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President Carney to be recognized Oct. 8 as one of the top 100 educators in North America

St. Bonaventure University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., will be recognized Oct. 8 as a leading figure in education by Irish Voice newspaper. Sr. Margaret is part of the weekly newspaper's Irish Education 100 publication, a list of leading educators in North America.

Sr. Margaret and the other recipients will be recognized at the Irish Education 100 reception and awards ceremony, planned for 6 p.m. Oct. 8 at The American Irish Historical Society in New York City.

"The Irish Education 100 is our inaugural effort to recognize the central role of educators in our history," said Niall O'Dowd, founding publisher of Irish Voice. "More than a reflection of the past, we endeavor to build a creative communication network that will strengthen Irish identity in the 21st Century with new collaborations, partnerships and friendships. We view educators as the central link with Ireland in our globalized world."

A lifelong educator, Sr. Margaret came to Sr. Bonaventure University in 1997 to serve as a faculty member of its world-renowned Franciscan Institute. Within two years she was named dean and director. In 2004, she was named the 20th president of the university.

She was the leader in establishing the Father Mychal Judge Center for Irish Exchange and Understanding, a unique venture that will offer St. Bonaventure students, faculty, and cultural exchanges with the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States, including academic study, service learning, co-curricular seminars, and research.

Proud of her Irish heritage, Sr. Margaret's maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Ireland and Sr. Margaret's sister, Sr. Sheila Carney, is an internationally-known expert on the life of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy whose headquarters is in Dublin.

During the summer of 2008, Sr. Margaret led a pilgrimage to Wexford to the ancestral lands and parish of the Devereux family. Nicholas Devereux, who emigrated to the U.S. in 1806, was the founding benefactor of the university. His family is well known in Wexford and beyond for its generosity to Catholic causes and religious orders.

Sr. Margaret is also well known in Franciscan circles and has lectured in Ireland and at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Sr. Margaret was the first woman to earn a doctorate from the Franciscan University of Rome. She studied in Europe after completing master's degrees in theology at Duquesne University and Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University.

A leader with a strong impulse for collaborative models, Sr. Margaret is working with Trustees and the university community to develop a 21st century plan for educational excellence in a student-centered learning environment.

Sr. Margaret holds five honorary doctorates and is the recipient of a number of other honors. She holds leadership roles with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities.

Joining Sr. Margaret on the Irish Education 100 list is St. Bonaventure alumnus and trustee Daniel F. Collins of Corning, vice president of corporate communications at Corning Inc.

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Mt. Irenaeus to celebrate 25 years of ministry and mission

The Franciscan traditions of hospitality and spirit of prayer that helped to establish St. Bonaventure University have been the foundation for Mt. Irenaeus, Franciscan Mountain Retreat, which serves St. Bonaventure University and the area community. The mountain was established 25 years ago as a place for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to visit and rest away from the campus life, so to return to the university and their daily lives feeling revitalized.

Celebrate those 25 years of ministry and mission at Mt. Irenaeus on Saturday, Oct. 17. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., an anniversary concert featuring performers Cyprian Consiglio and John Pennington at Mt. Irenaeus will kick off the daylong celebration.

Consiglio is a monk, composer, singer, guitarist, teacher and author who is deep-seated in various sacred chant traditions. Pennington is a percussionist who specializes in drums and world music and is also a college professor. Together, these acoustic performers incorporate texts from various sacred and secular sources while instilling elements of chant and drums.

A celebration of the Eucharist will follow the concert at 4:15 p.m. A buffet dinner and a concert continuing the spirit of the day with student musicians will conclude the day. Guests are encouraged to bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share. The main courses will be provided through the generosity of friends.

Vans will be provided to transport students to the Mountain on Oct. 17; sign up in the Thomas Merton Ministry Center.

Guests also have the option of pre-ordering the limited edition Mt. Irenaeus anniversary long sleeve T-shirt that features the "Wagon Wheel" design. T-shirts are priced at \$15 and are available in sizes S through XXL.

Guests are asked to R.S.V.P. to Michelle Marcellin at mmarc@sbu.edu.

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SBU to honor three alumni at Mark Hellinger Award Ceremony

St. Bonaventure University's Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication will recognize two exceptional 2009 journalism graduates, along with a distinguished journalism alumnus, at the 2009 Mark Hellinger Award Ceremony.

The ceremony will begin Friday, Oct. 9, with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The Mark Hellinger Award was established in 1960. It honors Broadway playwright and Hollywood producer Mark Hellinger. Every year the award is presented to a graduating senior journalism and mass communication student who exemplifies academic excellence and great potential in the field of communications. This year's award recipient is Jordan Steves of Collins, N.Y., who graduated in May.

Steves excelled both inside and outside of the classroom throughout his four years at St. Bonaventure. He was named WSBU-FM's Staffer of the Semester in his first semester freshman year, and that spring he became the editor of *The Buzzworthy*, the station's entertainment publication. He was voted Spring 2007 Director of the Semester by his peers.

In Steves' senior year, Lee Coppola, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, named him editor of *The Communicator*. In this position he acted as a teaching assistant in a desktop publishing class where he oversaw the production of the publication.

Created in the footsteps of *The Onion*, Steves was the anonymous creator and writer of *The Bunion*. The satirical online news publication and capstone project generated hype around the campus with Steves' Bonaventure-based stories.

Steves worked two summers as a design editor at *The Chautauquan Daily*, Chautauqua Institution's seasonal newspaper. At the request of the editor, he returned this past summer to become the first assistant editor in years.

"Jordan was one of the most creative students I've ever encountered," said Coppola. "His talent for design and creativity was unsurpassed even by members of the faculty. His sense of humor and endearing personality also were key factors in the faculty voting him the outstanding member of his class."

Lindsay Pohlman, '09, of Orchard Park, N.Y., will receive honorable mention for the Hellinger Award. Pohlman is pursuing her M.B.A. at St. Bonaventure with an entrepreneurial assistantship in the School of Business. As an undergrad, Pohlman was an active member of several student organizations, including American Advertising Federation, The Journey Project, and The Experiential Learning Prison Program while holding leadership roles as the president of Student Ambassadors and Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.). She has interned at The Hauptman-Woodard Biomedical Research Institute, Teach For America and The Iroquois Group.

In 2007, Pohlman co-founded *embrace It Africa*, a project based in Southern Uganda. There, she and other SBU students worked in an orphanage and established a government-registered micro-finance agency.

The journalism school will present Jeff D'Alessio, '91, with the Alumnus of the Year Award. D'Alessio, a resident of Charlotte, N.C., is the editor-in-chief of *Sporting News*, the nation's oldest sports magazine, and *Sporting News Today*, the world's first daily digital sports newspaper. He has worked at *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as a senior day editor and deputy sports editor; *Florida Today* as sports editor; the *Champaign, Ill., News-Gazette* as University of Illinois basketball writer; and the

Charleston, W.Va., Daily Mail as Marshall University beat writer.

D'Alessio has received several regional and national awards as an editor and writer. In 2007, he helped The Atlanta Journal-Constitution to its first Associated Press Sports Editors "Triple Crown" in a decade.

The Alumnus of the Year Award was established in 1981 to honor a graduate of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication who made extraordinary contributions in the communications field and to the school itself.

The keynote speakers this year will be Valerie (Mottes) Reed, '77, and her husband, William Reed, '75. Valerie Reed was the winner of the Mark Hellinger award in 1977. She is a senior communicator of marketing and communications for St. Mary's Medical Center in Langhorne, Pa. She has worked at The Philadelphia Inquirer as a suburban writer and copy chief/copy editor and at The Trenton Times as copy chief/copy editor and as a freelancer. In 1978, she earned her master's degree in communications from Temple University and in 2005 received the Media Award from Human Services Communications Coalition of Bucks County for coverage in The Philadelphia Inquirer.

William Reed received the Mark Hellinger Award in 1975 and is a copy editor for The Philadelphia Inquirer. He has worked for Dow Jones Radio 2 as a reporter; The Trenton Times as an assistant city editor; The Trenton Times AM as assistant editor; and the Bucks County Courier Times as a reporter, wire editor and religion editor. In 2004 he received the Philadelphia Inquirer Professional in Residence at Pennsylvania State University and an Award of Merit from the Religious Public Relations Council in 1977.

The couple met as undergrads at St. Bonaventure in 1974 and married in 1978. They have three children, Michael, Erica and Rebecca. In 2000, they established the Valerie Mottes Reed Scholarship at St. Bonaventure with the help of a benefactor. This scholarship is awarded to promising sophomores and juniors who contribute significantly to the student newspaper, The Bona Venture.

Tickets to the Mark Hellinger Award Ceremony are \$60 per person and \$100 to sponsor a student.

Any questions regarding the award ceremony or tickets should be directed to Sue Ciesla at sciesla@sbu.edu or (716) 375-2520 or Kathy Boser at kboser@sbu.edu.

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Rare Books Addition earns design award

The Rare Books Addition to Friedsam Memorial Library has been honored with a Business First Brick by Brick Award.

The Rare Books Addition won in the category of Best Education Project, beating out the Lakewood Memorial Library and the Daemen College Research and Information Commons.

Awards in seven real estate and development categories were presented at a downtown Buffalo ceremony Sept. 17.

The nominees were selected by a three-person panel:

Jennifer Aiple, executive director, Greater Buffalo Building Owners & Managers Association

Keith Belanger, senior vice president, M&T Bank, and chairman, Buffalo Place Inc.

David Stebbins, vice president, Buffalo Urban Development Corp.

The Brick by Brick awards were sponsored by the Bonadio Group, Community Preservation Corp. and Frey Electric Construction Co.

The Rare Books Collection includes the most important collection of Franciscana in North America, more than 9,000 rare books and manuscripts dating from the 12th century up to and including the seminal journals of renowned monastic Thomas Merton, who taught English at St. Bonaventure in the early 1940s, as well as collections from various provincial and college libraries that were entrusted to St. Bonaventure when the institutions closed.

The addition protects this stunning collection with state-of-the-art mechanical, electrical, security and fire suppression systems. The design also provides the required vault storage space incorporating high-density shelving to maximize floor space and efficiency.

The design of the addition complements both the original library and the 1970s addition with an assemblage of materials and textures.

The terra cotta roofing that for decades has helped distinguish the St. Bonaventure campus was incorporated into the design, with high-performance glass offering a way to safely open the reading rooms and common areas to beautiful southerly views and to integrate with the glass and brick of the 1970s addition.

Cannon Design was the project architect; Duggan and Duggan of Allegany was the general contractor.

The Rare Books Addition was honored last year with an American Institute of Architects (AIA) award from the Western New York chapter. AIA had previously honored St. Bonaventure's Richter Center (completed in 2004), Café La Verna (completed in 2007) and Hickey Dining Hall (renovated in 2006) with design awards.

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St. Bonaventure and Siena students to help restore abandoned psychiatric center cemetery

Students from St. Bonaventure University and Siena College will team up Oct. 2-3 to help the efforts of Operation Dignity, a national movement to restore old and abandoned psychiatric hospital cemeteries.

St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Center for Social Concern, together with Siena College's School of Social Work, is sponsoring the event, which includes a Friday evening panel discussion at St. Bonaventure followed by a Saturday work detail at a cemetery that holds the remains of approximately 1,000 former residents of the now-closed Gowanda Psychiatric Center.

Many mental health patients who died while institutionalized at psychiatric centers across the nation were buried in unmarked or numbered graves on the grounds of such facilities. Through Operation Dignity, mental health providers, consumers and other volunteers are working to restore these forgotten and often inaccessible grave sites.

The Mental Health Association in Cattaraugus County is spearheading efforts at the former Gowanda Psychiatric Center site in the Erie County town of Collins. Students from Siena, a Catholic college near Albany, learned of the project through the state Office of Mental Health, and joined forces with sociology students from St. Bonaventure to draw attention to the project and help its efforts.

Twelve students and two faculty members from Siena will arrive at St. Bonaventure on Friday, Oct. 2, said Sr. Suzanne Kush, director of the Franciscan Center for Social Concern. Following a private dinner there will be a public panel discussion at 7 p.m. in the Reilly Center's Athletic Hall of Fame. The Friday event is being made possible by a grant from the Friends of Rural Cemeteries.

The panel will consider the topic "Mental Health Cemetery Restoration and the Rights of Deceased Mental Health Consumers: Where Should We Draw The Line?" The focus will be on whether it's still prudent for some states, such as New York, to refuse to release the names of former psychiatric center residents, a hurdle in efforts to restore dignity to the deceased buried at these sites, said Sr. Suzanne.

Among the panelists will be Faith Tanner-Thrush, advocate and board member of the Mental Health Association of Cattaraugus County; Tom Wallace, director of the Western Regional Office of the New York State Office of Mental Health; and Phil Phalen, Gowanda historian.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, St. Bonaventure and Siena faculty and students will participate in a work detail at the former Gowanda Psychiatric Center site. "We will be locating and unearthing grave markers," said Sr. Suzanne.

The graves are marked by flat stones that once rested on the ground, but have shifted and worked their way underground over the years, said Tammy Querns of the Mental Health Association. Some markers are covered by up to two feet of dirt.

Volunteers poke the ground with rods to find the stones, unearth them, clean them, restabilize the soil underneath, and return the grave markers.

"We're excited to be working with students from Siena, the Mental Health Association's Friendship Club and Operation Dignity on such a worthwhile academic and service initiative," said Sr. Suzanne. "It's important to bring some dignity and closure to the resting places of these deceased and forgotten individuals."

For more information about St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Center for Social Concern, go to www.sbu.edu/fcsc.

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Acclaimed poet to speak at Walsh Oct. 8

St. Bonaventure University's departments of English and Political Science are joining with the Olean Public Library in presenting a reading Thursday, Oct. 8, by author and poet Sam Hamill.

The reading will take place in SBU's Walsh Center Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Hamill is the author of more than 40 books, including 15 volumes of original poetry (most recently “Measured by Stone” and “Almost Paradise: New & Selected Poems & Translations”); four collections of literary essays, including “A Poet’s Work and Avocations: On Poetry & Poets”; and some of the most distinguished translations of ancient Chinese and Japanese classics of the last 50 years.

He has been awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the Mellon Fund, and the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission.

Hamill has also received the Stanley Lindberg Lifetime Achievement Award for Editing, the Washington Poets’ Association Lifetime Achievement in Poetry Award, two Washington Governor’s Arts Awards, a PEN-Oakland Anti-Censorship Award, a PEN Center/USA First Amendment Award, and the Condecoración de la Universidad de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela.

Hamill co-founded and, for 32 years, was editor at Copper Canyon Press. He taught in prisons for 14 years and has worked extensively with battered women and children. An outspoken political pacifist, in 2003 he declined an invitation to the White House and founded Poets Against War, compiling the largest single-theme poetry anthology in history.

In 1961, Hamill enlisted in the Marine Corps and spent time in Japan, where he began Buddhist studies and became a conscientious objector. He nevertheless fulfilled his military obligation and afterwards attended Los Angeles Valley College and the University of California at Santa Barbara, where his editing of the literary magazine Spectrum earned him the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines’ College Editor Award.

His work has been translated into more than a dozen languages. He lives near Port Townsend, Wash., where in the 1970s he built a home in the woods with his own hands.

“Studying classical Chinese by kerosene lamp near the woodstove, I felt much closer to those old Chinese and Japanese poets than most people could imagine,” Hamill said.

Made possible by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts, Hamill’s reading is free and open to the public. For more information, call Robert Taylor at the library (372-0200) or Dr. Richard Reilly at St. Bonaventure (375-2276).

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SBU's Hens to train Harvard research fellow in micro-dissection techniques

Micro-dissection techniques used by St. Bonaventure assistant biology professor Julie Hens, Ph.D., in her mammary gland research have caught the eye of a Harvard research fellow.

Silva Krause, Ph.D., a research fellow in the Vascular Biology Program at Children’s Hospital of Boston and Harvard Medical School, will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday to meet and train with Hens in the William F. Walsh Science Center.

“My research focuses on embryonic mammary gland biology, and the molecular mechanisms involved in this process. I micro-dissect mouse mammary buds and study the molecular mechanisms that enable them to outgrow into an initial branching structure. We do this by using explants of the mammary buds and mesenchyme and growing them in vitro,” Hens explained.

“With all the great new facilities at Walsh ... we have the ability to accomplish much of the research that a larger lab facility can

offer,” said Hens. The university’s new \$14.6 million science center opened just a year ago.

Krause, the third researcher who has sought out Hens for training on this technique, learned of Hens’ work through her paper published in the journal *Development* (“BMP4 and PTHrP Interact to Stimulate Ductal Outgrowth during Embryonic Mammary Development and Inhibit Hair Follicle Induction”).

Krause joined Ingber’s laboratory in Boston a year ago and is starting a new project. The Ingber laboratory is interested in the general mechanism of cell and developmental regulation: how cells respond to signals and coordinate their behaviors to produce tissues with specialized form and function. The specific focus of their lab has been the control of angiogenesis and vascular development.

During her visit to St. Bonaventure, Krause will also give a lecture, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Combat Breast Cancer,” about her research. The lecture begins at 4 p.m. Thursday on the third floor of De La Roche Hall.

Krause received a Ph.D. from Tufts University Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences in 2008. Her thesis was titled “Stromal-Epithelial Interactions in the Mammary Gland: Development of a Tissue Morphogenesis Model” and she designed a novel three-dimensional in vitro model for the human breast that allowed for the development of both ductal and alveolar structures to study breast development and breast cancer in vitro.

Hens’ research interest is geared toward understanding mammary gland and lung development. In both cases this is to understand not just the basic science of the organs but to use this knowledge to understand cancer further in the hope of developing new treatments.

Specifically, Hens has been studying the signaling pathways of PTHrP, MSX-2, BMPs, and WNTs in the mammary gland and how they function during embryonic development. She plans to expand this research to study breast cancer and additionally lung development and cancer.

Last week, Hens discussed “The Multiple Roles of Cadherin-11 in Mammary Gland Development and Cancer” during the first Faculty Research Colloquium for the fall semester. Her research paper “Analysis of Gene Expression in PTHrP^{-/-} Mammary Buds Supports a Role for BMP Signaling and MMP2 in the Initiation of Ductal Morphogenesis” is in press now in the journal *Developmental Dynamics*.

Hens, who joined the St. Bonaventure faculty in 2007, holds a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Maryland and an M.S. degree in genetics from Pennsylvania State University. She earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Canisius College.

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Newsmakers

Dr. Robert Amico co-authored "Infusing Diversity in the Sciences and Professional Disciplines" with Susan Shaw and Donna Champeau of Oregon State University. The article appears in the current issue of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) "Diversity and Democracy" publication, Vol. 12, No. 3, 2009. It can be accessed online at www.diversityweb.org/DiversityDemocracy/vol12no3/shaw.cfm.

Dr. Rodney Paul, professor of economics in the Department of Finance, and Dr. Mark Wilson, assistant professor of economics in the Department of Finance, had the paper "Using Betting Market Odds to Measure the Uncertainty of Outcome in Major League Baseball" accepted for publication in the International Journal of Sports Finance.

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