

From the Parents Chairs

Greetings parents! After two years as co-chairs of the Parents Committee and the graduation of our second son from Assumption, we finish our term as co-chairs and welcome **Larry and Luise Cancro P'08** as the new Parents Co-chairs.

The Parents Committee provides ongoing communication between the College and its parents. The Parents Council is committed to increasing gifts to the College through the Parents Fund component of the Annual Fund, as well as serving as a positive communication network between the College's faculty and administration and parents.

There are opportunities to participate on the admissions, career services and fund-raising subcommittees. Parents represent Assumption at College Fairs in their area, assist with Admissions Open Houses, and participate in discussion panels with prospective students and their parents.

Through our annual Parents Career Networking Dinner, we have helped students make professional contacts and aid in the job and internship search process.

In addition, parent giving to Assumption has reached unprecedented levels. In 2004-05, parent giving increased by 23% to a record high of \$294,000.

The Parents Committee is an enthusiastic group and we encourage you to get involved.

Sincerely yours,
Gerri and Paul MacKinnon, P'02, '05
Co-chairs, Parents Committee

\$3.2 million multi-sport stadium opens



The construction crew lays and assembles the field turf in July for the multi-sport stadium in preparation of its fall semester opening.

Students returning or arriving to campus this fall will marvel at the new multi-sport stadium—the third major capital project of The Centennial Campaign.

The new stadium, equipped with lights, synthetic field turf and grandstand seating for 1,200, will serve as the home for six varsity teams (men's and women's soccer and lacrosse, field hockey and football). Since the new field can be used until 11 p.m., it will allow for evening practices and games and a full outdoor intramural program, benefiting the entire student population. Events such as Ultimate Frisbee, flag football, soccer and others may be added to the intramural sports schedule.

Trustee Geoff Smith '66, chair of the Athletics Capital Campaign Committee, said, "More than 70% of our students participate in intramurals,

so this field will benefit a large portion of the entire student body."

Director of Athletics Ted Paulauskas '67 is also excited about the new stadium. "This new facility allows the College to remain competitive among our rivals in the Northeast-10 Conference," he said. "A lighted field allows our teams the flexibility for night practices or games, and the excellent drainage of the synthetic turf enables us to play in inclement weather."

The College is still accepting gifts all sizes to finance the stadium. Donors of \$2,500 or more will be recognized on a major benefactors plaque near the stadium's entrance.

A total of \$2.7 million has been raised toward the \$3.2 million goal. For more information contact Tom Ryan, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at 508-767-7205 or e-mail tryan@assumption.edu.



Time to explore! Worcester Consortium offers cultural and fun trips

Has your son/daughter been on a Cape Cod whale watch? How about to WaterFire Providence or New York City? If not, now is the chance. This year, Assumption College, in conjunction with the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium, is teaming with several of its member institutions (Anna Maria, Assumption, Becker, Clark University, Nichols, Quinsigamond Community, and Worcester State Colleges) to offer the *New England Culture 101* program, which will include day trips to these destinations and more.

With its ideal location in the heart of New England and as the home to 13 colleges and universities, Greater Worcester has much to offer its 35,000 students. This program is an excellent opportunity for students to meet and interact with peers from other local colleges and learn what Worcester and New England have to offer.

A total of 15 trips have been planned from September through April, with each event offered at a significant discount. Several trips also include transportation. (See a short summary of some of the trips to the right.)

To participate, students must sign a mandatory trip waiver through the Assumption's Office of Student Activities. "This program will supplement the existing opportunities we have for students to travel off campus, which include round-trip shuttle bus service to the Lincoln Street shopping plaza on Thursdays (6–10pm) and to the Solomon Pond Mall and Regal Cinema on Fridays (5pm-midnight)," said Joe Golia, director of Student Activities. "We'll also offer three day trips into Boston (11:30am–7pm) and one trip to Providence Place Mall this fall."

For more info, contact the Office of Student Activities at 508-767-7403 or visit either www.cowc.org or www.assumption.edu/stulife/stuact and click on "Off Campus Trips."

Highlight trips for New England Culture 101

Day on the Cape and optional whale watch Sept. 10



Travel to Provincetown, the Northern tip of Cape Cod, and enjoy one of the country's favorite vacation spots. An optional whale watch will tour out to the Stellwagen Bank aboard the Portuguese Princess. Visit www.provincetowngov.org and www.princesswhalewatch.com.

WaterFire Providence Sept. 17

WaterFire Providence, the award-winning fire sculpture by Barnaby Evan, was created in 1994 as public art and installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence, R.I. It has attracted millions of visitors downtown for art, music and its festive atmosphere. www.waterfire.org



New England Revolution vs. Chicago Fire soccer game Oct. 15



New England's Major League Soccer team, the Revolution, shares its home with the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., is one of the premiere sports venues in the country. www.revolutionsoccer.net

Day trip to Salem, Mass. Oct. 22

Founded in 1626, Salem has a storied history from the Salem Witch Trials in 1692 to author Nathaniel Hawthorne's novels. October is the time to visit. Ghost tours and many other spooky activities and memorabilia are available. www.salemweb.com



Day trip to New York City Dec. 3



Nothing quite compares to a trip to New York City during the holiday season. Visit the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, or spend the day shopping. There are thousands of things to do and places to see. www.nycvisit.com

Jerusalem Symphony, Mechanics Hall, Worcester March 1

This 105-member orchestra garnered considerable international acclaim after a European tour in 1996. It has toured across the globe and will perform in Mechanics Hall, one of the world's finest concert halls, regarded for its superb acoustics. www.jso.co.il and www.mechanicshall.org



"Cats" at Foothills Theatre, Worcester March 26



Andrew Lloyd Webber's longest-running musical in Broadway history, "Cats" has been said by many to be among the most exhilarating and innovative musicals ever staged. It features classic Broadway tunes, such as "The Rum Tum Tugger" and "Memory." www.foothillstheatre.com

Day trip to Newport, R.I. April 29

Founded in 1639, Newport is a bustling seaport, highlighted by the mansions dotting the shore. Enjoy shopping, great restaurants, the Cliff Walk and the International Tennis Hall of Fame, among other attractions. www.gonewport.com, www.newportri.com and www.tennisfame.com



Academic All-Americans and NCAA post-graduate scholarships

Men's tennis captain **James Newman '05** and women's lacrosse all-America **Jenny Mongeau '06** have both been named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® At-Large Team (college division) by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Both are among the College's first triple majors.

Newman was named to the second-team, while Mongeau earned third-team honors—both previously earned first-team All-District honors.

The Greyhounds have had 28 honorees recognized as academic All-America since 1967, the second highest total among the 15 colleges in the Northeast-10 Conference.

Newman also became the first two-time male recipient of the prestigious Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Robbins Division II Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. He was the first junior to win the Award.

He also earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors (third team) in 2004. Among the first triple majors in the College's 100-year history, the Accounting, Finance and Philosophy student graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.91 GPA. He is studying the intense Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) curriculum on his own and has passed the first of three exams. He has accepted a position with accounting firm Ernst & Young in Boston.

Jenny Mongeau was named to three All-American teams as selected by members of the media and coaches organizations, as well as the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division II Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year.

She is the career scoring leader for

the Greyhounds with 152 goals and 30 assists for 182 points. She is the career leader in goals and enters her senior season fourth in career assists.

Mongeau is also pursuing a triple



James Newman '05



Jenny Mongeau '06



Ali Reyell '05

as a doctor or researcher.

Newman and soccer captain **Ali Reyell '05** became the 10th and 11th Greyhounds to receive a \$7,500 NCAA post-graduate scholarship.

A first-team All-American—the first in Greyhound women's soccer history—Reyell led the team to the NCAA regional final as the NE-10's Defender of the Year.

A double major in Spanish and Psychology (with a minor in Education), Reyell graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.91 GPA. She plans to obtain her Initial

major in Biology, Chemistry and Math and owns a 3.8 GPA. She expects to pursue a career in medicine

Licensure and master's degree in Elementary Education from Worcester State College.

Family Weekend fun: Sept. 30–October 2

Family Weekend will be held September 30–October 2. Weekend events will include Friday night bingo, the homecoming football game vs. Southern Connecticut State University in the new Multi-Sport Stadium, performances by the Assumption

College chorale and AC Band, a mini-carnival, Founders Day fireworks and Game Night in a casino-like setting. Please book hotel reservations early. For further info, contact Student Affairs at (508) 767-7181 or click on Parents & Families at www.assumption.edu.

Worcester-area lodging recommendations

Best Western Yankee Drummer Inn, 624 Southbridge St., Auburn
www.yankeedrummerinn.com (508) 832-3221 9 miles to A.C.

Hampton Inn, 110 Summer St., Worcester
www.hamptoninn.com (508) 757-0400 3 miles to A.C.

Holiday Inn, 500 Lincoln St., Worcester
www.holiday-inn.com/worcesterma (508) 852-4000 4 miles to A.C.

Crowne Plaza, 10 Lincoln Sq., Worcester
www.crowneplaza.com (800) 628-4240 3 miles to A.C.

Courtyard by Marriott, 72 Grove St., Worcester
www.courtyard.com (781) 537-5585 2 miles to A.C.

Mention you will be attending Assumption College's Family Weekend to receive reduced rates, available until Sept. 9 or they are sold out.



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Assumption ranks high among its peers

America's Best Colleges

U.S. News and World Report has released its 2006 "America's Best Colleges" list and Assumption College is again ranked in the top tier of the Best Universities—Master's category, competing against other institutions in the North region.

Assumption is 31st among the 165 schools ranked in the North region. By definition, these institutions provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but they offer few, if any, doctoral programs.

N.C.A.A. Post Graduate Scholarships

With the addition of James Newman '05 and Ali Reyell '05 to the list of Assumption recipients of an N.C.A.A. Post Graduate Scholarship,

Assumption has received the most Scholarships of all the N.C.A.A. Division II schools in New England. Only 10 New England colleges can boast more N.C.A.A. Post Grad Scholarships, including Harvard, M.I.T. and Wesleyan.

Best Northeastern Colleges

Assumption has been included again in *The Princeton Review's* 2006 publication of "Best Northeastern Colleges." The 224 colleges featured in the Northeastern edition showcase top schools selected from among nearly 900 colleges in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia. The book is one of five in the *Princeton Review's* "Best" regional guidebook series.

Fall 2005 Calendar

Aug. 29 Classes begin
 Sept. 5 Labor Day (no classes)
 Sept. 30–Oct. 2 ... Family Weekend
 Oct. 10–11 Columbus Day (no classes)
 Nov. 24–27 Thanksgiving (no classes)
 Dec. 7 Last day of classes
 Dec. 9–10, 12–15 Final Exams

For the full College calendar, visit
www.socialweb.net/assumption