Alumni Notes

2009 alumni award winners Dick Brandolino, J. D. Ross and Tammy Perkins with President Gena Proulx.

1960 Sally Leighton has retired as the vice president of Wells Fargo Bank in California.

1966 Robert Childress Jr. received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed an M.A. at Central Michigan University. He later joined the U.S. Air Force and was initially trained as an air traffic controller in Florida. Childress was then accepted to Officers Training School and became a B-52 Bombardier in Strategic Air Command (SAC) and earned an M.S. at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He went overseas to work for NATO at the Royal Air Force Base in England as an emergency actions officer. After completing his degree, he worked for Air Force Space Command, NORAD, and Unified Space Command in the area of space logistics. He retired from the Air Force and worked as a contractor for a company called ARINC. Childress was also an associate professor at the Colorado Technical University. He is currently retired (a second time) and living in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1968 Mary Kinder received a B.A. in English from College of St. Francis and an M.A. degree in interdisciplinary education from Santa Clara University. Kinder has three children and is currently living with her husband, Paul J. Kinder, in San Jose, Calif. She is a science instructor at the Youth Science Institute and teaches yoga at the YMCA.

1969 Dolores Philiph has left the field of accounting after more than 20 years and started a company called Organizing with Feng Shui. She also has started Angles' Whispers, a holistic health resource and learning forum.

1970 Jacque A. Klika is currently working for Joliet Junior College as manager of Student Accommodations & Resources (StAR). Klika transferred from JJC to College of St. Francis where she earned her B.S. in psychology and elementary education and her M.S. in educational administration. She married John Klika and has five children; she is still living in the Joliet area. In 2007, she began her doctoral work in literacy at Northern Illinois University. Klika has worked in numerous volunteer capacities throughout the area and she is currently on the Board of Directors for the Will Grundy Center for Independent Living.

1973 Debra Webster earned a B.S. at George Williams College and an M.A. in speech-language pathology at San Jose State University. After college, Webster returned to Joliet and worked at Guardian Angel Home. In 1976, she moved to California where she met her husband James Reber. Today, Webster is self-employed as a clinical liaison and clinical coordinator.

1979 Michael K. Tadla has been employed in the financial services sector for the past 30 years. Tadla is a past Alumni Association Board member and executive committee member.

William J. Dixon completed an M.B.A. in 1986 and his Ph.D. in 2007. Dixon discussed "Social Networks and Knowledge Management Systems Use" at the World Computing Congress in Milan, Italy, in September 2008 and again at Kent State University in March 2009.

1983 Kim O. Fornero spent three months in 2004 working the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and two months in 2008 working the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

(l-r) Kelly Myers, assistant director of institutional advancement and alumni relations, Carletta Seay, Alumni Board president, President Gena Proulx, and Lynne Lichtenauer, alumni director of JTHS present Marie Ghilain with flowers honoring her as JJC's oldest living alumna.

1999

Michael Strysik graduated in 2001 from Northern Illinois University's College of Business Operations Management & Information Systems (OMIS) Program. For the last seven years, Strysik has been helping organizations find ways to leverage their people, processes, and technology. In 2004, he married his wife Christina. He has two children. Strysik recently accepted a new position at Logicalis as business development manager for consulting sales.

2003

Kristin Hulva got her B.S.N. from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently pursuing a master's degree at Northern Illinois University to become a family nurse practitioner. Hulva works in the critical care unit at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill.

2005

Kelly Cavanaugh is a certified pharmacy technician at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford and a pharmacy technician instructor at Rasmussen College. Cavanaugh is getting married this September.

2008

Bria L. Stubblefield lives in Nashville, Tenn., and is in her first year of her doctorate of pharmacy program at Belmont University where she is a student representative on the School of Pharmacy Awards Committee. She is a member of the American Pharmacist Association and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

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