From Soup to Nuts: A Formula for Success
Commencement Issue
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Bloomfield College Alumni Association

Saturday, October 20, 2012
Bloomfield College campus
A day full of events for alumni is being planned.

Athletic events:
Women’s Soccer @ 11am at Foley Field
Women’s Volleyball @ 12pm in the Gym
Men’s Soccer @ 2pm at Foley Field

The Office of Institutional Advancement is sending out more emails about current events at the college and reminders about events. We need your current email address.

If you are not getting our emails, please send us a note at advancement@bloomfield.edu.

And while you are writing to us, send us your news as well! We look forward to hearing from you!

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Our Mission:

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

On campus we are about to start the new academic year. But forgive us if we dwell just a bit on our recent Commencement, our 139th. The commencement week activities were uplifting. The nurses pinning and the baccalaureate service publicly lauded students who earned their Bloomfield College nursing pin and those who earned honors in their chosen fields of study. In the evening we feted our honorary degree recipients and some of our extraordinary students at the President’s Dinner. The day of Commencement, although dreary weather-wise, was a joyful celebration of achievement. There are photos and stories about all these events in this issue of *On the Green*.

While summer is considered a time of relaxation, the campus has been quite busy with programs, renovations and planning. Knox Hall has been fully renovated and contains the offices of finance and administration, the financial aid offices and business. We are moving the International Training and Professional Studies (ITPS) into newly renovated offices at 2 Broad Street which is about a block away from the campus. College marketing and the webmaster are also in this building as are other college offices. We are expanding our footprint into Bloomfield, creating sustainable space and helping to increase the value of the downtown area.

In this issue is a description of some of the academic programs we have been working on to increase student success, retain students for their academic careers, and offer assessments to take with them into their careers. Our faculty enjoyed an exchange with Green Mountain College where they are sharing ideas about environmental, financial, and psychosocial education. This is an exciting time for our students and faculty as we share our knowledge and become more global in our thinking.

I am also happy to report that the College has been found to comply with all 14 applicable accreditation standards by the Middle States Commission and we have received a ten-year reaccreditation. We look forward to many future generations of students becoming members of our academic family.

Deacons Fest is right around the corner, on October 20, 2012. This day is filled with events for new and current students, families, and our alumni. I hope I see you there.

Enjoy this issue of *On the Green*!

Sincerely,

Richard A. Levao, President
From Soup...

Higher education is constantly a work in progress. To provide an outstanding education requires continuous changes, upgrades, and progressive thought. Higher education is directly impacted by the curricula of the kindergarten-to-grade-12 education, not only in public and private schools, but also of global institutions. Bloomfield College takes this mission very seriously and works behind the classroom scene to use the collective intelligence, skills, and talents of the faculty to give our students a progressive, education that includes critical thinking, problem solving and a love of lifelong learning.

Faculty exchange ideas

This summer, 15 Bloomfield College faculty travelled to Green Mountain College in Vermont to discuss the co-creation of a sustainability model of education that includes environmental, financial and psycho-social learning. Green Mountain College is similar to Bloomfield College in its student-to-faculty ratio and its history and mission. This faculty summit will increase knowledge for the faculty of both colleges with the Green Mountain faculty offering sustainability knowledge for environmental education, while Bloomfield College faculty will lend their expertise for financial and psycho-social education. Both colleges emphasize liberal arts to give students a well-rounded education.

Multidisciplinary learning

Also new this year is the Geographies of Experience or GEO courses. These courses are designed to give a grounding in the scientific, cultural and historical processes that have shaped the world. Based on experiential learning and the integration of field trips with classroom work, the GEO courses provide a common immersion experience in culture, art, ecology, and science, all of which are designed to stimulate curiosity and imagination. A requirement for first year students, the GEO courses are multidisciplinary; incorporating culture, religion, music, art, environmental science, and philosophy as well as other studies, such as journal writing, reading, and discussion. According to Dr. Marion Terenzio, VP of academic affairs, “The advantage of cross disciplinary connections is to provide an all-encompassing lens to the issues of a complex world, which requires understanding the issues from many angles.”

...to Nuts
From here, the students will participate in a Cultural Enrichment Program which builds on the experiences in the GEO courses. With the College located in the New York metropolitan region that is rich in cultural opportunities, the program will help students broaden their world and discover the advantages to life-long learning. Not only will the faculty offer experiences in cultural enrichment, but the students themselves will be required to seek out avenues of learning related to their classes or personal interests. These new initiatives will further the mission of Bloomfield College to prepare students to attain academic, personal and professional excellence in a multi-cultural and global society.

These new courses also benefit faculty learning as they work together outside of their own disciplines to understand the complexity of the topics. For example, a course in geography will have the elements of humanities, social sciences and physical sciences.

**Record number of BC students conducting summer research**

On the research front, Bloomfield College has more students working on research, not only with Bloomfield College faculty, but also in institutions across the country. Topics in the areas of psychology, religion, history, sociology, biology, journalism, English, and mathematics are being studied this summer by Bloomfield College students. The venues range from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to University of California, University of Nevada, Tuskegee University, Rutgers, Montclair State, and Bloomfield College. With a generous assist from college alumnus Don Ross ’52, ten students received a stipend that allowed them to focus on the research and not having to find a summer job. “Mr. Ross understands the benefits to the students of conducting summer research in their long-range career goals,” says Dr. Terenzio. “The opportunity to conduct research is critical for their futures as grad students or on their résumés when seeking professional jobs.” Additional stipends are through the McNair and LSAMP programs.

**Stellar students study abroad**

Katie Aumann is a biochemistry major and an athlete. She was accepted by AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study) for summer study at Veritas University in Costa Rica. Katie is a recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship, which is an international scholarship program under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. There were 2600 applications for 500 awards. She was also awarded additional scholarships from AIFS. As an Honors Program student, Katie is eligible for the Maureen Grant Scholarship for Study Abroad.

Jose Trucios, a criminal justice major, is originally from Peru. He was in the EAP program and now is a member of the Honors Program. Jose is studying in the fall at the University of Seville through CCIS (College Consortium of International Studies) and will be taking all his courses in Spanish. He is a recipient of the CCIS Scholarship for $1000, one of only three that were awarded. Jose is also eligible for the Maureen Grant Scholarship for Study Abroad.

Katie Aumann receives the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award in the spring of 2012. According to her professor, Dr. Maria Vogt, “You cannot keep Katie out of the lab!”
**THE BOARD ROOM**

**Hector O. Banegas, CTFA**

**ePortfolios offer students benefits beyond their academic experience**

ePortfolios are being widely adopted by colleges and universities for many purposes; as teaching tools and evaluation tools for student learning, for teacher evaluation and institutional evaluation, for career preparation and as gateways to lifelong learning. They hold promise for teaching and evaluating students and programs in general education and in majors such as education, history and creative arts and technology at Bloomfield College. A group of faculty members spent time over the summer studying the advantages of instituting ePortfolios at Bloomfield College. They felt that ePortfolios can be used to enhance student engagement as well as to provide assessment opportunities for individual students and to teach as well as measure college-wide student learning outcomes. They also investigated the use of smartphone technologies for building ePortfolios.

**Jumpstarting into college math**

Students who are admitted to Bloomfield College often take placement tests to determine at what level they can perform in the college math courses. In some cases, a summer course is required to bring them up to the required performance level. This summer, the course is being given without tapping into the students’ financial aid and giving some college credit upon successful completion of this strenuous curriculum. The program is free to the students who need it, therefore not increasing their debt load before they matriculate into their chosen majors. “We are one of very few colleges who are offering this,” says Dr. Terenzio. “Many students in other colleges have to tap into their financial aid to take non-credit courses. We think that by giving them a successful jumpstart that we will be able to retain them into their college careers.”

**Bloomfield College Board of Trustees welcomes Hector O. Banegas to its ranks. Banegas is senior vice president and senior wealth strategist for the northeast region of Wells Fargo Private Bank. As part of the wealth planning group, Banegas works with high net-worth clients to help develop customized wealth plans and implement solutions based on thorough understanding of their personal values, asset growth and wealth transfer goals, and vision for their legacy. Banegas has been in the financial services industry for 32 years.**

Prior to joining Wells Fargo Private Bank in July, 1993, Banegas was a regional director with Wachovia Bank’s Retirement Services Group where he and his team were responsible for providing law, accounting, and other professional firms with investment and administrative services for qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans. Previously, he held various management and client advisory responsibilities at Equitable/AXA Group and the Martin E. Segal Company.

Banegas earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College, where he was also a professor assistant in the Romance Languages Department. He earned his certified trust and financial advisor (CTFA) designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers and completed the Financial Planning Certificate Program at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

He is very involved in his community where he serves as trustee and president of the Board of Hispanic Business Council Scholarship Foundation of New Jersey, is on the advisory board and selection committee of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County’s Bergen LEADS program and acts as a mentor for the Wealth Management and Amherst College mentoring programs. Banegas has supported Habitat for Humanity, the Latino Institute, the Girls Scouts of Bergen County, Reading First, the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and various other philanthropic organizations. Wells Fargo recently recognized him as a diversity champion and he just completed a two-year term on the bank’s Wealth Management Diversity Council.

His wife, Ann, is the chair of the Foreign Language Department at the primary school of Montclair Kimberly Academy. They are long-time residents of Upper Montclair, NJ.
Edward Heftman sees a college education as a way to learn how to think. “It’s not what you learned that is important,” he says, “it is learning to think. Having a well-rounded education is most important for being prepared to attack the world.”

Heftman originally began his academic career as a pharmacy student at Rutgers. Realizing that this was not a good career path, he took a semester off to explore his options. “I went to college at the age of 17,” he recalls. “I was not ready to make a career decision at that age and needed some time off.” Rutger’s loss was Bloomfield College’s gain as Heftman enrolled as an English major. “I appreciate Bloomfield College giving me the second chance I needed and I began to understand the importance of higher education.” He had two professors who had an impact on his way of thinking, Dr. George Mize and Dr. Wilson. “They taught their classes in such a way that I was a better person for having taken them,” he remembers.
Education to Heftman is not just found in the classroom. As he moved through his career, he used every opportunity to learn more than just his job responsibilities; he learned about finance, business administration, product formulation, and marketing. As a result, he found himself climbing the corporate ladder quickly and learning more on each rung. While employed by Redken, he delved into all aspects of the company, which led him to…

Tee Tree Therapy, the company he founded with his business and life partner, Suzanne Dean. Dean’s former in-laws had a tea tree business in Australia. “One morning, I looked at Suzanne and said ‘We should just start our own line of products,’” Heftman remembers. “That was it, no other conversation until the next day when we began to design labels, create product formulations and get the business rolling. In six months, we were a fully functioning company with seven products.”

While Heftman makes it all sound easy, he admits that much of his success as an entrepreneur is based on the skills he learned while employed by Redken. And Dean, who had been in the business for a number of years, had a wide network of contacts. He says, “We went to the Tree of Life distributor with absolutely nothing; no product, no label, no production dates. But Suzanne knew him and he told us to ship to the company’s six locations when the product was ready!”

Now, the company has product in every health food store in the country, either under their label or as bulk oil sold to other manufacturers. They estimate that they are either number one or two when it comes to tea tree oil sales. Last year, Tea Tree Therapy garnered three percent of the personal care product sales in the Whole Foods market alone. (Whole Foods’ third-quarter sales for 2012 were up 14 percent to $2.7 billion.) Additionally, the company owns a 10,000-acre farm with 30 million tea trees in Australia.

When asked about any advice he would give to new entrepreneurs, Heftman was very candid. “You need to not only have the abilities yourself but knowledgeable people behind you to pull it off,” he relates. “Success requires using your available resources and listening to those people who might be smarter than you about the subject. Run the company with your head, not your heart, be objective and think through your decisions,” Heftman advises. “And listen to the people who know your market; don’t assume that because a product or service will work in one area, that it will work everywhere.”

When Heftman and Dean are not traversing the country for trade shows, he is very involved in senior softball leagues. His team holds two world champion titles and currently is the national champion. He is the team’s pitcher.

Heftman speaks bluntly on the topic of philanthropy. “As we grow older and have our successes, we need to give back so that the next generation can have their successes,” had advises. Heftman and Dean give to charitable causes that are very near and dear to them. “We have had some life experiences in the past few years that have altered our approach to giving,” he says. “We are firm believers in philanthropy and believe that everyone can give back in some degree, whether it is through donations of time or money.”

Heftman and Dean live in Santa Barbara, CA, close to their combined four daughters and their families.

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**About tea tree oil:**

When Captain Cook landed in Australia in 1770 he found the locals brewing leaves in a tea for medicinal purposes and he assumed it was tea. He named the plant the tea tree. He soon learned that the Aborigines had many uses for tea tree leaves from soothing headaches and cleaning minor cuts to a host of topical skin ailments and foot fungus. Crushed leaves were applied directly to an injury and then held in place with a mud pack. This poultice helped fight infection in the wound.

This new found knowledge struck a chord with Captain Cook. Australia was originally an English penal colony and such a distance from England meant limited access to traditional medicines. Captain Cook and his men were grateful to the local natives (Aborigines) for showing them the uses for the tea tree, primarily the oil from its leaves.

The tea tree is native to Australia and it takes thousands of pounds of leaves to create the oils in mass quantities. Today, the oils are used for treating acne, colds and flus, personal care such as soaps, shampoos, dental care, and pet care.

Tea Tree Therapy can be found in health food stores and online at teatreetherapy.com.
On the Quad

Green Hearts go to Green Mountain College to learn sustainability

Six students from the Green Hearts group spent an intense week in a Sustainable Farm Seminar this summer learning about sustainable food practices from a wide array of experts including an urban farming research center. They visited the home of Jenna Wogarich, an author and blogger about sustainable farming, where they learned about cultivating fruits and the basics of using compost to develop a garden. Merck Forest and Farmland Center gave them experience in animal husbandry and garden organization and they took a trip to a large commercial organic vegetable farm that runs a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) with outreach to more than 200 customers and a farm and garden center. The students joined a class in sustainable agriculture at Green Mountain College and learned about growing and harvesting many types of vegetables and weed control. The final leg of the trip was to a communal farm where they learned about how the farm developed into an enterprise.

The Green Hearts have a garden plot on campus which is growing nicely with much cultivation from the students. The produce is being donated to a local food pantry so that local people can enjoy fresh vegetables.

Top: From left are students Tamara Cooper, Cory Harrell, Chinedu Anyiam, Edwin Ortiz, Sandy Van Dyk, professor and Green Hearts advisor, and one of their hosts, Scott.

Inset: Working the fields at an organic farm are, from left, Green Heart members Chinedu Anyiam, Tamara Cooper, Michael Palmieri ’12, Edwin Ortiz, and Cory Harrell.

Welcome to the new VP for Finance and Administration: Howard Buxbaum

Howard Buxbaum has joined Bloomfield College as vice president for finance and administration. He is responsible for finance, human resources, IT, institutional research, and facilities.

Prior to joining Bloomfield, Howard was the vice president for finance and business affairs at Drew University in Madison, NJ. He has held senior positions at New Jersey City University, Bank Street College, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Buxbaum started his career in New York State government serving in positions involving planning and financial management.

Buxbaum has a bachelor’s and master’s degree from State University of New York, New Paltz and Binghamton respectively, and has taken a number of accounting courses. He came to Bloomfield College because he was familiar with the culture of the college and liked the mission. “In a small college, you get to know the people with whom you work,” he says. “This campus is full of friendly people and I am impressed with how hard everyone works.” He also notes that Bloomfield College has many challenges, which is a good situation as it keeps the college moving forward and looking for ways to improve and offer students an excellent education.

His goals for his position involve making sure the resources are being maximized and to generate revenue. He feels that investment in the college is a recruitment tool that will attract and retain students. He looks to the future with the college’s mission firmly in place to continue to diversify the student body and plan for more programs, particularly in graduate studies.
In an event that is becoming an annual celebration, the Korean students from the ITPS division hosted a festival on the Quad that included authentic foods, a mock wedding ceremony, traditional Korean dances, games, contemporary music sung in both Korean and English, and calligraphy.

All the food had been prepared by the Korean students from the Global Internship, TICKET and MAST programs. Bulgogi, which is Korean bar-be-que; sanjeok, a kabob-style dish with vegetables and meats; and bibimbap, known as a taste of harmony served with hot pepper sauce, were among the dishes available to the College community. “These students have been preparing food for a week,” says Dr. Peter Jeong, vice president for ITPS.

The diners were treated to a mock wedding as one of the Korean teachers explained the ceremony. The bride and groom sit on opposite sides of a table and seal their vows by sharing a drink. The groom’s mother tosses nuts into an apron the bride and groom form to foretell the number of grandchildren she may expect.

Two dances were performed, a drum dance by a solo performer and a fan dance performed by a trio of performers. As they danced, the traditional skirts whirled around their feet in a rainbow of color.

The younger generation performed contemporary rock songs in both Korean and English. Students danced off-stage and provided a choral backup.

“Sharing our cultures is one of the hallmarks of Bloomfield College,” says President Richard Levao. It was most certainly a delicious and educational way to spend an afternoon.

What’s more American than BBQ? Sharing it with friends of course! The International BBQ was held in the Deacon’s Den and attended by the students in the summer internship program and the intensive ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. The students are majoring in business administration, nursing, IT, marking, hospitality, and health-related services. Many are interning in local businesses and health-care centers and several are working on campus in various departments getting a taste of their chosen professions and perfecting their English-language skills.
The effects of *Outsourced*

by Shakira Gittens ’13, Communications and Broadcast Journalism major

The Bloomfield College Art Gallery presented Robin Holder’s exhibit *Outsourced* in April, 2012 with a panel of content experts to discuss the sociological, psychological, and economic impact of outsourcing. The exhibit was inspired by international child labor issues and how it affects America, or better yet, how we all contribute to this injustice by outsourcing.

Robin Holder is very passionate about making a difference in communities through her art. Her mission is to make people aware of what is happening in their communities and relate them through art to experience in real life. Holder believes that art is a dialogue to express issues that affects us all. She is fervent about outsourcing because it affects the social structure of America. Since we are outsourcing, we are not profiting from the commerce in this country and we are taking away our own security. “It’s not possible to separate political and social problems that go on in the world,” Holder said.

Signing up for Professor Halima Taha’s African American art class was just to fill a requirement needed to graduate. This class became more than that, possibly the most important class of my college career. One class intersected with another as I learned about the history of African American art. The struggles that the subjects of the art endured made my understanding of sociology clearer. The struggle of women to succeed in literature made...
sense. My perspective shifted heavily during this course because I was encouraged to think outside the box which gave me the courage to substantiate my own ideas.

The panel of Outsourced also helped in connecting the academic world to the art that I had seen and learned about. Erica Polakoff, a professor of sociology and women’s studies, commented on the politics and cultural structure of outsourcing. The life and culture in other countries are changing because young children are the laborers of the family. The social class depends on the children because they are working for less than a dollar a day, which makes the gap between the rich and the poor more significant. “Child labor condemns the child and the family. There is chance no progression or education,” she commented.

“Children are not getting what they need to develop,” says Dr. Rashmi Jaipal, a psychology professor. Children that are victim to child labor injustices are more likely to become depressed, commit suicide, and destroy family relationships. She has seen the damage of outsourcing on families in her native India.

Thomas Slaughter, a professor in philosophy, ended the panel with some intriguing thoughts. “In living life we need values in addition to facts; we live by way of our beliefs.” Commenting on the “dog-eat-dog” concept of humans trying to survive versus the respect for human value and human conditions, he continued, “Everything I have on was made in this system, it’s a struggle to arrive at better ideas for a better solution.”

The curatorial mission of the Art Gallery is defined by an exhibition’s ability to present strong visual statements within an international art canon that inspire interdisciplinary public programs, scholarship and discourse. Multimedia exhibitions are inclusive, but not limited to, painting, printmaking, book arts, mixed media, sculpture, photography, and installation, by emerging, mid-career and established artists and will be the catalyst for thematic interdisciplinary panel discussions, film viewings, publications, and master artist/lecture Series. Cutting edge and historic exhibitions combined with engaging public programs serve to compliment and reinforce the Bloomfield College curriculum. Collaborative efforts are being developed for exhibition loans, expertise, and programming with museums across the country.

What’s showing in the fall
The next exhibit, scheduled for October, 2012 is a photographic series by Laylah Amatullah Barrayn titled Her Word as Witness: Women Writers of the African Diaspora. This collection images will be a set of large format photographic portraits of 35 women writers of African descent.

Her Word as Witness is a visual testimony of these women of letters who are also daughters of the diaspora. Their stories are born in their minds in languages of English, Spanish, Patois, Créole, Wolof, Arabic, and Gullah. Her Word as Witness: Women Writers of the African Diaspora will serve as a visual tribute to mothers of literature and letters.

The new gallery is located on the upper floor of the Library.
The President’s Dinner is held the evening before Commencement and gives the honorary degree recipients an opportunity to meet some of Bloomfield College’s brightest and best students, board members, faculty, alumni, and past recipients. Several students spoke about their journeys through higher education and their outstanding achievements in spite of their personal challenges. The evening was aptly summed up by President Levao when he remarked, “We make the world a better place.”
Enjoying the cocktail hour are guests from the Universidad Inca Garcilaso de la Vega in Lima, Peru. From left, Dr. Jesus Antonio Rivera Oré, dean of the School of Law and Political Science; Dr. Manuel Alpaca, Dr. Luis Cervantes Liñán H’07, chancellor; Dr. Peter Jeong, vice president of International Training and Professional Studies, BC; Dr. Julio Villar, Dr. Raul Gonzalez Herrera, dean of Business Administration and Economics; and Dr. Lorenzo Cruz.

Jeanne Smith and trustees Maureen Grant and Anne Moreau Thomas participate in the celebration of a great year.

Alumni enjoying the festivities are from left, back row: Maureen Hypolite ’09, Win Zengerle N’52, Janis Oolie, director of annual giving and alumni relations; Frank Corrado ’69, John Murdock ’73, and John Delucca ’66, BCAA president and Bloomfield College Board of Trustees vice chair; and seated from left are guest Pecola Allen, Errol Narvaez ’09, and Saundra Drayton ’03.
May is the month of recognition

As finals are completed, students ready themselves for summer, and seniors prepare for graduation, the month of May becomes a celebration of achievements and successes. Several groups on campus hold events that recognize the completion of the academic year with friends and families gathered to share in the revelry.

Going back to college at any age

The Kellman Course in the Humanities is designed to give adult learners who had not attended college because of lifestyles and/or finances the opportunity to get their feet wet as students. The nine-month long program has the students delving into philosophy, art history, and writing giving them three-college credits upon completion of the program. Many of the students from past Kellman courses have gone on to finish their degrees and some have aspired to graduate school.

The Kellman class of 2012 upon completing their studies.
The Pinning Ceremony for the graduating class of nurses is a time for the students, their families and friends, and the faculty to celebrate years of intense study. The pin is a symbol of the school from which the new nurses graduated as well as signifying them as professionals. This year’s ceremony was especially poignant with the posthumous awarding of the Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing pin to Richard Moody’s daughter, LoriJeane Moody. Richard passed away late last year after battling an illness. He was a favorite among the students and faculty and the awarding of his pin reminded all of the fragility of life. Altangracia Batista ’12 received the Florence Nightingale Award; Bernadette Johnson ’12 was given the Nurse with a Heart award by Helene McKnight ’84, RN, BSN, CSN; and the Mary Kuyper Memorial Award was given to Vanessa Ria Samsoon Dar ’12.
Armed with Honors

The Baccalaureate service confers upon students the honors they have earned through high GPAs, as members of the Honors Program and honors societies. Students are draped with braided cords that are worn at the commencement exercises the following day. This service is steeped in medieval tradition in which a squire went through a ceremony to become a knight and his armor was blessed before knighthood is given. Bloomfield College seniors are armed with the knowledge that comes with diligence to their studies. Latin honors, which include cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude, are designated with a gold cord. Alpha Chi, the honor society for all majors, have a blue and green cord. The Bloomfield College Honors program are burgundy and gold. Business majors wear a purple and gold of Delta Mu Delta while Kappa Delta Pi receive purple and green for their studies in education. Psi Chi, for students majoring in psychology, are blue and gray. Military veterans are given red, white, and blue cords.

The Baccalaureate speaker for the class of 2012 was award-winning actor and Tony Award-winning producer, Pun Bandhu. His message to the students centered around branding and marketing to advance in their chosen careers. He urged them to network, maintain professional and personal integrity and learn effective communication skills. He also told them to be flexible and continue to learn as companies need employees that are able to change with the times.
Honorary Degrees

Bloomfield College has graduated thousands of students, but each commencement is a milestone for the current graduating class and a special event because it celebrates that class’ achievements. This year, the Class of 2012 was 266 strong with many graduating with honors. Four extraordinary people were given honorary Doctor of Laws degrees because of their contributions to society and the role models they are to our future leaders.

Ms. Antonia Marotta-Brinton accepted the honorary degree for her late husband, S. Jervis Brinton Jr. H’12, who passed away earlier in the year. Mr. Brinton was a trustee and vice chair of the College for several years, lending his talents to many different committees. In her acceptance speech, Ms. Brinton noted that her husband had been a kind, patient man who had time for everybody and thoroughly enjoyed commencement to celebrate the achievements of the students.

Mary Jo Codey H’12, former first lady of New Jersey, educator, and women’s health advocate, told the assembly that faith, family and friends can help them through everything. She charged the graduates with a number of points including, don’t be afraid to ask for help, be aware of those around you who may need your help, grab opportunities and don’t be afraid of risks, and remember to give back to help others, especially those without a voice.

Jeh Charles Johnson H’12, general counsel for the U.S. Department of Defense, related a story of a young sergeant who gave his life with the belief that if his life saves just one child, then the sacrifice is worth it. He related this to being passionate about one’s career and future and taking risks to help others.

William Strickland Jr. H’12, president and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, social architect, community leader and visionary, told the graduates about his life in the inner city, his journey to become educated and start his center that focuses on young people, the arts, and employment training. He charged the group to work towards a better world and invited them to join him in his mission.

The Honorary degree recipients, from left, are Jeh Charles Johnson, Antonia Marotta-Brinton accepting for S. Jervis Brinton Jr., William E. Strickland Jr., and Mary Jo Codey.
Top left, Freshman Class President Sharif Thomas, on right, accepts the Book of Knowledge from senior speaker John Eagan '12.

Above, Jose Infante '12 (on right) is congratulated by Peter Gordon, associate professor of music in the creative arts and technology division.

Left, Abdul Braimah '03, the Bloomfield College Alumni Marshall for commencement, applauds the students as they march through the column of faculty, staff and alumni to the tent.

Bottom left, Michael Palmieri '12, a member of Alpha Chi, the Bloomfield College Honors program, and holds Latin Honors, with his proud mother, Lori Ann Palmieri, assistant professor of nursing at the College.

Bottom right, BC men’s basketball coach, Gerald Holmes, center, with those of his team who graduated.
We could not have done it without the support of family and friends. THANK YOU!
It’s a small world. Reverend J. Richard Szeremany recently set up a scholarship named for his sister through a charitable gift annuity. The Adrianne M. Szeremany Endowed Scholarship is for nursing students who demonstrate both financial need and academic achievement.

The charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between the college and the donor. In exchange for the gift of cash or stock to the college, the donor receives a fixed income for life as well as a tax deduction for the gift. In this case, Rev. Szeremany is able to see his gift at work through the Adrianne M. Szeremany Endowed Scholarship for nursing students, while receiving income from his gift.

Adrianne, an RN, was in the process of completing her PhD in nursing when she passed away. During her career she was a supervisor in the neo-natal unit at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ, and founded the Institute for Human Potential, a non-medical place for psychological and emotional care. She was also a good friend of Frances M. McLaughlin – the same Frances McLaughlin for whom the College’s nursing division is named. Fran McLaughlin was a member and ordained Elder of Rev. Szeremany’s church in East Orange where he served as senior pastor, organist, and choir director.

Bloomfield College fits into this world as well. After graduating from Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester with a degree in music, Rev. Szeremany came to Bloomfield College as a seminary student. The college and seminary offered him a position as the director of music (in addition to his seminary studies) directing the college choir, the touring choir, playing for daily chapel, presenting courses in hymnology and sacred church music as well as music appreciation and giving private piano, organ, and voice lessons. The touring choir would give concerts in Presbyterian churches, not only to bring music to the masses, but also to bring the name of Bloomfield College and Seminary to area churches. “This is the reason it took me four years to graduate instead of the customary three years,” he comments.

The college and seminary wanted him to stay on as the director of music, but he was ready to pursue his career as a pastor – the career for which he had been trained. He took a position in the Munn Ave. Presbyterian Church, the church also attended by Fran McLaugh- lin, and spent 22 years as the pastor, organist and choir director.

As he was planning a sabbatical, the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark approached him to pastor to their English-speaking congregation, as well as to serve as both organist and choir director. He spent eight years at this location.

“One morning I noticed several unknown people in the congregation,” he recalls. “They were members of a search committee for the East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. I was called to that church and served them for 16 years. Then, I retired!” Rev. Szeremany retired in order to spend time with his ailing wife who passed on a year ago. He now works as a full time interim musician for churches in need of an organist and/or choir director.

During the many years of his career, or perhaps careers is more appropriate, he has recorded 17 organ CDs of favorite hymn improvisations on the Psalter/Heritage label. He has played more than 1200 organ and piano recitals throughout the country appearing with several orchestras as organ soloist. For ten years he appeared as organist and liturgist on the weekly television broadcast “The Evangel Hour” broadcasting from New York City.

Rev. Szeremany fondly recalls when Knox Hall was the school chapel and all students were required to attend daily services. Knox Hall, which was recently refurbished and restored to its original magnificence, now houses the Offices of Administration and Finance.
On a personal note:

As one matures not only in years but more importantly in mind and spirit and understanding it becomes clear that life has a history – a cumulative history that plays back in one’s remembrance a multitude of experiences that have together influenced and shaped who we are. Often those experiences are overwhelming in their number and their import. So it has been for me in my rich, extended life and careers as clergy person, professional musician, concert artist and teacher. So many mentors have indeed shaped my understanding and appreciation of life and work including such influences as I have received at Bloomfield College and Seminary. I am very much aware of the Bloomfield influence of excellence at work throughout my life and work: its call for excellence and diligence in academics; its encouragement and support for success; its high call to Lux in Tenebris. How does one say “Thank you?” Of course there are numerous ways we can respond to that question but the way that seemed most appropriate for me was to set aside a portion of my “blessings” to support the on-going work of Bloomfield my mentor, to remember the excellence and effectiveness of my sister Adrianne’s ministry through nursing and to make some provision for those who study today that they can be the leaders and faithful workers of tomorrow who follow not the stars in the heavens but the stars in their brains – their inspiration – and who strive always for the manifestation in their lives and in this world of Lux in Tenebris.

– Rev. Richard Szeremany

The 1868 Legacy Society
Charitable Gift Annuities

The 1868 Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have generously made a deferred gift to Bloomfield College. These gifts include life insurance policies, bequests, retirement plans, charitable trusts, and charitable gift annuities.

The charitable gift annuity is a wonderful way for you to receive fixed annuity income for life while leaving a legacy at Bloomfield College. In exchange for a gift you make up front, you choose to receive payments on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. There are many benefits of a charitable gift annuity, including potential tax savings, guaranteed lifetime payments, and the personal satisfaction of touching the lives of Bloomfield College students.

The charitable gift annuity rate is determined by when you make your gift and when you start to collect payments. Below are rates effective July 2011.

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Annuity payments are backed by the full faith and credit of the Presbyterian Foundation. Additionally, a portion of your gift may be immediately available to support Bloomfield College, allowing you to see your gift at work during your lifetime.

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Center for Academic Development

ELAINE BRYANT is a professional tutor and math ACF adjunct instructor. She was one of 50 teachers chosen nationwide to be a Siemens STEM Institute Fellow this year. Elaine received a B.A. in mathematics education from Kean University, and is currently completing an M.A. Instruction & Curriculum from Kean University. She is enrolled in a doctoral program at Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. She teaches high school mathematics at East Orange STEM Academy High School, and is also a curriculum writer for The New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning’s Progressive Mathematics Initiative.

Creative Arts and Technology

LAURA NOVA, associate professor, was awarded artist-in-residence from the National Park Service for her project “Feed Me a Story” on Liberty and Ellis Island.

HISANI P. DUBOSE, adjunct lecturer, has partnered with musician/educator Leslie Ford in the company Partners of Four Way Vision Productions, LLP and recently launched The Max-E Channel with its first real-life series Football Girls!, which follows the 2012 season of the New Jersey Titans women’s professional tackle football team. Their goal is to present quality entertainment that may not be found anywhere else. Students Tamzen Jackson, Jason Kelley, Laikhben Excellent, Andre Douglas, Pedro Guzman, Donald Chavies and Courtney Camon, all of whom have taken classes with DuBose came on as the crew. View their current and future productions at www.themoxechannel.com

Education

AMY EGUCHI, PHD, assistant professor of teacher education, presented two papers at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education Annual Conference 2012. Her papers were titled “Is Educational Robotics for Everyone? – a Case study of a 4th grade education robotics unit,” and “Student Learning Experience through CoSpace Educational Robotics.” She also chaired the RoboCup Junior NY/NJ 2012 Annual Tournament at the Liberty Science Center. She included students taking the Introduction to Educational Technology and Robotics as a Learning Tool.

Humanities

JEANNE NUTTER, PHD, professor of communication, premiered her film Conversation with Edward Loper: An African American Painter at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, DE.

PAUL PUCHIO, PHD, associate professor of English, presented “Even Administrators have Souls” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in St. Louis, MO. He also published “Lines of Beauty: The Accomplishment of Look, I made a Hat,” a review of Stephen Sondheim’s Look, I made a Hat: Collected Lyrics in the summer 2012 issue of the Sondheim Review.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

DUNJA TRUNK, PHD, assistant professor of psychology, presented her research “Do Individual Learning Styles Affect Memory and Comprehension for Audio Narratives?” at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

RASHMI JAIPAL, PHD, professor of psychology, was chosen as one of five psychologists to work with the United Nations representing the American Psychological Association (APA). The APA representatives will be assigned to various NGO and UN councils/committees to try to influence policy from a psychological point of view. She was selected on the basis of her interests in working on sustainability and development, poverty and marginalized populations, immigration and acculturation issues and the psychological effects of globalization, from a psychological standpoint.

Athletics

ROCCO CONSTANTINO, women’s softball coach and assistant athletic director, led Bloomfield to a fantastic softball season. The Deacons finished 32-22 in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, with the 32 wins representing the second most in school history since the program became an NCAA Division II member 10 years ago. For the first time in school history, Bloomfield qualified for the CACC softball championship round and made the league playoffs for the fourth time in the last six years.

Library

DAN FIGUEREDO, Library director, is the author of the essay Mi embarque: The embargo, about the U.S. embargo on Cuba. The essay was published by ABC/ClIO and is used by schools and colleges across the country through the database American Mosaic. He was invited to Columbia University’s conference on Cuban writers to present his paper titled “The Mariel Generation,” about Cuban exile writers of the 1980s. In the fall, he was visiting scholar at Naugatuck Valley Community College where he led a training workshop for faculty on incorporating Latino studies into the curriculum and taught a class on the history of the Caribbean.

Westminster Arts Center

Author Gregory Allen with fans; Nicole Quinn, director of events and donor relations, and her son, Christopher.

GREGORY ALLEN, managing director, and his book, Chicken Boy, a Superhero with Autism, was the winner of the 2011 People’s Choice Grand Prize in the MeGenius Author Challenge. The story is based on his weekly dinners with his godson. The book was originally available only through eBooks and is now in print format. He held several book signings in the local area.
Message from the BCAA

Dear alumni and friends,

Each year as I attend the commencement ceremony, I am amazed at the caliber of students we are graduating from Bloomfield College. As with many of us, a majority of our students are the first generation to graduate from college. Their drive and motivation reminds me of our time on campus when we worked hard for our education – with a little fun thrown in of course!

Being involved with Bloomfield College through working on the board of trustees or through the BCAA, attending events and talking to our recent graduates is a way that I keep the memories of my “younger” years alive and knowing that I am participating in the education of today’s students is a gratifying experience. Being involved with the alumni association, having the opportunities to be with my fellow alumni and watching our young alumni become involved is also a bonus for me. While I love a party, we are in this to benefit today’s students. Participating in commencement brings this all home.

This year, the BCAA enjoyed a trip to Atlantic City, honored three notable people at our Spring Gala, participated in the nurses pinning ceremony and commencement, and lazed under the cabana at Bar-A. Individual alumni have been active in the classroom as guest speakers, on the road at college fairs, and helping out as mentors and coaches. We are seeking ways to increase our presence as Bloomfield College alumni and as representatives of the school to the community. If you have ideas or would like to work alongside us, we would love to have you participate. Start by contacting the Office of Institutional Advancement at advancement@bloomfield.edu.

The next big event is Deacons Fest on October 20, 2012. This event is always enjoyed by all and I hope I see you there!

Best wishes,

John Delucca ’66
President, BCAA
Vice Chair, Bloomfield College Board of Trustees
**Unknown class**
Christine Gallucci has been honored as “Teacher of the Year” at The Queen City Academy Charter School for the 2011-2012 school year. She received her BA in English from Monmouth University and a BA in Education from Bloomfield College. The award is in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication, and devotion to the education of her students. She teaches eighth grade students in the subjects of reading and writing. Christine has been a teacher at The Queen City Academy Charter School for six years.

**Class of 1945**
Ernie Kosa was feted at a surprise birthday party on June 14, 2012 at Angelo’s restaurant. Ernie, who turned 90, was accompanied by his wife Barbara, and spent the evening telling his guests grand stories of his younger days.

**Class of 1963**
Larry and Susan Dunster wrote in to say, “We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on June 1, 2012. We also celebrated by taking our family to London, Paris and Dunster, England before returning from Southampton to New York on the Queen Mary 2.

We were married at the former Westminster Presbyterian Church, (now the Westminster Arts Center) in Bloomfield. Following graduation from Bloomfield College, Larry completed his studies for Presbyterian Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (class of 1966) while Susan, a graduate of William Patterson University, taught third grade in the Penn Hills School District.

Larry served churches in Western Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1998 while Susan was a full-time mom for their children: Peter, Stephen, Timothy and Rebekah. The children are all married and have given us nine wonderful grandchildren.

Susan retired from substitute teaching in 2008 and Larry serves as a Sunday supply for Presbyterian Churches in Trinity Presbytery, Columbia, South Carolina. They continue to lead study groups to the Holy Lands and Europe in addition to group travel to Alaska, South America, and Russia.

**Class of 1965**
Rick Boschen has been a realtor at Prudential Florida Realty for seven years. But don’t try to call him on Sunday mornings! That is because he volunteers for the Okeechobee State Correctional Institute assisting with the religious services there. Rick often leads the inmates in prayer. Rick notes, “I am extremely grateful for the genuine but limited friendships I have developed with about 90 inmates.” He is a certified volunteer for the Department of Corrections.

**Class of 1971**
Joseph Herbert has been named the chief financial officer of DriveFactor. DriveFactor provides a data capture device that drivers plug into their vehicle and a private, consumer-friendly website shows drivers their driving habits, routes, recommendations for improvement, which can help to lower insurance rates for safe drivers.

He has served as managing director and CFO of Greenwich Associates; vice president and general manager of Prentice Hall Legal and Financial Services; and vice president and CFO of the Software and Information Services Division of Simon & Schuster and has held senior financial positions with Exxon and Schering-Plough Corporations.
World Campus Afloat, Class of Fall 1967, celebrates 45 years on dry land

Established in 1963, Semester at Sea is the only global education program of its kind in the world. Using a ship as a traveling campus, undergraduates, lifelong learners, faculty, and lecturers live and learn together while circumnavigating the globe each fall and spring semester and exploring a world region each May and summer term. Credit earned is fully transferable by the University of Virginia.

What seems a lifetime ago, in 1967, several Bloomfield College students boarded the S.S. Ryndam in New York harbor for the trip of a lifetime. The trip took them to ports of call in Portugal, Spain, multiple stops in Africa, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan and Hawaii.

Sheryl Fuller ’69 explains her feelings about the trip, 45 years later, “I expected an eye-opening experience, a view of worlds I’d only imagined. I did not expect to make friends with an Indian family that would last for the next fifteen years. I did not expect to fall in love with Asia, particularly Japan. I never expected to be on safari in Africa with a small group of cultural anthropology students.” She continues, “Did it change me? Indeed. It took me away from the security I’d known: the close-knit family in which I grew up, and the small, nurturing environment of Bloomfield College in which I flourished. It challenged me to be part of a much bigger environment...not always comfortable, often difficult, sometimes rewarding and sometimes not. It made me question what was true, who I was, what I believed, what was important.”

Carolyn Roberson Glynn ’69 adds, “This voyage and academic experience shaped many of the views that I hold about the world, socially and politically. There is no doubt that experiencing other cultures this way, with the support of an academic environment, is mind-altering and truly the way to learn and grow.”

Linda Keppel Snyder ’71 recalled, “One great memory was visiting our Vietnam vets when we visited Bangkok - our soldiers were there on R & R. We also visited our soldiers who were recuperating from their injuries before returning to the USA. While in Bangkok, a few of us stayed in a hotel and when the elevator opened for us to go to our room, out walked Bob Hope, Raquel Welch, and Barbara McNair! Bob Hope was in Thailand for his annual Christmas USO tour.” Glynn also spoke of fond memories, “I remember visiting the camp of Dr. Leaky in Tanzania with my anthropology classmates and working for a few days at an orphanage for Amerasian children in Bangkok while the Viet Nam War was going on just miles from the border.”

“I remember my first giraffe in the bush, that easy gait, that pretty head floating higher than the treetops and the equally elegant, statuesque, and graceful Masai warriors,” recalls Fuller. “One wonderful memory is the snow drifting through the light of a stone lantern, with we four travelers sleeping, side by side on futons on the tatami mat floor of a Kyoto inn; and being on deck with an apple watching an Atlantic storm create waves as big as the Ryndam.”

Where are you? Research about alumni magazines proves that the first thing readers look at are the Class Notes. Send yours in today – email advancement@bloomfield.edu or send to On the Green, Office of Institutional Advancement, 68 Oakland Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. If you send a hard copy of a photo, it will be returned to you. Or you can send photos electronically to the email listed. Let us hear from you!
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Class of 1995

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Bloomfield College
2013 Alumni Hall of Honor
Award Nomination Form

The Alumni Hall of Honor recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves by contributions they have made in their chosen fields of endeavor, by the leadership they have exhibited, and by the general benefits to the larger society resulting from their activities.

The criteria for nomination are: 1) recognition for lifelong distinguished achievement and/or, 2) one-time distinguished achievement, and 3) an alumnus or alumnae of Bloomfield College. Service to the college, including alumni involvement and financial support is not a criterion for selection, but will be viewed favorably as long as the other criteria are met. The final selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of the Bloomfield College Alumni Association Executive Council. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Nominee Name: ___________________________ Class Year: __________
(First, Middle, Last, Maiden)
Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: ________________________________
Occupation or title: ________________________________________________
Are you personally acquainted with the nominee? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please submit a bio about the nominee that contains the following information:
1. Describe the nominee’s accomplishments that would merit this award.
2. Briefly describe the nominee’s career history.
3. Describe the nominee’s contributions to Bloomfield College (involvement as a student, current activities).
You may include a CV or résumé, letters of recommendation or any other supporting materials.

Nominator Name: ___________________________ Class Year: __________
(if applicable)
Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: ________________________________
Signature: __________________________________________________________

Receipt of all nominations will be confirmed via the email addresses provided by the nominator. Nominees will not be notified of the submission.

Completed forms should be mailed no later than October 1, 2012, to:

Alumni Hall of Honor Nominating Committee
Office of Institutional Advancement
68 Oakland Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Or fax to: 973-743-2040
History: Kripa was born in Mumbai, India and came to the United States at the age of eight. She came to the Bloomfield College after one year at Rutgers to attend the Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing after she was waitlisted at Rutgers. Her father had taken a class at Bloomfield College and recommended that she apply.

Research: As part of the team participating in the first research study being conducted in the nursing division, she is studying the attitudes of students working with geriatric clients. The longitudinal study is being conducted over six academic semesters and is incorporating changes into the nursing curriculum based on the results of the study. She was hand-picked by Dr. Marianne Flood, associate professor of nursing.

About her research experience: “I have learned so much about the proper methods of research including literature reviews, creating surveys and writing case studies. It has also prepared me for my senior capstone project by showing me options and how to organize the project. I have learned that I enjoy research and would like to pursue academia as a career.” The research project is funded by a gift from Donald Ross ‘52 and a grant from the federal Predominately Black Institutions program. 

Honors Program: Kripa joined the Honors Program in 2010. She has been a part of four honors projects with health-related projects such as how hospitals treat HIV patients who contract TB, naso-gastric (NG) tube protocols in hospitals, and breast cancer awareness. “I enjoy the Honors Program because of the challenges it gives me. I like the fact that I get to do more research-based work and then have to present it.”

Other BC activities: Kripa is going into her third year as resident advisor, which involves overseeing the residence hall, planning activities and being involved in residential education. She is also a tutor for sophomore nursing students. She is a work-study in the health services department helping to organize events and assisting in general office duties. Her biggest non-academic event to date however, has been her trip to Haiti with the Help and Hope for Haiti project. In addition to creating math-based games for the young students they worked with, Kripa also developed medical files for the village’s residents using baseline vital statistics. “This will give any medical personnel something to work with when they see the patients.”

About Bloomfield College: “I love the nursing program because the professors demonstrate the same one-to-one relationships with the students that we will need to use with our patients when we are professional nurses. I like the fact that they really care about our success.”

Career Goals: Kripa is a young woman of many interests and aspirations. She does not want to follow a traditional route, but would like to investigate either Americorps or the Peace Corps. She has a strong sense of working with populations that have little access to medical care and sees herself pursuing this. “I do want to return to school for a master’s degree and PhD, but I would like to gain some practical experience first.”