New Leaders Seek to Engage More Alumni

With a special thanks to the past leadership, and especially Colleen Gries Gallagher, the Alumni Association leadership has already met to map priorities and organize itself.

They laid groundwork through the efforts of Colleen and her team for the past two years. Key accomplishments came in the areas of communications and alumni relations. Denise Schaal Cesare ’77 and Fred Demech ’61 ushered introduction of The Colonel Connection and review of this magazine. Undergraduate alumni relations was chaired by Bridget Giunta ’05. Other accomplishments are too numerous to mention, but they provide the springboard for future success. The current leadership team is as follows:

• **President** – George G. Pawlush ’69
• **First vice president** – Terrence W. Casey ’82
• **Second vice president** – John Wartella ’84
• **Secretary** – Bridget Giunta ’05
• **Historian** (immediate past president)
  – Colleen Gries Gallagher ’81
• **Past president** – William A. Tarbart ’70

New to the board are: Rich Kramer ’67, Charlotte Puglia ’00, Wendy Gavin ’90, Brigette McDonald Herrmann ’78, Tom Ralston ’80, David Scordino ’07, Jenna Strzelecki ’07, Matthew Brown ’08 (Student Government president), Amanda Karasinski ’08 (Student Alumni Association president), and Blaine Madara ’08 (senior class president). They join incumbents Garfield Jones ’72, Rosemary LaFratte ’93 MBA ’97, Lou Steck ’55 and Margery Ulberg ’69.

Other alumni board members are Laura Barbera Cardinale ’72, Allyn Jones ’60, Clayton Karambelas ’49, Beth Danner Kinslow ’02, Ron Miller ’93, Steve Roth ’84, Dave Carey ’83, Fred Demech ’61, Glen Flack ’73, Ali Quresh ’66, John Serafin ’90 MBA ’93 and Jodi Viscomi ’05. The Nominating Committee works to assure that the constituency is accurately represented by the membership of the board through a demographic decade analysis.

The key focus of the year will be to build relationships, engaging more alumni in an ever-increasing range of programs and events both on and off campus. Committee membership is open on a rolling basis, and new committee chairs are selected through the summer months. If you’re interested in being considered for membership on a committee or the board, please complete the online form at [http://community.wilkes.edu/Volunteer](http://community.wilkes.edu/Volunteer). Or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (800) WILKES-U Ext. 4134 or [alumni@wilkes.edu](mailto:alumni@wilkes.edu).

Special thanks to outgoing board members Kay E. Coskey ’86, Michael J. Fox ’06, Ashley Joslin ’06, John Pullo ’82 (historian), Matthew J. Sowcik ’00 and Peter Zubritsky ’76.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2007, Oct. 5 to 7. Read on to see highlights, and make plans to connect and reconnect with friends and classmates.

Explore Exotic Locales with Fellow Alumni

**Tropical Costa Rica**
Depart Nov. 7, 2007
Price per person: twin, $1,999; single, $2,499

- **Highlights**
  - San José • Poás Volcano • Thermal Spa Resort • Caño Negro Refuge • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Guanacaste

Join fellow Wilkes University alumni as they travel to Costa Rica for nine days. This trip includes round-trip air travel from Allentown, Pa., hotel transfers, air taxes and current fuel surcharges. Eight breakfasts, two lunches and seven dinners are included. Fuel charges are subject to change until trip is paid in full. Cost does not include insurance of $120 per person.

For more information on any of these trips, contact Michelle Diskin ’95, associate director of Alumni Relations, at (570) 408-4134 or [michelle.diskin@wilkes.edu](mailto:michelle.diskin@wilkes.edu).

**French Riviera**
Depart March 2, 2008
Price per person: twin, $1,849; single, $2,249

- **Highlights**
  - Nice • Flower Market • Chagall Museum • Grasse Perfumerie • St. Paul De Vence • Ventimiglia • San Remo • St. Tropez • Cannes • Antibes • Picasso Museum • Villefranche • Rothschild Villa and Gardens • Monaco Oceanographic Museum

The price of this eight-day trip includes round-trip air travel from Newark, N.J., air taxes, hotel transfers and current fuel surcharges (subject to increase until paid in full). Six breakfasts and four dinners are included in the cost. It does not include insurance of $120 per person.
Homecoming 2007 Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 5
9 a.m.  Golf Tournament, Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club
11:30 a.m.  Bucknell University Junior College Luncheon and Shuttle Tour, Annette Evans Alumni House
5 to 7 p.m.  Colonels Happy Hour, Bart & Urby's
6 to 8 p.m.  Wine Tasting with Maiolatesi Wine Cellars, 2nd floor UCOM
Golden Colonel Welcome Back Reception and Induction, Kirby Hall

Saturday, Oct. 6
8:30 a.m.  Hungry Colonels Breakfast, Dining Hall
9 a.m.  President's Breakfast (Ancestral Colonels, Golden Colonels, BUJC Flyboys), Henry Student Center Ballroom
10 a.m.  5K Walk/Run, Alumni House to Tailgate
10 a.m.  Crew Regatta on River, Nesbitt Park
10 a.m. to noon  Workshops at UCOM:
   – Pharmacy, Art Kibbe
   – Sidhu Executive Leadership Program, Erin Drew
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Oktoberfest, Lion Brewery
11 a.m.  Tailgate and SAA Colonels Carnival, practice field
12:40 p.m.  Dean Ralston and BUJC Flyboys Celebration, Ralston Field
1 p.m.  Wilkes vs. FDU-Florham football game, Ralston Field
4:30 p.m.  5th Quarter, Fuse Martini Bar
6 p.m.  Pergola Dedication/Reception and Reunion Classes 5-, 10- and 25-Year, Karambelas Pergola
8 to 11 p.m.  Wilkes Nightclub with The Collective, Henry Student Center

Sunday, Oct. 7
9:45 a.m.  Memorial Bells - Remembrance of Alumni
10:30 a.m.  Alumni Hall of Fame, 214 Marts and Henry Student Center Ballroom