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The Chatham Family & Friends Newsletter is a monthly e-newsletter sent to family & friends of students enrolled in Chatham College for Women at Chatham University.



Bob & Barb Averell - Kayla Averell Class of 2015

CONGRATULATIONS To our Graduating Seniors



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CFFA

The CFFA is a volunteer organization that exists to promote goodwill and



Recognize your graduate today with a donation in her honor. With a gift of \$25 or more, you can include a message of 2-3 sentences to her that will be printed in the Senior Class Dinner program. Senior Dinner is a long-standing tradition of faculty and staff toasting the seniors, and now your own congratulatory message can be part of the occasion!

You can also honor your daughter in another way. A gift of \$140 will secure an inscribed brick commemorating your graduate in the 140th

Anniversary Walk that runs along the Anne Putnam Mallinson '61 Pond. This message will last a lifetime and remain engraved at Chatham for years to come. For more information and where to donate contact Nicole Wolford, Associate Director of Annual Giving, at nwolford@chatham.edu.

communication between the University and the parents and families of Chatham students. The association's goals are to keep parents informed about the University and to engage parents and family members in activities that will enhance and heighten the educational experience, reputation, and future of the University.



Follow [Dean Waite's blog](#) to hear her different views of issues each month, as well as get connected to Returning Student E-News and the Student Connections Newsletter.



Top Holiday Gifts for College Students in 2011



Local Gifts:

-Check [Groupon](#) or [Living Social](#) for good deals on things like restaurants, spa packages, or events!

Job Preparation:

Suit (or gift card to a professional dress shop)
-Portfolio or Briefcase
-Self-help Book

Technology:

-iPad2
-Kindle Fire

Capture the Memories:

-Chatham Gear
-Photo Album/Scrapbook
-Class Ring

Chatham Traditions: Candlelight, Chatham Egnog, Holiday Ball



The first Friday in December is one of the most festive nights of the year on Chatham's campus! Three traditions rolled into one evening filled with song, dance, and great memories. The night begins with the Candlelight service, hosted by the Chatham Choir, with traditional music and songs, as well as holiday readings from Chatham faculty and staff. Following the service, the entire campus celebrates with a formal gathering over Egnog (and this year a

spectacular candy bar!) The Eggnog tradition has a special significance for First Year students as they are now permitted to have over-night guests. To end the night, the students celebrate with a "Holiday Ball" sponsored by the Chatham Activities Board (CAB).



- Less Expensive:**
- Collection of family recipes
 - Scrapbook of childhood
 - Family heirloom
 - A family night with students favorite meal, games, movies, etc.

- Practical:**
- AAA Membership
 - Flash Drive
 - 6 months of car insurance
 - Luggage



Calling all proud parents: we want to see your Chatham pride by sending us a picture of you next to your Chatham Parent Decal OR in any Chatham Apparel!

All pictures can be sent to cifa@chatham.edu

Board of Trustees Renews Contract for President Esther L. Barazzone



The Chatham University Board of Trustees unanimously voted to extend the contract of President Esther L. Barazzone, Ph.D. Dr. Barazzone accepted the extension of her contract as president for an additional two years, assuring her continued service to Chatham through June 30, 2015.

"During Dr. Barazzone's tenure as President, Chatham has made remarkable strides transforming itself from a struggling women's college to a thriving cutting edge university," Trustee Chair S. Murray Rust III said in his statement. "Chatham College for Women has



Dorsom Family - Liz Dorsom, Class of 2012

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been revitalized and the College for Graduate Studies and the College for Continuing and Professional Studies have been created and are now well established. The Woodland Road campus has been substantially improved, the Eastside location has been established, and now the School of Sustainability and the Environment at Eden Hall Campus is being created, all under her leadership."

Cougar Athletics



PAC SAAC Plunges for Special Olympics

The PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) raised over \$2,500 for the Special Olympics on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Thirty-one participants of SAAC jumped into the 40 degree water of the Allegheny River for the 2nd Annual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge. This is the first time the SAAC participated in the Plunge after announcing the beginnings of their new national partnership with the Special Olympics.



**PAC SAAC Pittsburgh
Polar Plunge - December
11, 2011**

Basketball traveled to Waynesburg University December 10 for Presidents' Athletic Conference play. The Cougars fell 81-54 to Waynesburg. The loss drops the Cougars to 2-6 overall and 0-4 in the PAC.

Ice Hockey shut out Slippery Rock 6-0 at home December 10 in exhibition play. The victory bumps the Cougars to 3-6-2 overall and 0-6-0 in the ECAC.

Swimming and Diving hosted Grove City and Hiram December 10 and defeated Hiram 147 - 141, but fell 161-113 to Grove City. Their next meet will take place January 14 at Westminster College.

For Nervous Seniors, Some Pre-



Important Dates

Final Exams

Dec. 14-17, 2011

Residence Halls Close

Dec. 17, 2011 5:00PM

Commencement

Dec. 18, 2011 10:00AM

Residence Halls Open

Jan. 3, 2012 9:00AM

First Day of Classes

Jan. 4, 2012



Campus Events

To find out what's happening on campus, check out the [Family & Friends Website](#) for updates to events on campus! The Spring 2012 calendar will be available next issue!



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Graduation Advice

"First, I tell them to imagine a ladder whose bottom rung is about 6 feet off the ground. That's the reality in most fields, where the perks - be they prestige, excitement, money, or best of all, meaningful work - attract more applicants than there are jobs. It's always been this way, I explain, and they should embrace it rather than complain about it".



said Mitchell Zuckoff, professor at Boston University about his advice to his senior students after the last class of the fall semester.

He explained how this happens every December and each year, he does his best to calm and encourage them, giving them what he considers his pre-commencement address. "I give them practical advice about the ways of getting hired and then succeeding. More important, I tell them some hard truths about life."

To read more advice from Zuckoff and what he preaches to his students visit: [Nervous Seniors, NPR](#)

Chatham selected to strengthen ties with Brazil



The Institute of International Education (IIE) recently announced that Chatham University is one of 18 U.S. colleges and universities selected for the 2012 Brazil initiative of its International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP). Throughout the next year, IIE will lead a series of training activities to help each institution implement and sustain partnerships in Brazil, culminating with a study tour to Brazil in spring 2012 to meet with potential partner campuses.

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