



## Our Events



## Our Big News

**Oct. 29-Nov. 1**

● **Busy Person's Retreat.**

Commit to half hour of prayer each day and meet with spiritual adviser. Closing session Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Upper Lounge, Student Services Building. Call Fr. George Strohmeyer, ext. 7436, or Sam Van Eman, ext. 5672.

**Friday, Nov. 2**

● **Middle States Community Meeting.**

3 p.m., Yehl Alumni Room. Break out sessions for Working Groups. RSVP by Nov. 1 to Colleen Cipriani, ext. 7434.

● **Gannon's Erie Chamber Orchestra.**

Directed and conducted by Bruce Morton Wright, featuring soloist Dan Burdick, tuba. 7:30 p.m., Central High Auditorium, 3325 Cherry St. Free.

**Nov. 4 through Dec. 14**

● **Schuster Art Gallery Exhibit.**

"The Art and the Artists," works by Vitus J. and Michael Kaiser. Father and son offer a look at a shared talent in watercolor painting. Free and open to the public during library hours.

**Sunday, Nov. 4**

● **Fall Open House.**

Noon to 4 p.m. Admissions and Financial Aid presentations; chances to meet faculty, coaches and administrators; campus tours; student panel discussion. Call Admissions, ext. 7240.

# Nursing Center gains national attention

A community-based nursing center that brings basic healthcare screenings and education to part of Erie's underserved population has earned national recognition.

The Gannon University Nursing Center at Franklin Terrace has earned an Award of Excellence from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, or NAHRO, a national organization whose membership includes the Housing Authority of the City of Erie.

A joint project among Gannon, the Housing Authority, and Community Health Net, the one-year-old center was recognized for Excellence in Program Innovation in Resident and Client Services. The NAHRO Award of Excellence recognizes outstanding achievement in housing and community development programs nationwide.

The award was presented to Housing Authority Executive Director John Horan at NAHRO's annual national conference Oct. 10 in Nashville. The Nursing Center was highlighted for the national audience through a computerized photo presentation.

"NAHRO is proud to extend recognition to these agencies that use creativity and innovation to develop programs with an ongoing commitment to excellence," NAHRO President Karen Thoreson said in a statement. "Agencies like the Housing Authority of the City of Erie are accomplishing remarkable levels of service for their communities and their residents. They are setting up programs and standards that can be duplicated by other agencies around the country."

This marks the first national award the Housing Authority has received from the NAHRO in the Authority's many years of affiliation with the organization.

The Nursing Center is a cooperative effort among Gannon, the Housing Authority, and Community Health Net to bring health education and screenings — aimed at early detection and prevention — to residents of public housing. It is

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## Our Folks

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Light the birthday candles...

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## Welcome to GU

☼ **Lawrence Abbondanza**, adjunct faculty, Business. ☼ **Rebecca Byars**, secretary, Environmental Science. ☼ **Hysni Morina**, custodial worker, Physical Plant. ☼ **Lawrence Pennington**, adjunct faculty, Graduate Education. ☼ **Carmela Presogna**, adjunct faculty, Paralegal. ☼ **Thomas Sedelmyer**, custodial worker, Physical Plant. ☼ **Anita Snider**, adjunct faculty, English. ☼ **Donald Smith**, adjunct faculty, Business. ☼ **Rev. L. Thomas Snyderwine**, adjunct faculty, Theology - Deaconate Program. ☼ **Garrett Taylor**, adjunct faculty, Business. ☼ **James Uhrmacher**, adjunct faculty, Business. ☼ **Nicholas Viglione**, adjunct faculty, Education/Criminal Justice. ☼ **Richard Vitale**, adjunct faculty, Education. ☼ **James Vogel**, adjunct faculty, Political, Historical and Legal Studies. ☼ **Katherine Wardi-Zonna**, adjunct faculty, Psychology.

## Congrats

Congratulations to **Scott Mahle**, area coordinator, Student Living, who will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J., Nov. 4. **Scott**, played football and tennis at St. Peter's.



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### Nursing Center

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located at 2110 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Apartment 6, of the Franklin Terrace Apartments. Located at Franklin Terrace are 425 apartments for families and elderly residents.

The center was created with the goals of expanding instruction in community-based nursing for Gannon students; providing accessible health promotion, screening and education services for a low-income target population; supporting and enhancing the efforts of neighborhood health clinics to improve immunization rates and early screening participation with the Franklin Terrace Neighborhood; and to create partnerships between the residents of Franklin Terrace and service providers in the community to improve access for residents to quality health care.

The center was established in September 2000 and funded in its initial year with a \$65,000 grant that Gannon's Villa Maria School of Nursing earned from the Helene Fuld Health Trust of New York, N.Y. Operations of the center are now funded by the projects three partners: Gannon, the Housing Authority, and Community Health Net, said Kimberly Blount, MSN, CRNP, CS, director of the Nursing Center and assistant professor of nursing at Gannon..

Under the project, Gannon's nursing faculty and students in both the bachelor's and master's degree nursing programs provide a myriad of screening and assessment services aimed at early detection and prevention. Home health visits and educational and wellness programs are offered as well.

Once assessed, residents needing diagnoses and treatment are referred to Community Health Net or their own private physicians, if they have them. Community Health Net, which coordinates services for underserved populations, offers a full range of medical services, including family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, pediatrics, dentistry and optometry.

Additionally, the center relies on community partnerships with many social service agencies to provide educational literature and other services.

Under faculty direction, nursing students provide early periodic screenings, diagnoses and treatment for residents from birth to age 21; WIC Program services including education on prenatal care, women's health, and child health and safety; collaborative services with the CHECK Program, or Comprehensive Health for Erie County Kids, to provide track childhood vaccinations; and home visits for health education and maintenance of chronic diseases as well as parenting skills.



## Our Notes

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### Chemistry Honor Society

Dr. Michael Bucholtz, chairman of the Chemistry Department, reports that the department has been granted a new chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon National Chemistry Honor Society. Gannon's chapter will be known as the Rho Gamma chapter. The national honor society began in 1920 and acknowledges academic excellence of chemistry students.