Homecoming and Reunions Weekend

October 26–28 is the weekend we celebrate all things CUA. It’s also the date that the reunion classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007 celebrate milestone anniversaries! Reunions committees for these groups are working to gather your classmates and friends and plan your reunion. Email Paula Caruselle, B.A. 2009, at caruselle@cua.edu to add your name to the list of class organizers. Look for the Homecoming and Reunions schedule in the summer issue of CUA Magazine.
2012 Alumni Awards

The Board of Governors of the Catholic University Alumni Association has announced that the following distinguished alumni will receive awards at the Alumni Awards Gala on Saturday, April 14. We hope you will join us to congratulate the awardees and to hear their stories firsthand.

Kevin Ryan, B.A. 1987
Kevin Ryan is the president and CEO of Covenant House, one of the largest charities in the Americas, helping more than 50,000 children and teenagers annually in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. The Vatican Mission to the United Nations presented Ryan with its 2010 Path to Peace Award, recognizing Covenant House’s efforts to save thousands of homeless, trafficked and runaway children from the streets. The charity’s international human rights work has been awarded the Conrad Hilton Humanitarian Award, the Olaf Palme Peace Prize, the United States Department of State Hero Citation and, earlier this year, the Guatemalan Hands of Peace Award.

During the 1990s, Ryan spent nearly a decade on the frontlines of Covenant House’s work with homeless and trafficked kids on the streets of New York and New Jersey before he was appointed by the governor of New Jersey as the state’s first child advocate. In that role, he founded a public watchdog agency charged with monitoring conditions for children at risk of abuse and neglect. His work received national acclaim, including front-page stories in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Philadelphia Inquirer, when he uncovered conditions of severe and illegal overcrowding in many of the state’s juvenile centers.

He was subsequently appointed by the governor to lead a reform of the state’s foster care system. During his tenure, New Jersey set new state records for adoptions, net gains in foster families, and safety for children in foster care. His reform work established him as a national leader in juvenile justice reform.

Tom Beckett is an independent consultant, a veteran, a retired federal executive, and a registered engineer in Virginia. His government career spanned 37 years with Naval Reactors, the joint program of the departments of the Navy and energy, where he had responsibility for the nuclear reactors aboard all U.S. nuclear-powered warships. He received the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award in 2008, the Catholic University Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004, and the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2006. He received his bachelor’s degree in engineering from Duke University in 1969.

Ann Brogioli, B.A. 1989
Ann Brogioli has served the Washington, D.C., community since 1993 with six years in child welfare and 13 years as a social worker in the public school system. For the past 12 years she has been at Hart Middle School in Ward 8, where she is both a school social worker and a coach. In 2006, she was honored by Covenant House Washington for her outstanding service to the youth in D.C. Brogioli received the Washington, D.C., Mayor’s Change Agent Award in 2009. She was a member of the CUA women’s basketball team from 1985 to 1989. She received her M.S.W. from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1993.

Annette Tyree Debisette, RN, Ph.D. 1999
Annette Tyree Debisette is a senior nurse officer at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, serving as the national training officer for medical device and radiological health training programs in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Human Resource Development. She served as the director for the Division of Nursing, senior advisor to the associate administrator for health professions, and chief for advanced nurse education at the Division of Nursing Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Health and Human Services. She received her B.S.N. and M.S. degrees in nursing from Syracuse University. Debisette has faculty appointments at CUA’s School of Nursing. Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Graduate School of Nursing, and Walden University School of Nursing.

Siobhan Fallon Hogan, M.F.A. 1985
Siobhan Fallon Hogan has been seen in many films over the past 20 years. These include noteworthy character parts in films such as Mystic River, Forrest Gump, The Associate, Charlotte’s Web, Holes, Fairly Odd Parents, and The Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Her stage credits include playing Phoebe in the New York Shakespeare Festival’s As You Like It as well as being a member of David Mamet’s Atlantic Theater Company. Currently, she can be seen in the newly released films We Need to Talk About Kevin, Another Happy Day, and Nickelodeon’s Fred. Hogan received her B.A. in 1983 from LeMoyne College.

Joseph Houldin, M.C.R.P. 1979
Joseph Houldin is CEO and founder of the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC), an economic development organization established in 1988 to assist advanced technology manufacturers throughout the Philadelphia region grow business value. Houldin has led the charge to develop the area’s talent pool through the Applied Engineering Technology Education Program. He was named in partnership with Pennsylvania’s academic, business, and government leaders, has become a national model for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. DVIRC is also piloting new services that support revenue growth for small and medium-sized manufacturer enterprises. Houldin has a bachelor’s degree from Villanova University.

Samuel Mok, M.A. 1982
Samuel Mok is the managing member of Condor International Advisors, LLC, a management consulting firm specializing in representing American companies and international clients doing business in the American market. Previously, he served as chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Labor from March 2002 to May 2007. Before that he was CEO and comptroller of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Mok earned a B.S. degree in accounting from Fordham University. He also graduated from the National War College and the U.S. Army Institute of Administration at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He is a certified internal auditor, certified government financial manager, certified internal controls auditor, and served as the national president of the Association of Government Accountants.

Young Alumni Merit Award Recipient
Father James Patrick Shea was inaugurated as the sixth president of the University of Mary on Sept. 19, 2009, at the age of 34. He is the youngest college or university president in the United States.

He studied classical Greek at the University of Texas at Austin and continued at the Vatikan’s North American College, studying theology at the Gregorian and Lateran universities in Rome. He is an alumnus of the Institutes for Higher Education at the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

Father Shea has worked with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity at the Gift of Peace AIDS Hospice and taught religion at two inner-city elementary schools in Washington, D.C. In Rome he served as chaplain at Bambino Gesu Children’s Hospital and also as the Rome campus of the Center for Catholic Social Thought at the University of St. Thomas. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 2002, Father Shea returned to North Dakota and served several parishes as an associate pastor and pastor, while also teaching. He has served on the National Advisory Council to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Governor’s Commission on Education Improvement for the State of North Dakota.

George J. Quinn, Class of 1950, Distinguished Service Award Recipient
Joseph A. Kenny Jr., B.A. 1976
Joe Kenny served on the Alumni Association’s Board of Governors from 2001 to 2011 as Awards Committee cochair from 2004 to 2011, and on the Executive Committee from 2009 to 2011. Kenny has held diverse assignments at the State Department, which included working in several overseas embassies. He is currently the executive director of the State Department’s Office of Medical Services. While on overseas assignments, Kenny’s dedication to the Alumni Association was evident as he called in to board meetings at all hours. His enthusiasm for engaging fellow alumni in support of the University set an example for others and was a testament to Sharon Boynton Kenny, B.A. 1976, and is father of current CUA student Joseph.
Alumni Travel Club

Italy’s Lake District

July 24–Aug. 1, 2012

Where Italy meets Switzerland, glacial lakes sparkle in the sun. Surrounded by the foothills of the Alps and romantic villas, the lakes offer abundant, lush vistas. This region of Italy — formally known as Lombardy, but also called the Lake District — has long been a favorite of artists and writers. It also has been a center of commerce since the Middle Ages. Explore the colorful towns around the lakes and the sophisticated city of Milan.

Trip Highlights:
• Enjoy lakeside accommodations in Stresa at Lake Maggiore.
• Cruise Maggiore and Como lakes by private boat.
• Explore beautiful Lake Orta, perched in the mountains, and its legendary island of San Giulio.
• Visit historic baroque villas and exotic gardens while exploring the beautiful Borromean Islands: Isola Bella, Isola Madre, and Isola dei Pescatori.
• Discover the vibrant city of Milan, Italy’s economic hub and one of the great fashion capitals of the world.
• Stroll through some of Lake Como’s most charming cities and villages, stopping in Bellagio and Como.
• Cross the Swiss border to visit Ascona and then return to Italy to explore the towns along Lake Maggiore, including picturesque Cannobi.

Registration information is available at www.cuatoday.com.

Five Inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

CUA’s Athletics Hall of Fame has five new members. Jim LeBuffe, B.A. 1970 (basketball); James “Val” Van Deventer, B.A. 1978, M.A. 1985 (baseball); Brian Wickes, B.A. 1981, M.S. 1984, Ph.D. 1992 (football); and Kimberly Robinson Dean, B.A. 1989 (diving) were honored for their outstanding athletic achievements at an induction ceremony on Jan. 28 at the Pryzbyla Center. Longtime track and field coach Jerry McGee was also inducted posthumously.

That same day, the University debuted its new Hall of Fame area, which is located on the second floor of the Raymond A. DuFour Athletic Center. The refurbished area displays nameplates for each of the members in the Athletics Hall of Fame and also includes an interactive touch screen with information on the members and the history of CUA athletics.

Annual Sweethearts Reception

The Alumni Association hosted Cardinal couples for a fun-filled reception on Sunday, Feb. 12.