni Association. He passed away after the last edition of The Path went to press. The following are sound bites from a tribute that his son, Robert Taylor (Class of 1985), shared at a Shell Point Retirement Community memorial service.

“Before I brag about the greatest man in my life, let me say to the Nyack College community, thank you. My dad tried preparing me for his passage, but he forgot to mention the legacy he was leaving would inevitably bring about massive amounts of phone calls. I guess during the Depression there were no cell phones.

Nyack College was Dad’s life. Here is a little trivia for Nyack Alumni. Dad was called, “Mr. Nyack” in the 1964 yearbook by Brad Hess. Dad loved Nyack, and always believed Nyack College gave him his life. Nothing pleased Dad more than for his children to put money into the Laverne LeGary Scholarship fund instead of buying him a birthday or Christmas present.

As his son, I can remember asking “Dad, why are you not president of Nyack?” He would reply, “Someone has to keep these guys going forward.” Dad went on to say, people have different strengths, (Dr.) Tom Bailey, Dr. (Harold) Boon, and Dr. (David) Rambo’s strengths were vision. Dad’s strength was making their vision come to life. He enjoyed serving all of these men…. Dad loved hanging with his Christian brothers.

You see for me, Dad’s legacy is more about his accomplishments, it was about a humble man who loved his Lord, family, friends, and Nyack College. His life was dedicated to all. When you remember him, know he would want you to send a gift to the college. We set up a scholarship under his name. It is the wish of his children, grandchildren and siblings that any gifts in his memory go to the Dr. John Taylor Memorial Scholarship.” Donations can be made payable to Nyack College and sent to Nyack College, ATTN: Mrs. Dona Schepens, 1 South Blvd., Nyack, NY 10960.
The Christian Education major was a World Prayer Band member, officer of the Logicians and on the Missionarian staff. She met her husband, Dr. Harold Best, before coming to Nyack. Dr. Best was a former Director of the Nyack School of Music. The Bests, who moved first to Wheaton, IL in 1970, relocated to North Idaho in 1989. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January 2007.

The Coeur d’Alene Press in Ohio reported of Mrs. Best, “She loved Jesus Christ, studied his Word ardently, and lived for Him faithfully.”

The Coeur d’Alene Press in Ohio reported of Mrs. Best, “She loved Jesus Christ, studied his Word ardently, and lived for Him faithfully.”

Juel Marie Warner Best (NC ’59) 1936-2007

Neighborhood Alliance Church was more like an echo chamber than a sanctuary on February 7, 2008. Family and friends who paid tribute to Kathy Mascaro ran out of original thoughts. Each one spoke words that were really synonyms for being Christlike. Comforting. Gentle. Warm. Encouraging. As those gathered listened to sweet memories of the Nyack alumna, heads nodded in agreement about the descriptions of her compassionate smile, her tender gaze, her unforgettable hugs and her steadfast faith. She was unmistakably a woman with a healing touch to be remembered by her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Luedeke; husband, Augustine (NC’ 68); children--Stephen, Anita, Daniel and Melissa; grandchildren--Ethan, Jacob, and Seth; and siblings--Sue, Jon, and Jamie.

Kathy’s life was exquisitely expressed by her son, Stephen, who talked about a trip he and his wife, Debra, took in 2005 with his parents to the Arches National Park in Moab, Utah. They made the three-mile round trip on the Delicate Arch trail—in 100 degree heat. Steve explained how his mother, who battled cancer, had to rest frequently along the way. “But she never gave up and when she finally made it to the top, she exclaimed how beautiful it was,” he shared. He likened Kathy’s hike as “an allegory for the last year of her life…she struggled, but never gave up.” As he recounted this precious vacation time together, he also spoke of how happy he always was to receive a call from his Mom. He reflected how he could almost expect to get a call from his mother any time and hear her say of heaven, “You wouldn’t believe the view!”

A graduate of Taylor University, Miami School of Nursing, Kathy also studied Bible and missions at Nyack College.

Kathy’s life was exquisitely expressed by her son, Stephen, who talked about a trip he and his wife, Debra, took in 2005 with his parents to the Arches National Park in Moab, Utah. They made the three-mile round trip on the Delicate Arch trail—in 100 degree heat. Steve explained how his mother, who battled cancer, had to rest frequently along the way. “But she never gave up and when she finally made it to the top, she exclaimed how beautiful it was,” he shared. He likened Kathy’s hike as “an allegory for the last year of her life…she struggled, but never gave up.” As he recounted this precious vacation time together, he also spoke of how happy he always was to receive a call from his Mom. He reflected how he could almost expect to get a call from his mother any time and hear her say of heaven, “You wouldn’t believe the view!”

Because she was a registered nurse, news of Nyack’s plans for a 2009 launch of a nursing program excited her and she agreed to be photographed for the nursing program ad in the Summer 2006 Path. From her quote on the Nyack web she shared, “Nursing at Nyack is a dream come true!...To be a Christian nurse, educated with a biblical worldview, is a high calling and a privilege. Nyack offers a great opportunity to fulfill this dream on the doorstep of New York City!”

The Kathleen L. Mascaro Memorial Nursing Fund, an endowed scholarship, has been established. Donations to the fund can be mailed to Nyack College, 1 South Boulevard, Nyack, NY 10960 or contributed online at http://nyackcollege.edu/giving.
CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL

Rose-Marie Armstrong
Barbara Austin-Lucas
Tom and Janice Bailey
Allen and Nada Bisbee
Paul and Alice Boyer
Bryan and Lucy Burrell
Brian and Sheila Carlblom
Stephen and Paula Clark
Neal Clarke
Flo Cobaugh
Jeff and Heather Cory
Charles Dale
Jim and Marian Davey
Steve and Brenda Dixon
Donald and Anna Mae Draggoo
Ronald and Marilyn Eastman
Penny Foland
Bill and Carol Ann Freeman
Grace Gabriolo
Doug and Helen Gettle
Kerry and Debbie Graff
Dion and Grace Harrigan
Elizabeth Harris
Glenn and Judy Harris
Fred and Carrol Henry
Stanley Hiers
Tony Jaston
David and Cindy Jennings
Steve and Judy Julian
Young Soon Kim
Dean and Joan King
Dorothy King
William Lam
John and Priscilla Laski
Shirley Lemberger
Dennis and JoAnn Looney
Rexford and Terry MacGregor
Mark and Ticia Meehan
Lesly and Carole Milord
Jim and Ann Muckell
Roy and Evelyn Naevestad
Peter and Jerry Nanfelt
Sunny and Virginia Ng
Roger and Doris Parsels
Dick and Eleanor Pease
Harold and Nancy Perkins
Miles Reese
Dorothy Ritter
Luis and Carol Robles
Neal and Armada Rogers
Dwight and Tawnya Safer
Mike and Susan Scales
Ben and Dona Schepens
Arnold and Nelle Seefeldt
Bruce and Becky Sexton
Hank and Jennifer Snyder
Crystal Telfair
Henry and Kathleen Thompson
Bob and Elaine Turner
Jane Votava
Ron and Wanda Walborn
Harold and Ruth Werley
Duane and Norma Wheeler
Russ and Dottie Wunker

MAKE AN INVESTMENT
with a guaranteed return!

Join Nyack’s President’s Council

President’s Council members see the importance of investing in tomorrow’s Christian leaders being educated at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. Members of this special group of investors believe in the Nyack College mission of preparing men and women for service. They have a philanthropic spirit to help fund excellence in education at Nyack and ATS to impact the world. Join the ranks and help make a difference.

Use the convenient BRE enclosed in this magazine to become a member today or contact Heather Garcia at 866-721-7946 or Heather.Garcia@nyack.edu.
ALONG THE BANKS of the HUDSON RIVER

The Hudson River is our background. Christ-centered education is our focus.

800.33.NYACK
www.nyack.edu
NEW YORK CITY CHURCH LEADERS APPLAUD THE IMPACT OF NYACK COLLEGE AND ALLIANCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY…

“The reason I chose [to attend] Alliance Theological Seminary was A.B. Simpson. The history of ATS is consistent with the orthodoxy of the Christian faith. When you have seminaries around the country questioning whether God is male or female, you’re getting away from the Bible. I was looking for a faith-filled environment that believed in the authority of Scripture.”

A. R. Bernard, Senior Pastor
Christian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY

“Nyack College began through A.B. Simpson’s vision for a school that would teach believers the Bible and develop dependence on the Holy Spirit so men and women could bless the world for Jesus Christ. Thank God that Nyack continues today to fulfill its high calling in preparing Christians to do the work of the Lord.”

Jim Cymbala, Senior Pastor
The Brooklyn Tabernacle, Brooklyn, NY

“Nyack College gives to the City the spiritual vitality and missionary zeal that is part of the DNA planted here by its founder A. B. Simpson over 100 years ago when he called the new school a ‘missionary training college.’ As a Senior Pastor in the City, I am grateful to God for the biblical and academic resources the college offers to all the nations of the world who now live in this ‘Global City.’”

Dr. Robert Johansson, Senior Pastor
Evangel Church, Long Island City, NY

“I am totally convinced that the presence of Nyack College here in the NYC metropolitan area is a God-send. The superb level of theological training is not only a blessing to the urban church but it is also impacting the shape of ministry into the future by empowering leaders to reach their fullest potential. I guide all emerging leaders to Nyack College. It is an institution that is a treasure to the vitality of ministry in this context.”

Marc Rivera, D.Min., Senior Pastor
Primitive Christian Church, New York, NY