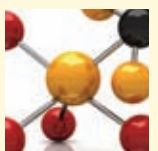




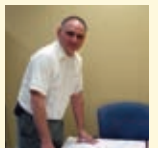
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## ► Carlow's Spring Commencement a Day for Families and Celebrations

Commencement is always a unique blend of accomplishments of the past and the promise for the future, and this year proved no exception.

... academic achievements of nearly 300 students

Even the commencement speaker, Helen Hanna Casey, president and chief operating officer of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, had spent enough time on the campus as a student at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, as a trustee, and chair of the board of trustees of Carlow University that she was awarded the first ever-honorary alumna of Carlow University. Hanna Casey, who worked her way up from an entry-level position to become branch manager,

regional vice president, and to her current role of leading more than 3,600 sales associates and employees in 122 sales offices located across Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and New York, is known for her endless energy and enthusiasm, and it showed in her address to the students.

"Put your best foot forward everyday, and run—don't walk—because the world is at your feet," she told the graduates in her address.

The academic achievements of nearly 300 students, who walked in Carlow's spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum were celebrated. Students were awarded undergraduate degrees in humanities, education, nursing, business, natural sciences, social sciences, and social work, and graduate degrees in professional leadership, professional counseling, creative writing, business administration, nursing, education, and management and technology.

That morning, the Baccalaureate Mass was held at St. Paul Cathedral. Reverend Thomas J. Burke, the new pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Braddock, Pa., and the former parochial vicar of St. Paul Cathedral, was the celebrant for the Mass, and Reverend James Wehner, STD, rector of St. Paul Seminary, and a trustee of Carlow University, was the concelebrant.

In his homily, Father Wehner told the graduates of Leonardo DaVinci's early sketches for a flying machine. While the brilliant DaVinci showed hope, he lacked the understanding to put that hope into practice. "Let's put our sketch into practice and not just leave it on a piece of paper," he told the graduates. "Don't underestimate the greatness you have achieved. Don't underestimate the greatness you have ahead of you."

At commencement, Brianna Carney, a history and education major, and this year's recipient of the Joseph G. Smith Award, the highest academic honor at Carlow University, delivered the student address. "Our accomplishments at Carlow will pave the way for our future," she told graduates. Carney reflected on the courage and commitment of the Sisters of Mercy, who arrived in Pittsburgh from Ireland in the mid-nineteenth century to serve others and, in doing so,

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CAPTIONS: **A—Commencement** Nearly 300 members of Carlow University's class of 2008 walked in the commencement ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum on Saturday, May 10, 2008. **B** The Baccalaureate Mass, featuring students and faculty in full academic regalia, is an inspiring sight inside St. Paul Cathedral. **C** Elmore Lockley, and his son, David, celebrated their academic success together as graduates of the class of 2008. Elmore received a master's degree in counseling psychology, and David took a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Helen Hanna Casey ▶

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### Carlow’s Spring Commencement a Day for Families and Celebrations *continued from page 1*

established numerous hospitals and schools, as well as Carlow University. Thinking of their legacy of service, Carney said, “Seventy-nine years later, we have become their legacy. No matter what obstacles you encounter, keep striving for service to others.”

The two awards to faculty members—the Sisters of Mercy Award for Excellence in Advising and the Max and Esther Sestili Award for Teaching Excellence—went to Sheila Roth, PhD, professor of social work, and Jennifer Snyder-Duch, PhD, respectively.

In addition to academic achievements and awards, the day was special for families. Elmore Lockley, a graduate student who received his master’s degree in professional counseling, and his son, David, who received his bachelor’s degree in psychology, were the first father and son to receive their degrees on the same day.

Eleanor Midgely, a Carlow alumna from the class of 1943, was given the special honor of processing in academic regalia and sitting on the stage for the ceremony as her granddaughter, Elizabeth Erwin, received her master’s degree in education.

*Core Value: Student Progress*

## ▶ Students and Faculty Members Honored for Academic Excellence at the 2008 Honors Convocation

Nearly 300 family and friends recognized the exceptional academic achievement of students from the graduating class of 2008, as well as faculty members, at the Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the Rosemary Heyl Theatre in Antonian Hall.

This year’s program began with a tribute to Alternative Spring Break (ASB). ASB students showed a DVD that profiled their trip to the lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans. Created by ASB student Georgiana Kearns, the DVD was dedicated to Morris Alexander, one of the parishioners of St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, whose house ASB students help to re-build. Calling their time an unforgettable experience, ASB students presented Sister Mary Pellegrino, CSJ, director of Campus Ministry, with a photo collage of the trip to thank her for spearheading ASB.

Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, gave the welcoming remarks, noting, that at Carlow academic life and service are integrated. She said that without guidance, facilitation, and inspiration students couldn’t achieve, and she praised both faculty members and students for excellence in achievement.



Following Dr. Hines’ remarks, Christina Shorall, EdD, explored the meaning of honor through her presentation, “Honorable Students, Honorable Lives.” Shorall said, “Honor comes in all sizes and all packages from the lucky to the less fortunate ... one commonality, however, is that almost all honorable people will testify that their actions of integrity improved their lives and often the lives of countless others. Create a life of honor by acting with integrity.”

Dr. Hines presented Carlow’s most prestigious award, the Joseph G. Smith Award for Academic Excellence and Distinguished Service, to Brianna Carney, a history and secondary education major. Hines praised Carney, who was on the dean’s list every year, for not only graduating with a 3.972 GPA, but also for her community service. She also lauded Carney’s service to Carlow, including service as class president.

In addition to the Joseph G. Smith Award, Mary Lou Bost, RN, DrPH, professor of nursing, recognized Darcy Hidek and Courtney Bergstien, as recipients of the Rose Marie Beard Honors Scholar Capstone Award. The award is given to Beard scholarship recipients, honor students who demonstrate high academic achievement, leadership potential, and service.

Gary Smith, provost of Carlow, also announced faculty members’ promotions and tenure; and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Chrys Gabrich, PhD, and the dean of the College of Professional Studies, Carol Caliendo, honored undergraduate adjunct faculty members from each school and division for excellence in teaching; graduate adjunct faculty members received their awards at the Graduate Colloquium held on April 9, 2008.

*Core Value: Student Progress and Sacredness of Creation*

CAPTIONS: **A—Commencement** Helen Hanna Casey, president and CEO of Howard Hanna Real Estate Service, and chair of Carlow’s board of trustees, gave Carlow’s commencement address. To honor her service, Hanna Casey was recognized as Carlow’s first-ever honorary alumna. **B** Roberta Schomburg, director of the School of Education, poses with Joe and Marie Martin—educators and consultants with the Northern Ireland Department of Education in Belfast, and the Northern Ireland Instructional Technology Council and three student teachers, who spent the semester under their supervision in Northern Ireland, and participated in commencement. *(left to right):* Roberta Schomburg, Marie Martin, Amy Palatucci, Corrie Barone, Amy Iwanonkiw, and Joe Martin. **C—Scholarship Day** Students display their research and academic projects during Scholarship Day on Thursday, April 17, at the A. J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology. The event kicked off a day of student recognition culminating with the Honors Convocation. **D—Honors Convocation** Faculty members listen to Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, as she welcomed nearly 300 attendees to this year’s Honors Convocation. **E** Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, recognizes Brianna Carney, BA, with Carlow’s most prestigious award, the Joseph G. Smith Award for Academic Excellence and Distinguished Service.



## ► Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Awards \$6,000 Equipment Grant to Department of Chemistry and Physics to Upgrade NMR Spectrometer

In April, the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh (SSP) awarded an equipment grant of \$6,000 to Carlow's Department of Chemistry and Physics. The grant will be used to upgrade software and hardware on the departmental nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer.

**“Science is expensive ... we invest every dollar into our program so that we can give our students access to the most modern types of chemical instrumentation.”**

Similar to magnetic resonance imagers (MRI) used in hospitals, the NMR spectrometer uses magnetic fields and radio frequency radiation to enable scientists to determine the structure of unknown molecules (among other things). In the field of chemistry, this instrument is used mostly in the sub-disciplines of organic and analytical chemistry—those branches of the chemical sciences dealing with synthesis, natural products, and analysis.

According to David Gallaher, PhD, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, who submitted the grant, the upgrades to the NMR instrument will strengthen the program because all students taking organic chemistry, quantitative analysis, or advanced experimental techniques frequently use the NMR spectrometer in the laboratory curriculum.

“The upgraded instrument will be faster so more students can use it in a given time period, and it should be more sensitive, meaning higher quality data,” says Gallaher. “We will be able to design more and differing types of experiments for the curriculum that take advantage of these increased capabilities.” Gallaher, who has received grant money from the SSP in the past, notes that all of the major instruments in the Department of Chemistry and Physics have been purchased using grant money, not tuition dollars. The original NMR spectrometer was purchased through foundational money for \$45,000.

The SSP aims to strengthen science programs at colleges and universities with enrollments of no more than 7,500 students within the 100-mile radius of the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. The grant is to be used for the purchase of new instrumentation or to upgrade existing instrumentation, accessories, and equipment related to the study of spectroscopy, which is broadly defined as the study of how electromagnetic radiation interacts with matter.

“Science is expensive,” he says. “And yet, part of the mission statement for our department says that ‘we strive to provide the highest quality undergraduate education in chemistry possible’ for our students. When faculty members write grants and get them funded, we invest every dollar into our program so that we can give our students access to the most modern types of chemical instrumentation.”

“Any school with a chemistry major can teach the theory of the technique and interpretation of the data, but some students never get to interact with, or be trained, in the use of a high quality NMR instrument,” says Gallaher. “Our program has many of the technological advantages of a larger school with all of the benefits of a small one as well.

“Not only do our students learn the theory and data interpretation, but they get hands-on training in the use of the instrument, which is a very good skill to have, especially for those students who will go on to graduate school, or to industry. Faculty can also use the instrumentation to work on research projects.”

Upgrading the NMR spectrometer also strategically positions the chemistry department for application for certification of its major program by the American Chemical Society (ACS), the main professional organization for chemists.

“In the fall of 2008, we are going to begin the process of getting our major program certified by the ACS. Having an up-to-date NMR instrument is one of the ‘must-have’ items in order to be certified, and the new upgrades will certainly help us with that task,” Gallaher says.

For more information about Carlow's NMR spectrometer or NMR spectroscopy in general, please visit the manufacturers Web site: [www.aiinmr.com](http://www.aiinmr.com).

*Core Value: Leadership*

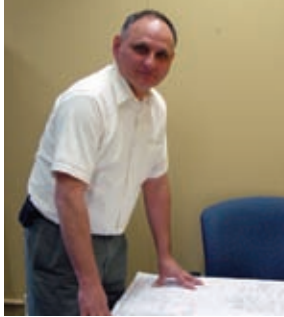
**EDITORIAL CLARIFICATION:**

Jan Beatty, MFA, was promoted to associate professor of English not of the Master of Fine Arts program, as was reported in the April issue of the *Carlow Sun*. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

happenings



CAPTIONS: **A—Premier of Bermuda** Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, and other higher education officials in the Pittsburgh area, met with Ewart Brown, the premier of Bermuda, at the St. Agnes Center of Carlow University to discuss ways to improve the educational opportunities for the people of the island nation. **B—Student Leadership Dinner** Chris Meaner, director of Student Activities, recognized student leaders who stepped forward to lead the various student organizations in the past year at the Student Leadership on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the St. Agnes Center of Carlow University. **C—Graduates' Reception** Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, congratulates students from the class of 2008 at the Graduates' Reception, on Thursday, May 5, 2008, at the A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology.



Taylor G. "Ty" Blice ▲

## ► Carlow University Welcomes New Director of Facilities

*Upper St. Clair Resident Responsible for Maintenance and Construction on Campus*

Taylor G. "Ty" Blice has been named director of facilities at Carlow University. As director of facilities, he will be responsible for maintenance of, and construction in, the 12 buildings that make up the Carlow campus.

"I'm pleased to be a part of the Carlow community," says Blice. "I enjoy working in higher education, and I've really like the atmosphere here."

Blice, an Upper St. Clair resident, comes to Carlow from California University of Pennsylvania, where he was assistant director of trades. Prior to that, he was director of physical plant services for Upper St. Clair School District. Blice also worked as a project engineer at Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg and as an engineer for Weirton Steel.

Blice earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University, and a Master of Science degree in business administration from Robert Morris College. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served as a radio communication specialist in the submarine force for four years.

"I'm pleased to be a part of the Carlow community."

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Summer is always a busy time on a college campus for maintaining or renovating buildings and grounds. This year is no exception with the renovations in admissions, the communications lab in Antonian Hall, the dining hall areas, and the multitude of other projects that keep the staff busy over the warmer months when the majority of students are absent.

"I look forward to the challenges to come, and we think the planned renovations will please the entire community," says Blice.

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May 17 through July 19

calendar

<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 21</b>	Community Education Community Tea	Noon	The St. Agnes Center of Carlow University	412.821.9504
	Wizard of Oz	12:15	Rosemary Heyl Theatre, Antonian Hall	412.578.6685
	Recital, The Campus School of Carlow University	12:30	Kresge Theatre, Grace Library	412.578.625
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 24</b>	Alumnae Visit		Houston, TX	
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 27</b>	Alumnae Visit		Dallas, TX	
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 21</b>	Alumnae Visit		Cincinnati, OH	
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 9</b>	Alumnae Visit		Seattle, WA	
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 12</b>	Alumnae Visit		San Francisco, CA	
<b>MONDAY, JULY 14</b>	Alumnae Visit		Carmel, CA	
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 17</b>	Alumnae Visit		San Diego, CA	
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 19</b>	Alumnae Visit		Los Angeles, CA	

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