The Office of Alumni Relations has been busy—and so have the many alumni who have joined us for recent events. In February, Prudential Financial hosted an alumni networking social in Hartford. Donna Williams, director of leadership development at Prudential, presented “Managing Your Career.” In addition, there were wonderful hors d’oeuvres, lively conversation, and business-card exchanges.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, alumni cheered the women’s basketball team to victory over Maine. The activities continued into Sunday, when alumni and friends enjoyed a dessert reception and a pretheatre lecture by Dean Malcolm Morrison, followed by a matinee performance of Sweeney Todd at Lincoln Theater. Sports fans among the alumni chose instead the men’s basketball game, watching the Hawks from the VIP section of the Chase Arena at the Reich Family Pavilion.

March got off to a great start with an Italian wine tasting and dinner at Vito’s on the Park in Hartford. Florida alumni met for brunch on March 12 at Oyster catchers in Tampa with the Institutional Advancement staff and Lou Manzione, dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture. On March 14, Yankees fans enjoyed a picnic and game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Legends Field in Tampa.

For photos of alumni who attended many of these events, see page 31 in this issue. There are even more events coming up, so don’t be left behind! Sign up today for Alumni Update, our e-newsletter, at www.hartford.edu/alumni.

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ROCK WITH THE CATS

Save Friday, Aug. 25, for an alumni night at New Britain Stadium, where the Rock Cats will play the Portland Sea Dogs. Bring the whole family for a summer evening of fun and minor-league baseball. Tickets are $7.50, and you may purchase food vouchers for an additional $7.50 each to cover a hot dog or hamburger, chips, and soda. Game time is 7:05 p.m. See you there!

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FORE!

We are looking for volunteers to staff the University of Hartford Alumni Concession at the Buick Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., on July 1. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and be cashiers. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

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BUON VIAGGIO!

From Aug. 29 to Sept. 6, travel with the University of Hartford Alumni Association to Italy’s magnificent Lake District, where we’ll cruise on Lake Orta and the beautiful Lake Como. See the real Bellagio (not the Vegas version) and visit cosmopolitan Milano. Cost: approx. $2,295 per person, plus airfare, based on double occupancy. VAT is additional. For more information, call Alumni Holidays International at 800.323.7373.

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YOU CAN COME HOME AGAIN

Mark your calendar today: Homecoming 2006 is Oct. 13–15. There will be something for everyone—“Martinis, Manhattan, and Monte Carlo,” an Alumni Artisan Marketplace, Open Mike, Family Pool Party, and much more. Volunteers are needed to contact classmates for affinity groups: Red Caps, Greek Life, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Student Government Association, and The Informer.

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Networking in Boston and New York
- Alumni gatherings in Chicago and Washington, D.C.
- Overnight trip to view King Tut exhibit in Philadelphia

To register for any of the above events, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.UH.ALUMS or chapters@hartford.edu, or register online at www.hartford.edu/alumni.
1955
BERNARD LURIE (HARTT, M’57, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., would like alumni to know that his address was listed incorrectly in the 2005 Alumni Directory. His correct city of residence is West Hartford.

1960
DAVID A. DAGLIO (BARNEY) of Truro, Mass., is an assistant professor at Newbury College, Brookline, Mass., teaching accounting and finance courses. Previously, he spent 30 years with Citigroup-Travelers in Hartford.

1964
PHILIP M. JANES (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Arts Exclusive Gallery, offering his guests instrumental music, operatic voices, and theater impressions. Sarah Seamark, editor-in-chief of Art World News, was Janes’s honored guest.

1966
LEONARD G. LANZA (M, HILLYER; C’74 ENHP) of Simsbury, Conn., is serving as interim superintendent of the Voluntown school district. He is also a part-time consultant in the policy department for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

1967
HENRY W. NOZKO, JR. (A, HILLYER), of West Hartford, Conn., chairman of the board and president of ACMAT Corporation in New Britain, Conn., has received the first annual Distinguished Alumnus Award from Hillyer College.

1969
ROSLYN HIMMELSTEIN ETRA (HARTT) of Norwich, Conn., was honored during halftime at a Hawks’ women’s basketball team game with Stony Brook. Etra was a member of the original 1969–70 women’s basketball team.

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STEPHEN D. BRUCE (M, HARTT) of Groton, Conn., was the guest conductor for the Mystic River Chorale’s January 2006 concert. Bruce is the founding music director and conductor of Con Brio, a 50-voice, auditioned chorus in eastern Connecticut.

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PATRICIA BODREAUX FARGNOLI (A, HCW) of Walpole, N.H., has been confirmed as New Hampshire’s state poet laureate for a five-year term, through March 2009. Currently a teacher in the Lifelong Learning program of Keene State College, Fargnoli has also taught in the New Hampshire Writers’ Project and has been a resident faculty member at Frost Place in Franconia, N.H. Her books include Duties of the Spirit, which won the 2005 New Hampshire Jane Kenyon Literary Book Award; Necessary Light, winner of the May Swenson Prize; Small Songs of Pain; and Greatest Hits, a chapbook.

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ALLAN M. HOFFMAN (ENHP) of Seaside, Calif., has been appointed vice president for instruction at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif. Hoffman is the recipient of numerous awards and honors associated with his teaching and his efforts to prevent violence and resolve conflict creatively. He received a certificate of special Congressional recognition from the Congress of the United States and a special recognition award from the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

1970
THEODOR SIMON (A&S) of West Hartford, Conn., brought home gold medals from the Pan-American Senior Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Simon came in first in each of his five swimming events—the 50-, 100-, and 200-meter breast stroke; the 50-meter butterfly; and the backstroke.

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Gunther Sabionski ’65

On Friday, Feb. 24, Gunther Sabionski ’65 died in his native Germany after a long illness. He was 73 years old. A man of many interests, talents, and accomplishments, Sabionski was also a generous benefactor of the University of Hartford. Recently he established the Gunter R. Sabionski ’65 Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund with a $350,000 gift. The scholarship provides financial assistance to selected computer science majors who have made the Dean’s List.

Sabionski, who held key positions with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for 27 years, began his career as a trained chef. He was also a world-traveled photographer, a recognized underwater videographer, a highly skilled carpenter, a pianist, and a competitive bridge player. Sabionski started his work life as a chef on cruise ships and at top hotels in Germany, England, and the United States. Beneficiaries of his culinary skills included President Eisenhower, the Shah of Iran, Queen Elizabeth, and Chancellor Adenauer of Germany. In fact, when Sabionski first came to the United States, he was the head chef at the Hartford Golf Club.

After 12 years as a chef, Sabionski decided to pursue a degree in mathematics and computer science. He enrolled at the University of Hartford, where he excelled, earning a bachelor’s in mathematics, the Best Mathematics Student Award, and a listing in Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was also the technical director for the University Players theater group, and a member of the International Relations Club, the Chess Club, and the honor society, Gamma Sigma Nu.

At NASA, Sabionski helped develop Apollo guidance programs and managed Apollo command module flight software and flight control during lunar landings. He also headed the software design section for Space Shuttle systems, where he worked on the remote manipulator arm and helped train astronauts. During his final years at NASA, Sabionski served as manager of the Digital Imagery Laboratories, helping to initiate concepts for further exploration of the moon and Mars.

Upon his retirement from NASA, Sabionski returned to Germany and continued to pursue his many interests. His love of photography and underwater video production led to trips to Fiji, the Great Barrier Reef, Guam, and Papua New Guinea, among many other exotic destinations. He also constructed a model train setup at home with a complex, multifeatured landscape and 17 computer-driven trains.

In a 2005 visit to campus, Sabionski was reunited with two favorite professors: Edward Friedman, now professor emeritus of electrical engineering, and Cecilia Welna, professor emerita of mathematics. He commented that both these faculty members had been instrumental in his undergraduate career.

for his composing. He has written more than 100 choral settings of liturgy and sacred texts, four oratorios, a symphony, and concertos for the flute, guitar, and viola. His works have been performed at New York’s Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

1973

ROBERT B. ANACONE (BARNEY) of Lexington, Mass., has joined Biosite Incorporated as senior vice president of worldwide marketing and sales. Previously, Anacone was chairman, president, and chief executive officer of MediSpectra, a privately held medical-device company, developing proprietary optical-detection technology for cancer and other human-tissue abnormalities. He will continue to serve as chairman at MediSpectra while being employed by Biosite.

KEITH S. BROWN (A&S) of Hartford, Conn., was featured in a Hartford Advocate article, “Hail to Thee, Gay Spirit!” The article discussed his launch of a radio show 25 years ago at WWUH called Gay Spirit, focusing on the evolution of gay-oriented music.

RICHARD N. GROSSMAN (HARTT) of Morganville, N.J., freelances as a clarinet/sax player in chamber orchestras, concert bands, and big bands in New Jersey. In addition, he co-conducts the Colts Neck Community Band, a 75-piece concert band. He owns NGR Concerts, a sales training and management consulting company, with his wife, Nina. Grossman invites classmates to e-mail their own updates to him at artslovers@aol.com.

WILLIAM M. RADNER (BARNEY) of Agawam, Mass., president of American Rug Company in Holyoke, was featured in the Springfield Republican in an article titled “They’ve Got It All Covered for You.” The article delves into the origins of the American Window Cleaning Company, an early 1900s venture started by Radner’s grandfather. Since that time, the business has grown to service many states with carpeting, flooring, tiling, and Astroturf for homes, offices, and playgrounds.

STEVEN N. SOBEL (ENHP) of Longmeadow, Mass., is a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and author whose clients include Lego, Hasbro, UConn Health Center, and many school systems. Sobel is a much-in-demand basketball shooting coach for pro, college, and high school players and teams. His work has been featured on Inside Edition, and he has just released a video titled Teambuilding.
DAVID F. VENEZIANO (BARNEY) of San Francisco, Calif., has accepted the top job at the American Cancer Society, California Division, Inc., after serving the organization in various roles for more than 30 years. Headquartered in Oakland, the California Division has more than 106 field offices in the state and, last year, provided free cancer information and services to more than 64,000 Californians.

1974
RONALD F. BARISANO (A&S) of Millville, N.J., has been hired as the finance director for the Southern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Millville. He was listed the National Register’s Who’s Who in Executives and Professionals, 2005–06 edition.

EARLE S. GREGORY (M, HARTT) of Dickinson Center, N.Y., was named the new superintendent of schools for the Coxsackie-Athens school district. He previously served as superintendent of schools in the Brushton-Moira central school district in Franklin County, N.Y.

SUZANNE HOWES-STEVENS (M, HAS) of Tolland, Conn., exhibited her artwork in a show at the Bachelier Cardonsky Gallery in Kent, Conn. Howes-Stevens says her landscapes, some panoramic in scale, are tributes to the “places where land meets water, luminal places, vibrating with new life.”

RAYMOND C. PIERPONT (HARTT) of Wallingford, Conn., performed in the first Church Presents series, held at the First Congregational Church in Washington, Conn., accompanying cellist Mary Costanza on the piano. Pierpont is a faculty member of the Taft School in Watertown, Conn.

LAURENCE D. YOUNG (HAS) of Northfield, N.H., has been supporting himself as a full-time artist for his entire career. He is represented by galleries in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Florida. After his early landscape work, Young explored the impressionistic subtleties of light on the landscape. This period was followed by more reflective figure studies, after which the artist has now returned to landscape subject matter. His work may be viewed at www.Laurenceyoung.com.

1975
PAUL E. BAYLOCK (HAS) of New Britain, Conn., was the first exhibitor in Art in the Heart of the City, a series of exhibits for the visual arts in downtown New Britain.

1976
MICHAEL T. CICCHETTI (HARTT) of Farmington, Conn., played the piano, with his daughter Sarah, a gifted violinist, at the Keeney Memorial and Cultural Center in Wethersfield, Conn. The concert was a benefit for the Safe Place to Grieve Foundation.

MARGARET PFEIFFER FRANCIS (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., co-chair of The Hartt School piano faculty, performed a concert with acclaimed chamber musicians Robert Coleman on the viola, Joyce Hammann on the violin, and Bo Ericsson on the cello. Francis rounded out the group on the piano at the Wellfleet Public Library.

PETER D. GABRIELE (A&S) of York, Pa., is the technical director for ARmark Authentication Technologies at Adhesives Research, a manufacturer of custom pressure-sensitive adhesives and related products, in Glen Rock, Pa. Gabriele holds several patents, has written numerous technical articles, and is a past recipient of the Roon Foundation Award and the Dahlquist Award.

KIKI SMITH (HAS) of New York, N.Y., presented her work in a self-titled exhibition, Kiki Smith: A Gathering, 1980–2005, at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The exhibit was the first full-scale American museum survey addressing Smith’s 20-year career. Smith has developed into a major figure in contemporary art, best known for her depiction of the human form.

1977
PHYLIS ARONSON (HARTT) of Providence, R.I., was a guest artist in the Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation’s Signature Solo Series at Memorial Hall in Milford, Mass. Aronson displayed her artistry with other woodwinds in a program ranging from Mozart to Debussy.

DAVID L. KATZ (HARTT, AD’84 HARTT, M’89 HARTT) of Danbury, Conn., founded the Candlewood Symphony Orchestra, which debuted last fall with a program titled “Joy of Mozart.” Katz is also the founder and artistic director of the Hat City Music Theater. Both nonprofit groups are Danbury’s first resident professional performing arts groups.

EDWARD K. MELNICK (HARTT) of Locust Valley, N.Y., the superintendent of schools for the North Shore Central School District, was named Superintendent of the Year by the Nassau Music Educators Association.

1978
ESDON N. BACCUS (C, ENHP) of Longwood, Fla., has published Beyond Psychotherapy: 123 Steps to Psychological Health. Written for those who will most likely never see the inside of a psychologist’s office, the material is designed to be preventive in situations that often stymie basic emotional functioning. It also enhances basic knowledge that everyone possesses, offering gentle reminders that inside each person is a reservoir of strength and determination to overcome personal difficulties.

PAUL P. BISACCIA (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., performed in the Pomeraug Woods Sunday-Afternoon Classical Concert Series at Wilson Hall in Southbury, Conn. Best known for his piano interpretations of the music of George Gershwin, Bisaccia’s musical interests and repertoire are wide ranging.

ELAINE M. KUZMESKUS (M, ENHP) of Suffield, Conn., recently lectured on paranormal phenomena at the Kent Memorial Library Auditorium in Suffield. She is the author of Connecticut Ghosts, which explores some of the most popular historic homes in Connecticut. Kuzmeskus is the director and founder of the New England School of Metaphysics.
Weddings

Congratulations!
Best wishes to our alumni and their spouses on recent nuptials

Catherine F. Lyons ’79 & Chandler M. Caton
Tiffany Hein & Michael G. Golden A’88, ’90
Amy B. Levy ’90 & Chad R. Savage
Paul J. Meoni ’91 & Thomas A. Kidd
Danielle R. Perrotta & Corey S. Wolf A’92, ’95
Heidi S. Woods A’92, ’94, & Timothy V. Mulligan
Elizabeth L. Alpert ’93 & Scott Lauzon
Tamar Beth Shear & Matthew C. Leopold ’93
Aline E. Parnagian & Kenneth C. Paharik, Jr. ’95
Bonnie M. Raiston ’96 & Mark Yarm
McLain E. Tombly & Gregory R. Bennett ’97
Pamela F. Dadakar ’02, D’05, & Sean P. Keon ’97
Mary Salzillo & Richard E. Levine ’97
Amy Baldyga & Theo J. Horesco ’98
Kristen E. Daly ’99 & Ronald E. Bomengen, Jr. ’00
Debra L. Kapp ’00 & Andrew P. Dorval ’99
Michelle Kahn & Patrick J. Tighe ’99
Cara E. Wilmarth ’99 & Vasilios B. Kotsiris
Mary-Renee Butler M’00 & Matthew J. Lemberg
Lesley A. Kingsbury ’00 & Philip Delaney
Emily C. Burt & Nicholas A. Oliver ’00
Melanie E. Perjatel ’00 & Michael Darcy
Michelle C. Reed ’00 & Adam Taylor
Heidi M. Whalen ’00 & David G. Alisik ’00
Jessica L. Lass ’01 & Ben Ackroyd
Greg Neal ’01 & Dania Batista
Lyndsey B. Rupert ’01 & Richard Rosario
Amanda J. Ames ’01 & Ryan Nager
Rebecca L. Bindig ’02 & Kevin P. Hickley
Melanie S. Bray ’02 & Hadar Birger
Lindsay E. Cutler ’02 & Ryan E. Vaughan
Laurie J. Katz ’02 & Alexander S. DePratti ’03
Keira Fianagan & Jason J. LeDoux ’03
Elana R. Tackel ’03, M’05 & Amiel B. Hersh ’04

1979

ROBERT J. DEEHAN (M, ASS) of Manomet, Mass., was named director of the Clergy Personnel Office of the Boston archdiocese. The department serves as an important advisory body to the archbishop of Boston. Deehan works with the director of the Office of Permanent Deacons in recommending assignments for the latter and with the secretary for ministerial personnel in the general coordination and direction of priestly assignments.

NORA L. JAMIESON (A, HCW) of Collinsville, Conn., hosts weekly and quarterly meetings for women at a temple she has constructed on her own land. Jamieson strives to help women find inner peace and invites all to view her Web site, www.norajamieson.com.

DAVID G. NORD (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., has joined Hubbell, Inc., headquartered in Orange, Conn., as the company’s senior vice president and chief financial officer.

MICHAEL R. THORNTON (HARTT) of Falls Church, Va., performed during Fall Weekend at the University of Hartford in a concert that benefited the American Red Cross and its efforts to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Thornton is a member of the comedy troupe Capitol Steps, a group of current and former Congressional staffers that monitors events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in other centers of power.

1980

STEPHEN P. HARRIS (BARNEY; M, BARNEY) of Randolph, N.J., was named vice president of online marketing by Trajectory Marketing of Morristown, N.J. Trajectory provides a full range of marketing services to Fortune 1,000-level clients, including branding, communications, and interactive marketing. Harris is also chair of online marketing, SIG, for the Marketing Executives Networking Group. He may be reached at sph-mail@stephen-harris.com.

1981

ROBERT L. MOISOFF (M, BARNEY) of Concord, Calif., is certified as a master business continuity professional, one of only 78 professionals worldwide who hold this prestigious certification. The business continuity manager for ADP National Accounts in Pleasanton, Calif., Moisoff retired from Bank of America in 2002 after a 20-year career. He has also served as the marketing coordinator for the Business Recovery Managers’ Association of San Francisco since 2002.

MARYJANE PELUSO (M, HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., presented “Keyboard Classic,” a piano and accordion recital, with her husband, Peter Peluso, at the Plainville Public Library. The program included “Flight of the Bumble Bee” by Rimsky-Korsakov, “Clarinet Polka,” Sonata in F minor by Beethoven, and several waltzes by Brahms.

1982

MARY F. BERNARD (M, BARNEY) of Barrington, R.I., has been promoted to principal at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd., in Providence, R.I. Bernard assists business and individual clients with tax planning and compliance needs.

RISA SKLAR BLAIR (ASS; M, BARNEY) of Tamarac, Fla., completed her doctorate in Instructional Technology and Distance Education at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Send your news and your new baby, wedding, and alumni get-together pictures. Alumni artists, send in digital photos of your artwork from a recent show.

Photos should be high resolution, less than 2MB each, saved in .jpg format, and e-mailed to chapters@hartford.edu.

Larger files can be mailed on CD to Office of Alumni Relations, University of Hartford, 312 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.
Patrick V. Kenny (A&S) of East Setauket, N.Y., has been appointed territorial manager for Konica Minolta Medical Imaging, USA, Inc. He has been involved in medical sales since 1987 and was promoted from a corporation at which he was the top sales representative.

Edward J. Thompson (D, HARTT) of Norwalk, Conn., performed recently at the Good Folk Coffeehouse in Rowayton, Conn. Thompson’s group, The Key Ingredients, performs acoustic music concerts. He is the minister of music for the Unitarian Church in Westport, Conn.

Deborah Rose Lesser Linder (M, Barney) of Waterford, Conn., has published her first book, Inner Peace: A Place to Be, based on one of her poems. A book signing was held for her at Barnes & Noble in West Hartford. Linder had previously published in the poetry anthology Invoking the Muse. She is listed in the International Who’s Who in Poetry, 2005.

Jean-Michel Ribieras (M, Barney) of Collierville, Tenn., has been named vice president of International Paper’s newly merged converting papers and pulp business. He has been with International Paper for 12 years and has held sales and global business positions in both Europe and the United States.

Angela Speranza (A&S) of New York, N.Y., was named senior creative director for Red Group, Showtime network’s in-house advertising agency. Assigned to the original series unit, she is responsible for all broadcast promotion, advertising, and marketing for the hit series Weeds, Barbershop, Fat Actress, Huff, The L Word, Queer as Folk, and the upcoming series Sexual Healing.

Sandra Fitzpatrick (C, HCW) of Fairfield, Conn., is the president/chairperson of the Real Estate Finance Association of Connecticut. Vice president and commercial services sales manager of LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc., in Fairfield, she is responsible for managing the sales and global business positions in both Europe and the United States.

Gary A. Masse (CETA) of Chapel Hill, N.C., was appointed group president of Cooper Tools & Hardware. He is responsible for the Cooper Hand Tools business unit headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., and the Cooper Power Tools organization headquartered in Lexington, S.C.

Peter Veru (Barney) of New York, N.Y., performed with his band, Feathermerchants, at the University of Hartford’s Homecoming Weekend as part of the Lincoln Financial Music for a CHANGE benefit concert series. Veru was a former Wall Street trader who walked away from it all to dedicate himself to his music after 17 years in the financial district.

Mohammed Al-Sadoun (M, Has) of Marina, Calif., was the subject of an article in Dar Al-Hayat, a Middle East publication. The article addressed Al-Sadoun’s 30-year career of engaging viewers with multifaceted explorations of Middle Eastern history and sociopolitical issues. The artist’s work has been exhibited internationally since 1975. His contributions to the progression of the Contemporary Arab art movement include conceptual pieces, paintings, publications, comprehensive research, and countless lectures on the evolution of the movement.

Barbara Luissier (HAS) of Putnam, Conn., exhibited her work along with other nationally known, award-winning New England artists at the South Street Gallery in Hingham, Mass. The exhibit was titled Winter Scenes.

Robert K. Stickels (HAS) of East Granby, Conn., is manager of creative design services at ADVO, Inc., in Windsor, Conn. Stickels has 20 years’ experience in both agency and client advertising and marketing. His clients have included United Technologies, Arthur Anderson, and the Danaher Corporation.
GREGORY I. WICKHAM (M, BARNEY) of Manlius, N.Y., was named by the Dairylea board of directors as chief executive officer. Wickham has overseen Dairylea's daily operations since he assumed the position of general manager in 2004. Dairylea Cooperative, Inc., is a farmer-owned agricultural marketing and service organization with more than 2,400 member farms located throughout the Northeast.

1987
CHRISTOPHER P. ADAMS (A'85 HILL YER, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., performed at the Berlin (Conn.) Senior Center holiday party, singing holiday-themed songs and other tunes. Adams serves as the chaplain at The Children's Home in Cromwell, Conn.

1988
JOHN F. BILDA (ENG) of Norwich, Conn., was unanimously approved by the Norwich Board of Public Utilities as general manager of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU). Bilda was formerly the assistant general manager of NPU.

JOLIE ROCKE BROWN (HARTT) of Wethersfield, Conn., recently returned from a European tour that included performances in Germany and Italy. She also performed with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Handel’s Messiah. In addition to featured roles in Connecticut Opera’s Hansel and Gretel (2004) and Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess (1998), she was the 2000 Northeast district winner of the Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition. Brown made her recital debut at Carnegie Hall.

JANET RANERI McCAFFERTY (M, BARNEY) of Winchester, Mass., was honored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Middlesex-East for her role as co-chairman of the agency’s $1 million Hospice House Capital Campaign. She is managing director of Tandem Solutions, a consulting and training firm that helps organizations optimize their operations and management structures.

1989
ABD RAHMAN BIN BAHARI (ENG) of Sabah, East Malaysia, is project manager, KTM Berhad. He manages the Project on Railway Rehabilitation for Sabah State Railway, on behalf of the Malaysia federal government.

1990
CYNTHIA McMAHON BARTHOLOMEW (M, BARNEY) of Middletown, Conn., has joined The Children’s Home in Cromwell, Conn., as its director of development. Previously, she was the executive director at Covenant to Care for Children in Bloomfield, Conn.

1991
MICHAEL J. DAGLIO (ENHP) of Hartford, Conn., working with the chief of cardiology, used a team approach to build an advanced cardiac care services department, one of the finest in the state, at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Conn. Daglio’s background in the health care industry includes management positions at Continuum Health Partners in New York, N.Y., and The George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

LAURA DRISCOLL JACHINO (ASS) of Darien, Conn., was among three new members elected to the Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County’s board of directors. As manager of corporate giving for the Thomson Corporation, Jachino oversees the corporation’s strategic giving program. The Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County is a United Way partner agency and a vital resource to more than 300 agencies in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, and New Canaan.

REGINALD W. MARTIN (BARNEY) of Rockaway, N.J., has joined Morgan Stanley as vice president of enterprise client technologies, North America. His primary responsibility is the implementation of leading-edge technology platforms that ensure reliable and secure delivery of Morgan Stanley institutional trading products to external clients the world over. When not working, Martin is a sport-bike and sports-car enthusiast in the spring and a snowboarder in the winter.

PAUL J. MEONI (HARTT) of Randolph, Mass., has been elected to the Randolph School commit-tee and teaches mathematics at Weymouth High School in Weymouth, Mass.

DOMINIC A. WHITE (HAS) of Portland, Maine, was appointed art director at Midnight Pass, a direct marketer and online retailer in Marshfield, Mass. Midnight Pass provides innovative and exclusive products to thousands of pet owners worldwide. White is the illustrator of the online cartoon Slugs. The strip will be highlighted in an upcoming book, The History of Online Comics, by T. Campbell.

TIM BENESKI (M, ENHP) of West Suffield, Conn., is one of the featured interviewees in a new career guide for English majors, I’m an English Major—Now What? by Tim Lemire. The book includes job-hunting advice, information on graduate programs, and additional resources. Featured are interviews with English majors who have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields.

BLAKE WILCOX (ASS) of Emmaus, Pa., is celebrating a decade as the afternoon personality on 95.1 WZZO, the rock station in Allentown, Pa. The station is commemorating the milestone with special events throughout the year. Wilcox has been at the station for 12 years. He previously
See You There!

Jill Seltzer Konopaske ’92 and her husband, Gregg Konopaske ’92, missed their old UH friends and casually e-visited about 25 of them to meet at the Social Bar in New York City on Feb. 4. By the time they got there, the group had doubled in size! A few of the revelers paused for the camera: top, (l-r) Herm Sorcher ’91, Mike Daglio ’91, John Trainer ’93, David Brager ’92, and Gregg Konopaske; bottom, (l-r) Randi Kravitz Haber ’92, Robin Berkowitz Abrutyn ’91, Kim Tobins Savage ’91, and Jill Seltzer Konopaske.

worked at Libow Unlimited, an independent radio promoter in New York City, and at Continuum Records in Cranford, N.J. He was also a partner in an artist management and booking firm, Black Dog Entertainment. Wilcox credits his courses in The Hartt School’s music business program and his work as WWUH music director as the genesis of his career in radio and the music business.

1993

RUSSLE E. BLATT (ENG, M’96 BARNEY) of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., has accepted the position of operations manager for the Long Island Ducks of the Atlantic Baseball League. He is responsible for the daily operations of the 6,002-seat Citibank Park, a state-of-the-art baseball facility located in Central Islip, N.Y. Under his jurisdiction are game-day staff, sponsorship and ticket sales, clubhouse operations, and all other facets of running a professional baseball stadium.

ROBERT E. GALLAGHER (M, BARNEY) of Rockport, Mass., is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Dispute Analysis and Investigations practice in the Boston office. Gallagher has served as an expert witness, gained extensive experience in purchase and sale disputes, and provided assistance to the firm’s audit teams in forensic accounting matters. Most recently, he has focused on investigations, particularly involving revenue-recognition issues for SEC registrants.

ERIC D. LIEBERMAN (BARNEY) of Norcross, Ga., husband of Sandra Bibberman and father of Josie Lavine, is a district sales manager for Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga.

1994

JOSEPH M. D’EUGENIO (HARTT) of Hamden, Conn., director of the Greater Middletown Chorale, recently performed Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass with full orchestra and soloists at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Cheshire, Conn. D’Eugenio is the organist and choir director at the First Congregational Church of Cheshire, where he conducts the senior and youth choirs and oversees an extensive music program.

BRIDGET L. HOBSO (A&S) of San Francisco, Calif., began her company, Quiplip, in 2002 in response to her inability to find greeting cards that reflected her drier, more acerbic sensibility. Since launching her first collection of cards, she has designed three more collections under the Quiplip mantle. Hobson’s cards are carried by select shops in San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Connecticut.

ROBERT R. TURCOTTE II (WARD) of Berlin, Conn., teaches auto body and mechanics to students at the Platt Vocational School in Milford, Conn. Turcotte is married and the father of two children.

LAURA E. WALDMAN (ENHP) of West Orange, N.J., has taught sixth grade for the past five years at Memorial Middle School in Little Ferry, N.J. She has just purchased her first home.

1995

BRANDON J. HICKEY (BARNEY) of Fairfax Station, Va., was appointed Mid-Atlantic regional president of Harleysville Insurance, covering Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Before joining Harleysville, Hickey was regional vice president of the Hartford Financial Services Group’s Washington, D.C., office.

CHRISTOPHER L. LUTher (M, ENHP) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been named Teacher of the Year for the Clinton school district. Luther teaches physical science to freshmen, biology to sophomores, and advanced placement biology to seniors at the Morgan School. He was the first recipient of the Student Council Teacher of the Year award in 2000.

Staying Resilient in the Face of Disaster

Paula Madrid M’99, D’01, specializes in helping people who are suffering from posttraumatic stress. In just the few short years since earning her doctorate in psychology, she has faced the special challenges brought on by Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina.

Madrid serves as director of the Resiliency Program of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She also holds positions in the Psychiatry Department at Columbia University and at New York—Presbyterian Hospital. The recipient this past fall of a University Anchor Award honoring exceptional alumni, Madrid has published articles and presents internationally on the treatment of trauma.

The use of the word resiliency in describing the program she directs at Columbia is important, Madrid says. “We want to focus on people’s strengths, their natural inclination to recovery and to well-being. Resiliency is also about people being able to learn how to deal with future traumas and stress.”

Madrid regularly travels to Mississippi and Louisiana as part of a mental health initiative run jointly by the Resiliency Program and Operation Assist to aid Katrina survivors. She works with a mobile unit that visits schools to run training groups for the therapists who counsel the children. “Many of the therapists are suffering themselves as a result of Katrina,” she says. “They’ve lost homes and are dealing with other losses. So we are helping the helpers, so that they in turn can work with the children and help them feel safe.”

Paula Madrid M’99, D’01
HEIDI WOODS MULLIGAN (A’92 HILLYER, A&S) of West Warwick, R.I., was appointed vice president of career development for Pioneer Financial Group, overseeing Warwick, R.I.; Avon, Conn.; and Massachusetts.

1996

KARL J. BADEY (M, BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., is a tax manager with Blum Shapiro, an accounting and business consulting firm.

NEAL R. FITZPATRICK (HARTT) of Branford, Conn., gave a jazz and classical guitar recital at the Southington Library. Included were selections from Fats Waller, Villa-Lobos, Kern, and Barrios, as well as Fitzpatrick’s own compositions.

DARA EVE KURLANDER (ENHP) of Manalapan, N.J., was appointed supervisor of language arts, reading, and character education by the Woodbridge (N.J.) Township school district (K-12). Kurlander is certified for elementary, special education, supervisory, and principal positions. Over the past several years she has taught a variety of special education classes, ranging from severely handicapped to learning-disabled students in high school and elementary school settings. The school district encompasses 24 schools with more than 13,000 students.

In Memoriam

Harriet Rosenfield Kaplan ’40
November 4, 2005

Jean Hamilton Hultgren ’41
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Natalie Marcus Friedman ’42
November 12, 2005

Gynyk Sharkiewicz ’44
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Erma Swedberg Anderson ’45
December 13, 2005

Mark D. Ciraldo ’48
September 7, 2005

Veikko E. Jardstrom ’48
August 10, 2005

Daniel V. Manfredi ’48
December 5, 2005

Herbert Porter Risley, Jr. ’48
November 14, 2005

Robert M. Hilley ’49, ’50
December 25, 2005

Francis H. Meheran A’49, ’50
December 9, 2005

Richard F. Snelgrove ’49
December 29, 2005

Franklin S. Goss ’50
September 25, 2005

John Der Magerdeican ’50, M’62
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Anthony Gentile ’53
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Henry M. Wist ’54
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Ralph E. Kingsbury ’55
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Edward A. Gombieski ’56
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William J. Quish ’56
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Kurt E. Peterson ’57
October 22, 2005

Mary Cowlies Fitzgerald ’58
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Peter Ladyka ’58
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Norbert C. Lux ’58
November 17, 2005

Roger J. Smith ’59
January 10, 2006

Helen A. Yinshans ’59
January 20, 2006

Harry L. Birch, Jr. ’60
December 18, 2005

Patricia C. Holohan ’60
November 26, 2005

Henry J. Kowalski ’60
January 2, 2006

George P. Anastasia ’61, M’66
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Lorraine Venskusnas Bruemmer ’61
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Sylvester A. Markowski ’61
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Nicholas P. Murdocca ’61
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Raymond G. Wilcox ’61
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James C. Harrington ’62
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Harold E. Lunge ’62
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Richard Rutkauskas ’62
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Warren B. Schleicher ’62
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Eiriks R. Cervins ’63
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Lucy F. Harrington ’63
December 27, 2005

Audrey P. Marzano ’64
January 27, 2006

Jerome H. Levinson ’65
November 11, 2005

Charles S. Lincoln ’65
December 31, 2005

Elizabeth L. Dorr Welch ’65
January 7, 2006

John T. Creehan ’66
January 24, 2006

Raymond P. Dotchin ’66
December 29, 2005

Sharon D. Smith A’66, M’73, C’76
September 11, 2005

Maryland W. Lincoln Sprague ’66
January 3, 2006

Margaret Gagosz Schwensfeir ’68
December 18, 2005

Marilyn T. Purves ’68
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Geoffrey Alexander Bueters ’68
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Audrey P. Marzano ’69
December 29, 2005

Barbara H. Davis ’73
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Stephen S. McGann A’73
November 25, 2005

Walter C. Scappini ’73
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Ralph D. Ditson ’74
August 11, 2005

Robert B. Mogensen ’74
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Robert J. Portera ’75
November 20, 2005

Judith R. Santasiere ’75
November 19, 2005

Adolph Buddy Meth ’76
November 25, 2005

Joanne Barjokas ’79
September 12, 2005

Peter J. Carlson ’80
December 11, 2005

Sharon K. LePage ’82
January 5, 2005

William H. Bentley ’83
December 30, 2005

Gilbert M. Olsen, Jr. ’83
November 11, 2005

Francis L. Pratt M’83
October 2, 2005

Gail Hawley-Zygmont ’84
January 3, 2006

Gary C. Anderson ’85
December 29, 2005

Thomas M. Alltmann ’87
December 9, 2005

Lisa Eng Petrovich ’89
January 6, 2006

Donald J. Robarge ’93
November 22, 2005

Rebecca Faith Albert Ganci ’99
February 13, 2006

John P. Christ ’01
November 8, 2005
1997

STEPHEN J. FORESI (ENHP, M’01 ENHP) of Southington, Conn., was appointed principal of John Paterson Elementary School in Newington, Conn. Foresi created the Positive Referral Program, in which teachers may refer students to the principal’s office for exceptional work or good behavior. Foresi immediately calls the students’ parents so that the students can tell them the good news. Previously, Foresi was assistant principal at Jack Jackter Elementary School in Colchester, Conn.

JAMES S. GREENE, JR. (HARTT), of Hartford, Conn., performed at the Lucy Robbins Wells Library in Newington, Conn., as part of a musical series that brought different styles of jazz to Newington. Greene has won numerous awards, including first runner-up in the prestigious Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone competition.

1998

JOSEPH EUNKWAN CHOI (M, HARTT) of Evansville, Ind., was appointed assistant conductor of both the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra in Kentucky. He was also appointed principal conductor of the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Evansville Philharmonic Chorus, and was named music director and conductor of the Owensboro Symphony Youth Orchestras. Friends may reach him at jchoi@evansvillephilharmonic.org.

ROBERT J. MCCARRY, JR. (WARD), of Falls Church, Va., announces his marriage to Jen Rice, whom he met while volunteering at the Arlington Red Cross. McCarry is employed at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is a volunteer firefighter for the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department. Jen McCarry is a preschool teacher in Fairfax and is pursuing her master’s degree at George Mason University.

ELLEN P. RICHARDS (ENHP) of Woodbury, Conn., gave a presentation on the technology of quantum biofeedback at the Woodbury Public Library. Richards discussed how quantum biofeedback works to reduce stress and improve physical, mental, spiritual, environmental, and cognitive health.

CATHARINE A. WADE (ENHP) of Westbrook, Conn., was a runner-up in a nationwide review of ADVANCE for Nurses Best Nurse Leader contest.

She has been the clinical nurse manager of the emergency department at Middlesex Medical Center Shoreline in Essex, Conn., for the past three years.

2000

DEERRICK PAUL MILLER (GPD, HARTT) of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was the main focus of an article, “Born to Perform,” written by Laverne Steward in The Daily Gleaner (Jan. 14, 2006). The article gives biographical information on Miller and his performances, from New York City and Toronto to Copenhagen and Hong Kong. His roles run the gamut from singing to dancing in musicals and operas. Miller’s ideal for himself lies somewhere in between the music of Josh Groban and Bette Midler.

2001

LYNN LEFAVOR ASHWORTH (BARNEY) of Weymouth, Mass., has launched a new company called Palmetto Professional Services, a human resources consulting firm located in Anderson, S.C. Palmetto specializes in helping small businesses recruit for permanent job openings and larger companies recruit for peak seasons and special projects.

MOSHE BURSUCKER (HAS) of Cheshire, Conn., participated in the Creative Arts Workshop’s Celebration of American Crafts exhibition and sale in New Haven, Conn. Bursucker is a glass artist and has exhibited at art shows in Hartford, the Lehman Gallery in Brooklyn, the 2005 Baltimore Wholesale Market of the American Crafts Council, the annual Glassblowers Ball in New York City, and the International Exposition of Sculpture Objects and Functional Arts in Chicago. He is the recipient of the 2005 Metropolitan Contemporary Glass Group Fellowship.

GABRIEL J. CARRERA (ASS, M’02 ASS) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., received his Juris Doctorate from the Shepard Law Center at Nova Southeastern University. He is a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and the Pro Bono Honors Society. Carrera was the 2003–05 regional president of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), Law School Division. The HNBA is the only national Hispanic bar association in the United States.

MEREDITH N. COLEMAN (M, HARTT) of Overland Park, Kan., performed with the City Winds Trio at the Teaneck (N.J.) Public Library in a Music on Sunday Afternoon concert series. The trio’s “Broadway Spectacular” was a celebration of 80 years of Broadway, with a selection of hits from each decade between 1890 and 1980. Coleman has performed solo recitals and chamber music concerts in top venues across the United States and won numerous awards, including the Emerson String Quartet top prize and the Best of Chamber Music award from The Hartt School.

DALE E. DEMILLE (M, ENHP) of New Britain, Conn., was named clinical nurse specialist for the critical care, cardiovascular, and telemetry units at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Conn.

MARY ROSE DYMOND (M, HARTT) of Shelton, Conn., was promoted to interim assistant principal of North Street School in Greenwich, Conn.

JUSTIN T. FOLEY (M, HARTT) of Weatogue, Conn., is a drummer with the metal band Killswitch Engage. The band recently filmed a live DVD, (Set This) World Ablaze, at the Worcester Palladium. Nominated for a Grammy Award this past year for Best Metal Performance, the group has sold more than 250,000 copies of its latest album, The End of Heartache. The band has been touring for the past two years.

JESSICA L. LASS (BARNEY) of Pepper Pike, Ohio, was married to Ben Ackroyd, Ph.D., in a small ceremony in Southern California. ORIT S. LLOYD ‘01 (ASS) and KATIE L. OLSON ‘01 (ASS) were bridesmaids. Lass is working for Progressive Insurance as a government claims analyst outside of Cleveland, Ohio.

JONATHAN LITSKY (ASS, M’03 ENHP) of Simsbury, Conn., has been named head golf professional at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, Conn.

2002

Ben Fain ’02 (HAS), Introduction, parade float (18’ x 8’), 2005. The artist’s allegorical creation was presented in the 2005 Atlanta (Ga.) Biennial exhibition at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, after which the show was paraded through the streets of Atlanta. Fain, a resident of Atlanta, is a member of Dos Pestaneos, a local, independent arts collective working to curate alternative exhibitions and collaborative projects.
BRUCE N. ELLIOTT (ENHP) of Putnam, Conn., was named ADVANCE magazine’s National Physical Therapist of the Year for 2005. Elliott is a graduate assistant at the University of Connecticut in the School of Allied Health. He plans to graduate with a master’s degree in health promotion in 2006. He is also working toward an orthopedic manual therapist certification.

TERENCE M. McCAFFREY (A&S) of South Windsor, Conn., has joined the English department faculty of Mercy High School in Middletown, Conn. He is pursuing an M.A. in English at Central Connecticut State University. McCaffrey’s work has been published in literary magazines and newsletters, and he is a recipient of the Phyllis B. Abrams Award in both fiction and poetry.

TOBIAS R. PARKHURST (A&S) of Springfield, Mass., has helped organize Hartford’s State Jam, an international street skateboarding event, for the last two years. More than 300 riders have attended the event, from as far as California, Germany, and Spain. Parkhurst cites Hartford as one of the best cities for street skating in the United States. As a professional skateboarder, he tours the country for three months every summer putting on demonstrations. In the winter he holds camps in Springfield for theory skateship. Parkhurst has an upcoming video, Over-It, due out in the spring and a clothing line under the name of Constance, as well as a line of signature boards bearing his name.

JOFFEY A. SMITH (BARNEY) of Worcester, Mass., a newcomer to the Worcester City Council District 1 election, scored a major upset against an incumbent. Smith says the key to his victory was meeting as many people as possible and working hard to get his name and message out to the public.

ERIC L. STEGMAIER (HAS) of Plainville, Conn., is the chief archaeological illustrator for the Roman Fort at Yolvtla Excavation Project in southern Israel and the owner of Solaris Illustration and Custom Graphics, LLC. Stegmaier is working toward his master’s degree in religious studies at Sacred Heart University.

MURIEL A. ZRAUNIG (M, ENHP) of Greenfield, Mass., is the program director at the C. H. McCann Technical School in North Adams, Mass. In January 2007, Zraunig plans to reopen the licensed practical nursing program at the school after a 20-year hiatus. Previously, she was at Mount Wachusett Community College, where she was an assistant professor in the nursing program. She was also the coordinator of the evening program at Holyoke Community College.

2003

HEATHER E. BALL (A&S) of West Islip, N.Y., an account executive with Grossman Strategies, was honored by the National School Public Relations Association for her work on Horizon, the Port Jefferson, N.Y., school district’s newsletter. Ball received an award of excellence in the finance publications and presentations category and an award of merit in the external print newsletters category.

MATTHEW J. BROOKS (HARTT) of Las Vegas, Nev., conducted “P.D.O. Bach: The Vegas Years” as part of the Charles Vanda Master Series. The performance featured Peter Schickele (P.D.O. Bach) and some of his orchestral compositions, including A Little Nightmare Music and Unbegun Symphony. This was Brooks’s debut performance in Las Vegas’s premier classical concert series, which has featured the renowned artists Emanuel A., Ax, Edgar Meyer, and Izhak Perlman.

CHANTELLE M. BROWN (HARTT) of Ashland, N.H., graduated from the United States Air Force Basic Military Training Program at Lakeland Air Force Base in Texas. Her new duties will include playing the clarinet in the Air Force Band of the West.

JEFFREY R. DOUGHERTY (A&S) of Oreland, Pa., is employed as a promotions editor with Comcast Sportsnet in Maryland.

GRETCHEN FOSTER (D, ENHP) of Goshen, Conn., was recognized as Connecticut’s 2005 Outstanding First-Year High School Principal by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Foster is the principal of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn.

ELANA TACKEL HERSH (ENHP, M’05 ENHP) of Hartford, Conn., is employed as a physical therapist at the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

MICHAEL J. MCCARTHY (WARD) of Hartford, Conn., had his television station, WSHM, highlighted in an article in TV Technology magazine.

KATHRYN E. RENÉ (HARTT) of Worcester, Mass., has received her master’s degree in flute performance from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is employed as a music teacher at Dawson Elementary School in the Wachusett regional school district.

2004

ALISON AMERICA ‘04 (A&S) of Grotot, Conn., and JACOLYN TUMOLO ‘04 (A&S) of Haverstown, Pa., are the co-authors, with Associate Professor Len Milling, of a chapter titled “Depressive Disorders” in the Encyclopedia of Human Development, published by Sage Publications. America is a research technician at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in New London, Conn. Tumolo is enrolled in the master’s program in school psychology at Towson University in Maryland.

JACOB CROSS (A&S) of Washington, D.C., has taken a position as writer/producer for Discovery New Media. He produces content for distribution to mobile devices, over broadband connections, and for video-on-demand. He previously worked in production and development at Discovery HD Theater, another subsidiary of Discovery Communications, Inc., in Silver Spring, Md.

SHARON A. BREMNER (D, ENHP) of Simsbury, Conn., was appointed director of special education and related services by the Education Connection, one of six regional educational service centers in the state. The agency serves 30 member school districts and their communities in western Connecticut.

PRISCILLA GIMAS (D, ENHP) of Sturbridge, Mass., was appointed principal of the Hellenic American Academy. Established in 1906 by members of the Holy Trinity Parish, the school prides itself on being the oldest Greek American institution of elementary education in the country. It has operated successfully without interruption for 100 years. On average, its students score in the top 8 percent of the national Terra Nova Test.

AMIEL B. HERSH (ENHP) of Hartford, Conn., is a fourth-grade teacher at the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Hartford, Conn.

SARA E. KAGAN (HAS) of Fresh Meadows, N.Y., exhibited her work at Buseed Studios in Saranac Lake, N.Y. The show featured artists from the Hurricane Mountain Artist in Residence program.

ANNE MCGINNIS (HARTT) of Rochester, N.Y., had an article published in the Journal of Psychotherapy: Theory, Research, Practice, and Training. Based on her honors thesis for the University of Hartford. Published with her undergraduate psychology advisor, Associate Professor Len Milling, the article is a comprehensive review of "virtually every published study on the treatment of music performance anxiety," according to McGinnis, who is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Pennsylvania State University. Her graduate assistantship is in the education department at Penn State’s Center for the Performing Arts, and she expects to begin a research project involving the arts and underprivileged children, bridging her interests in music, teaching, and psychology.
SHAWN M. MURPHY (A&S) of Maplewood, N.J., is an assistant account executive with Coyne Public Relations in Parsippany, N.J.

IRENE “TONI” ROBINSON (A&S) of Enfield, Conn., was the inaugural recipient of an Association of Donor Relations Professionals (ADRP) Service Award. The award ceremony was held in Birmingham, Ala. The ADRP award honors an individual who has gone above and beyond in contributing time and energy to enhance the association and the donor relations profession. Robinson is the director of donor relations at the University of Hartford.

RIFAT SALEN (M, CETA) of Wolcott, Conn., has opened his own engineering firm, RHS Consulting Design, in Wolcott. The firm handles a broad range of projects, including highway and roadway design, structure inspections, site grading, and building rehabilitation. Salen grew up in Jordan and always dreamed of America as a land where success is just around the corner. He feels he now has achieved his dream.

ERIK J. SZOBOTA (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., has been promoted to percussion sales and marketing specialist at Kaman Music Corporation in Bloomfield, Conn. Kaman Music is the largest music distribution company in the world. Szobota will travel throughout the United States to merchandise, brand-manage, and increase selling through Kaman’s main percussion lines—Gretsch Drums, Gibraltar Hardware, Dixon Hardware, and Sabian Cymbals. He will also organize artist clinics and events around the country.

2005

LISA PANELLA EELLS (C, ENHP) of Avon, Conn., was appointed assistant principal of the University of Hartford Magnet School, located on the University campus. The school was created to reduce social and economic isolation of urban and suburban students. Its conceptual foundation is based on Howard Gardner’s theory of multiple intelligences.

VICTOR KHODADAD (GP, HARTT) of Brooklyn, N.Y., recently sang the role of Alfredo in La Traviata at the Mississippi Opera in Jackson, Miss.

NAOMI L. KRAVITZ (HAS) of Canton, Conn., was featured in the Neighbors section of Canton Life, in an article titled “If there’s a glass ceiling for artist Naomi Kravitz, it may just be some of her work.” Noted for her glass sculpture, Kravitz attended two high-profile facilities in glass art this past summer: the Studio of the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y., and the Pilchuk Glass School in Seattle, Wash.

DAVID J. PULA (BARNEY) of Granby, Mass., has made a major career change from Mass Mutual to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, where he is a sales representative.