Thanks in part to Washington, D.C.’s building-height limit, the view from CUA’s campus is a bucolic tree-bordered vista that belies the university’s proximity to centers of the three branches of the nation’s government as well as to the cultural institutions that make the District such an exciting place to be. As one CUA administrator put it, “The university is a very attractive campus in the middle of a metropolitan city. Students can feel like they’re in the middle of nowhere but quickly find themselves in the midst of the nation’s capital.”

My father was an avid golfer, and a very good one at that. His son did not follow in his footsteps. But sometimes, as I stroll the grounds of CUA — I am an avid stroller — the campus reminds me of a golf course. The same wide-open spaces, only even more so than a typical suburban golf course; the same rolling hills; the same beautifully maintained fairway-like lawns. And — the bane of every duffer’s existence — the same impressive array of trees.

The analogy ends there. In the place of sand traps and water hazards are student residence halls, academic buildings and the like — 55 in all. That may sound like a lot of bricks and mortar, but relative to the size of our square acreage — 193 acres — it’s not. Our setting is undeniably picturesque — a pastoral expanse well within the city limits of Washington, D.C.

Universities are always looking for points of distinction to set themselves apart. Besides our name and the unique mission that is attached to it, our setting is what makes us stand out. We’re the only university in Washington, D.C., blessed to have such an expansive, tree-filled, traditional-looking campus. And what seals the deal for us as we recruit students is that they can leave this verdant, sprawling collegiate home and be on Capitol Hill in 10 minutes, courtesy of a Metro-rail train that travels alongside campus.

Of course, the campus grounds and infrastructure don’t take care of themselves. As every landowner and homeowner knows, the more you own, the more there is to maintain, to fix and to improve. The campus hasn’t always been beautifully maintained. In fact, when alums visit campus, especially those who haven’t been back in a decade or more, the reaction they commonly have is one of pleasure, even astonishment. “The campus has never looked so beautiful,” they tell me. It’s one of the most common refrains I hear from alumni.

So this year’s annual report is dedicated to the great progress that has been made in improving the infrastructure and the grounds of our campus. Over the past decade five new buildings have gone up, with major renovations in more than 20 others. It’s an opportunity for us to tip our hat to all the grounds and facilities staff, to the supervisors and project managers and planners, who have toiled over the bricks and mortar inside and the landscape and plazas outside.

And finally, this is an homage to the beauty of the campus itself. Humans crave beauty. As we go about our daily business of acquiring and imparting knowledge, it is gratifying to be able to do so in such propitious surroundings.
It’s incredible having space right on campus for all our athletic facilities. Many other urban university teams have to ride buses to get to their home fields,” says Michael Allen, director of athletics. Thanks to more than $2 million donated by CUA alumni for improvements, those fields are in prime condition. “When prospective student athletes visit campuses, one of the most important factors they consider is the quality of the athletic facilities,” says Allen. CUA’s upgraded facilities have been a great asset to coaches in recruiting and were instrumental in bringing more than 230 freshmen student athletes to CUA in the 2008–2009 academic year.

The CUA football field’s artificial turf, installed in 2006, is the same as that in many NFL stadiums. Last fall the Arizona Cardinals, led by quarterback Kurt Warner (at left above), felt right at home practicing on CUA’s football field for a week between games.
UA’s open vistas and hilly lawns are a “beautiful foundation,” says Assistant Director of Grounds Maintenance Chris Vetick, that present the landscape expert and his crew with a living palette. They have brought the number of trees on campus to 1,650 and, in beds that sprout tulips and daffodils in spring and annuals all summer, have incorporated a mix of native and exotic plantings for year-round interest and sustainability. Observes Anthony Albence, president of CUA’s Alumni Association, “The outward appearance of the campus is a very strong indicator of its underlying strengths, the resiliency of what the university stands for. When I come on campus now there is a palpable sense of pride.”
When students graduate from CUA, they have well-formed minds,” says Marie Kennedy, director of the Eugene I. Kane Student Fitness Center. “We make sure they also have a well-formed idea of how to take care of themselves and their families for the rest of their lives.” The 7,000-square-foot Kane Center, named for the late CUA trustee who made it possible, offers exercise equipment and classes and serves about 400 students a week. The center, which opened in 2004 in a transformed former dining hall, supports a well-rounded approach to fitness, lending bicycles, golf clubs and other sports equipment as well as offering weekly off-campus treks for rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, hiking and other outdoor activities.
With 19 residence halls to choose from, CUA students can always find a comfortable place to call home. The two halls pictured here represent the old and the new. Gibbons Hall opened in 1912 as a residence for male lay students and after extensive renovations in the first half of 2009 was slated to welcome student residents again in the fall. Students began moving into Opus Hall in January 2009. This newest residence hall was designed with a number of common areas in response to student requests for places to congregate that address CUA’s unique “spirit of camaraderie,” says Jonathan Sawyer, associate vice president for student life and dean of students.

“We’re especially proud,” says Dean Jonathan Sawyer, “that Opus was constructed as a high-performance ‘green’ building, eligible for LEED certification.”

Meeting Students Where They Live
Thanks to a gift from Edward J. Pryzbyla, B.A. 1925, the new student center named for the CUA alumnus opened in 2003 and brought together the bookstore, convenience store, dining areas and conference space. Though it has welcomed high-profile figures, particularly Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008, at its heart “The Pryz” is the “living room of the university,” says Vice President for University Relations and Chief of Staff Frank Persico, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1976. Faculty, administrators, staff and students find a quick meal in the Food Court and a wide variety of entrées in the upstairs restaurant. Impromptu meetings happen at Starbucks. And throughout the building students congregate and communicate, face to face or in cyberspace.
When alumni stop by the John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library, “their jaws drop,” says Steve Connaghan, director of library administration. Between 2002 and 2004 construction teams removed walls and doors, cleaned the colorful stonework, and installed new lighting. Easy chairs replaced wooden ones and the reference librarians moved from the second to the first floor. Recognizing the importance of electronic research, library administrators relocated the Mullen Electronic Resources and Instruction Center to a space off the main lobby. Through this $6 million renovation the library was transformed from dark and cave-like to light and welcoming. “It’s definitely not the library alumni remember,” says Connaghan, with a laugh.

“In Mullen, built in 1928, Catholic University has a beautiful library, an architectural treasure now renovated for the modern age,” says University Archivist Timothy Meagher.
For years Keane Hall, which faces the main university mall, lay empty and badly in need of renovation. Thanks to an $8 million gift from the Knights of Columbus, the 50-year-old building was completely gutted and redone inside. It was rededicated on Sept. 8, 2008, as McGivney Hall, honoring Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights. The hall houses the faculty and staff of the John Paul II Institute on the second and third floor, while the first floor features the new Keane Auditorium, a comfortable lobby and classrooms. “The building has come alive again,” says Richard Weil, senior project manager for facilities, planning and construction.

The ground floor of McGivney Hall comprises classrooms, a student lounge and a reading room for students of the John Paul II Institute, which is housed in the building.
At left, a partial view of the 49 acres that CUA purchased on the western border of the main campus. Above, a student walks near Michigan Avenue, N.E., a major thoroughfare between CUA’s main and south campuses. The latter will be developed to take advantage of its proximity to Metrorail and convenience to Brookland, CUA’s neighborhood.

To the west and south, CUA has seized opportunities for the future. First, the university purchased 49 acres across from CUA’s main campus in 2004. Although no specific plans have been created for its future use, since this property is the largest undeveloped parcel in the District of Columbia, it ensures the university “a trust fund,” says Father David M. O’Connell, CUA president. Second, in partnership with Abdo Development, the university has formulated a plan to eventually move freshman student housing into the center of campus from the 9-acre area known as South Campus and then develop the latter site into a mixed-use neighborhood of shops, housing and artist studios that will become a unique “D.C. destination.”
Campus Beautiful
The following pages contain selected highlights of notable events at the university and of accomplishments by its administrators, faculty, staff and students during the period following commencement 2008 through commencement 2009 (May 2008–May 2009). It is by no means an exhaustive list.

For the third year in a row, a record number of freshmen enroll at Catholic University, more than 900 students from 38 states and 14 countries. Fig. 1

Catholic University commemorates the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth with a multidisciplinary “Lincoln Semester” of five elective courses that offer students insight into the mind, accomplishments and legacy of the 16th president, through the spectrum of art, history, literature, political science and film. The courses are offered during the spring 2009 semester. Fig. 2

Very Rev. David O’Connell, C.M., president, blesses and dedicates CUA’s newly constructed Opus Hall. It is the first university residence hall in Washington, D.C., to be built according to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. Fig. 3

On May 28, a crowd of more than 200 gathers at Catholic University for a symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. Co-sponsored by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic University, “Faith and Freedom: Church and State in the American Experience” draws an audience of scholars and theologians — including six university presidents, three ambassadors, two Catholic cardinals and a number of other high-ranking Church officials. The event is covered by numerous media outlets. Fig. 4

Senior university officials led by Father David O’Connell travel to Rome for an Oct. 8 dedication and blessing of offices and classrooms the university is leasing from St. John’s University for the Rome portion of CUA’s global education program. After meeting with officials in the Vatican congregations with which CUA has a direct relationship, Father O’Connell and Provost James Brennan travel to the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, which opened in 2002. There they meet with members of the administration and faculty to offer assistance to this first Catholic university to open on the territory of the former Soviet Union.

Catholic University offers its 30th Institute on Federal Library Resources May 12 to 17, 2008, providing hands-on opportunities for students to examine the workings of the vast collections of the federal library programs. A luncheon with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is held at the Supreme Court building to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the institute.

The School of Architecture and Planning launches two new graduate degree programs in August: the Master of City and Regional Planning and the Master of Science in Sustainable Design.

Catholic University receives an Award of Excellence from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its efforts in a recycling competition that involves more than 400 colleges and universities across North America.

Marking the 30th anniversary of CUA’s Parliamentary Internship Program, more than 80 alumni living abroad, as well as 10 current students enrolled in the program, attend a reception at the British House of Commons on July 10.

The School of Philosophy hosts its 41st annual fall lecture series, which is dedicated to Monsignor John F. Wippel, the Theodore Basselin Professor of Philosophy. The series explores themes in metaphysics, one of Monsignor Wippel’s areas of expertise.

The 2009 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges names Catholic University one of 49 colleges and universities that qualify as “Best Buys” based on the quality of academ- ics available to students relative to the cost of tuition.

CUA is among the top “teched-out” campuses in the nation, according to PC Magazine and The Princeton Review. The top-20 list — with Catholic University holding the 11th spot — is included in its PC Magazine’s October 2008 issue. Fig. 5

The School of Architecture and Planning presents “On Making: Investigating the Act of Making as Design Knowledge” as its summer 2008 architecture lecture series. Speakers in the lecture series investigate the physical act of making as a valuable design tool and its reciprocal contributions to the knowledge of architectural work.

A long-empty building in the heart of campus is returned to academic use following an $8 million renovation and is rededicated Sept. 8 as McGivney Hall. Named after Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, the building is dedicated with leaders of CUA and the Knights, who underwrote the renovation, in attendance.

For eight weeks in the fall semester, the School of Theology and Religious Studies hosts visiting scholar Ghanaan Manura, director of the Muslim Cultural Center in Nazareth, Israel, through the Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program. CUA is the venue for the plenary conference that caps the Fulbright program, bringing all 10 Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program scholars, representatives of their host institutions, CUA and the State Department and CUA faculty together for the weekend of Dec. 4–6.

Cardinal Francis Rode, C.M., prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, receives the degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa from The Catholic University of America during a campus ceremony on Sept. 24. Twenty years after Pope John Paul II issued Mulieris Dignitatem, his groundbreaking apostolic letter on the dignity of women, CUA’s Columbus School of Law and Ave Maria School of Law sponsor a conference to reflect on the progress and the future of women and men. The conference, titled “A Celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatem,” draws leading scholars from the United States, Europe and Canada.

In July four scholarly journals edited by faculty at The Catholic University of America are “graded” as being among the world’s top peer-reviewed academic journals by the European Science Foundation. Two of the CSA-edited journals — The Catholic Biblical Quarterly and The Catholic Historical Review — receive an “A” ranking, putting them in the top 10 to 25 percent of journals covering the discipline of religious studies and theology.

The School of Theology and Religious Studies hosts a “Year of St. Paul Symposium” March 20 in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the apostle. The daylong symposium draws an audience of more than 280 to the Edward J. Pryzbyle University Center. Fig. 6

The School of Architecture and Planning presents “The Dutch Element at HH400: Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson’s Voyage to the Americas” as the spring 2009 architecture lecture series. Fig. 7

Father David M. O’Connell, C.M., university president, travels to Cracow, Poland, in June 2008 to attend an awards ceremony at Jagiellonian University honoring CUA and CUA Law Professor Leah Wortham. Father O’Connell receives the Merentibus Medal from the university on behalf of CUA and its law school. Wortham is honored for her long involvement in cooperative educational ventures with Jagiellonian University. Fig. 8

The Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic Uni- versity of America appoints 13 new fellows as part of a major expansion of the institute to incorporate new fields of public policy study.

James Rettig, president of the American Library Association, delivers the keynote address at “Bridging the Spectrum: A Symposium on Scholarship and Practice in Library and Information Science.” The event brings to CUA library science practitioners, students and researchers for a series of briefings and poster presentations.
The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents the seventh annual Catholic University President’s Festival of the Arts titled “If It’s Not One Thing, It’s Another.” The two-week celebration features five musical performances and guest lectures on Sondheim and Mendelssohn. Fig. 9

On Jan. 31, the basketball court at CUA’s Raymond A. DuFour Center is named after Franny Murray, who has served as CUA’s athletic equipment manager for more than 50 years. The ceremony, held during halftime of a CUA men’s basketball game, is part of a day of events honoring Murray. Fig. 10

On March 19, CUA hosts an on-campus premiere of a new musical, Mulchay Eylon, for recorded voices, soloist, chorus and orchestra. The work, composed by Assistant Dean of Music Joseph Santo, is based on texts from a November 1938 CUA radio broadcast by then CUA rector, Monsignor Joseph M. Corrigan, and Catholic Church leaders denouncing the Nazi anti-Jewish violence that came to be called Kristallnacht.

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C. Joseph Nuese
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Fig. 18

Boncho Bonev, research assistant professor of physics based at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, is co-recipient of a $203,640 grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant supports research on multi-wave-length modeling of solar flares.

Fig. 19

Dunia de Mello, professor, and Reubin Ohr, associate professor of biomedical engineering, are awarded the Hans-Eggenberger Prize for young investigators for achievements in the field of neuro-rehabilitation. The $100,000 prize is given to Nef for the development of an arm-therapy robot, ARMin.

Fig. 20

Jennifer Horne, assistant professor of media studies, receives a $6,100 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship stipend for her book project Civic Cinema: Spectators, Citizenship, and American Silent Film. Her project receives the additional honor of being a selection for the NEH’s “We the People” initiative.

Fig. 21

John Philip, assistant professor of physics and research scientist at the Vitreous State Laboratory, is awarded a $400,000 Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will help fund his research on a new field called spin electronics, which has the potential to transform present-day computer technology.

Fig. 22

The Life Cycle Institute receives a $450,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to investigate gazing behavior in faceted search interfaces.

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Vladimir Osherovich, research associate of physics, receives a one-year $52,580 grant from NASA for his project titled “Classification of Plasma Resonances in a Magnetic Field as a Diagnostic Tool for Active Space Plasma Experiments.”
of the National Catholic School of Education honors Professor Frederick L. In October the Council on Social Work Practice, in collaboration with the Pontifical Council on the Family and Human Virtues: Economic Aspects,” at the Novak Award, which comes with a $10,000 grant to study the sun’s magnetic field, which is the source of phenomena such as solar flares and coronal mass ejections.

Faculty and Staff

Andrew Abela, associate professor of marketing, wins the Acton Institute’s 2009 Novak Award, which comes with a $10,000 prize. He will receive the award at the annual Calihan Lecture, which he will deliver at CUA in November 2009. Fig. 26


In October the Council on Social Work Education honors Professor Frederick L. Ahearne of the National Catholic School of Social Service for his innovative contributions to international social work education. He is selected for the Partner in Thought Award for International Social Work Education for his success in establishing social work education programs in countries undergoing societal change.

Margaret Martin Barry, associate professor of law, is awarded the 2009 William Pincus Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to Clinical Legal Education from the Association of American Law Schools.

Rev. John P. Beal, professor of canon law, receives the highest honor bestowed by the Canon Law Society of America. Given for being an “outstanding example in the furtherance of Church law as a pastoral means of serving people,” the Role of Law Award honors Father Beal for his contributions in the areas of teaching, publishing and offering consulting services to Catholic churches, bishops and priests.

Susanne Bennett, assistant professor of social work, is the editor of the July 2008 special issue of Clinical Social Work Journal, which focuses on “Attachment and Clinical Social Work Practice.”

Jeffrey Brosius, research associate professor at the Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, and his Extreme Ultraviolet Normal Incidence Spectrograph sounding rocket team receive the Robert H. Goddard Award for Exceptional Achievement for Science from NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

Thomas Donahue, professor of drama, does the stage design for Shylock, the Jew of Venice, performed in September and October at the Classical Theatre Company in Houston. Fig. 27

Thérèse-Anne Druart, professor of philosophy, takes the reins as president of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.


Cathleen Gray, associate professor of social work, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award March 6 from the D.C. Metro chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Fig. 29

Marietta Hedges, assistant professor of drama, performs in the play The Warrior at the New York International Fringe Festival and at Washington, D.C.’s Capital Fringe Festival during the summer of 2008.

Nora Heimann, associate professor of art, gives a lecture titled “La Pucelle, La Patrie, La Princesse: Jeanne d’Arc et la Monarchie de Julier” (“The Maid, the Fatherland, the Princess: Joan of Arc and the July Monarchy”) in May 2008 at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Tobias Hoffmann, associate professor of philosophy, is awarded a Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers from the Republic of Germany for the 2008–2009 academic year. He conducts research at the University of Munich for a book project.

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin, dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies, is appointed to the Catholic delegation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops–United Methodist Church Dialogue.

Katherine Jansen, associate professor of history, delivers a lecture titled “Mary Magdalen, Superstar: The Making of a Medieval Saint” at John Cabot University in Rome on April 22.

David Jobes, professor of psychology, is named by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to a group of nine civilian experts tasked with making recommendations to the secretary of veterans affairs on ways the department can improve its programs in suicide prevention, clinical intervention, research and education.

Rev. Robert J. Kaslyn, S.J., is appointed dean of the School of Canon Law, effective May 1, 2009. He was previously an associate professor in the school. Fig. 30

Bunnica, a play by Jon Klein, assistant professor of drama and director of the M.F.A. playwrighting program, is performed at multiple theaters across the country.

Gunther Kleetschka, research professor, Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, spends 12 days in Russia in July with a team of scientists investigating the cause of a massive explosion that occurred in Siberia in 1908. The trip and Kleetschka’s thoughts on the journey and causes of the explosion are filmed for a one-hour special that airs on the Discovery Channel.

Mary Graw Leary, associate professor of law, heads the official delegation of the Holy See to the III World Congress Against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November.

Jia Lu, assistant professor of architecture and planning, gives a presentation on “Land-use Structure Analysis in Central Ohio” at the 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held March 22–27 in Las Vegas. Lu’s paper is published in the proceedings of the meeting.

Rev. Frank Matera, Andrews Kelly Ryan Professor of Biblical Studies, is awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, on May 14 at the graduation ceremony of Saint Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, at which he is also the commencement speaker.

Marilyn Meritt, lecturer of anthropology, is awarded the first prize in the American Anthropological Association ethnographic poetry competition for poems about her experiences in West Africa.

Veryl V. Miles, dean of the Columbus School of Law, is appointed to the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association.

Rev. Mark Morozowich, assistant professor of philosophy and associate dean for ministerial and seminary students, presides over the Student of Oriental Liturgy’s Second International Congress Sept. 17–22 in Rome. Father Morozowich delivers his presidential address titled “Liturgical Tradition and Natural Disaster: The Role of Liturgical Scholarship.”

Faith Mullen, clinical assistant professor of law, is one of five legal educators to be honored as a 2009 Bellow Scholar by the clinical legal education section of the Association of American Law Schools. The Bellow Scholar program calls attention to innovative anti-poverty or access-to-justice projects that encourage collaboration and empirical analysis.
On April 29 Catholic University honors bestselling author Charles C. Nguyen, professor of English, as the recipient of the Washington Architectural Association’s 2008 Walter Love Prize. The award is given to an individual who has displayed exceptional service to the architectural profession.

Andrew Abela, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, publishes a book titled *Arte y Mensaje en la Prosa del Siglo de Oro* (Art and Didacticism in the prose of the Golden Age) (Queremi Bero-American).


Michaela L. Zajicek-Farber, assistant professor of social work, and three master’s in social work students from CUA’s National Catholic School of Social Service conduct a workshop on family-centered care for families and children with disabilities at the October Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Books

Andrew Abela, assistant professor of marketing, writes *Advanced Presentations by Design: Creating Communication that Drives Action* (Pfieffer/John Wiley & Sons).

Claudia Bornholdt, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, writes *Saintly Spouses: Chaste Marriage in Sacred and Secular Narrative From Medieval Germany* (12th and 13th Century) (forthcoming, University of Arizona Press).

David Bosworth, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, publishes *The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* (Catholic Biblical Association).


Stephen K. Wright, professor of English, is honored with the 2009 Martin Stevens Award for best article in the field of early drama studies for a piece titled “Wrangling Livestock, Dragons, and Children: Practical Stagecraft and Its Thematic Consequences in the Augsburg St. George Play (ca. 1486),” which was published in *Research Opportunities in Medieval and Renaissance Drama* 47 (2008).

James Youniss, professor of psychology, delivers “When Morality and Politics Meet in Development” as the Kohlberg Memorial Lecture at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Association for Moral Education in November at the University of Notre Dame.

James Zabara, dean of social work, receives the Ida M. Cannon Award April 22 from the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. This award honors a national figure for outstanding contributions to the leadership of social work in a health-care setting and to the society.

Elizabeth Foxwell, staff editor of CUA’s *The Catholic Historical Review*, edits *John Bouchier: A Companion to the Mystical Fiction* (McFarland & Co.), written by Kate Macdonald.

Sandra Hanson, professor of sociology, writes *Swimming Against the Tide: African American Girls and Science Education* (Temple University Press).

Katherine Jansen, associate professor of history, co-edits *Medieval Italy: Texts in Translation* (University of Pennsylvania Press).


Stefania Lucamante, associate professor of modern languages and literatures, writes *A Multitude of Women: The Challenges of the Contemporary Italian Novel* (University of Toronto Press). Her book *Italy and the Bourgeoisie: The Re-thinking of a Class* is also published (Farleigh Dickinson University Press).

William C. Mattison III, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, writes *Introducing Moral Theology: True Happiness and the Virtues* (Brazos Press). This overview of moral theology is being used in university and college courses nationwide.

Patricia McMullen, associate provost and associate professor of nursing, co-writes *Telephone Triage Protocols for Obstetrics and Gynecology* (Second Edition) (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins).

Virgil Nemoianu, William J. Byron Distinguished Professor of Literature and professor of philosophy, is appointed chair of the Program in Philosophy, a keynote address titled “Husserl and First Philosophy” at an April 2009 conference celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the philosopher Edmund Husserl. Sponsored by the Husserl-Archives Leuven International Foundation and the Institute of Advanced Research, the conference in held in Leuven, Belgium.

Owen Stanwood, assistant professor of history, receives the 2008 water love Prize from the American Catholic Historical Society for his study of Monteverdi’s opera *L’inconoscenza di Poppaea* while simultaneously producing the work with the CUA Opera Theatre. Reviewing the production on April 20, *The Washington Post* says, “The result of all this scholarship was coherent and powerful...because a whole menagerie of personalities and their relationships came across with such dramatic credibility.”

Monsignor John Wippel, Theodore Baseline Professor of Philosophy, is invited to deliver a plenary session lecture titled “Preambles of Faith in Thomas Aquinas” at the conference of the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas in Rome in June 2008.

Andrew Weaver, assistant professor of music, integrates scholarship, teaching and performance by offering a course on Claudio Monteverdi’s opera *L’inconoscenza di Poppaea* while simultaneously producing the work with the CUA Opera Theatre. Reviewing the production on April 20, *The Washington Post* says, “The result of all this scholarship was coherent and powerful...because a whole menagerie of personalities and their relationships came across with such dramatic credibility.”

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Mario Ortiz, assistant professor of Spanish and director of Latin American and Latino Studies, collection a paper "Representaciones modernas de Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz" (Modern Representations of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz) (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana).

Enrique Pumar, professor of sociology, co-edits the book Perspectives in Social Research Methods and Analysis (Sage Publishers).


David Walsh, professor of politics, writes The Modern Philosophical Revolution: The Luminosity of Existence (Cambridge University Press). The book is the third in his trilogy on the nature of the modern world. Fig. 41

Susan Wessel, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, writes Leo the Great and the Spiritual Rebuilding of a Universal Rome, published as part of Brill Press’s Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae series.

John Kenneth White, professor of politics, writes Barack Obama’s America: How New Conceptions of Race, Family and Religion Ended the Reagan Era (University of Michigan Press). Fig. 42

James Youniss, professor of psychology, edits Engaging Young People in Civil Life (forthcoming, Vanderbilt University Press).

Holger Zaborowski, assistant professor of philosophy, publishes the book Spielräume: Zur Hermeneutik des Philosophen (forthcoming, Ferdinand Schöningh). Fig. 43

Students

Two freshman architecture and planning students are named the winners of a competi-
tition to conceptualize a design for the mosaic of the Trinity Dome in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Corey August and Philip Goodkin receive first prize on March 23, besting three other finalist teams, all composed of graduate students. Fig. 43

A Catholic University student team is one of 12 groups that participate in the annual March Madness exhibition at the Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., on March 20. John C. Barnes, a senior mechanical engineering major, and Dung A. Nguyen, a junior electrical engineering major, develop a three-dimensional imaging system with the help of a $14,500 grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance, which sponsors the event. Fig. 44

Two School of Nursing graduate students, Guía Caliwägan and Chioma Nwachukwu, are awarded full-tuition stipends as part of CanFind’s Prospect RN, a scholarship program intended to help develop nursing faculty for the greater Washington, D.C., region. Caliwägan and Nwachukwu each receive a stipend in the amount of $40,000 for the 2008–2009 academic year.

Jordan Dansby, a second-year student at the Columbus School of Law, is awarded a Fulbright grant to research and work in Columbia during the 2008–2009 academic year. Dansby spends the year researching international trade issues.

Michael Dougherty, a senior biology major, is one of the authors of a paper that appears in the Dec. 12 issue of the Journal of Analytical and Chemical Research. Dougherty’s contribution to "Mutations Define Cross-talk between the N-terminal Nucleotide-binding Domain and Transmembrane Helix-2 of the Yeast Multidrug Transporter Pdr5" results from spending his junior year working in the lab of CUA Professor of Biology John Golin as part of a research experiments elective course.

Representing the Columbus School of Law, Patrick Halley and Zack Rothstein place first in the 2009 National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition, which is sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association.

Sarah Halpert, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, receives more than $30,000 from the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, to continue her research on caregiving stress and implicit learning in older adults.

Dorle Hellmuth, a doctoral candidate in politics, is selected as a 2009 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst/American Institute for Contemporary German Studies Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at Johns Hopkins University. During the March Madness exhibition at the institute, she focuses on her project “German and U.S. Domestic Counterterrorism Responses: Only Half A World Apart,” which culminates in a Web essay and a seminar.

Biomedical engineering major Megan Jamiołkowski is named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, one of 278 undergraduates nationwide to receive the award, which is designed to encourage students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.


Atria Larson, a doctoral candidate in CUA’s Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies, is awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for 2009–2010 for doctoral research in affiliation with the Institute of German Literature at the Maximilianeum München in Munich, Germany. Fig. 45

In a rare sweep, all three of the finalists for the Capital Chapter of the American Musicological Society’s Lowens Award for student research are graduate students in the musicology program of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music. Selected are Caitlin Miller, dual master’s program in musicology and library and information science, and doctoral candidates Lars Helgert and Karen Uslin.

On Feb. 15, CUA’s Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents Magnamus Opus, a new chamber opera in one act. The libretto and music for CUA’s production are written by Michael Oberhauser, a Master of Music Composition degree candidate. The opera is a modern retelling of the saga of Robert and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms.

Leila Piran, a doctoral candidate in politics, receives an American Research Institute in Turkey fellowship to study Turkish at Izmir Economics University in Izmir, Turkey, from June through August to help prepare for field research in that country for her dissertation on the impact of European Union reforms on the Turkish military and police.
During fiscal year 2009, Catholic University operated within a difficult financial environment. Confronted with issues in the credit, housing and financial markets, the university nevertheless managed to balance its operating budget and generate a strong operating net. This was a result of sound planning and renewed attention to developing efficiencies and cost reduction strategies that would not divert the focus from the university’s mission.

Results

Catholic University generated a positive operating net of $9.0 million and a nonoperating loss of $38.1 million. The university maintained its budgetary discipline by managing the operating cost structure efficiently and implementing timely cost-reduction initiatives to ensure a strong operating net. The financial strength of operations was offset by the growing global disruption of the credit markets and its impact on the financial markets. Total net assets decreased by $49.0 million to a total of $293.3 million, principally due to net investment losses of $58.6 million, which included $74.0 million of investment losses offset by recording certain parcels of the South Campus as investment property for $15.4 million, the decrease in the value of split-interest agreement of $1.9 million, restricted contributions of $2.4 million, and the positive operating net of $9.0 million. Exhibit I illustrates the changes in net assets over the past eight years.

Total revenues increased from fiscal year 2008 by $9.1 million, or 4.7 percent. Exhibit II shows the university’s sources of revenue. Net tuition and fee revenue represents the largest source of operating revenue, providing CUA with $124.4 million, or 61.2 percent of total revenue. Net tuition and fee revenue increased by $8.8 million, or 7.6 percent, primarily due to increased enrollment, along with an average 5.8 percent increase in tuition rates. During fiscal year 2009, the university had the largest freshman class in its history, with 901 new freshmen. Higher enrollment also contributed to the increase in auxiliary revenue from fiscal year 2008 by $1.5 million, or 4.7 percent. Endowment spending in support of operations and working capital earnings represented $8.8 million, or 4.3 percent of total operating revenue.

Endowment

With risk-controlled endowment and cash policies, the university was reasonably positioned for the economic downturn and expects these policies to continue to provide the direction through the recession. The fundamental principles of the university’s endowment management are to have a prudent and diversified asset allocation and to hire quality investment managers. The endowment maintains an allocation to fixed income to protect assets in times when equity markets are falling. Other assets are diversified among publicly traded equity securities, alternative assets, real estate and emerging markets, with a global diversification within these asset classes. The majority of the assets in the endowment are readily available for sale so the university has adequate liquidity. The asset allocation strategy for fiscal year 2009 is provided in Exhibit V.

Investment in Facilities and Land Development

During fiscal year 2009, in response to the economic environment, Catholic University initiated a freeze on capital spending. Even with the freeze, the university was able to continue to take important steps in the improvement of facilities. Opus Hall, the new 402-bed residence hall, was completed in December 2008 and occupied for the spring semester. The university continues to make progress with the development of the South Campus, the nine acres south of Michigan Avenue next to the Brookland/CUA Metro station. The university is partnering with Abdo Development to develop the site into a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood with residential, retail and arts uses.

Colleges and universities face considerable challenges in controlling expenses and moderating tuition increases while meeting the expectations of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Catholic University will continue to find creative solutions to fund critical initiatives that further the mission of the university. Strong financial planning linked to strategic goals and objectives will continue to provide a solid foundation for sustaining financial performance.
### Consolidated Statements of Activities

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*(in thousands) — For the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009.*

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<th>Operating Revenues and Support</th>
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### Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

**(in thousands) — For the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009.**

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<th>Assets</th>
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<td>U.S. government and other agencies, net of allowance</td>
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<td>Deferred charges and other assets</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td>192,457</td>
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<td>Interest in perpetual trusts</td>
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<td>Permanently restricted</td>
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* The unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets for the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009 include the effect of implementing accounting guidance FSP 117-1.
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