

# Alumni office recruits “Class Agents”

TCNJ alumni from every generation once again are stepping up to help the College move forward in a positive direction. During last summer and fall, dozens of alumni agreed to serve as agents for their respective classes. Their mission will be to develop and maintain active communication between classmates and the College, while encouraging participation in the annual fund and alumni activities.

**Diana Lygas**, director of annual giving, says “the Class Agent Program will be a way for alumni to reconnect with one another and their alma mater. By rekindling these personal relationships, we are certain both the alumni and the students at TCNJ will benefit.”

The program has just begun but is quickly gaining momentum, Lygas says. Nearly 50 members of the alumni community spanning the years from 1945 to 2005 have agreed to help. By now, most alumni should have received a personally written letter from one of their classmates. By partnering this way with our graduates, the College hopes to increase goodwill and recognize the impact its alumni have on the continuing rise in the quality and national reputation of the institution, Lygas says.

**Nicholas Gusz '42** was recuperating with a broken hip from an eight-foot fall from his roof to a stone patio when we spoke with him in January. He'd written his letter to members of his Class of 1942 last fall, and to a number of other “old-timer” classes as well. Nick thinks the agents are a good idea because “they individualize the act of making contact with the College” and, he hopes, will improve the giving record.

**Kirk and Laura Bonamici, both '85**, have been loyal annual donors since graduation, so it was natural for them to volunteer as class agents. Laura said that in their letter they told classmates why they have been giving all these years, “... and we said we hope they will consider giving back, too.”

“It's really all about fostering stewardship,” said **Jennifer Keyes-Maloney '95**, who said she hopes to encourage her classmates to revisit the College, see what's going on these days, and hopefully get involved with the new “Online Alumni Community.”

## Here are the new Class Agents

- 1942 Nicholas Gusz, Burlington
- 1947 Helen Birch Cleary, Princeton
- 1949 Jack Eisenstein, Margate City
- 1950 Roy Berenotto, Lake Worth, FL
- 1951 Raymond Kuzava, Neptune
- 1953 Grace Clee Starrett, Trenton
- 1954 Arthur Frank, Pennington
- 1955 Robert Schmidt, Bordentown
- 1958 Douglas Beavers, Chester
- 1959 Elinor Pressel, Yardley, PA
- 1960 Ernest Rydell, East Stroudsburg, PA
- 1961 Bernice VanSteyn-Weiss, Lancaster, PA
- 1964 Charles Vitola, Millville
- 1969 Neil Bencivengo, Hamilton
- 1971 James Gater, Skillman
- 1972 Theresa Martinac, Trenton
- 1974 Keith Figgs, Vineland
- 1975 Patricia Sodano, Trenton
- 1977 John Infosino, Medford
- 1978 Mary Shaw Jacobs, Bel Air, MD
- 1979 John Stagliano, Woodbury Heights
- 1980 Eileen McCarthy, Pennington
- 1981 William Neiss, Ashburn, VA
- 1982 Rich McLaughlin, Lawrenceville
- 1983 Donna Aromando, Lumberton
- 1984 Constance Spencer Cherry Hill
- 1985 Kirk & Laura Bonamici, Jamesburg
- 1986 Alan & Denise Meinster, New Hope, PA
- 1990 Hoglen, Gerald, Trenton
- 1991 Anthony Garlington, Lakewood
- 1993 Amy Gazaleh, East Windsor
- 1994 Robert Barletta, Scotch Plains
- 1995 Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Trenton
- 1997 Jennifer Perno, Camden
- 1998 Anthony Perno, Camden
- 1999 Matthew Manfra, Ewing
- 2000 Melissa Platt Laurence Harbor
- 2001 Samantha Wilkinson, Union
- 2002 Albert Ribeiro, Washington, D.C.
- 2002 Derek Wan, West Hollywood, CA
- 2003 Karen Martin, Hackettstown
- 2004 Christina Puglia, Warminster, PA
- 2005 Pedro Khoury, Princeton



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