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Mission Statement

The aim of Dominican University New York is to promote educational excellence, leadership, and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community and its needs. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, the University is an independent institution of higher learning, Catholic in origin and heritage. In the Dominican tradition, it fosters the active, shared pursuit of truth and embodies an ideal of education rooted in the values of reflective understanding and compassionate involvement.

Committed to building its programs upon a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, the University maintains a student-centered climate and serves a diverse community of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The University empowers this community of learners to excel, lead, and serve with integrity, and to engage responsibly in the pursuit of a more just, ethical, and sustainable world.

Dominican University New York is dedicated to the principle that its educational programs and services must be both challenging and supportive, distinguished both by high standards and by attention to the needs and potential of the individual student. Affirmed and engaged by these standards and values, graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and for the careers and professions they choose to pursue.

LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Greetings from Dominican University,

Your alma mater has become a university and we couldn't be prouder of all that this illustrates. We feel our new title better represents our 70-year history, the progress of our campus, and our relevancy with new programs. We've never looked better!

So many exciting things are happening on campus, but first let's offer a huge thank you to Mary McHugh who served as Director of Alumni Relations for seven years and managed to grow our alumni participation events through a global pandemic. Mary has transferred over to a new position on campus and we all wish her a hearty congratulations and thank you.

I'm pleased to share that we have some exciting new events designed to reach alumni from all geographic locations and varied areas of interest. The events include a networking event for G.O.L.D. (Graduates of the Last Decade), a weeklong celebration of our alumni over seven decades, alumni volunteer opportunities, a local wine tasting, a regional alumni gathering in New York City, a religious retreat, an alumni trip to Ireland and England, and so much more. There truly is something for everyone.

With so much going on, we'd love for you to consider joining the Alumni Board of Directors. We are interviewing now for a new slate of two-year appointments.

Please email to express your interest in serving on the board or attending any of the events at alumni@duny.edu or call me at (845) 848-7409.

We truly look forward to starting this exciting year with all of you. Come celebrate the new U!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne P. Sorace". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joanne Favata Sorace
Director of Annual Fund and Alumni & Parent Relations
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Dominican College is now ***Dominican University***



The top administrators of Dominican University New York gather around the newly installed sign at the entrance to the University. Shown from left to right: Thomas Nowak, Brian Fernandes, John Burke, Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, Anthony Cipolla, and Joseph Valenti.

Dominican College has been elevated to the status of a university, becoming the first university in Rockland County. President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., announced that on May 17, 2022, the New York State Board of Regents granted Dominican College university status and approved the name change to Dominican University New York.

"This is an important milestone in our history as we prepare to celebrate our 70th anniversary," said Sr. Mary Eileen. "Changing our name to Dominican University New York brings formal recognition to the caliber of our academic programs. With our new name comes additional prestige and more opportunities for the school and our students."

Dominican University New York offers a range of undergraduate programs and graduate programs in nursing, business, occupational therapy, education, and organizational leadership and communication. In addition, it has the distinction of being the only institution in Rockland County to

offer doctoral degrees – including Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). The university has a strong academic reputation for its liberal arts, business, education, and health-related programs. Recently, Dominican University New York added programs in finance, information technology, health sciences, and marketing. The institution of higher learning also caters to adult learners through programs in the evenings, on weekends, or online.

The news of university status follows earlier announcements that Dominican had secured two federal grants, one from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the other from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Dominican was one of only 10 higher education institutions nationwide and the only one in New York State to receive the HHS grant and is using the funding to launch a new Public Health Informatics and Technology (PHIT) program this fall.

“The news about our university status coupled with the infusion of the federal funds will certainly raise the profile of our school,” said Sr. Mary Eileen. “Dominican University New York has a bright future that will serve more students from around the region and beyond.”

Dominican was granted university status by the New York State Board of Regents based on the fact that Dominican offers graduate programs in at least three of the following discipline areas: agriculture, biological sciences, business, education, engineering, fine arts, health professions, humanities, physical sciences, and social sciences.

Founded in 1952 by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, the College began as a two-year college for religious women to become educators. Over the years, the campus expanded to accommodate a growing enrollment and to welcome resident students. A number of new buildings were constructed including an athletics facility, residence halls, a dining hall, and a new academic building for health and science education. The most recent construction was the expansion of the Hennessy Center with a new gymnasium and fitness center. A new turf field is anticipated for 2023. Dominican has a total of 17 NCAA Division II sports teams, as well as a competitive rowing club and a new esports team.

Dominican has been named both a College of Distinction and a Catholic College of Distinction. On the U.S. News & World Report 2021-2022 Best Colleges List, Dominican was ranked #21 out of Regional Universities North for social mobility. It is also designated a Hispanic Serving Institution and was recognized as Military Friendly.

Dominican University New York moves forward with a renewed spirit and dedication to its mission to promote educational excellence, leadership, and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community and its needs. ■

Q & A on University Status for Alumni

Q: Should I say that I graduated from Dominican College or Dominican University New York?

A: Go ahead and change your resume and LinkedIn profile to reflect that you graduated from Dominican University New York.

New transcripts for all alumni will have Dominican University New York across the top. The transcript will note that Dominican College became Dominican University New York on May 17, 2022.

Q: Can I order a new Dominican University New York diploma?

A: Yes. All alumni will have the opportunity to purchase a new Dominican University New York diploma. Details will be made available in the coming months.

Dominican University New York Timeline

1952	Dominican Junior College chartered for the teacher education training of Sisters.
1954	First commencement has nine graduates.
1959	Dominican College chartered as a 4-year liberal arts college.
1967	First coeducational freshman class admitted with 15 men and 56 women.
1980	Weekend College established.
1994	Hennessy Student Center opens.
1996	Hertel Residence Hall and Granito Dining Center opens.
2001	Men and women's sports move to NCAA Division II status.
2005	Doctor of Physical Therapy program begins and Prusmack Center for Health and Science Education opens.
2007	Guzman Residence Hall and Sullivan Library open.
2014	Doctor of Nursing Practice approved by NYS Education Department.
2022	The NYS Board of Regents approves a Charter Amendment to rename the institution Dominican University New York.

COMMENCEMENT 2022



Commencement Speaker Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee during the procession into Clover Stadium.

68th Commencement Ceremony

UN Official Delivers Commencement Address & President Zelenskyy Honored

A United Nations official with a distinguished career of more than 30 years in international relations and diplomacy delivered the Commencement Address at the 68th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Clover Stadium in Pomona, NY.

Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee encouraged the Class of 2022 to go forth with hope, a sense of purpose, and to aspire to leadership that finds meaning in service to the individual and the global community. "I am encouraged that each of you will play your part and engage meaningfully in the quest for a more just, ethical, and sustainable world," she said.

Pobee serves as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO). This latest appointment follows impressive diplomatic posts in Moscow, Geneva, Tel Aviv, South Africa, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In the Commencement Address, Pobee stressed that the world is in crisis while nations around the globe grapple with maintaining peace and security, addressing poverty, inequality, COVID, and climate change. "I want to assure you that no matter who you are or where you are," she said, "every action, no matter how small, is a worthy contribution to the global effort."

During the Commencement Ceremony, Pobee received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities in recognition of her extraordinary career in international relations and diplomacy, her steadfast dedication to furthering peace and security, her tireless advocacy for education and human rights, and her passionate support of women and youth.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was also awarded an honorary degree in absentia during Commencement. Dominican was among about 30 colleges and universities throughout the United States that conferred on Zelenskyy an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, courage, sense of justice, and willingness to possibly lose his life in the effort to defend freedom.

"President Zelenskyy has displayed such inspiring and courageous leadership in the face of unimaginable horror, as Russia launches a relentless and unprovoked attack against his country. He has risen to the challenge and has been the right leader for this moment in history," said Dominican University President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D. "Because of this, Dominican is among the institutions of higher learning recognizing the exceptional dedication of President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people by awarding him an honorary degree."

Zelenskyy's honorary degree was accepted by Andrew Anderson, '18, '21, who was born in Ukraine and served in the US Army for five years as an infantry airman. It was later sent to Zelenskyy in Ukraine.

"...every action, no matter how small, is a worthy contribution to the global effort."

— Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee
Assistant Secretary-General of the
United Nations (UN) for Africa

In addition to Pobee and Zelenskyy, others were honored during Commencement Exercises.

- The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate of Sloatsburg, who are members of a congregation founded in 1892 in Ukraine, were awarded the 2022 Veritas Medal. Since the Russian attack on Ukraine, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in the United States have been raising money and sending medical supplies to Ukraine and Poland to help the Ukrainian people. The Veritas Medal was accepted by Sr. Eliane Ilitski, SSM, Provincial Superior, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.
- Danielle Keane '04, Principal of P.S./M.S. 5, The Port Morris School of Community Leadership in the Bronx, received the Badami Outstanding Alumna Award in recognition of her devotion and commitment to the teaching profession.

Sr. Mary Eileen told the graduates to be proud of their alma mater and to remember: Once a Charger, always a Charger. "Dominican will ultimately measure its effectiveness by the ability and compassion, the vision and the generosity of its almost 16,000 graduates," she said. "How greatly the world needs your joyful and hope-filled lives." ■



Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., and Sr. Eliane Ilitski, SSM.



Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D. and Danielle Keane.



Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, and Clement Osei, M.D.

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Celebrating the Class of 2022





Baccalaureate Awards



MOTHER GERALDINE FORKEL AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Jordan Iacobucci



SISTER NATALIE CASEY AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Mackenzie Tokarz



SISTER MICHELE NUGENT AWARD
for Achievement in the Study
of the General Education Curriculum
Teresa Sharkey Eustace

Student Leadership Awards



ANA ROJAS MEMORIAL AWARD
for Outstanding Service to Residence Life
Lanay Lopez



SISTER BARBARA MCENEANY AWARD
for Spirited Involvement in Campus Life
Nicole Mastrianni and Jose Jimenez



DOHN HARSHBARGER AWARD
for Outstanding Contribution to the
Life of the College
Darlenys Sanchez



SISTER KATHLEEN SULLIVAN AWARD
for Significant Contribution
to the Academic Life of the College
Madison Newman



SR. MARY EILEEN O'BRIEN AWARD for
Citizenship and Service to the College
Danaiya Simmonds



OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD
Madison Newman

ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT



The newest inductees into the Dominican University Alumni Hall of Achievement are Elisabeth Swanwick, Eda Tekeoglu, and Julissa Nethersole.

Former Resident Assistants **Inducted into Alumni Hall of Achievement**

Three former Resident Assistants (RAs) were inducted into the Dominican University Alumni Hall of Achievement on Sunday, April 24, 2022, during a celebration of RAs on campus. The new inductees are: Julissa Nethersole '09, for Excellence; Elisabeth Swanwick '00, '08 for Leadership; and Eda Tekeoglu '09, for Service.



Former Resident Assistants (RAs) reunited on the campus of Dominican University during the Alumni Hall of Achievement Induction Ceremony.



JULISSA NETHERSOLE
'09 EXCELLENCE

Julissa Nethersole serves as president of the Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association and volunteers for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, providing pro bono services to immigrants. She also works as an associate general counsel at Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Company in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She earned her law degree after studying business as an undergraduate student.

“It really made an impact and a difference in who I became...and I will never forget that.”

— Julissa Nethersole
'09 Excellence

Ryan O’Gorman, Dominican University Director of Retention and Student Success, said, “Let me tell you what I know about Julissa. She is determined, driven, and dedicated – a triple D threat. There is no such word as no in her vocabulary.”

Nethersole said she loves to tell people that she went to Dominican University and it is an amazing school, “It really made an impact and a difference in who I became and it shaped the way for me to become the woman I am today and I will never forget that.”



EDA TEKEOGLU
'09 SERVICE

Eda Tekeoglu has used her skills and talents to successfully raise funds for a number of not-for-profit organizations. She is the chief development officer of Table to Table, a food rescue program dedicated to the redistribution of fresh, healthy, and perishable foods. She has also held fundraising positions at American Red Cross of Greater New York, Delivering Good, and EastWest Institute.

Tekeoglu has volunteered as well, fundraising for Eva’s Kitchen, and the Zagat Foundation which helps Somalians and Syrians in need. In addition, she has raised money for water wells in Mozambique and to help the homeless in New York City.

“Eda is a champion of those that are in need,” said O’Gorman. She is a true humanitarian – one who truly embodies service above self.”

At Dominican, Tekeoglu majored in social science/political science and was the first student ever to graduate with three minors – communications, ethnic diversity, and criminal justice. She was a member of the honors program and the debate team, in addition to being an RA.

Tekeoglu said Dominican allowed her to focus on her purpose and giving back, “Just remember, purpose is one of the most important things in all of our lives and it doesn’t matter how much money you have or how much you make, you can make an impact.”

In 2015, Eda was a recipient of the Badami Outstanding Alumna Award at Dominican University.



ELISABETH SWANWICK
'00, '08 LEADERSHIP

Elisabeth Swanwick is a Family Nurse Practitioner at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and serves as an adjunct nursing instructor at Mercy College. She describes nursing as her “calling” and earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree at Dominican University.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, Swanwick has been on the front lines working extra hours at various clinics and hospitals, including Jacobi Hospital in the South Bronx.

Former Director of Residence Life Eddie Martinez '94, BA, Ed.D. said, “Our nurses and our doctors during the pandemic are our heroes. Elisabeth – you are chief among them, a true leader and a true friend of mine.”

Swanwick said that she works with nurses who went to Ivy League schools, but she always felt that her education was just as good, “I work at one of the finest hospitals in New York City and I really felt that my education was so amazing here – such a small school that enlightened me, gave me leadership skills. It really gave me the opportunity to work with the finest of the finest.”

In 2020, Swanwick was named a recipient of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Award at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York-Presbyterian. The award is given to the nurse practitioner who demonstrates the highest level of clinical skills and showed love, care, and compassion toward the patients and their families. ■

ALUMNI UPDATES

Share your good news!

Your alma mater remains very proud of all that you do, and we'd love to hear from you. Got hitched? *Please send us your wedding photo.* Blessed with a newborn? Send us a picture of your new family and we will send you a baby gift from your alma mater.

Proud of where you are employed or have been promoted? Have you started your own business? We will help you by promoting your accomplishments. Please send your great news, including photos to alumni@duny.edu.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS YOU'RE ARE DOING:

1977

Janet Levitt Bachelor of Science – Accounting.

Janet Levitt was recently appointed the new President of the Rockland Womens' Business Association. The Association promotes women in businesses, both small and large in Rockland to network, grow, and support each other. Janet is an employee at Park Avenue Benefit Planning, Inc.

2011

Alexis Tardalo Bachelor of Arts – Biology.



Alexis Tardalo was featured on WITN-TV in North Carolina as Teacher of the Week. Alexis teaches biology, AP biology, and chemistry at D.H. Conley High School and says her goal is to make science fun for everyone.

2017

Aliya Herndon Bachelor of Arts – Communication Studies.



Aliya Herndon is currently a graduate student at the S.I Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University studying Television, Radio, and Film. In July 2022, Aliya received news that she is an Emmy Award Winning Coordinating Producer at Entertainment Tonight! She shared this news on her LinkedIn profile.

2022

Anaisa Acevedo Bachelor of Arts – Communications Studies, minor in Business.



Anaisa Acevedo is now working here on campus as a Freshman Admissions Counselor. A recent graduate,

Anaisa's excellent academic record allowed her to take graduate courses during her senior year to get a jump start on earning a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Communication degree.

2022

Nicole Mastrianni Bachelor of Arts – English and minor in Biology.



We couldn't let her go! Nicole graduated in May, 2022 with a degree in English and minor in Biology. In June, Nicole began working as a full-time staff member in the Institutional Advancement Office as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations. Congratulations Nicole. We are so happy to have you as part of our team.

2022

Justin Pagan Bachelor of Science – Biology and minor in Mathematics.

Justin has joined the Math and Science division at Dominican University as the Lab Assistant/Manager after graduating with his Bachelors in Biology and minor in Mathematics. He began working here on campus full time in July.

2022

Tyler Patterson Bachelor of Science – Information Technology.



Recent IT graduate Tyler Patterson received a full scholarship to earn his Master of Science in Cybersecurity at Fordham University. Tyler was awarded the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Centennial Scholarship. At Dominican University, he was an excellent student who belonged to four honor societies and played on the baseball team. ■

Class of 1972 Returns to Campus for 50th Anniversary

Dominican University Class of 1972 alumni returned to campus to celebrate 50 years since their graduation. On May 14, 2022, the alumni attended a Welcome Reception, toured campus, attended the Baccalaureate Mass, and were treated to a private dinner in the Badami Room of the Granito Center.



Ed Holden '72, R.J. Mulford '72, and Patricia Burr-Peters '74 were back on campus to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1972.

R.J. Mulford '72 and Ed Holden '72 reminisced about the excitement of attending college after serving their country and daydreaming about someday earning a degree. Mulford said, "Three days after I got out of the army in 1968, I ran into a friend who had registered to come up here and he had advised me to do it quickly. I came up and met with Sister Jean Marie and enrolled and became a student in September." Mulford and Holden were among the first psychology majors at Dominican and have remained friends since their college days.

Patricia Burr-Peters '74 enjoyed seeing all the changes on campus. "It's a beautiful campus. It really is and so much bigger than when I went here. There were no dorms then, so I'm impressed," she said.

At the 2022 Baccalaureate Mass, members of the Class of '72 wore embroidered stoles and received a special blessing. ■

And the winner is...

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Annual Alumni Raffle

1st Prize – \$2,000

Hedieh Fidanza '91

2nd Prize – \$1,000

John Lounibos,
former faculty member

3rd Prize – \$ 500

Christopher Norman '09

On behalf of our DU students, many thanks to all who participated, as the raffle funds collected are routed directly to deserving scholars in need.



Joseph Valenti, John Lounibos, and Hedieh Fidanza.

Stay Connected

Our alumni are important to the Dominican University New York family. You connect our past with our future, and mean so much to our present!

Please stay connected with us and share your news! alumni@duny.edu

COLLEGE NEWS

Dominican University Named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction

Dominican University has been recognized for its commitment to helping undergraduate students learn, grow, and succeed by Colleges of Distinction, a unique guide for college-bound students. Dominican University has been named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction, a New York College of Distinction, and a Catholic College of Distinction.

Colleges of Distinction selection process is comprised of thorough research and detailed interviews with the schools. Schools that are named a College of Distinction must demonstrate that they



have engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant community, and successful outcomes.

"When we focus all of our

attention on how schools stack up against one another, we lose track of what really matters: the students themselves," said Wes Creel, Founder of Colleges of Distinction. "Every student has individual needs and their own environment in which they're most likely to thrive. We want to extend our praise to the schools that prioritize and cater to students' goals."

Dominican University earned additional recognition for its nursing, education, and business programs. "We're looking for such qualities as accreditation, breadth of program, advising and mentoring, integration of career services, and successful outcomes for students," said Tyson Schritter, Chief Operating Officer for Colleges of Distinction.

Since 2000, Colleges of Distinction has been committed to honoring schools throughout the U.S. for excellence in higher education. The member schools within the Colleges of Distinction consortium distinguish themselves through their dedicated focus on the undergraduate experience. ■

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We invite all alumni, parents, faculty, employees and friends to unite in supporting Dominican University. All funds collected will go directly to deserving students in need.

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Clinton Named Cushman & Wakefield Athletic Director of the Year

Dominican University New York Director of Athletics and Head Men's Basketball Coach Joseph S. Clinton is a 2021-22 NCAA Division II Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year recipient. Clinton and three additional DII honorees were formally recognized during the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) 57th Annual Convention at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas on June 28.

"I am humbled to receive this honor and be recognized as one of the four Athletic Directors of the Year by my Division II peers," said Clinton. "It has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of the Dominican community and NCAA Division II athletics. I look forward to continuing to support the student-athletes of Dominican University in the years to come."

Clinton is in his 33rd year as director of athletics and his 31st year as head men's basketball coach. Since joining the Chargers in 1989, Clinton has overseen an athletic



department that has grown from five sports to 17 sports and made the transition from an NAIA school to an NCAA Division II member. During his tenure, the Chargers have won numerous Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championships, NAIA Championship appearances, ECAC Championships, NCAA Regional Tournament appearances and one NCAA Championship appearance.

Clinton has also served on numerous NCAA committees, including serving as the NCAA East Region and National Chair for Division II Baseball, and was the East Region Chair of the Men's Basketball Committee for six years. He previously served on the NCAA East Region Men's Golf, Men's Soccer and Men's Lacrosse Committees. Clinton currently serves on the East Region Men's Basketball Committee. He is also a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the Athletics Directors Association (ADA) and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). In 1996, Clinton was recognized as the CACC Administrator of the Year. Clinton serves as the Second Vice-President of the CACC Director's Council.

On the court, the Chargers have made four straight NCAA East Regional Tournament appearances and five consecutive CACC Tournament Championship appearances, winning two titles. Clinton's career coaching record currently stands at 486-408. He is a four-time recipient of the CACC Coach of the Year Award and is a three-time past recipient of the All-Metropolitan Coach of the Year Award. ■



Students Volunteer With Habitat for Humanity During Spring Break

More than 20 students volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, building and renovating homes, during Spring Break. One group of students and chaperones traveled to Lexington, VA, and the others went to Loveland, CO, as part of the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program.

Dana McStowe, Director of Community Engagement & Leadership Development, said service is a great way for students to continue to grow and develop as a person. "I feel it is important for students to spend

Spring Break doing service as a way to give back and learn about the world outside of the classroom," she said. "Students who go on ASB will get to learn more about a new area and the people who live there. One of the best parts about college is challenging yourself to do new things and I think students who are attending the ASB trips are going to challenge themselves in the best ways possible."

Students were excited to resume the ASB trip, beginning March 12, 2022, after last year's trip was cancelled due to COVID. In all, 21 students participated in Alternative Spring Break and four staff members accompanied them. ■

COLLEGE NEWS

Dominican University New York Makes List of Best Nursing Schools

Nursing Schools Almanac has released its 2022 rankings of the best nursing schools and Dominican University New York was included in the list. The university ranked #25 in the New York City Metropolitan Region.

Nursing Schools Almanac collected data on nearly 3,000 nursing schools nationwide. The institutions were assessed on three criteria:

- ◆ The institution's academic prestige and perceived value
- ◆ The breadth and depth of nursing programs offered
- ◆ Student success, particularly on the NCLEX licensure examinations

Dominican University New York offers a number of nursing programs on the undergraduate and graduate level including: –a traditional nursing program; RN to BSN; accelerated nursing program; weekend accelerated BSN; evening BSN; a Master of Science Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner); and a Doctor of Nursing Practice. ■



Criminal Justice Day Includes K-9 Unit Demonstration

Criminal Justice Day on March, 24, 2022, included a demonstration of the Rockland County Sheriff's Patrol K-9 Unit. Two patrol dogs came to the Fury Lecture Hall in the Prusmack Center with their handlers, Sgt. Kevin Golden and Officer Joe Mercurio, to show students how they aid the Sheriff's Patrol.

Chief of Patrol Bill Barbera, who is also a professor at Dominican University, and said the idea is to let students know about different career paths. "I've been teaching here for quite some time and I've always been talking about all the different types of jobs in law enforcement. We have seven different dogs from five different disciplines. These are just some examples of what students can find themselves doing for a career down the road," he said.

The K-9 unit demonstration was one of three presentations during Criminal Justice Day. Chief Barbera also spoke about crime scene investigations. In addition, there was a presentation by Christian Claudio, Chief at the National Center for Gang Training. ■

University Offers New Major and Concentrations

Dominican University is offering a new Environmental Studies major and new concentrations in Digital Marketing, Public Health, and Neuroscience.

Regina Alvarez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, said that students can opt for one of two tracks in Environmental Studies – a science track or a general track. “Students who do the science track can go to graduate school, can do research, or they can get technical jobs in the environmental field,” she said. Students who take the general track would be more interested in working with government policies, or being an environmental consultant, an activist, a lobbyist, or an educator.

The University is offering the new concentrations in Digital Marketing, Public Health, and Neuroscience through the Lower Cost Model Consortium (LCMC). The LCMC is a coalition of about 150 small and mid-sized colleges and universities that have committed to making college more accessible.



Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, said that under the program, students take almost all classes on campus and take three to five classes online through the LCMC for a concentration in specialized, high-demand fields. “We still give you the small school attention, but we are giving you programs that would normally be offered at large universities. It’s the best of both worlds,” he said. All three concentrations were recently approved by the New York State Department of Education. ■



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SPECIAL EVENTS



MAY 1, 2022

Spring Concert Featuring BridgeMusik

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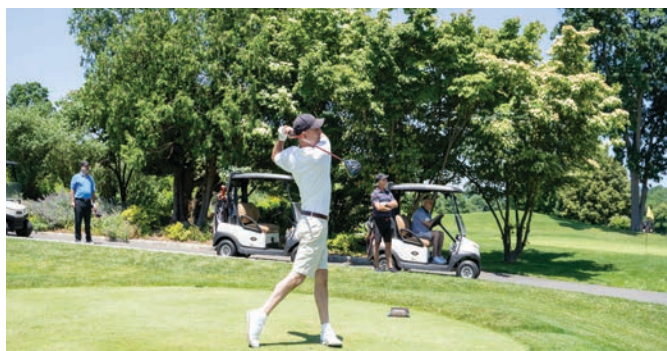
MARCH 30, 2022

Whiskey 201

DEL'ARTE RESTAURANT, ORANGEBURG, NY



JUNE 20, 2022
***43rd Annual
Golf Classic***
ROCKLAND COUNTRY CLUB
SPARKILL, NY



ATHLETICS

Wrap-Up

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team finished the 21-22 season with an overall record of 21-8 and a CACC record of 12-5. The Chargers made their fourth consecutive appearance in the CACC Championship Finals and earned their fourth straight bid to the NCAA East Region Tournament. Dominican finished in second place in the CACC North Division and earned the second seed from the North Division in CACC Men's Basketball Championship Tournament. Dominican defeated #3S Goldey-Beacom College in a quarterfinal match up and won a thrilling overtime game against #1S Thomas Jefferson University to make their fourth trip to the CACC Championship Finals. Despite rallying from a 12-point first half deficit, the Chargers suffered a one-point loss to Felician University.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team finished the year with an overall record of 14-14 and a CACC record of 9-8. The Lady Chargers finished in third place in the CACC North Division and earned the third seed from the north division in the CACC Tournament. Dominican went on the road in a CACC Quarterfinal contest to the second seed from the South Division, the University of the Sciences, and fell 58-40 to conclude their season.

BASEBALL

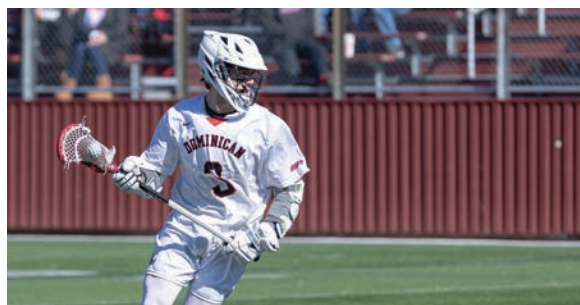
The Dominican University New York baseball team compiled an overall record of 15-35 and a CACC record of 11-14. The team returned to the tradition of taking two trips to Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Cary, N.C. at the beginning of the season. DU finished in third place in the CACC North Division and thus earned the third seed in the tournament. In a quarter-final series against #2 Felician University, the Chargers lost the first of two games to be eliminated from the tournament and end their season.

SOFTBALL

The softball team compiled an overall record of 20-24 and a CACC record of 12-12. The team returned to Florida for their spring break trip where they played in 11 games and came back with a 4-7 record to begin the season. The Lady Chargers finished in sixth place in the CACC and earned the sixth seed in the CACC Softball Championship Tournament. On day one of the tournament Dominican went 1-1 in action as they opened play with a loss to #3 Caldwell University, but survived elimination by defeating Bloomfield College. Day two of the tournament saw the Lady Chargers fall in their first game of the day to #5 University of the Sciences to end their season.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Dominican University New York men's lacrosse program compiled an overall record of 6-7 and a CACC record of 3-3. The team qualified for the CACC Men's Lacrosse Championship Tournament for the third time in past four years. The team earned the fourth and final seed for the CACC Men's Lacrosse Championship Tournament. In the semi-finals, the Chargers fell to top-seeded Wildcats of Wilmington University to conclude their season.





WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse team had one of the most successful years in program history during the 2022 season. The team set a new program record for wins in a season and made their first appearance in the CACC Women's Lacrosse Championship Finals under head coach Rob Grella, who earned his first CACC Coach of the Year honors. The Lady Chargers finished the season with an overall record of 14-5 and a CACC record of 7-2. Dominican finished in third place in the CACC and earned the third seed in the CACC Championship Tournament. In the CACC Championship Finals, the Lady Chargers fell 17-16 to the top-seeded Lions of Georgian Court University to end their season.



MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

At the CACC Men's Track and Field Championships, Brandon Adams had the high finish of fourth place in the high jump. At the Vassar Invitational, Adam Lenn won the shot put event and set a new school record. He also won the discus throw, while Adams won the high jump. The 4x100m relay team of Ezra Evans, Dariel Suarez, Brian Thompson and Lowell Pierrette won at the Ramapo Track and Field Invitational. Kenney Laudent won the triple jump at the Oscar Moore Invitational.



WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

At the CACC Women's Track and Field Championships, freshman Vanessa Greaves had the high finish of second place in the javelin throw. Stacy Eliezer took sixth in the hammer throw. Greaves won the javelin event at four of the meets this season and set a new school record in the event. At the Vassar Invitational, Sabrina Hernandez took second place and Stacy Eliezer finished third in the shot put. Eliezer also took third in the hammer throw. At the Oscar Moore Invitational, the 4x100m relay team of Steffy Espejo, Desiree Joseph-Jarvis, Ann McCormack and Anna Murphy took third.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis had an overall record of 5-7 and a 3-5 record in the CACC. The five wins was a program record for the three-year program. The Chargers finished in a tie for third place in the conference and lost the tie-breaker to miss a playoff berth. The team also won the CACC Men's Tennis Sportsmanship Award for the first time in program history. Guilherme Salim led the team with eight wins in first singles. For his efforts, he was named to the All-CACC First Team, earned two CACC Player of the Week honors and was named to the CACC Weekly Honor Roll once this season. In their third season of competition, the women's tennis squad finished the year with an overall record of 0-10 and a 0-6 record in the CACC. The Lady Chargers finished in seventh place in the conference.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Dominican hosted two tournaments during the spring portion of their season, one at White Beeches Golf and Country Club and the other at Soldier Hill Golf Course. The men's team had a second-place finish at The Charger Challenge with Alejandro Gomez Cervantes finishing in a tie for third place. Cervantes had four top five finishes this season, while teammate Alexander Lundvall acquired three top five finishes this season, including a second-place finish at the Jefferson Tri-Match and a tie for third place finish at the Yellow Jacket Invitational. Lundvall and Cervantes both earned All-CACC honors, along with qualifying for the NCAA Atlantic/East Super Regional Tournament as individuals.



The women's golf team competed in four events this spring. The team finished in sixth place at the Yellow Jacket Invitational held in April at Ledges Golf Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

G.O.L.D. ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTION (Graduates Of Last Decade)

Thursday, September 15, 2022

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Granito Center

Badami Room, Granito Center

- ◆ Faculty and staff will facilitate networking for recent alumni, classes 2012 – 2022
- ◆ Tapas with wine and beer are included
- ◆ \$10 per person

CLASS OF 2022 FIRE PIT RIBBON CUTTING

Thursday, September 15, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Granito Patio

- ◆ S'more's bar and soft drinks
- ◆ FREE to Class of 2022 Graduates with proof of registration

ALUMNI WEEK

Friday, September 23, 2022

Athletic Hall of Fame

Monday, September 26, 2022

25th Alumni Golf Outing – with Awards Dinner Honoring Joe Clinton

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Alumni Midnight Run

Wednesday September 28, 2022

Employee Alumni breakfast

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Alumni Day of Giving

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Dr. Davies Farm - Apple Picking

October

ALUMNI TRAVEL CLUB MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Badami Room, Granito Center

6 – 8 p.m.

- ◆ Join us to discuss Alumni Travel options and the benefits of group travel. Enjoy a hot meal and wine parings with fellow explorers. Then book your fall 2023 trip to Ireland!
- ◆ \$40 per person or \$70 per couple

“LET’S GET REAL”

Thursday, October 20, 2022

6 p.m.

Fury Lecture Hall, Prusmack Center

- ◆ Financial Literacy Panel for Students and G.O.L.D. Alumni
- ◆ FREE to all attendees

November

DU BASKETBALL TIP-OFF DINNER

Thursday, November 3, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Elks Lodge, Pearl River, New York

- ◆ Come join DU Basketball teams and supporters to get the season off to a great start
- ◆ \$75 per person includes dinner and a special commemorative DU Gift.

ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING – ZOOM

Wednesday, November 10, 2022

6 – 7:30 p.m.

ALUMNI WINE TASTING AT TORNE VALLEY WINERY

Saturday, November 26, 2022

12 noon

- ◆ \$70 per person includes wine glass, wine tastings, hot lunch and live music

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2023

Saturday, January 28, 2023 | Mulligan/Heller Memorial Basketball Games

Thursday, March 2, 2023 | Regional Alumni gathering in New York City

Saturday, March 25, 2023 | Alumni ONE-DAY Religious Retreat

Sunday, April 16, 2023 | Alumni Hall of Achievement

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, May 20, 2023 | Alumni Reunion Classes of 1970-1973

Fall 2023 | Alumni Travel Club trip to Ireland/England

ALUMNI EVENT INFO

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