60s

**Jack Knight**, of Studio City, Calif., who studied at the University from 1960 to 1964, honored those police officers and firefighters who died in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, by singing a tribute song to them titled “Fallen Heroes” on Liberty Street, near Firehouse #10, every 10 minutes during the day of Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. He is a member of the executive committee of the Southern California CUA Alumni Chapter and active with the military support organization “Operation Gratitude.”

**James T. “Casey” Hynes**, B.A. 1965 (A&S), has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He is a theoretical chemist and a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Colorado, Boulder and a CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) director of research in the Department of Chemistry at École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

**James McGill**, B.A. 1969 (PHIL), an instructor in the School of Ministry at the University of Dallas, was named a Haggerty Fellow at its annual commencement ceremony in May. He was one of four faculty members elected by students and alumni to receive this award. His career in adult religious education spans more than 30 years and includes positions with Catholic parishes and diocesan offices, most recently the Greco Institute in Shreveport, La., where he was an instructor for nearly 20 years.


70s

**David L. Bradley**, Ph.D. 1970 (ENGR), of Port Matilda, Pa., was elected the president-elect of the Acoustical Society of America. He is currently a professor of acoustics and senior scientist at the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University.

**Rev. John Edmunds**, S.T., B.A. 1972 (PHIL), S.T.L. 1990 (THEO), graduated from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo., with a Doctor of Ministry in preaching in May 2011. In August, Father Edmunds was re-elected the general custodian of his community, which is headquartered in Silver Spring, Md.

**Jonathan Lash**, M.A. 1972 (A&S), J.D. 1974 (LAW), has been named president of Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.


**Michael T. Concannon**, B.A. 1976 (A&S), J.D. 1978 (LAW), of Seattle, Wash., was honored with the Golden Door Award by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. In the past four years he has provided pro bono representation to over 55 detained immigrants and refugees, more than any other law firm or attorney in the region.

**Glen Michaels Merbach**, B.A. 1978 (PHIL), has been appointed head of the New York State Attorney General’s Plattsburgh Regional Office. In addition to practicing law, he has been in ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church for 17 years. He received his M.Div. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif., in 1992, and has served parishes in Maine and New York.

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**Patricia Ann Scalfari**, B.S.N. 1980, M.S.N. 2004 (NURS), of White Plains, Md., started a new position as vice president of nursing and chief nursing officer at the Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

**Barbara Lopez-Mayhew**, B.A. 1981 (A&S), was promoted to full professor and is in her ninth year as chair of the Department of Languages and Linguistics at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.

**Terrence J. Patterson**, B.A. 1982 (A&S), joined Intralot USA, a lottery gaming company based in Athens, Greece, and Duluth, Ga. He is responsible for its East Coast operations, which include Intralot’s offices in Washington, D.C.

**Anita Miller Summers**, M.S.W. 1982 (SOCSV), designs and produces original handcrafted beaded jewelry for her business, Conscious Creations, LLC. She and her husband, William, relocated to the Tucson area from Minnesota after William took early retirement. They are enjoying the relentless blue sky, their swimming pool, and their young granddaughter.

**Walter Taylor Johnson**, B.A. 1984, M.F.A. 1986 (A&S), has been appointed dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

**Mark Kramer**, B.Arch. 1984 (ARCH), a sculptor and architect in the Washington, D.C., area for more than 25 years, had a show “A Retrospective of Figurative Bronzes,” which is a series of new and prior bronze bas relief sculptures. It was held Oct. 14 – Nov. 7 at Gallery B in Bethesda, Md.
Robert Strickland, D.M.A. 1984 (MUSIC) of Newark, Del., retired in May after 45 years of teaching. 36 of those as professor of music at the University of Delaware. He directed the wind ensemble, taught conducting and music education methods classes, supervised student teachers, and monitored graduate students. His wind ensemble was chosen eight times to perform at eastern division meetings of the National Association for Music Education. He also performed as principal trombonist in the Delaware Symphony Orchestra for 15 years.

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Jeff McFadden, J.D. 1985 (LAW) has been named in the 2012 list of The Best Lawyers in America, a peer-reviewed publication. He is an intellectual property attorney in the Winston-Salem, N.C., office of Womble Carlyle, a peer-reviewed publication.

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Dan Evans, B.S. 2003 (A&S). of Lesbee, Va., is chief operating officer of Beyond Sports Network (BSN), a sports networking company that connects athletes, coaches, teams, leagues, and agents worldwide at every level of competition. His responsibilities include player scouting, player evaluation, coordinating events, and managing overall operations. He was also an adjunct professor at CUA, teaching sports marketing last spring semester.

Christine (Pham) Pomorski, B.A. 2003 (A&S), Mike Pomorski, B.A. 2001 (A&S), and Lisa (Meagher) Shooko, B.A. 2003 (A&S), all of Denver, took a September weekend backpacking trip in the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness in the Colorado Rockies.

Patricio Asfura-Heim, M.A. 2005 (A&S), J.D. 2005 (LAW), was selected as a "40 under 40" award recipient by The Best Lawyers in America, a peer-reviewed publication.

Linda (Meagher) Shooko, Christine (Pham) Pomorski, and Mike Pomorski

singers from around the world perform the complete operatic works of 19th-century composer Wilhelm Richard Wagner — in German.

Brendan Storm, M.A. 2009 (MUSIC), has been selected as the new women's basketball head coach at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. For the past three seasons he served as an assistant coach with the Gaufaudet men's basketball program.

Weddings

Elizabeth Arway, B.A. 2002 (A&S), married Robert Bafin in May. She is teaching first grade at St. Benedict School in Holmdel, N.J., and he works for the Department of Veterans Affairs. They live in Marlboro, N.J.

Jonathan Fry, B.M.E. 2002 (ENGR), and Emily Madden, B.A. 2003 (A&S), were married on July 30, 2010. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Brianne Palmieri, B.A. 2004 (A&S), and Andrew Donnelly, B.S. 2004 (A&S), J.D. 2008 (LAW), were married on July 30, 2010. More than 40 alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Deer Park, N.Y.

Christina Verdervcse, B.A. 2006 (A&S), A.D. 2010 (MUSIC), and Gregory Canning, M.A. 2007, Ph.D. 2011 (PHIL), were married on Aug. 21, 2010. More than 30 alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Marlboro, N.J.
EIGHT ALUMNI IN ONE SMASH-HIT MUSICAL

Washington’s Arena Stage reopened its doors in the fall of 2010 after a $135 million redesign with a sold-out production of Oklahoma!, the much-loved Rogers and Hammerstein musical. In the director’s chair was Molly Smith (B.A. 1974) and onstage in the lead role of Laurey was Eleasha Gamble (B.M. 2002). Smith, who is also Arena Stage’s artistic director, says it was gratifying to reopen with a smash hit, but difficult to turn audiences away so this past summer, the show was brought back for a 12½-week run with nearly the same cast and crew.

In addition to Smith and Gamble, the show featured six other CUA alumni: Elaine Baughman (M.M. 1986), oboe and English horn; Emily Grace Blackstone (M.A. 2011), wardrobe crew; Doug Dubie (B.M. 1982, M.M. 1984, D.M.A. 1988), violin; Jeffrey Kocela (B.M. 1981, M.A. 1990), bass; Roe Lue (M.M. 2011), audio technician; and Cyana Paolantonio (Class of 2005), ensemble. The group hosted a reception for fellow CUA alumni at Arena Stage in September before one of their last shows.

Taking on the role of Laurey was the biggest challenge Gamble had ever faced in her already-successful career. The Helen Hayes award winner was an emergency replacement and had to learn the role just three days before its opening to preview audiences. “I had to trust that life had prepared me for this moment. With God’s help and feeling the entire Washington, D.C., community supporting me, I succeeded and Oklahoma! was a huge success,” says Gamble.

“It has been amazing to see little girls, in particular African-American girls, come up to me after the show who are just mesmerized. I’d like to think that I had made an impact in their lives, and that they have given them some hope that they can be anything they want to be.”

In her program bio, Gamble dedicated her performance to her musical teacher at Catholic University, the late Jane Pesci-Townsend. “I was lucky to have her as my voice teacher during my musical theatre teacher at Catholic University, the late Jane Pesci-Townsend. “I was lucky to have her as my voice teacher during my

BIRTHS

Lisa McAllister, B.A. (1990), announces the adoption of Michael “Sonny” McAllister, finalized on Aug. 11. Sonny is 2½. They live in Tampa, Fla.

T.R. Rowe, B.A. (1992) (A&S), and wife Michelle announce the birth of their fourth child, John Francis, on Aug. 20. The family lives in Trumbull, Conn.

Matthew Nir, M.M. 1994, D.M.A. 1998 (MUSIC), and wife Shabie announce the birth of their fourth child, Lily Frances, on Jan. 18. She joins sister Ellis, 2. Their family lives in Montgomery Village, Md.

Sarah (Vaygle) Middleton, B.A. 2001 (A&S), and husband Tim announce the birth of their first child, Taylor Katherine, on April 12. The family lives in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Dennis J. Wayland, B.A. 2001 (A&S), and wife Emily announce the birth of their son, Bradley, on June 19. They live in Warwick, R.I.

Jessica (DePrizio) Cole, B.A. 2002 (A&S), and husband Levar welcomed their second son, Benjamin James, on June 16. They live in Darwood, Md.

Maria (Barrasso) Coomba, B.M. 2003 (MUSIC), and husband Michael Coomba, B.A. 2002 (A&S), welcomed a son, Nicholas Joseph, on June 27. The family lives in Edison, N.J. Michael is vice president of Hobobken Strategic Group, a boutique government relations and business development firm composed of public affairs professionals with experience in handling challenges, crises, and issues on local, state, and federal levels.

Kathryn (Mowerey) Kirschner, B.S.N. 2003 (NURS), and husband Kurt announced the birth of their daughter, Lilah Frances, on Jan. 18. She joins sister Ellis, 2. Their family lives in Auburndale, Pa.

Catherine (Johnson) Gates, B.M. 2005, M.M. 2008 (MUSIC), and husband Brian welcomed their first child, Elena Caroline, on May 5. Catherine teaches music for Prince George’s County Public Schools in Maryland, and has a private violin studio at home. The family lives in Catonsville, Md.

Susan (Hinkley) McCloskey Wolfe, M.A. 2007 (A&S), and husband Daniel welcomed their daughter, Victoria Nicole, on Jan. 27. Laura is an adjunct professor of Irish history and art history at George Mason University and will have her most recent conference paper published in the Plymouth State University 2011 Medicaid and Renaissance Conference proceedings. The family lives in Culpeper, Va.
She was the first African-American female general in the United States Army and she was a CUA alumna. Hazel Johnson-Brown (Ph.D. 1978) passed away on Aug. 5, 2011, at the age of 83.

Johnson-Brown made history when she became brigadier general just one year after receiving her Ph.D. in education administration from Catholic University in 1978. She was the 16th Nurse Corps Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, and the first African-American appointed to that position as well. She supervised more than 7,000 U.S. Army nurses and oversaw the operations of eight Army medical centers, 56 community hospitals, and 143 freestanding clinics throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Johnson-Brown joined the Army in 1955 after graduating from Harlem Hospital School of Nursing and following President Harry Truman’s ban on segregation in the armed services. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Villanova University, a master’s degree in nursing education from Columbia University, and then her Ph.D. from Catholic University. She was twice named Army nurse of the year.

Following a legendary career in the Army that spanned nearly 30 years, she began a second career as an educator. She was a professor of nursing at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and at George Mason University in Virginia, where she was instrumental in founding the Center for Health Policy, designed to educate and involve nurses in health policy.

“We are so proud to call Dr. Johnson-Brown one of our own,” said Patricia McMullen, dean of CUA’s School of Nursing. “She is an example of the great things a nurse can achieve and the profound impact a nurse can make in so many different avenues within health care. Most especially, she set an example for generations of African-American women who needed role models for success.”


And now that it is published, he says he doesn’t feel a sense of ownership. “This opportunity was given to me as a gift from God. And I am so glad to give the gift of this literary treasure to so many more people, especially second and third generation Hungarian-Americans who can now share the poem with their children.”

Being honored at an embassy reception, says Korossy, “was a childhood dream come true: a tremendous and humbling honor.” During the reception, Korossy says his parents were “bursting with pride,” as they have been since the book was published on July 27, his mother’s birthday.
tors, with tips on recruiting and retaining members, preparing lesson plans and program objectives, developing a booster group, budgeting, managing a classroom, using technology, and making emergency repairs.

G.M. Malliet, M.A. 1986 (A&S), introduces her new mystery series with her first book Wicked Autumn: A Max Tudor Novel (Minotaur Books, September 2011). Max Tudor is a former secret agent who has become an Anglican vicar in a small English village and thinks he has found the perfect peaceful home. However, when one of the members of his parish is found dead in what looks like an accident, Max’s former training has him suspecting foul play.


Erin Haggerty, M.S.L.S. 2004 (LIS), writes about the dependency on workplace recommendations in Recommendation Intoxication: How We Became Beguiled by an Unreliable Workplace Habit and What We Can Do About It (CreateSpace, September 2011). She examines real-life workplace stories, news stories, and court cases revealing the connections between the recommendation tradition and today’s pressing workplace issues, including the economic recession, Bernard Madoff-style swindles, the explosive popularity of social media, and workplace violence.

Amy Bonaccorso, M.S.L.S. 2006 (LIS), author of How to Get to ‘I Do’—A Dating Guide for Catholic Women (Servant Books, September 2010), has won a 2011 Catholic Press Association Award in the First-Time Author category. The book builds on her 10 years on the Christian dating scene to offer hard-hitting, spiritually based advice for single women. Now a happily married woman and a convert to Catholicism, Bonaccorso writes about what works (Internet dating), what doesn’t (living like a nun), and how to ditch fantasies about Prince Charming to give real men who don’t conform to a checklist a chance.

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Following the Orientation Mass on Friday, Aug. 26, incoming freshmen and their family members who are CUA alumni posed with President John Garvey for the annual “legacy photo” near the altar of the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.