

Reunion Dinner and Awards



**HOMECOMING
& REUNION**
NAZARETH COLLEGE

September 15, 2018

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation for the volunteers who helped make Homecoming & Reunion possible. Your hard work made for a truly memorable experience.

Class of 1958

Elaine Bell Fuller
Mary Moak Henderson
Catharine "Kay"
Morphy Kurz
Mary Ann Finnegan
Roesch
Rosemary Dessel Taub

Class of 1963

Mary Kay Ehmman
Brown
Patricia Kulaga
Mary Sullivan
McCarthy
Theresa "Terry"
Coleman Noonan
Karen Keating
Passarell
Dorothy R. Pecoraro
Margaret Frank Staahl
Susan Burns
Steinbrenner
Patricia Tracy

Class of 1968

Patricia Foster Beer
Catherine Kelly
Bodenweber
Maggie Grady Cavalier
Denise Cleary
Coleman
Susan Truelove Dailey
Virginia Vecchiotti
David
Julienne "Julie"
Empirc
Joan McCarthy Essen
Jean Gramkee
Hubsch

Susan Pellicano
Hughes
Kathleen Lyons Kelly
Patricia Glew Magin
Kathy Bubser O'Toole
Ann O'Halloran Rice
MaryAnn Maloney
Ruby
Laurel Roth Tarcinale
Mary Ellen Dwyer
Vasile
JoAnn Cusyck
Wheeler
Patricia Martindale
Whyte
Patricia Conway Wille

Class of 1973

Linda Serway Bordwell
Myra Shuler Dietz
Catherine Stiegelbauer
Ellsworth
Susan Bishop
Genthner
Betty Ng Lee
Cindy Estruch
Lowenguth
Linda Davison
Mathues
Patricia O'Brien
Sansone
Anne Finewood
Switzer
Gail Wegner Taylor
Judith Waring
VanBuskirk
Sally Wamp Vaughan
Marie Watkins

Class of 1978

Donna DeTraglia
Colebeck

Class of 1983

John Drain
Stephen LaSalle
James Ockenden

Class of 1988

Paul Antinelli
Paul Donahue
Kathryn Culhane
Hibbard
Kristine Loiacano
LaRose
Robert Randall Sr.
John Sidou
Gregory Speranza
Shannon Arena
Speranza

Class of 1998

Katie Mahoney
Krenzer

Class of 2008

Mary Caitlin Lamphier
Batchelor
Timothy Garvin
Brandin Jones
Emily Cannon
Labenski
Brittney Stanton
Snyder

Class of 2013

Mindy Fowler
Keilah Roberts

All-class Dinner and Presentation of Alumni Awards

Welcome

Donna Borgus '13G

Director, Alumni Relations

Blessing

Jamie Fazio '97

Catholic Chaplain

Dinner

Remarks

Daan Braveman

President, Nazareth College

Awards

Jennifer Medden Giessler '95

President, Alumni Board

Alma Mater

Hadley Strelau '19

Music Performance

Stephanie Mercer '19G

Music Performance and Pedagogy

Award Winners

Clarisse Martens Coggins '43

Outstanding Alumna Award Winner



Through the years, **Clarisse Martens Coggins '43** has modeled the intellectual and ethical values on which the Outstanding Alumni Award is based.

After graduating from Nazareth, Coggins taught both English and Latin, then took time off to raise her four children. She returned to the classroom when her youngest was three and went on to balance being both a teacher and a mother, a fairly uncommon feat

in the 1950s and '60s. Respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues, Coggins retired from the Waterloo Central School District in 1977 and continues to hear from her former students.

Married for 49 years and proud of the family she has raised, Coggins has modeled infinite wisdom and unwavering strength as a widow, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She has been an active parishioner of her church for almost 70 years, and at 96, she continues to attend meetings and events of the Cancer Research Society and the Catholic Daughters.

Coggins is celebrating her 75th year as a Nazareth College alumna this year (she attended classes at the Augustine Street location her freshman and sophomore years), and her loyalty to her alma mater remains undimmed. A member of the Founders Legacy Society and a longtime supporter of Nazareth initiatives, she has also proudly attended several Christmas Brunches and numerous Reunions, and each year attends the 51+ Club/Founders Legacy Society Luncheon.

"Clarisse was an enthusiastic and proud graduate in 1943," says one of her nominators, "and she continues to show her love for Nazareth College today."

Jeanette Martino Land '58

Outstanding Alumna Award Winner



Jeanette Martino Land '58 exemplifies the best attributes of a Nazareth graduate: intellectual curiosity, spiritual growth, and service to others.

Since 1990, Land has been a freelance Christian writer. After joining the Christian Writers Club of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, she began writing and submitting articles, and she has since published hundreds of articles and poems in more than 75 Catholic and other publications. Six of her pamphlets were published by *Liguori Publications*. Land belonged to several professional writing organizations and was selected to participate in the Second Annual Catholic Writers Conference and Retreat in 2002 and the First Annual Poets Retreat in 2006.

In addition to her accomplishments as a writer, Land devotes her time to a number of organizations, both local and national. Over the years, she has served on many church and community advisory boards and commissions dedicated to subjects such as natural family planning, hospice care, and human trafficking. She has also been a Passionist Associate for 14 years, affiliated with Our Lady of Florida Passionist Spiritual Center. Land and her husband have made two missionary trips to Haiti. She is a longtime leadership-level donor, a member of the College's Founders Legacy Society, and a classmate committed to maintaining connections with others at college events—she has never missed a Reunion.

Jeanette Martino Land has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the values fostered by Nazareth College: honesty, integrity, inclusion, service, and commitment.

Mary Ellen Dwyer Vasile '68

Outstanding Alumna Award Winner



Mary Ellen Dwyer Vasile '68 has demonstrated her commitment to Nazareth values by being a model of inspiration and service to others.

Following graduation, Vasile's career in speech therapy took her to cities in four states where she advocated successful means of communication for students and family members. She went on to earn her M.A. in theology in 1987 from St. Bernard's in Rochester, then started a program for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church. An advocate for social justice, she spent the 1995–96 year in AmeriCorps in Baltimore; from 1998 to 2001, she established the Ignation Volunteer Corps, the senior version of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, in Syracuse, Rochester, and Elmira.

Vasile is a tireless and dedicated volunteer. Over the years, she served on numerous church and school committees dedicated to subjects such as refugee resettlement and social justice. In her retirement, she teaches English to women of Spanish origin, and she has served as a parish visitor for the sick and homebound. She has also been a loyal Nazareth alumna and volunteer for many years, serving on several Reunion planning committees, including this year's, and has hosted alumni events at her home in Baltimore and Estero, Florida. She is a member of the College's Founders Legacy Society and a longtime leadership-level supporter of college initiatives and scholarships.

Mary Ellen Dwyer Vasile, says one of her nominators, is "the kind of leader who identifies a problem, sees a solution, and leads others to bring about change. She enhances the prestige of Nazareth by virtue of her character, integrity, and personal accomplishments."

Kerry Church '07, '09G

GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) Award Winner



Kerry Church '07, '09G, is a devoted supporter of Nazareth College and an outstanding role model for alumni volunteerism.

Since graduation, Church has become a speech-language pathologist dual licensed in both North and South Carolina. She currently works for Five Oaks Manor, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in Concord, North Carolina, and has bolstered her expertise by earning three Awards for Continuing Education (ACE) from the American-Speech Language Hearing Association.

Church's connection to her alma mater remains steadfast, and the College has benefited from her initiative. She has served on the Alumni Board since 2012; she launched the Carolina Alumni Chapter in 2012 after attending her five-year Reunion. For the past three years, she has organized a Nazareth alumni team to participate in the international Walk to End Alzheimer's, the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. A faithful supporter of the Annual Fund, she also volunteered as an ambassador during Nazareth's first Giving Day last spring, a 24-hour effort that raised more than \$260,000 for the College.

"Kerry's always in touch with what's going on at Nazareth, always ready to offer guidance and advice, always actively seeking opportunities to benefit the College," explained one of her nominators. "She's deeply involved with her alma mater, giving time and dedication and expertise." It is this consistent support, offered so often and in so many ways, that earns Kerry Church this year's GOLD Award.

Alma Mater

Sr. Kathleen Riley, SSJ



1. Al - ma Ma - ter, we sa - lute thee, Al - ma
2. Al - ma Ma - ter, home of wis - dom, Al - ma



Ma - ter, school we love. Make us wor-thy of thy
Mat - ter, shrine of truth. We will e - ver as thy



lo - fty stan - dards and thy no - ble teach - ings prove.
sons and daugh - ters bless the mo-ther of our youth.



Cheer for Naz' reth Col-lege of fame.



Chant her prai - ses great is her name; Raise her



co - lors float them on high while sing - ing



Hail, to the col - lege we love.

We'd love to hear your feedback on Homecoming & Reunion.
What did you enjoy most? What can we do better next time?
To share your thoughts, contact:

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