

The CARLOW Sun

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Celebrating Nearly Five Centuries of Service

The total is almost as awesome as the people themselves. The 45 honorees at this year's Employee Recognition Celebration have contributed more than four and a half centuries of service to the mission of Carlow University.

"Think of all the people whose lives they have touched through all their years of service," said Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, who welcomed the honorees and many colleagues to the celebration in Kresge Theatre on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

The celebration began with an opening prayer led by Sr. Mary Pelligrino, CSJ, director of campus ministry. Dr. Mary Hines with assistance from Andra Tokarsky, director of human resources, presented certificates of appreciation and gifts to staff who celebrated their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 40 year anniversaries of service to Carlow. (Please see complete list below.)

Dr. Gary Smith, provost and vice president for academic affairs, provided closing remarks at the ceremony, citing the three annual feasts that are mentioned in the book of Exodus, and comparing the feasts mentioned in the Bible with the feast the Carlow community celebrated on this day.

"The feast today is about giving thanks for 465 years of service to this institution," he said.

Core Value: Service



Carlow staff and faculty applaud their colleagues for their years of service.



Anita Dacal (right) receives recognition for 25 years of service from Dr. Mary Hines.



40 years of service recipients Marlene Winter (left) and Edith Benzinger (right) flank Dr. Mary Hines (center).

Carlow University Employee Recognition Celebration 2006

5 Years

- Christine Bell Admissions
- Amy Blakley Admissions
- Andrea Boehm Payroll
- Debra Campbell Humanities
- Stephanie Demalon Admissions
- Carl Geyer Finance and Operations
- Angela Girol Campus School
- Constance Hoon Student Accounts
- Joan House Disabilities Services
- Deanna Kwiecinski Campus School
- Martha LeGates Psychology
- Irene Lietz English
- Virginia MacBeth Admissions
- Cory Maloney Information Systems Management
- Margaret Murphy Communications and Community Relations
- Pamela Naylor School of Nursing
- Geraldine Oggier School of Management
- Wendy Phillips Adult Degree Center
- Suzanne Rumbaugh English
- Kelly Skeehan Admissions

- Crystal Spano Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Evonne Thomas Admissions
- Jeffrey Toman Advancement and Government Relations
- Judith Trosell Adult Degree Center

10 Years

- Louis Boyle English
- Kathleen Chrisman Adult Degree Center
- Eileen DiPerna Campus School
- Nancy Jacqmin Mathematics
- Carol Johnson School of Education
- Diane Matthews School of Management
- Sarah Posti Campus School
- Margaret Sullivan Student Life
- Carole Wojciechowski Campus School

15 Years

- Janice Abrams School of Education
- Barbara Gilles Office of the President
- Melissa Hankin Early Learning Center
- Alice Loughney Campus School
- Cynthia Nicola Business Management
- JoAnn Simpson Admissions
- Csaba Toth History

20 Years

- Roberta Tennant Campus School

25 Years

- John Cahill Maintenance
- Anita Dacal Advancement and Government Relations

40 Years

- Edith Benzinger English
- Marlene Winter Psychology

The Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility Names Award Recipients

The Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility distributed more than \$6,000 among five Carlow University faculty members for projects that aim to advance justice in society.

According to James Kelly, PhD, associate professor, School for Social Change, and one of the three co-facilitators of the institute, “The projects that the institute selected, in consultation with the project advisory committee, are excellent examples of the type of social justice activities that Carlow University faculty members are engaged in on local, national, and international levels. These awards are important first steps that provide Carlow faculty members the opportunity to show what they can give to the University and to society.”

Irene Lietz, MA, English/Professional Writing program, and co-facilitator of the institute, notes that whether it’s a conference, research, or community education, they all address the same core question, “What makes a just society?”

“There isn’t just one way to approach this question,” she says. “The faculty members who received awards are attempting to alleviate injustice through their areas of expertise by extending their work into the community. Their projects benefit the University as well because they bring that knowledge and experience back to the classroom. It’s a dynamic process of knowledge and practice that engages the community, faculty, students, and staff.”

It’s all about giving back, Lietz says.

Giving. That is the purpose of the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility, which is rooted in the mission, history, and traditions of the University and the Sisters of Mercy: “to challenge systemic oppression by engaging students, faculty, staff and community in research, education and service learning, and outreach.”

“The institute is a profound tribute to the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy and the mission of Carlow University,” says Maureen Crossen, PhD, associate professor, theology and co-facilitator of the institute. “Through the profound generosity of Elsie Hillman, and the vision of Sister Grace Ann Geibel, those of wealth and higher education are able to connect with those whose lives have been oppressed by poverty, injustice, and violence. These connections serve as promises to transform all of our lives.”

Kelly sees the institute as a collaborative “entity in which all social justice energy comes together to represent what Carlow was founded to do.” He says that the faculty members who received awards help the institute simply by their affiliation. They give the institute the opportunity to be associated with social justice projects, and they help the institute by assisting in disseminating their work to the broader community.

“The institute is really a collaboration among the institute and faculty. We benefit from Carlow faculty members’ associations with us, and faculty members benefit through institute support,” Kelly says. “We hope to continue to produce and fund the Carlow community with a smooth process that enables more faculty members to participate in projects such as these, and even larger projects.”

“We’re all in this together,” Kelly says. “And together, we do our part to create a just society, as we continue the mission of the original Sisters of Mercy, by working to eradicate oppression, violence, and bigotry.”

The recipients of the fall 2006 institute awards are:

Susan O’Rourke, EdD, associate professor, Special Education/Educational Technology, was awarded \$1,500 to assist in funding the semester-long visit of Elena Lazarte, the executive director of the Centro Anne Sullivan de Peru (CASP). CASP, founded by Liliana Mayo over 20 years ago, first educated children in her parent’s garage, and has expanded to offer services to children with special needs throughout Peru, as well as professional development for teachers in other developing countries.

O’Rourke, who is partnering with The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, will, in turn, learn about the family-oriented approach that CASP has implemented in Peru.

Linda Burns, PhD, associate professor, Sociology, received \$1,000 toward a symposium on gender and delinquency. The symposium, which will be held at Carlow this spring, will explore why female arrests have increased, examine the difference between male and female delinquency, and look at services and prevention.

Martha Ezzell, PhD, professor, Professional Leadership, was awarded \$1,500 to partially support three projects sponsored by My Mother’s House®—a project “intended to give life to the needs of Homewood’s [one of Pittsburgh’s poorest neighborhoods] aging citizens by involving them in life activities that are meaningful and productive.” The three projects are: Senior Entrepreneurs’ Day, where senior citizens will sell their homemade goods; Therapeutic Gardens, which will supply seniors who use wheelchairs with raised garden beds that will allow them to grow their own flowers and vegetables; and the Oral History Project, which will connect Carlow student volunteers with the elderly to interview and transcribe life experiences.

Marsha Frank, adjunct professor, Social Work, received \$1,250 in partial funding for her study, “The Power of Advocacy: How Social Support and Connection Can Help in the Process of Healing,” which will follow women who have been raped as they are treated at Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR). The research will explore the nature and impact of the assistance women receive from PAAR, as well as how to prevent post-traumatic stress syndrome. It will also explore how rape victims who become advocates for other rape victims heal from their traumas.

Beverly Barkon, associate professor, Special Education, was awarded \$895 to partially fund a pilot model of a resource liaison for children with pediatric brain cancer. With survival rates for children increasing, support networks required for survivors who are coping with daily realities, including education, are yet to be developed.

Core Values: Service, Discovery/Quest, Sacredness of Creation

The Grace Ann Geibel Institute
for Justice and Social Responsibility

“I am delighted to have received a grant from the institute. It has become increasingly important to consider gender in studying delinquency and in developing programs. This funding allows me to collaborate with colleagues who are in practice and applied research to plan a first-rate symposium that will be of interest to Carlow students and faculty and to professionals in the field. We are very excited to be working together on this.”

—Linda Burns

“Before receiving the grant from the institute, My Mother’s House® Project operated solely on faith and passion ... faith that our mission of working with the elderly poor was significant work ... passion for addressing justice in quality of life issues. Now we have some funds to support our faith and passion.

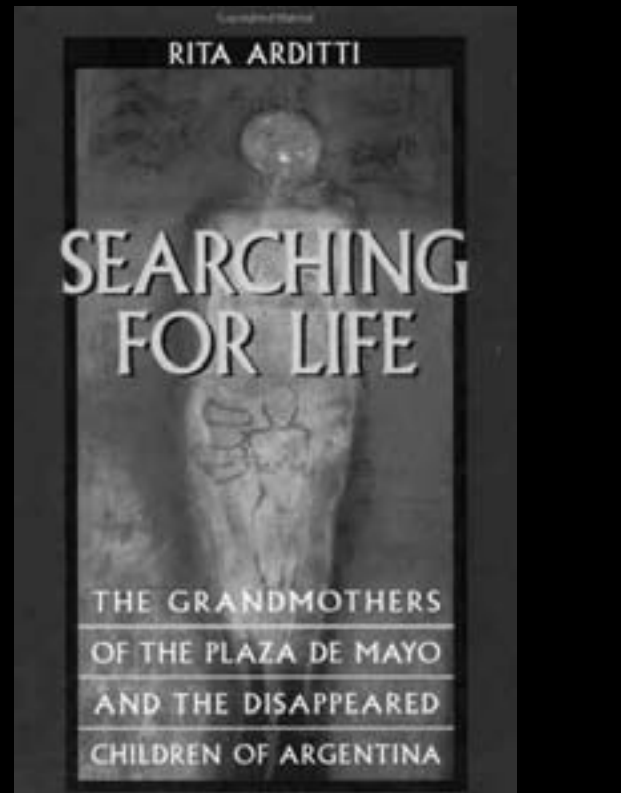
With the grant money, we will be able to make needed changes in our ongoing Senior Entrepreneurs’ Days, begin a therapeutic garden initiative at a senior residence, and begin an oral history project with some of the oldest members of the Homewood and North Side neighborhoods. Without this grant, none of these programs could go forth. The institute’s generosity is allowing our project to help improve the lives of poor seniors in underserved neighborhoods.”

—Martha Ezzell

“I am grateful to be receiving an award from the Grace Ann Geibel Institute of Social Justice and Responsibility. My research is a collaborative project with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, a woman-focused agency. I will be analyzing the experience of women who have been raped and received medical and or legal support.

I am excited about the opportunity to work with trauma survivors who are an underserved population and who often feel disenfranchised from the community. These women often feel re-victimized by the systems that are presumed to help them. It is my hope that during the process of participation in the study, these women will begin to feel empowered as we at Carlow learn about the experience of rape survivors.”

—Marsha Frank



Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility Spring 2007 Conference

In addition to the institute fall and spring Awards program, the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility will be holding a conference on women and human rights in spring 2007.

WHAT

Empowerment through
Collaboration and Coalition Building:
A Women's Human Rights Perspective

WHO

Dr. Rita Arditti, keynote speaker

Rita Arditti, professor emerita at the Graduate College of the Union Institute, learned first hand about the "disappeared" during Argentina's "dirty war" from 1976 to 1983 when she worked as a translator for Amnesty International in the 1980s. A native of Argentina, Arditti returned home to interview the grandmothers who were searching for their grandchildren that the military kidnapped. Arditti narrowed more than 100 interviews down to 20, and published the grandmothers' stories in *Searching for Life: The Grandmothers of The Plaza De Mayo and The Disappeared Children of Argentina*.

WHEN

April 13, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE

Concordia Club, Oakland

WHY

To involve participants from the Pittsburgh region in an experience that:

- 1.) introduces the institute to a wider audience;
- 2.) showcases Carlow faculty members and their projects/scholarship as related to the institute;
- 3.) inspires participants and connects them with Carlow and the Institute;
- 4.) provides hands-on opportunities for participants to collaborate and lay groundwork for coalition development.

For more information, please contact Irene Lietz at 412.578.8839 or lietzia@carlow.edu.

Carlow University Honors Board Chairs

At the October 25, 2006 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University and Helen Hanna Casey, chair of the University's Board of Trustees, unveiled a new plaque to honor those who serve as chairs of the Board of Trustees.



Left to right: Helen Hanna Casey (Chair) and Dr. Mary Hines.

The plaque, which will hang outside the Wherrett Board Room, lists the names of: The Honorable John P. Egan (1933–1947), Rev. Jerome D. Hannan (1947–1949), The Honorable John P. Egan (1949–1952), Joseph G. Smith (1952–1972), Thomas J. Donnelly, Esq. (1972–1993), Anthony F. Mastro (1993–1999), Eileen A. McConomy (1999 – 2002), Judith M. Davenport, D.M.D. (2002–2006), and Helen Hanna Casey (2006–2007).

Over the last year, Carlow's Board has welcomed 12 new trustees. Members of the Board are: Joyce A. Bender, Jack L. Burley, Sr.; Helen Hanna Casey (Chair); Terry C. Cavanaugh, Esq.; Kenneth A. Eshak; Anna Marie Goetz, RSM ('62); Margaret Hannan, RSM ('65); Mary Hines, Ph.D.; Kevin P. Kearns, Ph.D.; Karen Dunn Kelley; Barbara A. Kirr ('60); Louise R. Malakoff ('67); Diane C. Matje, RSM; Cecilia Murphy, RSM ('62), (Vice Chair, Mission); George L. Pry; Debra A. Ries, CPA; T. Joan Robinson, Ph.D.; Theresa A. Scotti; Judith Stojhovic, RSM ('65); Regina D. Stover (Vice Chair, Governance); Aaron A. Walton; Rev. James A. Wehner; Patricia Whalen, RSM; and Judith Worden ('61), RSM.

Core Value: Leadership



Helen Hanna Casey, Chair (center) and Regina Stover, Vice Chair, Governance (center, back row) welcome new trustees (left to right): Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D.; Barbara A. Kirr ('60); Judith Stojhovic, RSM ('65); Kenneth A. Eshak; Louise R. Malakoff ('67); T. Joan Robinson, Ph.D.; and George L. Pry. Not pictured: Terry C. Cavanaugh, Esq.; Diane C. Matje, RSM; Debra A. Ries, CPA; and Theresa A. Scotti.

The Carlow Journal Receives Golden Triangle Award of Excellence

On Tuesday, October 26, Carlow University Communications and Community Relations was recognized for excellence in professional communication for *The Carlow Journal* at the 27th annual Golden Triangle Awards, sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).



The Carlow Journal received the Award of Excellence in the category of Communication Skills Publication Magazines, 1-3 Colors. Runners-up in this category, Awards of Honors, went to Duquesne Light Company for Duquesne Light News, and Miller Creative Group for Clinical Views.

The Golden Triangle Awards program, sponsored by IABC, is an annual competition that recognizes excellence in communications management, skills and creativity. In addition, IABC/Pittsburgh offers programs for the development of professional communicators.

IABC is a not-for-profit international network of professionals committed to improving the effectiveness of organizations through strategic interactive and integrated business communication

management. It is the leading resource for effective communication practice, and provides products, services, activities and networking opportunities to help foster excellence in public relations, employee communication, marketing communication, public affairs, and other forms of communication.

Core Value: Sacredness of Creation

Carlow Celtics Basketball Victorious in Thanksgiving Tournament

Webcast Play-by-Play of Games to Debut in January

Fresh from a pair of overtime victories over Hiram College and Ursuline College in the Ursuline Champions of Character Tournament in Ohio on Thanksgiving weekend, the Carlow Celtics basketball team returned home hoping to continue their winning ways.

Although the Celtics lost to St. Vincent College, 73–62, and Geneva College, 89–77, the overtime victories in both games of the Ursuline tournament provide evidence of how hard the team is working this season.

A new opportunity for fans to follow the fortunes of the team will be unveiled at the Friday, January 5, 2007, game against Houghton College, when play-by-play will be Webcast over the MSA Sports Web site. More details of this exciting new moment in Carlow Athletics will follow, but, in the meantime, if you enjoy sports and would like to try your hand at calling play-by-play or color, please contact George Sliman, director of Athletics, at x8826.

Core Value: Student Progress



412: Creative Nonfiction Festival Events at Carlow University

Madwomen in the Attic, Ethical Surprises Were Topics for Discussion on November 8

Carlow University hosted two events on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 that were part of the 412: Creative Nonfiction Festival, sponsored by the literary journal, *Creative Nonfiction*.

Writers from the Madwomen in the Attic Creative Writing Workshop shared excerpts from their poetry and fiction. Reading from their works were:

Jan Beatty, the interim director of the Creative Writing program at Carlow; director of the Madwomen in the Attic Creative Writing workshop; the author of two books of poetry, *Boneshaker and Mad River*; and the host and producer of WYEP-FM's "Prosody";

Evelyn Pierce, who facilitates the Madwomen in the Attic fiction workshops, teaches at Carnegie Mellon University, and has published short stories, two contracted screenplay adaptations, and is currently working on a novel.

Beatty was joined by the rest of the writers who constitute the "Madwomen in the Attic": Dorothy Holley, Marilyn Marsh Noll, Cay Hamilton, Wendy Davies, Alice Fuchs, and Kathryn Pepper. The group meets in the Patricia Dobler Creative Writing Center at Carlow University. Through intense but supportive workshops, they test their poetry and fiction with like-minded and serious writers. Madwomen publications most recently include two books of poetry by Holley, *A Whole Quart Jar* and *The Garden Journals*, plus other books, awards, and publications in various journals.

Later that afternoon, **Ellie Wymard, PhD**, director of the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at Carlow University, made a presentation titled "Ethical Surprises on the Way to Writing Books."

Dr. Wymard discussed some of the unexpected ethical issues she faced while writing four books: *Divorced Women, New Lives; Men on Divorce; Conversations with Uncommon Women: Insights from the Women Who've Risen above Life's Challenges to Achieve Extraordinary Success*; and her soon-to-be released book, *Steel Towns: Women and Men of America's Steel Valley*, which will be published by Carnegie Mellon University Press.

Core Value: Intellectual Integrity

Bright Lights, Carlow Community

Lighting up, smoke-free, was the order of the day on Thursday, November 16, 2006, when the Carlow community celebrated its annual Holiday Light-up Night from 5 p.m. through 7 p.m. outside—and inside—Frances Warde Hall.

The campus was resplendent with Christmas and holiday decorations. A new crèche made its debut on Light-up Night thanks to a generous gift from Carlow alumni Marguerite Phillips Singer ('45), and her husband, Bernard Singer ('50). The nativity scene will grace the lawn across from Frances Warde Hall for many years to come.

There were also lots of cookies, hot chocolate, and assorted munchies to eat. After the trees were lit and the caroling was finished outside, there was bingo and holiday craft-making for all inside the Campus Assembly Room.

This year's event was sponsored by the Carlow University chapters of PA SWAT, which stands for Pennsylvania Students Working Against Tobacco; Kappa Delta Epsilon, the National Education Honor Society; American Chemical Society, the national chemistry honor society, which, here at Carlow, seeks to interest women in the field of chemistry; and the offices of Campus Ministry, Student Activities, and Wellness.

Core Values: Leadership and Service



A gift from
Bernard Singer '50 and
Marguerite Phillips Singer '45
Christmas 2006



Courtney Bergstein and Britney Landree peer through the snowflakes they made during Light-up Night activities.



Chelsea Feigel displays the Christmas tree ornament she made.



Brittany Harbucsak calls the numbers for the bingo games on Light-up Night.



Students intently watch their cards during the bingo game.

On-Campus Events Calendar

The Campus School of Carlow University Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 14, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Kresge Theatre—Grace Library, 5th Floor

University Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Tiernan Cafeteria

Classes Resume

Monday, January 8, 2007

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 15, 2007

Annual Martin Luther King Day Luncheon

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

12:30 p.m.

The St. Agnes Center of Carlow University

Contact: Barbara Johnson x6021

Baccalaureate Mass

Saturday, January 20, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Mother of Mercy Chapel

Convent of Mercy

Commencement

Saturday, January 20, 2007

1:00 p.m.

Rosemary Heyl Theatre

University-wide Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

12:30 p.m.

Kresge Theatre—Grace Library, 5th Floor

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