

# GANNON UNIVERSITY

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## Our Events

### Tuesday, Sept. 19

#### ● "Biblical Archaeology and the Ancient Culture of the Mother Goddess."

William Dever, Ph.D., Biblical archaeologist, 7:30 p.m., Zurn 104. Free. Serves as kick-off event to Gannon/Erie Art Museum exhibit opening Sept. 29 and featuring collection of archaeological materials excavated in Jordan by Prof. Suzanne Richard, Ph.D., Liberal Studies.

### Wednesday, Sept. 20

#### ● Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting.

Gannon University Villa Maria School of Nursing's Nursing Center at Franklin Terrace Apartments, 4 to 6 p.m., with ribbon cutting at 4:15 p.m.  
2110 E. 10th St., Apartment 6.

### Thursday, Sept. 21

#### ● Alpha Psi Omega Lunchtime Theatre.

Honorary theatre fraternity performance of student-written and directed one-act play. 11 a.m., Schuster Theatre. All seats \$2. Bring a brown bag lunch and join students in discussion of their work.

### Friday, Sept. 22

#### ● Faculty Development Grant Deadline.

4 p.m. Completed proposal should be mailed to Committee Chair Dr. Mehmet Cultu, Box 3148.



## Our Big News

### Biblical archaeologist to speak

Gannon will host a renowned Biblical archaeologist for a lecture Sept. 19. William G. Dever, Ph.D., professor of Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Arizona, will present "Biblical Archaeology and the Ancient Cult of the Mother Goddess." A slide lecture, the presentation is sponsored by Gannon's Department of Theology and the Gannon Institute for Archaeological Research.

The lecture is a kick-off event for a Gannon University/Erie Art Museum Exhibit opening Sept. 29. Titled "Archaeology at the Dawn of History: The Khirbet Iskander Collection," the exhibit will feature the remarkable collection of archaeological materials excavated from the Khirbet Iskander site in Jordan by Gannon professor Suzanne Richard, Ph.D., who leads digs at the site.

Dever, who appears on the Discovery Channel and A&E, will discuss and illustrate the recent controversial archaeological discoveries of the cult and the ancient Mother Goddess and its relation to ancient Israelite religion.

The talk will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in Zurn 014 and is free.

### Want a feather from Big Bird?

Ever dreamed of owning a yellow feather from the one and only Big Bird? Or perhaps a book autographed by your favorite author and photos signed by the biggest stars? Now's your chance to bid on all that and more as Nash Library presents its Fourth Annual Celebrity Auction and Murder Mystery Sept. 23.

The evening will feature live, silent and Chinese auctions as well as a murder mystery, "The Family Re-Onion," written by and starring faculty and staff. Available for bidding will be books autographed by the authors and memorabilia and autographed photos from celebrities, sports figures and musicians.

A fundraiser for the library, proceeds will be used for the purchase of new books and library materials.

Tickets are \$10 each. Doors open for browsing at 6:30 p.m. The murder mystery will begin at 7 p.m., with the live auction following at 8:30 p.m. The library is located at Sixth and Sassafras streets.

For more information or tickets, call the Nash Library at ext. 7666.

Read more about this subject at [www.gannon.edu/new/](http://www.gannon.edu/new/)

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## Our Events



## Our Folks

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#### Friday, Sept. 22

##### ● Counseling and Spirituality Conference.

Beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 and continuing Sept. 23. Hosted by Psychology Department. Focus on the trends, traditions and ethics of spirituality in the counseling context. For more information, call Dr. Donna Ziegler, ext. 7521, or Debra Thaler, ext. 5728.

##### ● Opening Reception "Scratching the Surface."

Schuster Art Gallery exhibit by Jamie Borowicz, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schuster Art Gallery, third floor, Nash Library. Free.

#### Saturday, Sept. 23

##### ● Celebrity Auction and Murder Mystery.

Fourth annual event to benefit Nash Library. 6:30 p.m. Featuring live, silent and Chinese auctions of autographed books and memorabilia from authors, celebrities and sports figures. Also featuring zany murder mystery "The Family Re-Onion." Tickets \$10. For more information, call the library at ext. 7666.



## Our Notes

### Reaching academic potential

During the fall semester, the Office of New Student Services will host Reaching Your Academic Potential, a four-part study skills program designed to help freshmen get off to a good start academically.

The support of the faculty is essential to the success of this program. Please encourage your advisees and/or freshmen in your classes to attend.

The program schedule is: Oct. 4, Time Management; Oct. 5, Reading/Marking Textbooks; Oct. 11, Notetaking; and Oct. 12, Taking Exams.

Classes begin at 3 p.m. in Palumbo 2201.

### Prayers requested

✠Prayers were requested Sept. 12 for **Rebecca (Becky) Curtis**, records coordinator, Admissions, who was scheduled for surgery Sept. 12. ✠Prayers were requested Sept. 12 for **Al DiFrank**, father of **Jay DiFrank**, associate director, Human Resources. The elder **Mr. DiFrank** is scheduled for major surgery Sept. 20 in Pittsburgh. ✠Prayers were requested Sept. 15 for **Kathy Matczak**, mother of **Kelly Matczak-Bastow**, graphic designer, Gannon Press. **Mrs. Matczak** is scheduled to undergo surgery.

Please remember all in your prayers.

### Pretty in pink

Congratulations to **Colin Petersen**, enrollment adviser, Admissions, and his wife, **Lia Lombardo Petersen**, on the birth of their daughter, **Madalyn Rose**, on Sept. 11. Both **Colin** and **Lia** are 1997 graduates of Gannon.

### Welcome to GU

☼**Pascal Artise**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics. ☼**Nicholas Belluomini**, part-time football equipment manager, Athletics. ☼**Jennifer Borden**, secretary, Alumni Services. ☼**Adam Borrell**, assistant football coach, Athletics. ☼**Paul Carneval**, part-time security guard, Campus Police and Safety. ☼**Phillip Coletta**, grounds worker, Physical Plant. ☼**Richard DeBona**, director, Campus Ministry. ☼**Karen Douglas**, part-time cheerleading coach, Athletics. ☼**Sandra Driscoll**, receptionist, Career Services. ☼**Britt Dyer**, assistant director of Annual Fund, Alumni Services. ☼**Christine Kelly**, coordinator for experiential education, Career Services. ☼**Kenneth Kimmy**, part-time mail clerk, Distribution Services. ☼**Julie Krumpe**, assistant director of Alumni Relations, Alumni Services. ☼**Erin Lukehart**, enrollment adviser, Admissions. ☼**Melanie Maurice**, part-time secretary, Campus Police and Safety. ☼**John May**, part-time mail clerk, Distribution Services. ☼**Jose Morales**, security guard, Campus Police and Safety. ☼**Colin Petersen**, enrollment adviser, Admissions. ☼**Matthew Short**, part-time assistant football coach, Athletics. ☼**Monica Weber**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics. ☼**Paul Yoculan**, assistant football coach, Athletics.

### Celebrating birthdays...

☺Sept. 18.. **Terri Wolfe, Jacob Rouch, Donna Skelly, James McPherson.**  
☺Sept. 20... **Monsignor Michael McGraw, David Tompkins, Gay Catania.**  
☺Sept. 21... **Diane Dill, Michael Manaf.** ☺Sept. 22... **Mary Beth Belczyk.**  
☺Sept. 23... **Berwyn Moore, Nicholas Konzel, Mary Hess, Todd Gundrum, Michael Shady.** ☺Sept. 24... **Gregory Mello, Edward Rogers, Terrance Hoover, Catherine Gillespie, David Blaetz, Debra Thaler, Robert Meister.**