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Our Events



Our Big News

Friday, March 30

● Faculty Awards Convocation.

3 p.m., Yehl Alumni Room, Waldron Campus Center.

Sunday, April 1

● Spring Open House.

Noon to 3:30 p.m., with registration at 11:30 a.m. in the Waldron Campus Center. Welcome at 12:15 p.m., Hammermill Center. Day will include Financial Aid and Admissions presentations; opportunities to meet faculty, administrators and coaches; student panel discussion; and tours of campus. For more information, call the Office of Admissions at ext. 7240.

● Founder's Day Awards Convocation.

3:30 p.m., Avalon Hotel Ballroom. Graduating seniors will be recognized for academic excellence, leadership and service. For tickets, call the Office of Student Development at ext. 5618.

Wednesday, April 4

● Distinguished Speaker Series.

"Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium," featuring Brent Scarpo, Los Angeles filmmaker and founder of New Light Media. Talk will include excerpts from his film, with interviews with a survivor of Columbine High shooting and the mother of the late Mathew Shepard, a victim of a hate crime. 7:30 p.m., Zurn 104. Free and open to the public.

Orlando gift helps students

Helping others.

Like many health care professionals, Gannon graduate Richard G. Orlando, M.D., F.A.C.S., carries that goal with him on a daily basis. Now, he wants to aid Gannon University students pursuing degrees in the health sciences so that they, too, can fulfill their dreams of helping others.

But at the same time that he helps these students, he is paying homage to those who have helped him: his grandparents, Rose and Tony Orlando, immigrants who instilled in their children and grandchildren a solid work ethic and value for higher education, even though they, themselves, did not hold degrees.

Dr. Orlando, a 1976 graduate of Gannon and now an ophthalmologist in Columbus, Ohio, has made a gift of \$20,000 to the university to establish the Orlando Family Endowed Scholarship. Orlando made the gift to honor his grandparents, Rose and Tony Orlando, who immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s from Sicily, settling in Ashtabula, Ohio.

"I wanted to honor my grandparents and my parents for all their love, encouragement and support they gave to me during my long years of training, and I felt that a perpetual scholarship to my alma mater would provide this legacy," Dr. Orlando said.

Orlando noted that his family has been helped numerous times by physicians, nurses and others in the health care field as his father, Sam, has undergone two heart surgeries, and Dr. Orlando's sister, Ave, has been treated for cancer since age 17.

"It is because of the superior skills that these people acquired during their educational process that my father and sister both are alive and well," Orlando said. "In establishing this scholarship, I and my family want worthy students to be able to continue their education so that they may go on to help others. Our hope is that recipients of the Orlando Family Endowed Scholarship will help other families in a similar manner throughout their careers."

After graduating from Gannon, Dr. Orlando attended The Ohio State

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Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Please remember all in your prayers as we regretfully announce the death of:

† **Frank Groszkiewicz**, retired from Gannon's Engineering Technology Department. **Mr. Groszkiewicz** died March 23 in Florida.



Our Folks

Prayers requested

† Prayers were requested March 22 for **Evelyn Shuler**, grandmother of Gannon student **Diana Ferguson**.

Prayers were requested March 23 for **Amy Faith Walck**, daughter of **Dave Fabian**, director of Communications, and his wife, **Kathleen Fabian**. **Amy** is undergoing medical tests in Virginia.

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Send BD greetings to...

☺ March 26... **Mary Todd, Marilyn Rositer**.
☺ March 27... **Dolores Corsi, Mary Al-Hasnawi**. ☺ March 29... **Donald Gunter, Stephen Schillo**. ☺ March 30... **Ginny Caldwell, Robert Nelsen, Msgr. Michael Gaines, Jodi Kest**. ☺ March 31... **Kerri Shaughnessy**. ☺ April 1... **Dee Smith**. ☺ April 2... **Sr. James Mulligan, Renee Huefner**. ☺ April 3... **Anita Miller**. ☺ April 5... **David Eichelsdorfer, Deborah Anderson**. ☺ April 7... **Bryan Torain, Donald Tronetti**. ☺ April 8... **John Rouch**.

Woman of the Year?

Congratulations to **Dr. Loretta Seigley**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, who has been named as one of five finalists for the 2001 Woman of the Year awarded by the Women's Roundtable.



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Orlando gift

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University College of Medicine, graduating in 1979. He served an internship in medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospitals in Columbus following a residency in ophthalmology at Ohio State University Hospital.

Dr. Orlando in 1984 founded Columbus Ophthalmology Associates, where he is president and director of surgery in this five-member specialty group.

Orlando said he admired his family's strength. Upon coming to the United States, Orlando's grandfather, Tony, worked as a laborer for the railroad while Rose, Orlando's grandmother, was a homemaker, raising eight children. The couple sadly lost two of those children: Leo at the age of 6 in an accident, and Anthony at age 13 of cancer. Tragedy further plagued the family when Tony died of heart disease at age 48, leaving Rose to raise the remaining children alone.

"While she had only a grade school education, she more than made up for this with common sense and a strong sense of honesty and work ethic, something she instilled in all her children," Orlando said. "She believed in making sure her children obtained a good education and checked each night on their homework to prepare them for their careers as businessmen."

Among those children is Dr. Orlando's father, Sam, who attended Case Western Reserve and San Jose State before returning home to become part of the family grocery business. He later went on to open his own supermarket in 1965, and today that business is run by his son and Dr. Orlando's brother, Tony, who attended Gannon.

In addition to Dr. Orlando, several other Orlando family members have also graduated from Gannon. Dr. Orlando's sister Francesca; brother Nick in 1982; cousin John Tulino in 1983; and cousins Mark Orlando and Jim Diamond, 1984.



Our Notes

Commence a little earlier

A reminder that this year's May Commencement activities will take place one day earlier than usual. Rather than the usual Sunday event, the May Commencement will take place on Saturday this year.

Activities will begin Friday, May 11, with the Commencement Dance in the Hammermill Center from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, May 12, events will be: 8 to 9:15 a.m., ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Yehl Alumni Room of the Waldron Campus Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m., Mass, St. Peter Cathedral; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Brunch, Yehl Alumni Room, WCC; 1 p.m., student line up, Erie Civic Center; and 2 p.m., Commencement, Erie Civic Center.