

# GANNON



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## Our Events

### Tuesday, Aug. 28

- **GoFish! Fan Appreciation Night at SeaWolves**  
6 p.m. artist autograph sessions, 7 p.m. Erie SeaWolves vs. Bowie, Jerry Uht Park. Regular admission of \$5 also includes hot dog, chips and drink. Dress as your favorite fish or wear fish garb for another \$2 off admission. Fish merchandise for sale and prize pack giveaways.

### Wednesday, Aug. 29

- **First Day of Classes.**

### Friday, Aug. 31

- **Blessing of Multi-Purpose Field.**  
4 p.m., 5th and Sassafras streets. Blessing of field by Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman and ribbon cutting. Reception and tours to follow. Knights football team will play first home game Saturday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. vs. Tiffin.

### Monday, Sept. 3

- **Labor Day.**  
University closed.

### Thursday, Sept. 6

- **Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit.**  
11 a.m., A.J.'s Way. (Rain site, Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.) Luncheon to follow in Friendship Green. (Rain site, cafeteria.) Employees asked to bring dessert to share.



## Our Big News

# Garibaldi welcomes new class

Gannon University's sixth president welcomed his first freshman class to the university Sunday during Gannon's 14<sup>th</sup> annual Freshman Convocation.

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., addressed some 622 new bachelor's degree students and their families during the formal matriculation ceremony in Gannon's Hammermill Center. The new students include 534 freshmen, 77 transfer students, and 11 students returning to college after a hiatus. Classes begin Wednesday.

"I am excited to be at Gannon and have been enjoying my time here since arriving July 1, but I am even more thrilled to now be able to meet our new and returning students face-to-face and embark on a new year with them," Garibaldi said before Sunday's ceremony.

During his welcome, Garibaldi commended the entering class for their high quality academic achievements thus far, and he pledged to help them continue those successes.

"We are here to develop the total student, and it is our expectation that every student in this auditorium will graduate from Gannon University and be productive members of society, successful professionals, and leaders who will give back to their communities, their churches, and the world at large," Garibaldi told the students.

His advice to them included to meet with faculty and take advantage of their advice, manage time wisely, study with other students, get involved in co-curricular activities, and have a good time, but in moderation.

This year's freshman class includes 23 students who were valedictorians of their high school graduating classes, said Beth Nemenz, executive director of admissions and financial aid. Some 148 were members of the National Honor Society.

A total of 44 incoming freshmen are entering the university's Honors Program, bringing the total Honors Program enrollment to 167 students, said the Rev. Robert Susa, director of the program. Of the 44 new honors students, 10 were class valedictorians and two were salutatorians. Ten achieved scores of more than 1300 on the SAT test, and 12 scored between 1200 and 1300, Susa said. The group's average SAT score is 1210.

The class also includes about a dozen international students who hail from Canada, India, Sweden and Turkey, Nemenz said. Within the United States, the freshmen come from 14 states and one U.S. territory.

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## Our Sympathies

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### Sympathy extended

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

✠ **Charles Quirk**, Aug. 16, father-in-law of **Karen Ryan**, instructor, PSLD.

✠ **Francis Cline**, Aug. 19, father of **Bob Cline**, director of Human Resources.

✠ **Lillian Schroeck**, Aug. 23, mother-in-law of **Ed Rogers**, associate professor, Mathematics.

✠ **John McGrath**, Aug. 25, father of **Susan Grande**, office manager, Center for Adult Learning.

✠ **Richard James Reynolds**, Aug. 26, father of **Judy Turner**, retired secretary, Biology.



## Our Folks

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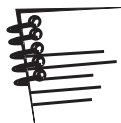
### Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Aug. 13 for **Jim Miller**, assistant professor, Accounting, who was hospitalized. He later returned home to recover from pneumonia.

✠ Prayers were requested Aug. 16 for **Anita Aggarwal**, wife of **Dr. Mahesh Aggarwal**, professor, Mechanical Engineering, as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

✠ Prayers were requested Aug. 21 for **Cheryl DeGlopper**, stepsister of **Stacy Kraus**, assistant director, SOLD, as she awaits a kidney transplant necessitated by diabetes.

✠ Prayers were requested Aug. 24 for **Peggy Devine**, sister of **Patti Howard**, word processing specialist, Gannon Press, as she undergoes additional cancer treatment.



## Our Notes

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### New class

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Before starting classes on Wednesday, the freshman class will experience Preview GU, a series of activities designed to acclimate the students to Gannon's campus and college life. Activities will include a Welcome Mass, computer and library workshops, a class photo, and an ice cream social.

Also joining the university this fall will be more than 900 master's and doctoral students, said Michael O'Neill, Ph.D., dean of graduate studies.

Following Garibaldi's welcome address, Nemenz formally presented the new students to the university. Loretta Seigley, Ph.D., acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, accepted the class on behalf of the university's faculty, staff and administration.

Sunday's ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by Gannon's faculty and administrators for the new students and their families.

### Middle States meetings

The Middle States Committee Steering Committee has announced the following schedule for meetings:

♦ *Middle States Site Visit*: Oct. 11. ♦ *Community Meetings* (all meetings 3 p.m.): Sept. 14, Nov. 2, Feb. 15, and April 19. ♦ *Steering Committee Meetings* (all meetings 3 p.m.): Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Feb. 8, and April 12.

### Free class on mental illness

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, or NAMI, will host a free education program on the Gannon campus, and the Gannon Community is invited to attend.

The Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week education course for families and friends of person with mental illness, will be held on Mondays from Sept. 10 through Dec. 3.

The course will help participants to understand the biologically based brain diseases of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, OCD, panic disorder, and borderline personality disorder.

Classes will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Palumbo Center. To register, call NAMI at 456-1773 or 866-1179.

### Happy Birthday to...

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