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Our Events

Tuesday, Dec. 11

• Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series.

“Women’s Great Advances in Education and Leadership in the 20th Century.” Presented by Gannon President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D. Palumbo Center third Floor Atrium, noon to 1 p.m.

Dec. 13-14

• “A Child’s Christmas in Wales.”

Schuster Theatre, curtain 8 p.m. both nights. Dylan Thomas’ classic look at Christmas from a child’s point of view. Adapted by Jeremy Brooks and Adrian Mitchell; theatre and culture class performance. Donation \$1; benefits Neighborhood Art House.

Friday, Dec. 14

• Annual Christmas Concert Sing-Along

Conducted and directed by Bruce Morton Wright, Gannon University’s Erie Chamber Orchestra will perform Annual Christmas Concert Sing-Along with the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, Children’s Choir. 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 130 East Fourth Street. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, Dec. 16

• Winter Commencement.

Mass 11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Ceremony 2 p.m., Hammermill Center. Reception to follow in Yehl Room.

Our Big News

Gen. Kennedy keynote graduation speaker

Domestic and international military intelligence expert, retired three star general, author, and political commentator Claudia J. Kennedy will be the keynote speaker at Gannon’s Winter Commencement ceremony.

The university will award an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Lieutenant General Kennedy, who will address the graduates and their families. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 16 in Gannon’s Hammermill Center.

Kennedy was the first and remains the only woman to have been appointed three star general in the United States Army, taking her from the Women’s Army Corps to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence, a post she held from 1997-2000. She oversaw policies and operations affecting 45,000 people stationed worldwide with a budget of nearly \$1 billion.

Kennedy was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She received a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from Southwestern at Memphis and in June, 1969, was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Women’s Army Corps. She followed in her father’s footsteps in entering the army.

Her military education includes completion of the Women’s Army Corps Officer Basic Course, Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, the Junior Officer Cryptologic Career Program at the National Security Agency, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

In May, 1997, she was named the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence. She retired in July of 2000, ending a distinguished military career spanning 31 years.

Kennedy held a number of command and staff positions, including Commander, 3d Operations Battalion, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, Germany; Commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; and Commander, 703d Military Intelligence Brigade, Field Station Kunia, Hawaii.

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Cut the Cake...

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It's a boy!

Congratulations to former media relations officer **Angela Brooks** and her husband, **Matthew**, on the birth of their son, **Jacob Matthew**, born Dec. 5, weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Pancake Breakfast

The MID-KNIGHT Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, December 16, from 9:30 to midnight. To volunteer call Nancy Kelly at ext. 7486 or Christine Agnello at ext. 7741.

Donate winter wear

The Social Concerns Committee is collecting hats and mittens for Project HOPE. The tree is located outside Ran Sac in the Campus Center.

Project HOPE serves Erie's homeless. Dec. 20 is the last day to donate an item.

Meet Santa

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha invite you to meet Santa. Club La Riccia, Dec. 10-13, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The \$1 donation goes to the fraternity fund and canned good donations will go to a local food pantry.

Kennedy to receive honorary degree

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Kennedy also has served as Operations Officer, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Staff Officer, Directorate of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Washington, D.C.; Director of Intelligence (G2), Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.

Kennedy's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Kennedy has been named to a list of "Best Women Role Models" and *Vanity Fair's* "Most Influential." She has been named to *Ladies Home Journal's* "100 Most Important Women" list.

She has been honored for leadership and lifetime achievement by such organizations as Business and Professional Women (USA), Girl Scout Council of Hawaii, Women Executives and State Government, National Women's Law Center, DAR, and the National Center for Women and Policy.

Since retiring from the Army, Kennedy has lived in northern Virginia. She works to help abused and neglected children by chairing a non-profit corporation called "First Star."

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, she has made numerous appearances on networks like CNN as an analyst on domestic and international intelligence gathering.

Kennedy also has authored a book, "Generally Speaking."

The graduates include 201 master's degree recipients, 101 bachelor's, and four associate's. Among the graduates are 17 international students representing 12 countries.

Some 115 degree recipients will graduate with distinction, including two summa cum laude, eight magna cum laude, 14 cum laude, and two with academic honors.

One ROTC graduate, Stacie Hepler, will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army during an informal ceremony in Beyer Hall. Her first assignment will be as a Gold Bar Recruiter for Gannon.

Sunday's events will begin with a Baccalaureate Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman, chairperson of Gannon's Board of Trustees, in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Following the commencement ceremony at 2 p.m., a reception will be held in the Yehl Room.