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Volunteers Key to Successful, Enriching Alumnae/i Events

Volunteers have a profound influence on Carlow University. Their work is essential to ensure a strong and healthy future of the institution. Whether it's spending two or three minutes signing up online as a mentor or working with Carlow's Office of Alumnae/i Relations to plan an event, our volunteers are unwavering in their continued support of our programs. Without their time, these events would not be successful.

A special thanks to our spring volunteers who helped with various events including the "Bringing Home the Bacon" Student Giving Campaign, the Sister Rose Marie Hauber, RSM, Endowed Scholarship Luncheon, spring commencement, and the Student Study Break.

We want to thank all of our volunteers for their generous commitment of time. Every minute you give adds to successful, sustainable, and enriching events and programs here at Carlow University.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

August 26—New Student Orientation Panel

Serve on a panel for parents during New Student Orientation. Speak about your own experiences as a Carlow student or your experience as a parent sending your child to college.

August 30—Night of the Celtic/Ice Cream Social for New Students, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Help welcome new students to Carlow and participate in this new tradition during New Student Orientation.

October 16-18—2009 Alumnae/i Weekend Serve on your reunion class, ADC, CAP, or graduate committee or help with a specific event.

(Friday's President's Reception, Saturday's luncheon, or Sunday's Mass and brunch).

We are also looking for mentors on our College Central Network at Carlow University. Add your profile to Carlow's network to provide career advice and professional expertise to Carlow students and alumnae/i. Visit www.collegecentral.com/carlow and enter the password: mercy.

To volunteer for one of these events or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the Office of Alumnae/i Relations at 412.578.6274 or E-mail alumni@carlow.edu.



Calendar of Events

JULY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
24	Ceramics International Opening Contact Dale Huffman at 412.578.6033 for more information.	Clay Place, Carnegie, Pa.

AUGUST

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
29	Carlow Day at Kennywood	West Mifflin, Pa.
30	Night of the Celtic, Ice Cream Social	Carlow University—Oakland

OCTOBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
19-23	2009 Founders Week	Carlow University—Oakland
16-18	2009 Alumnae/i Weekend	Carlow University—Oakland

Contact the Office of Alumnae/i Relations at 412.578.6274 to respond or for more information visit <http://alum.carlow.edu>.

ALUMNAE VISITS

Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, continues to meet with alumnae/i across the country. This fall's schedule so far includes:

Saturday, October 3, 2009	Alexandria, Va., luncheon hosted by Cathy Linnarelli Hammack '63
Saturday, October 24, 2009	Philadelphia-area luncheon hosted by Judy McKnight Riesch '68
Saturday, November 7, 2009	Johnstown, Pa.,-area luncheon hosted by Jeanne Adamson Gleason '60

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Make a Difference

Accept the challenge by June 30, 2009

You've heard much of this before, yet it remains true. Your gift to the Annual Fund is important.

In recognition of Carlow University's 80th anniversary, the Board of Trustees will match your gift in two ways. Here's how it works:

- When you make a new or increased gift of \$40, your gift will be matched and recognized as a gift of \$80.
- When you make a new or increased gift of \$500, your gift will be matched and recognized as a gift of \$1,000.

By giving to Carlow, you will help to:

- Offer funding to talented and deserving students,
- Ensure that the price of tuition is fair and competitive,
- Provide an attractive campus that is both modern and functional,
- Invest in the best affordable technology and library support,
- Support faculty enhancements and special programs.

To give online, please visit our Web site at <http://alum.carlow.edu/giving/>.

The University relies on the Annual Fund to provide immediate expendable income for Carlow's core mission: teaching and scholarships. With this critical support, donors help by providing the financial resources that close the gap between what students pay in tuition and fees and actual operating costs. Carlow's margin of excellence depends upon the success of donor support.



Alumnae volunteers, Barbara Kraft ('83), and Irene Toma ('93) recruit students for the Student Giving Campaign by passing out purple Carlow University piggy banks.

Carlow Welcomes Penny Schnarrs

New Director of Alumnae/i Relations



Penny Schnarrs

A graduate of Duquesne University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, Schnarrs comes to Carlow from Chatham University, where she has served as the assistant director for Alumni Relations for the past three years. There she developed alumni and graduate alumni programs—managing more than 30 events a year for a diverse constituency of alumni and community friends.

Prior to joining Chatham, Schnarrs held leadership positions in nonprofit organizations: working as the special events director at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, associate director of development for the Arthritis Foundation, community income development specialist for the American Cancer Society, and campaign coordinator for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In her combined roles, Schnarrs planned events, promoted awareness for patients and families around the country, and raised more than \$2 million for research and funds needed for each organization.

In addition to her professional experience, Schnarrs is active in volunteer work. She helped found the greater Philipsburg area American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and has served on the Relay for Life committee for the last six years, helping to raise a half million dollars. Schnarrs also serves on the Arts for Arthritis Gala Committee and received the 2007 Volunteer Award.

As an alumna of both Catholic—she is an inaugural member of the Duquesne University Young Alumni Council and currently serves as Membership and Student Outreach co-chair—and women's centered institutions, Schnarrs is committed to the advancement of women through education and spiritual growth. "I'm very excited to work with the Carlow community as a whole and to make Carlow my new home," says Schnarrs. "I look forward to furthering Carlow's mission by engaging and empowering our alumni and student populations."

Schnarrs completed her MBA in leadership at Chatham University in the spring.

Penny Schnarrs has been named the director of Alumnae/i Relations. Schnarrs brings to this position a wealth of experience in alumni relations in higher education, combined with events management and development experience in the nonprofit sector.

Celebrating 80 years of Carlow University!

Attend this special Alumnae/i Weekend to reconnect with classmates and faculty.

80 YEARS
CARLOW
UNIVERSITY
VALUES. SCHOLARSHIP. VISION.

2009 ALUMNAE/ WEEKEND

Friday September 25

Evening—Walk of Fame ceremony, President's Reception, and Renaissance City Winds performance with dessert social following.

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or call 412.578.6274 for the

latest information.

Saturday September 26

Day—Luncheon honoring special reunion classes (1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009); Alumnae/i Legacy Families (mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, spouses, fathers, and sons who are Carlow graduates); and the winner of the

Sunday September 27

Day—Tour of the Convent of Mercy and Carlow campus, mass, and brunch: the bookstore will also be open before Mass and after brunch offering a 20 percent discount for alumnae/i.

Alumnae/i Association Award for Distinguished Service.

Evening—Class parties on campus and other sites selected by class reunion committees.

G-20 SUMMIT

G-20 Summit will be held in Pittsburgh September 24-25. Due to the expected influx of guests to the city, please book your hotel rooms as soon as possible—room blocks are still available. While the Alumnae/i Weekend Committee is committed to continuing the weekend as planned, there may need to be adjustments to the schedule. We will keep you updated on any necessary changes. Please visit Carlow's Web site for the latest information.

Carlow University Names Eight Carlow Laureates

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of Carlow University, the Office of Academic Affairs and Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, created the Carlow Laureate Awards to honor distinguished Carlow alumnae/i.

"As part of the 80th Anniversary year of the University, we are pleased to institute this award for academic excellence and achievement to recognize all of those who have benefitted greatly from the sound education they have received," says Gary Smith, provost of Carlow University.

The award was presented to eight alumnae/i at a luncheon at Friday, May 8, 2009, at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The Laureates were also honored at Carlow University's spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum.

The 2009 Carlow Laureates are: Georgia Morello Decker (nursing, '68); Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, PhD (history, '76); Marianne Felice, MD (chemistry, '66); Jeanne Adamson Gleason (sociology/anthropology, '60); Sister Margaret Hannan, RSM (education/speech correction, '65); Beverly Kowalski Kaniecki (mathematics, '80); Lynda Ruffo Katz, PhD (music, '63); and Sister Ida Mularikal (nursing, '69).

Nominations for Alumnae/i Association Award for Distinguished Service Due July 1, 2009

Help recognize an outstanding individual at the 2009 Alumnae/i Weekend. The Alumnae/i Association Award of Distinguished Service and Achievement is the highest award given annually by the Alumnae/i Association. Honorees will be recognized at the annual Alumnae/i Weekend Luncheon on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The Alumnae/i Association plans to appropriately recognize graduates and friends of the institution for their professional and personal accomplishments, and service to their profession and to Carlow.

CRITERIA

- Recognizes a distinguished person who embodies in his or her life the Carlow University traditions of excellence and shared values through their professional achievements, personal accomplishments, and dedication to the mission of the University.
- These individuals have distinguished themselves not only in their academic and professional lives, but also by their dedication and commitment to Carlow.

To nominate an individual for this award, please visit <http://alum.carlow.edu> to submit an online nomination form or contact the Office of Alumnae/i Relations for a printed copy of the form. Nominations must be submitted by July 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009 award presentation; nominations received after July 1 will be considered for future years.