

'Revolutionary' in the lab

When the December 2004 issue of *Scientific American* named **Joseph R. Ecker '78** as its Research Leader of the Year for agriculture, we thought we'd better pass the news along right away. It's not every day that a premier science publication asserts an alumnus has "revolutionized plant biology" with his work on the genetic makeup of the lowly mustard weed.

Joe has been excited about genetics since his days as a biology major under Steve Klug, Ray Fangboner, and Marlene Kayne, all still professors in TCNJ's biology department. He could hardly be more enthusiastic about his experience with them for, as he says, having lab courses personally taught by one's professor is "a lot more unusual in universities today than you might think."

Joe went on to earn a doctorate in microbiology at Penn State, did post-doctoral work at Stanford, and returned in 1987 to teach genetics at the University of Pennsylvania. There he focused on unlocking the genomic secrets of *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a plant used the



world over in genetic studies, eventually mapping the entire genome sequence. In 2000 he and many of his research team transferred to the prestigious Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, CA, where they produced and indexed numerous mutations of the genes and developed a "gene chip" to study how the genes work. This "Arabidopsis Genome Initiative" has been a huge research project involving dozens of investigators worldwide, with major implications for understanding—at the level of individual molecules—how plants produce and ripen their fruits.

Largely as a result of Joe's work, it now is possible for researchers to place an Internet order for Arabidopsis seeds containing genes with specific mutations needed to pursue other valuable discoveries. They can get delivery in two days of something that only five years ago required three years to produce.

While Joe Ecker has become an international leader in plant genetics (he's now president of the International Society for Plant Molecular Biology), he is not the only member of his family to have an impressive career in science. He has two brothers and two sisters, all TCNJ graduates, and all but one of them biology majors.

His older brother, **David '76**, earned a PhD in biochemistry and now is president of Ibis Therapeutics, a subsidiary of Isis Pharmaceuticals of Carlsbad, CA, which makes equipment capable of rapidly identifying biological infectious agents. David lives with his wife, Donna, and two children in nearby Encinitas, not far from Joe and his wife, Gail, who live in Carlsbad with their three children.

A sister, **Teresa (Ecker) Santanello '82**, became a radiologist. She lives in Hopewell Township with her husband, Steve, and practices at Radiology Affiliates Imaging in Hamilton.

A second sister, **Anne Marie (Ecker) Takacs '83**, went on to earn a pharmacy degree, and today is pharmacist-in-charge at the CVS pharmacy in Lambertville, NJ. She lives in Titusville with her husband, David, and two children.

A second brother, **Michael '95**, of Ewing, studied computer science in college and is the lead interactive systems designer for the Educational Testing Service in Lawrence Township.

'42 Edith Dill Darling (E) recently moved from Pennington to the retirement community of Pennswood Village in Newtown, PA. In the years since graduating, Edith has been a teacher in Landham Nursery School for war workers' children in Trenton Public Schools, first grade teacher in Lore School in Ewing Township and third grade teacher in Pennington. She was also a volunteer at the Mercer Medical Center and served on the Board of Union Industrial Home in Trenton, the Board of East Trenton Center, the Junior League of Trenton, and the Pennington Library. Edith was married, raised three children, and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

'51 Richard R. Mauer (E) recently was inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame. He has been playing for 30 years and retired 19 years ago from teaching physical education at the Patchogues-Medford Schools. He and his wife, Jeanne, have nine grandchildren and spend time traveling around the country when they can.

'54 William W. Cook (E) lives in Hanover, NH, where he has been a professor at Dartmouth



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College since 1973. His formal title there is Israel Evans Professor of Oratory. He is also an advisor for a new school, the American University of Kuwait, as part of an English and comparative literacy program.

'56 Ruth M. Frederick (E) retired in July 2004 from her position as division head at Saint Mary's Hall Middle School, where she had been the principal and dean of students for 14 years and taught American history for nine years. She was honored by having a fountain and courtyard named for her in the new middle school building now under construction. She credits her success to her College training, "which made me an excellent teacher as well as helped me understand the 11-14 age group with whom I worked for 23 years."

'61 Mairin Gazinek Posey (E), a resident of Van Nuys, CA, is retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she taught physical education and health for 16 years. She now takes fishing trips to Oregon every summer and says she loves to garden.

'64 Jane Turner Cox (E) has retired from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. She taught there for 18 years, specializing in English as a Second Language. She remains involved with the school by volunteering at the library. She takes trips and goes on cruises in her free time.

'65 Rita Nunez Neumann (AS) recently was honored at the New Mexico Bench and Bar Conference for her pro bono contributions to people with disabilities and organizations that serve them. She received her master's in taxation from the University of San Diego Law School in 1983. Her law practice has been diverse, with an emphasis on constitutional, civil rights, and employment law. She has served as an attorney for the Ability Center, which serves disabled individuals. Over the past 20 years, she has worked with various Native American tribes and Vietnam veterans on legal and business matters.

'66 Elizabeth Wilcox Jones (E) recently retired, having taught fourth grade in Hamilton Township for over 20 years, the last seven at the Yardville School in Trenton. She has six grandchildren and now spends her time traveling to Europe and to her house at the Jersey Shore.

'67 Mary Jane Cooper (AS) was named New Jersey's first inspector general in January 2005. A full story may be found on page 15.

'68 S. Horace Thorne (E) has come a long way from the cotton fields of North Carolina to walk the halls of Henry Hudson Regional High School as its vice principal. He is the only black administrator for the district and in his position now has significant contact with the youth. After getting his bachelor's from the College, he went on to get his master's degree in student personnel services from Kean University. After joining the Highlands district as a maintenance man in 1968, Thorne became an industrial arts teacher, instructing students in metalworking, machine shop, welding, and woodwork. He eventually became department chairman in 1974, supervisor of applied sciences in 1980, director of curriculum in 1992, and vice principal last year. In his present role, Horace has focused on improving building safety and the advanced placement program.

'69 After serving as assistant principal of Hightstown High School since 1999, **John Ward (MEd)** was appointed principal by the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education. He is a 35-year veteran of the district, where he spent many years teaching science at the middle and high school as well as special education classes at the high school.

'70 Donna Zuzzio Hainey (MEd) has retired from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District after teaching business classes there for 24 years. She now has a new grandson and lives in Medway, MA.

'71 Donna Keeval Cook (E) lives in Middlesex and last June was appointed assistant principal of Green Brook Middle School. A month earlier, she received a master's (with distinction) in educational administration from Rider University. Donna has been working in the Green Brook School District since 1995.

'72 John R. Barron (MEd) and his wife, **Karla Kessler Barron '69 (E)**, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last year. John is currently working as an evening supervisor at the Southern Education Center in Manahawkin, a division of Ocean County College. Karla directs the Manahawkin Methodist preschool.

Patricia Falvey (AS) has been appointed associate director of development at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. In her new position, she will assist the vice president for advancement with the fundraising programs and work closely with the annual fund in particular. Patricia says she is "eager to embark on a second career in higher education."

Her first career led to 24 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, where, among many other duties, she directed operation activities for military forces in Europe and Turkey, re-established public relations functions, and was a spokesperson for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Her non-military projects have involved spearheading special events, fundraising for the University of Alaska-Anchorage and the Columbus, Mississippi Arts Council, and serving as president and chairman of several civic organizations.

'73 Michele Yusko (N), who now lives in Somerset, has gone back to work at New Jersey Blood Services as a nursing manager. During her varied career in nursing, she's held a number of interesting jobs, including a home care and later a hospice nurse at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Atlantic Health Systems. Michele has three children: **Johanna Goepel '02 (N)**, **Margaret Goepel '05 (E)**, and **Frederick**, who graduates from Rutgers Prep this spring and has applied to TCNJ for the fall.

'75 Michael Fahner (B) has recently been promoted to vice president of development and marketing at ARAMARK Harrison Lodging. He will oversee new unit growth looking for talented managers as well as lodging investors. He joined the company in 2000 after 17 years with Marriott, where he held a variety of sales and marketing positions. He also has been a guest lecturer and visiting teacher at Cornell University and other colleges as well as industry meetings.

'78 Mary Lou Delahanty (AS) joined the Lawrenceville law firm of Szaferman Lakind, Blumstein, Blader, and Lehmann as a partner in 1997. Since then, she has represented clients with environmental problems, ranging from leaking underground storage tanks to landfills and superfund sites. She has litigated multi-million dollar cases involving environmental clean-ups and has obtained coverage for many of the firm's clients from insurance carriers in environmental cases to respond to the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Generally speaking, TCNJ is tops

With all the public interest in the National Guard in recent months, we were pleased to discover that four of the five generals who command the New Jersey National Guard are College alumni.

The most recent graduate is **Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Sullivan '85** (B), who originally joined the military in 1966. Today, he supervises over 6,000 troops from several states in Iraq as the deputy division commander of the 42nd Infantry Division. His section supplies food, fuel, and clothing to the troops, and deals with civilian contractors in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sullivan lives in Morrisville, PA, with his wife, Judy. They have a 27-year-old son, TJ.

Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson '75 (N) joined the National Guard in 1980. She's had three nursing positions and commanded the medical group with the 108th Air Refueling Wing. As the first woman deputy adjutant general of New Jersey, she manages nearly 9,000 members of the state's Army and Air National Guard. In addition to presenting at national conferences and writing articles on health issues, her responsibilities include homeland security and public affairs.

Brig. Gen. Frank Carlini '69 (E) is a Vietnam veteran who has been in the Army National Guard for 28 years. In 1975 he served as a regular National Guardsman while working as a high school teacher and counselor. In 1985 he became a full-time, Active Guard Reservist. In August 2004 he was promoted to brigadier general and last November returned to part-time status. He is in charge of offices that commission, train, and educate officers, and operate three veterans homes in New Jersey. On weekends, Carlini plans the Army National Guard diversity program and convenes regular sessions on National Guard emergency response tactics. Carlini lives in Bordentown with his wife, Gail, who works at the College as secretary to the director of civic leadership development.

Brig. Gen. Eugene Chojnacki '67 (EN), profiled in *TCNJ Magazine's* autumn 2004 issue, served as an Air Force helicopter pilot for six years, accumulating 2,000 flight hours. These days he keeps his feet on the ground as commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard, which has 2,500 troops at Atlantic City Airport and McGuire Air Force Base. As many as 1,800 guardsmen at a time are assigned on continuous rotation to refueling missions in Iraq. Pending Senate confirmation, Chojnacki will be promoted to major general.

Jessica Dietz '05



Tom Sullivan '85



Maria Falca '75



Frank Carlini '69



Gene Chojnacki '67

Linda Magelnicki Dougherty (AS) is a staff sports writer for *The Trentonian* and has been working there since 1994. After writing for the *Daily Racing Form* from 1990–1993, she joined *The Trentonian* and is a member of the National Turf Writers Association and the National Horse Racing Hall of Fame Committee. Linda is married and has two daughters, ages 9 and 6.

Christine Hough (AS) lives in Hamilton and is the new business developer for Hillier Philadelphia, to which she has returned after a two-year hiatus as marketing manager for the Philadelphia architectural firm J.K. Roller. Christine is active in the Society of Marketing Professional Services, the Urban Land Institute, and the Community Design Collaborative.

Robert LaCosta (AS) is a licensed dispenser of hearing aids in Albany, NY, doing business as The Hearing Aid Office with branches in seven upstate cities. He and his wife, Bettina, live in Albany with their two daughters, Angelique and Guinevere. In 2002 he self-published a novel, *Like Father Like Son*, that he describes as a sort of "fifth gospel parable for today—an adult story for children and a children's story for adults." It is a story of the relationship between a father and his 12-year-old boy that allegorizes the gospels. The book, which describes LaCosta as "an author, speaker, and singer/songwriter" is available through Amazon.com, and includes a CD of a song he has written entitled "The Water Song."

'79

Arlene Cerullo Rogers (MEd) has recently retired from a teaching career that took her to the Pulaski Elementary School in Passaic and the Hamilton Township Board of Education. She plans to spend her retirement renewing relationships with relatives she hasn't seen in many years.

Frank Yusko (E), the subject of an alumni profile in our autumn 2004 issue, was mistakenly identified there as a member of the Class of 1973. In fact, it was his older sister Michele who graduated that year. We regret our error and invite you to read about Michele and her TCNJ family in the class notes of that year.

'80

Tom Sullivan, (AS) president and CEO of Princeton Partners, an advertising and marketing firm, in March accepted appointment as campaign manager for Doug Forrester, one of the leading contenders for the Republican nomination for governor of New Jersey. Tom replaced Steve Berlin, who resigned after two months in the position. Tom continues to be active with TCNJ's Alumni Association and also serves on The College of New Jersey Foundation, the fundraising arm of the College community.

'82

Michael Forhez (AS) has been named vice president of CAS Americas. He is a recognized expert on customer relationship management solutions for the consumer packaged goods industry and has over 20 years of experience in sales, marketing, and management. He has devoted his career to advancing enterprise marketing software solutions for consumer goods companies and their retail partners. Prior to joining CAS Americas, Michael worked at SAS Institute, where he helped customers align industry needs with marketing and product development plans. Prior to that, as vice president of Business Development at

Boston-based Customer Analytics, he was responsible for winning the company's first vertical market clients. Recognized as an industry expert in consumer products, he is often cited in industry publications and is a sought-after thought leader within the field. He lives in New York City.

'83

Natalie Gahrman (B) has spent the past few years learning and practicing a new career. After several years of teaching business courses and 10 years as a marketing and development training specialist in private industry, she turned to helping others bring order into their busy lives by being a professional coach. She learned the techniques from Coach University, an Internet training program based in Kansas. Having graduated from that program in 2000, she earned certification with the International Coaching Federation, served on the board of the New Jersey Professional Coaches Association, and established her own firm, N-R-G Coaching Associates, all the while building up a base of clients.

In 2002 she self-published a how-to book based on her experience and titled *Succeeding as a Super Busy Parent: 75 Practical Tips for Balancing Life, Love, Kids, and Career*. It offers advice on how to avoid the inevitable stress of modern life and how to plan for success. She also has been getting into more public speaking (she was the keynoter at a recent Montclair State University graduate convocation) and writing short pieces for popular magazines.

Natalie and her husband, the director of Internet technology for a Manhattan brokerage, live with their two children, Matt, 10, and Kaitlyn, 8, in Hillsborough.

Kevin Kasha (B) has been selected for the position of senior vice president, acquisitions and programming, at New Line Home Entertainment, a division of Time Warner that is a major independent film company and franchiser of home entertainment programs. This marks Kevin's return to the company after a six-year stint at Miramax, where he served as executive vice president. Now an industry veteran, he will be responsible for acquiring feature films and non-theatrical programs for distribution by New Line Home Entertainment. His prior experience involves six years at New Line Home Entertainment as senior vice president of sales and distribution.

Joseph G. Myers (AS) was recently honored by the Sayreville Alliance for Family Education (SAFE) with a billboard on Ernston Road, thanking him for his service on the police force and with other community organizations. Myers retired from

the police department in September 2004 after 34 years. Although retired, Myers is still a member of the Sayreville Board of Education and a part-time gym teacher for Our Lady of Victories Catholic School of Sayreville. He enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Kathleen, three children, and pet schnauzer.

'85

Sheree Davis (MEd) has been with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 20 years and was promoted to bicycle and pedestrian program coordinator in 2002.

'86

Sami Daoud (EN/AS) sent us a detailed update of his career since graduating with majors in mechanical engineering and chemistry. He's worked for several firms doing basic research, as well as managing teams of chemists and engineers who were working on major aerospace and defense contracts for the government.

In 1990, he patented a novel water-based hydrophilic emulsion polymer that had wide application in fields as diverse as eye surgery and cosmetics. Among significant positions he held later were manufacturing manager at Universal Propulsion Co. of Phoenix, a maker of solid rocket propulsion systems, and senior engineer and program manager at Hercules Aerospace Corporation, maker of rocket propellants for a variety of weapons systems.

Three years ago he joined the Keller Companies in Manchester, NH, a supplier of skylights and window walls to the construction industry. Keller also has a number of government contracts for very light materials which provide highly effective thermal and acoustic insulation used in space vehicles and defense systems. Sam's skill in working with aerogel, a shielding material widely used in aerospace, biotech, and nuclear applications, is helping the company enter a number of promising markets.

But, Sam writes, he also has a project going in his garage that he hopes he will be able to develop with an engineering company he is about to form. As he describes it, his work "over the next two years will focus on testing and commercializing a novel, eco-friendly liquid fuel with only water and carbon dioxide as a combustion byproduct and with a power output exceeding that of benzene and hydrogen gas. Reduction of this technology to practice in commercial transportation requires a different ignition technology, which is already under exploratory testing...."

If Sam's plan works out, he and his wife, Linda, an artist from Ringoes, will bring their 13-year-old daughter, Lucie, back to live in New Jersey in the next year or two. He hopes

to see Lucie attend TCNJ, and he'd like to use the talents of future TCNJ students in his company.

'87

Nancy Kaymar Stafford (B) recently was promoted to grant administrator/senior legal research analyst in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center. She lives in Alexandria, VA, and has been practicing human rights law for several years. She spent a year in Hong Kong with a human rights organization and now works with four African NGOs in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and Nigeria. She also has spent a few months working on women's rights issues in Accra, Ghana.

'88

Douglas V. Conover (B), of Princeton, has been promoted to regional executive in commercial banking at the Sovereign Bank of New Jersey. His new duties include overseeing the bank's community, commercial, and business activities in the area. Douglas has been in the banking industry for nearly 30 years and is a director of the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Middlesex Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. He remains actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America and is head coach of a girls basketball team.

'89

Gary Gellman (AS) continues in his video business, Gellman Images, and recently received the Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association's Business Achievement Award.

Rosemarie Hertting (N) is employed at the Somerset County Technical Institute in Bridgewater and just received the Governor's Nursing Merit Award for Professional Advanced Practice for 2004. She resides in Wall Township with her husband, Victor, and their daughter, Nicole.

'90

Patrick M. Ambrosio (B) has completed his medical training at UMDNJ School of Medicine. He did his residency at the Children's Hospital at Cooper in Camden and his fellowship at UMDNJ-Newark. Now he is in private practice specializing in allergies and immunology. He and his wife, Patricia, have been married since 1989 and live in North Brunswick.

Mark Spiegle (B) received his master's from New York University and is now the worldwide financial controller for Ethison, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson that manufactures sutures and other medical products in Somerville. He is also a certified public accountant.

Harold Sutton (E), after working as a patrolman, detective, juvenile officer, crime prevention officer and other responsibilities, has been promoted to borough police chief in Oceanport. He attended the Monmouth County Police Academy, is a graduate of the West Point Command and Leadership program with certification as a public supervisor and eligible chief law enforcement executive. Sutton rose to the rank of captain in 1998 and as chief he is now the community's emergency management coordinator. He lives in Oceanport with his wife, Peggy, and their two children.

'91
Andrew Aromando (AS) recently joined Alfacell Corporation in Bloomfield as senior president of commercial development and operations. Alfacell is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of new medicines. Andrew earned a master's in organizational communications from Rutgers in 2003 and lives in Robbinsville with his wife, **Kathleen Aromando** '93 (E), and their five children: Andrew Joseph, 6; Fiona Eileen, 5; Molly Frances, 3; Luke Anthony 1; and their newborn, Nathaniel Henry.

Dani Kennedy (AS) has accepted a position as an inside salesperson at Marmon/Keystone, a pipe and tubing supply company. Since graduating, she has spent 13 years working in the steel industry at Prudential Stainless Pipe. She and her husband Brian live in Havertown, PA.

Deanna Knobloch (E) was inducted into the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame last November at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She was a two-time All-American while attending the College and now coaches at Moorestown High School. Her 13-year record is 235-15-4, and her last six teams have been ranked in the nation's top 10, headed by her number-one-ranked 2002 and 2003 teams. Her last five teams have won New Jersey state titles.

'92
Daniel E. Russoman (AS) is the *Hammonton Gazette's* sports editor. On October 5, 2004, the paper published a 128-page commemorative publication, *Hometown Pride: The Tradition of Sports in Hammonton*, which highlighted the

impact sports has in Hammonton. Dan says he's covered sports in the town for seven years and is always impressed at how much pride the people in the town have in their teams.

'93
Taryn Bostjancic (B) has been promoted from manager to senior manager at WithumSmith+Brown, the CPA and consulting firm. She is based in New Brunswick and lives in Dayton. Taryn is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Bryan Parks (AS) was awarded the 2003-04 Colts Neck High School Teacher of the Year Award. He has taught mathematics since the school opened six years ago. He teaches AP calculus and coaches the girls cross country and track teams. Bryan has been recognized as Monmouth County Coach of the Year by *The Star-Ledger* for his successes in coaching these two teams.

'94
Holly Riggbach Black (AS), we discovered last fall, has become a very successful author of children's and young adult fantasy. For what else we discovered, please look for a full profile on page 10 of this issue.

Laura Elliot (E) has been teaching in the Amsterdam School in Belle Mead since graduation and was voted Somerset County Teacher of the Year for 2003-04.

'95
Elaine A. Rocha (AS) recently became an associate with the Morristown law firm of Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, and Perretti. She earned her law degree from Seton Hall University in 1998 and is now a Barrister of the Seton Hall Law School Alumni Inn of Court, and a member of Seton Hall Law School's Alumni Council. Before joining Riker Danzig, Elaine practiced with Mendes and Mount of Newark.

Douglas Tapp (B) has been promoted to manager of the tax department at the Flemington Accounting Firm of Amper, Politziner, and Mattia. Doug now has more than nine years of public accounting experience.

'96
Jeff Devito (AS) is a research biologist at Sanofi-Aventis, a pharmaceutical company in Bridgewater, but his real passion is music. After learning how to play the guitar, Jeff played in high school jazz bands as well as rock bands during his time at the College. He then went on to earn a master's degree in cell and developmental biology at Rutgers. In 1999, Jeff formed his band, the "Practice Zoo," which emerged as part of a burgeoning indie rock scene in North Jersey. The band focused on '60s garage rock and high-energy punk before introducing more melodic pop elements into its music on its promotional releases (EP). Since then, the band has managed to win over fans and has created four well-received EPs. Its music ranges from '60s psychedelic rock and a high-energy rock cover of the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby" to keyboard-drenched garage rock and its more recent foray into spacious, melodic pop.

Jack Fitzpatrick (E) is the new head coach of wrestling at Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster, PA., after being the Vikings' assistant for seven years. A 1992 Wood graduate, he was a standout wrestler there, went on to wrestle at the College, and later returned to help coach at his old school. On coaching, he said "you coach the way you were coached ... Now, looking back on it, you know you benefited as a wrestler. They seem to be responding."

Ginger Hall (AS) has just been named a vice president of MCS, a Bedminster public relations firm serving the healthcare industry. Ginger joined the company soon after graduation as an account representative. In her new role, she is a member of the firm's executive committee and is an account team leader working on projects involving Erbitux (for Bristol-Myers Squibb and ImClone) and Tetrabenazine (for Prestwick Pharmaceuticals). Ginger lives in Lambertville.

Anthony Nitti (B) lives in Trenton and recently joined WithumSmith+Brown as a tax manager in the firm's Princeton office. After graduating he went on to earn a master's in taxation from the University of Denver.

'97
Kimberly Dosemagen Mauger (AS) received a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin last year and is now working as a hospital pharmacist. It was a very memorable year for her, for she also married **Eric S. Mauger** '96 (AS). TCNJ members of their wedding party included **Antonio Matos** '96 (B), **Brian C. Mauger** '97 (AS), **Amy Coffman Jones** '97 (N), **Cheryl A. O'Hara**

'97 (N), and **Jennifer L. Kozuh** '97 (N). The newlyweds live in Marlton.

'98
Michael C. Johnson (AS) has received a master's in communication and information studies from Rutgers. He is now a member of the corporate communications department at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick. Michael says presenting a paper he wrote at TCNJ before the 1997 National Communication Association Convention in Chicago has helped lead to his current position.

Joshua Riffe (AS) is still a cruise director for Carnival Cruise lines and in December was chosen to direct activity programs on the Carnival's newest ship, the *Carnival Valor*, and expected to be on it until May.

'99
Melissa Bennett Lauterhahn (B) is vice president at J.P. Morgan Chase in Edison. She was married in April 2004 and lives with her husband in Parlin, NJ.

Pavel Ochalski (AS) is in his fourth year at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and now is doing his residency. After taking two years off to do research, he hopes to pursue a career in neurosurgery. During his rotation in internal medicine, Pavel discovered that two of his fellow team members also are TCNJ graduates: **Michael Levitt** '99 (AS) and **Himani Goyal** '00 (AS). Both completed medical school under TCNJ's seven-year medical program and are also doing their residencies. Michael is a senior resident and hopes to pursue a career in either hematology or oncology, while Himani is interested in optometry. Pavel attributes this coincidence to the wonderful undergraduate education he received here at the College.

'00
The Hanover Park High School in East Hanover has hired **Todd Hartman** (E) to teach physical education. He was formerly the assistant basketball coach at the County College of Morris in Randolph and had taught at Pope John High School in Sparta.

Michael Robert Wood (B) published an article in the *Journal of Business and Economic Studies* in the fall of 2003 entitled "Jumping on the Bandwagon: Outside Representation in Corporate Governance." His article was based on his study of the impact that outside directors have on a company's profitability done at TCNJ for his senior thesis with Tom Patrick, professor of business.

Weddings

Sandra Selfridge Lopus Harvey '58 (E) wed David A. Harvey October 7, 2001.

Kathryn Newton Sonnenfeld '84 (AS) wed Rick Squires October 16, 2004.

Monica Sullivan Restrepo '87 (N) wed Robert Nolan September 10, 2004.

Harold Mark Spiegle '90 (S) wed Vera Y-E Wu November 6, 2004.

Lisa Battaglia Gaudet '95 (AS) wed Igg Gaudet July 10, 2004.

Lisa Farrington '96 (E) wed Jason Stubbs November 2, 2002.

Kenneth Romm '96 (B) wed Carrie Wacha October 23, 2004.

Craig Schwartz '96 (E) wed Victoria Porcelli June 12, 2004.

Melanie Simanski '96 (E) wed Michael Mindel September 24, 2004.

Nicole S. Green '98 (AS) wed Richard Naviglia September 5, 2004.

Stacie Berger '99 (AS) wed John Meredith '01 (AS) October 19, 2001.

Jill C. Eaton '99 (AS) wed Daniel Houseworth October 24, 2003.

Pasquele Mignano '99 (AS) wed Melissa Neis October 9, 2004.

Craig Orapello '99 (B) wed **Dahlia Rodriguez** '99 (AS) September 11, 2004.

Tom Pado '99 (B) wed **Donna Porreca** '99 (N) June 5, 2004.

Linda Marie Tridente '99 (AS) wed David Matthew Blazier July 11, 2004.

Heather Brown '00 (E) wed Kevin Crosson July 17, 2003.

Jodie Harrington '00 (AS) wed Scott McDonnell August 7, 2004.

Kristin Koza '00 (E) wed Chris M. DiStefano August 12, 2004.

Trisha Urik '00 (AS) wed **Michael V. Deiso** '99 (B) October 3, 2003.

Cesar Romero '01 (B) and **Sonia Sehgal** '03 (S) July 4, 2003.

Heather Sullivan '01 (AS) wed Scott Gruber October 2, 2004.

Kerri VanEenennaam '01 (E) wed Timothy Tafrow July 31, 2004.

Julie Becker '02 (CS) wed Joe Cramer August 21, 2004.

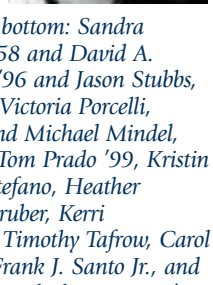
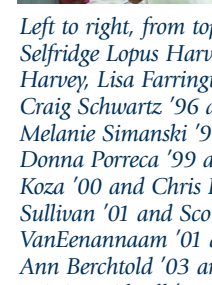
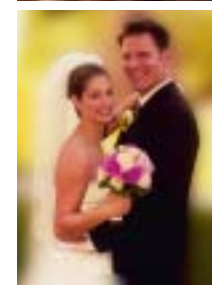
Melissa Davis '02 (B) wed Justin Peticolas September 25, 2004.

Renee Miccio '02 (B) wed **Paul Stratton** '02 (B) July 10, 2004.

Jason Schweitzer '02 (B) wed **Megan Lippincott** '02 (CS) August 3, 2002.

Carol Ann Berchtold '03 (E) wed Frank J. Santo Jr. July 3, 2004.

Kristine L. Bidwell '04 (N) wed **Joseph F. Franzone** '03 (B) August 8, 2004.



Left to right, from top to bottom: Sandra Selfridge Lopus Harvey '58 and David A. Harvey, Lisa Farrington '96 and Jason Stubbs, Craig Schwartz '96 and Victoria Porcelli, Melanie Simanski '96 and Michael Mindel, Donna Porreca '99 and Tom Prado '99, Kristin Koza '00 and Chris DiStefano, Heather Sullivan '01 and Scott Gruber, Kerri VanEenennaam '01 and Timothy Tafrow, Carol Ann Berchtold '03 and Frank J. Santo Jr., and Kristine Bidwell '04 and Joseph Franzone '03.

New Arrivals

Kevin Charles Anderson '84 (EN) and wife, Tong-ya: a daughter, Juanita, March 13, 2004. She joins her brother, Myles, 4.

Karen Kahn Countryman '88 (AS) and husband, **Bradley Countryman '87 (AS)**: a daughter, Casey Lynn, December 7, 2004. She joins her sisters Jessica, 12, and Kylie, 2, and brother, Mathew, 10.

David Berman '89 (AS) and wife, Josephine: a son, Matthew James, October 22, 2004. He joins his brother, Ben, 8.

Andrea Johnson Karmilovich '89 (E) and husband, Christopher: a son, Conner, August 10, 2004. He joins his sister, Brianna.

Glenn Nugent '89 (B) and wife, Lynne: a daughter, Danielle, October 14, 2004. She joins her brothers Luke, 7, and Jared, 5.

Jean Marie Curran Sexauer '89 (AS) and husband, Thomas: a daughter, Casara, September 13, 2003.

Andrew Aromando '91 (AS) and wife, **Kathleen Leonard Aromando '93 (E)**: a son, Nathaniel Hendry, September 17, 2004. He joins his brothers Andrew Joseph, 5 and Luke Anthony, 1, and his sisters Fiona Eileen, 5 and Molly Frances, 3.

Kimberly A. Glock (AS) and husband, Thomas, have adopted a baby girl, Lauren, born July

12, 2003. She joins her brother, Eric, 3.

Laura Grigni Hopkins '91 (AS) and husband, Robert: a son, Matthew Hopkins, March 22, 2004.

Ilene N. Appelbaum Lefkowitz '91 (AS) and husband, Jeff: a son, Peter Ross, April 2, 2003. He joins his sister, Hannah Amber, 4.

Christine Cinowski Menton '91 (AS) and husband, Gregory: a son, Reilly Reid, February 26, 2003.

Tim Tierney '91 (B) and wife, **Elizabeth Kiiffner '93 (MEd)**: a daughter, Katelyn, July 20, 2003.

Brita Z. Ludvigsen '92 (AS) and husband, Lars: a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, February 23, 2004. She joins her sister, Sarah Michelle, 4.

Gina Gensone Long '93 (E) and husband, Brian: a son, Ryan Matthew, September 1, 2004. He joins his brother, Jack, 2.

Jennifer Hickey Serpi '93 (AS) and husband, Joe: a daughter, Amanda Grace, February 16, 2004.

Robyn M. Talvacchio '93 (B) and husband, Anthony: a son, Dominic, April 28, 2004. He joins his brothers, Anthony, 5 and Nicholas, 3.

Lynn Wallace Coco '94 (E) and husband, Rob: a son, Tyler Robert, February 9, 2004.

Kristen Morningstern DiGirolamo '94 (N) and husband, Michael: a daughter, Heather Channon, March 26, 2004. She joins her brothers, Sean, 6, and Colin, 5.

Jennifer Eidson Doherty '94 (E) and husband, **David Doherty '95 (AS)**: a son, Cameron David, June 14, 2004. He joins his sister Caleigh Rochele, 5.

Heather Elkin Fehn '94 (AS) and husband, Jack: a son, Harrison Gray, April 5, 2004.

Christopher D. Geers '94 (AS) and wife, Elisabeth: a daughter, Grace Christine, July 10, 2003.

Diana Coco Hughes '94 (E) and husband, Shawn: a daughter, Alexa, August 21, 2003.

Jennifer Phillips Humphries '94 (AS) and husband, William: a daughter, Jillian, March 20, 2003.

Brendan D. Jacobs '94 (AS) and wife, Tracy: a daughter, Noe, February 25, 2004. She joins her sister Sierra, 2.

Alfredo J. Lowe '94 (AS) and wife, Jackie: a daughter, Carly, October 21, 2003.

Lori R. MacDonald '94 (AS) and husband, Tyson: a daughter, Julia, April 25, 2003.

Kathryn J. Madara '94 (E) and husband, John: a son, Colin, December 16, 2003.

Lara Scarmazzo Marino '94 (N) and husband, Marc J. Marino '95 (MEd): a daughter, Ella Rose, September 20, 2004.

William "Billy" Smith '94 (AS) and wife, Tracie: a son, Timothy William, May 19, 2004. He joins his sister, Evelyn, 3.

Patricia Wilson Zylka '94 (E) and husband, Michael: a daughter, Taryn Rose, March 23,

2004. She joins her sister, Emily, 3.

Noel Schlarman Fletcher '95 (AS) and husband, Chris: a daughter, Anabel Marguerite, August 23, 2004.

Toni Zdrodowski Vidro '95 (E) and husband, Christopher: a son, Dylan Connor, October 30, 2003.

Gregg Ziliani '95 (AS) and wife, **Cheryl Babrisky Ziliani '98 (B)**: a son, Anthony James, May 18, 2004.

Daria McSeveney Zola '95 (AS) and husband, Michael: a son, Evan Michael, September 10, 2004.

John Braun '96 (AS) and wife, Sharon: a daughter, Isabella Nicole, January 9, 2005.

Jennifer Anderson Barrett '96 (B) and husband, **Timothy Barrett '98 (AS)**: a daughter, Sadie Ann, September 17, 2003.

Shane Hickey '96 (AS) and wife, Karen: a daughter, Megan Katherine, July 16, 2004.

Heather Hardy Hine '96 (AS) and husband, William: a daughter, Morgan, April 21, 2004. She joins her sisters Alyson, 4 and Kylee, 3.

Gary McPherson '96 (AS) and wife, Anna: a son, Owen Patrick, April 4, 2004. He joins his sister, Emma Rose, 3.

Melanie Cushman Negrin '96 (AS) and husband, Sergio: a daughter, Kaila, March 18, 2003.

Sheila Cheese Frye '97 (E) and husband, Damion: a son, Reuven, November 28, 2003.

Heather Abelew Morgan '97 (E) and husband, **Brian Morgan '98 (AS)**: a daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, April 10, 2004.

Jennifer Nichole Jaros-Domen '98 (B) and husband, **Daniel Carl Domen '97 (AS)**: a daughter, Melissa Margaret, March 25, 2004.

Nicoel S. Green '98 (AS) and husband, Richard Naviglia: a daughter, Audrey Cate, July 8, 2004.

Caroline Ann Kochanski '98 (E) and husband, **Jim Kochanski '97 (B)**: a daughter, Sarah Rose, May 30, 2004.

Jeanine Butler McLaughlin '98 (AS) and husband, Kevin: a son, Dylan Robert, June 5, 2004. He joins his sister, Chloe Elise, 4.

Audrey Pfludge Barton '99 (AS) and husband, Seth: a son, Andrew, July 16, 2003.

Marie Brzostowski Leach '99 (AS) and husband, Patrick: a daughter, Caitlin Sionna, September 9, 2004.

Stacie Borger Meredith '99 (AS) and husband, **John Meredith '00 (AS)**: a daughter, Shea Lauren, January 2, 2003.

Jennifer Ann Nabinger '99 (N) and husband, Nathan: a daughter, Madelyn Nicole, September 21, 2004.

Carrie Bise Torchio '99 (B) and husband, **Jason Torchio '96 (AS)**: a son, Carson Jaymes, January 5, 2005.

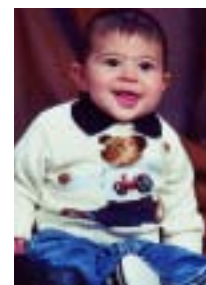
Erica Dray Hartman '01 (E) and husband, **Todd Hartman '00 (E)**: a daughter, Jaylin

Harleigh, December 19, 2004.

Deb Jensen Ronning '00 (E) and husband, Tim: twin daughters, Courtney Lynne and Kylie Anne, July 28, 2004.

Lauren Calabrese Stiles '00 (AS) and husband, Dan: a son, James Patrick, May 9, 2004. He joins his brother, Anthony, 3 and his sister, Lucia, 2.

Baby photos from left to right: Tyler Robert Coco, son of Lynn Wallace '94 and Rob Coco; Cameron David Doherty, son of Jennifer Eidson Doherty '94 and David Doherty '95; Alexa Hughes, daughter of Diana Coco Hughes '94 and Shawn Hughes; Anthony James Ziliani, son of Cheryl Babrisky Ziliani '98 and Gregg Ziliani '95; Sadie Ann Barrett, daughter of Jennifer Anderson Barrett '96 and Timothy Barrett '98; Reuven Frye, son of Sheila Cheese Frye '97 and Damion Frye; Katelyn Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Heather Abelew Morgan '97 and Brian Morgan '98; Sarah Rose Kochanski, daughter of Caroline Ann Kochanski '98 and Jim Kochanski '97; Dylan Robert McLaughlin, son of Jeanine Butler McLaughlin '98 and Kevin McLaughlin; Carson Jaymes Torchio, son of Carrie Bise Torchio '99 and Jason Torchio '96; and Jaylin Harleigh Hartman, daughter of Erica Dray Hartman '01 and Todd Hartman '00.



'01 James Berg (B) has been promoted to senior accountant at WithumSmith+Brown, a CPA and consulting firm. He is pursuing a master's in financial accounting at Rutgers and lives in Matawan.

Philip C. Campbell (B) graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy on September 24, 2004.

Dana Drag (AS) has been promoted to information systems project management analyst within the information systems global support and services organization at Merck. She has also participated in the global exchange program, working at the firm's customer support help desk in Brussels in 2003. She is part of the global processes and

projects group where she acts as a liaison between information global support services and Merck's Asia Pacific sites in their transition to the company's global support services model. In addition, she is pursuing a master's in information systems from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Cerrone Foster (AS) is a doctoral candidate in biochemistry at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. She is the first graduate student there to receive the highly competitive NIH Minority Predoctoral Fellowship. The award includes \$28,000 per year while she is in her doctoral studies and pays her a stipend, tuition, professional travel, and a budget to purchase laboratory supplies. This award will also allow her to continue her research on

antibiotic resistance, a problem of growing importance in the scientific community.

Christopher Moyer (AS) has been promoted to business unit support analyst in global support services at Merck. He first came to Merck as an intern in June 2000 and has since joined the company. Christopher also served as the principal desktop support analyst for Merck's Manufacturing Division.

Sgt. Joseph E. Nyzio (B) of the New Jersey National Guard was ordered to Iraq and in June 2004 was wounded in Baghdad. While he was guarding a police station in Sadr City, a rocket-propelled grenade tore through the windshield of his vehicle, spraying his face with glass shards and breaking his collar bone. Joseph survived and was sent home to

recuperate. When he is healed, he expects to continue his service with the Guard, which he joined when a sophomore at TCNJ, in part to obtain money for college expenses.

Christina Sexton (B) was hired as an assistant association executive for The Association Services Group of Creative Marketing Alliance. She is responsible for the activities necessary to maintain association clients with accurate member information and event planning information. Her responsibilities include database and Web site management, implementation of member benefits, editing association publications, and generating brochures.

Eileen Tort (AS) has joined the information security office at Merck as an associate identity and access management developer. She is responsible for the design and implementation of new security infrastructure services and enhancements to existing components and services. Eileen began at the company in 2000 as an intern.

Michael Tusay (S) has been hired to teach science, primarily physics, at the Central High School in Hopewell Township. After graduation, Michael traveled to Japan where he studied at the Kansai Jidai University in Osaka. While there, he also earned a black belt in Judo martial arts at the Kodo Kan Dojo. Now he is back in the states and looks forward to teaching high school students.

'02 Nicholas E. Copare (CS) graduated from the College as a cadet in the Army ROTC, and fought in Iraq where he earned a bronze star as a first lieutenant in the Army Rangers of the 82nd Airborne. He returned to Iraq last October as a member of the 101st Airborne. His seven siblings, mother, and father await his safe return home.

Michael French (E) is known as the youngest golf club professional in New Jersey after receiving the position at Olde York Country Club. French was his high school's number one golfer for two years and went on to play varsity golf at the College for three years. During his time at TCNJ, the Lions' squad qualified for the NCAA Division III National Tournament. During his summers, he began

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working at Olde York, where he has been the number one assistant pro for the past two years.

Brian J Glenn (B) published an article earlier this year in *Managerial Finance* entitled "The Mechanics Behind Investment Funds: Why Closed-end Funds Provide Superior Returns." His study examines the performance of both open- and closed-ended mutual funds as fixed income securities and vehicles for capital funds. It was based on research done during his senior year at TCNJ.

Johanna Goepel (N) is now living in Delray Beach, FL, and working with high-risk mothers for the Broward County Health Department.

Minal Patel (S) has been promoted to staff chemist in the medicinal chemistry department of Merck. In her new position, she will design and synthesize organic molecules for biological assay testing. She says that by doing this, her team hopes to make molecules that will be useful in treating various medical maladies.

Mark Edery (MEd) became vice principal of the Marlboro Memorial Middle School at the start of the 2004–2005 academic year. He taught social studies and served as an administrative intern for six years at Southern Regional High school in Manahawkin. Mark also has directed a middle school summer program at the Salem County Vocational Technical School.

April Lowe (MEd) has been appointed as Trenton Community Charter School's lower-school director for kindergarten through fifth grade. She is the school's former assistant director for curriculum and instruction. She joined TCCS in the fall of 2003, after teaching first grade at Parkway Elementary school in Ewing for four years, and won the Milken National Educator Award, a national honor that recognizes educators with a \$25,000 prize.

'03

Steven J. Smith (CS) recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. During the six weeks of training, Smith studied the air force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies. He also performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Keli Ryan Steuber (CS) is pursuing a master's in communication studies at the University of Delaware. Her paper on "Behavioral Manifestations of Jealousy in Mundane Romantic Relationship Management" was accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the National Communication Association held in Chicago last November.

'04

Robert Keith Campbell (CS) attends the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University where he's working on a master's in communication. At the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago last November, he presented a paper titled "A Student in Measured Worship: Coverage of a Campaign's Beginnings."

James Stiles (B) now works in the Information Technology Department of the Florham Park School District in Morris County.

While at TCNJ, he completed a computer internship at the Ewing Township Board of Education. James will work in the school system, making repairs, troubleshooting, setting up, and maintaining computers. Jim was an information systems major at TCNJ and lives in Rockaway.

Megan Morgan (S) is a graduate assistant in the Office of Enrollment Services at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, where she is pursuing a master's in biology. A resident of Allamuchy Township, Megan recently received a \$3,000 scholarship from the NJ Council of Trout Unlimited and she was a summer staff member at the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center in Warren County.

Beth Winkler (B) has been hired as a staff accountant at WithumSmith+Brown, a CPA and consulting firm, having interned there for several months before graduating.

Jessica Woods (EN) spoke recently at a Women in Engineering class at High Point Regional High School in Wantage about her job as an engineer at the Picatinny Arsenal in Passaic County. She is one of the engineers developing new weapons designed to stop an incoming enemy missile. Currently, she is working on a project called "Boomer," a plastic device that looks like a fuzzy Labrador retriever, but which may be filled with low-level pyrotechnics and used in military training missions to help our soldiers avoid being victims of roadside bombings.

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