

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Five New Board of Trustees Members Named

Five new Trustees have been elected to the Arcadia University Board of Trustees. Arcadia welcomes **Jo Bennett, Patricia DeBow, Melissa E. Hough, Joshua S. Sloan, and Christopher R. van de Velde.**

**Jo Bennett**, of Philadelphia, is serving as a term trustee on the Arcadia Board. This year she serves on the Academic Affairs and Trustees and Honors committees. She earned a B.A. in journalism from Western Kentucky University and in 1996 earned her J.D. from Temple University School of Law. She is a partner in the Philadelphia office of the law firm of Stevens & Lee, P.C., where she concentrates her practice on labor and employment issues. She also worked in the newspaper industry for 15 years.

**Patricia DeBow '02**, is serving a two-year term as recent graduate trustee. She is on the Academic Affairs and Students Affairs committees. DeBow earned her B.S. in Mathematics from Arcadia University in 2002 and received the Sigma Zeta Award for the highest GPA among graduating math majors. She is pursuing an M.B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and is a Senior Research Analyst at Towers Perrin in Philadelphia. She was involved with the Human Rights Campaign, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization.

**Melissa E. Hough '73**, of Philadelphia, is serving a four-year term as alumna trustee. This year

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## STUDENT RESEARCH

### Anyone Can Draw, Senior Says

“Did you perceive your creations in high school art class as science experiments gone horribly awry? Did you resign yourself to stick figures and misshapen blobs, mistakenly believing that portraits and perfect spheres were beyond your capability?” asks **Paul Gabage '07**. Perhaps if more art teachers subscribed to the same teaching theory as Gabage, students’ sense of artistic self-esteem could be healthier, and they might tap into much more artistic potential than they ever imagined possible.

As seniors gathered last May to share their senior capstone projects in a multi-gallery art show, Gabage stood next to some of his own drawings with a simple message: Anyone can learn to draw. “The world is a series of simple shapes and forms,” says the artist whose work looks anything but simple and whose next goal is to teach others what he learned.

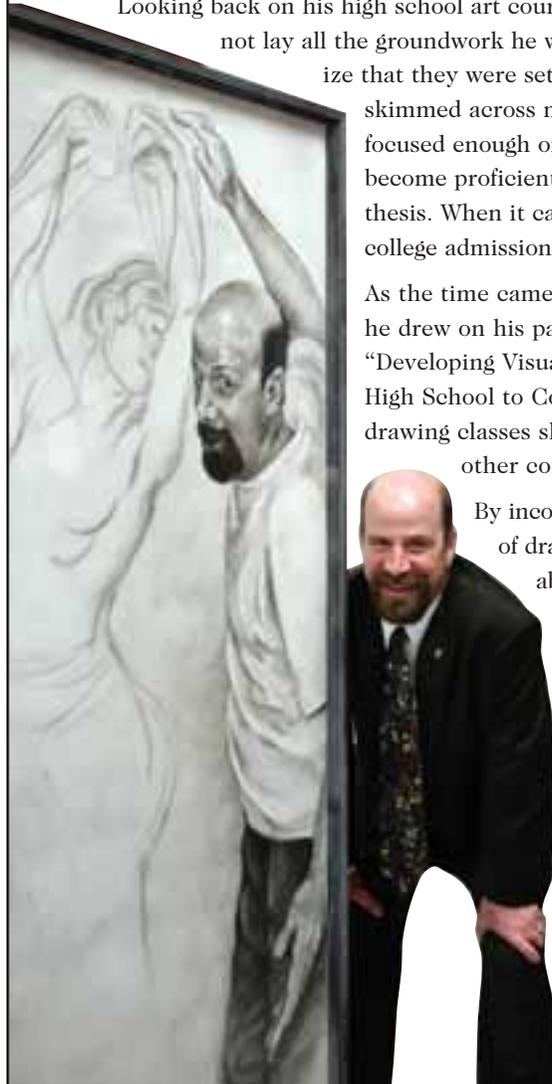
According to Gabage, just as children can learn to read and skaters are trained to skate, drawing is a skill that can be taught. Not only that, but with the proper instruction, continued emphasis on this somewhat overlooked subject can lead to greater success in other subjects.

Looking back on his high school art courses, Gabage says that his teachers did not lay all the groundwork he would need for his college career. “I realize that they were set up more as survey courses that skimmed across many media and that they were not focused enough on the skill sets required for a student to become proficient at drawing,” he writes in his senior thesis. When it came time to put together a portfolio for college admission, for example, Gabage wasn’t ready.

As the time came for Gabage to design his senior thesis, he drew on his past experience. His capstone project, “Developing Visual Awareness: Bridging the Gap from High School to College,” is an in-depth analysis of why drawing classes should be held in the same esteem as other core subjects.

By incorporating brief descriptions of the history of drawing, ways in which students learn about art, and a definition of art for teachers, Gabage’s thesis makes a detailed case for the importance of art in the classroom. Higher emphasis on art, he says, would not only help aspiring artists pump up their college admission portfolios but also would “provide students with visual skills that would reinforce the learning process in virtually every other subject.” ■

Read excerpts of Gabage’s thesis at: [www.arcadia.edu/fineartsnews](http://www.arcadia.edu/fineartsnews).



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she serves on the Academic Affairs and International Programs committees. Hough graduated from Arcadia in 1973 with a B.A. in History and earned a master's degree in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. She recently retired after spending 26 years as the Director and Chief Curator of the CIGNA Museum and Art Collection. She is a member of Arcadia University's Covenant Society which honors those who have established planned gifts to benefit Arcadia University through bequest intentions or other deferred arrangements.

**Joshua S. Sloan**, of Glenside, is a term trustee who is serving this year on the Trustees and Honors and University Advancement committees. He holds a B.S. in Sociology from Clark University. Sloan is Senior Vice President and Regional Marketing Manager in Leasing and Management for Jones Lang LaSalle, (formerly the Galbreath Co.), where he oversees all leasing and management activities related to approximately 4.5 million square feet of space in Philadelphia's Central Business District. Sloan is a licensed Real Estate Broker in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

**Christopher R. van de Velde**, of Philadelphia, is a term trustee and serves this year on the Buildings and Grounds and Trustee and Honors committees. He earned a B.A. from McPherson College and a master's degree in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He is Township Manager for Whitemarsh Township, a community of 17,000. He has extensive experience in private, government, academic and not-for-profit sectors.

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## SPORTS

# New Records on the Diamond, in the Classroom

With Arcadia's 15-year history in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference drawing to a close last spring, Arcadia baseball and softball put an exclamation point on two spectacular seasons.

**Top Coaches:** The baseball and softball teams both ended the regular season at the top of the standings. Softball Coach **Linda Detra** earned her 300th win mid-season and was named Coach of the Year as the Knights finished 31-10, and 20-2 in conference play. Baseball Coach **Kevin Woodbridge** also was named Coach of the Year. Woodbridge's Knights built up an impressive 24-12 record and finished atop the conference regular season standings at 17-4 before being eliminated in the tournament by eventual PAC Champion Gwynedd-Mercy.

**All American Slugger:** **Laura Fencik '07** capped her milestone-filled softball career with one final National All American nod as she was named to the 2007 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III Third Team All American as a Designated Player. Fencik, also a member of the NFCA First Team East Regional All American Team, earned her B.A. in Health Administration from Arcadia University in May. Other accolades she collected during her senior year: First Team All PAC, All PAC Academic Team, Arcadia Senior Scholar Athlete, PAC Player of the Week, and Knight of the Week.

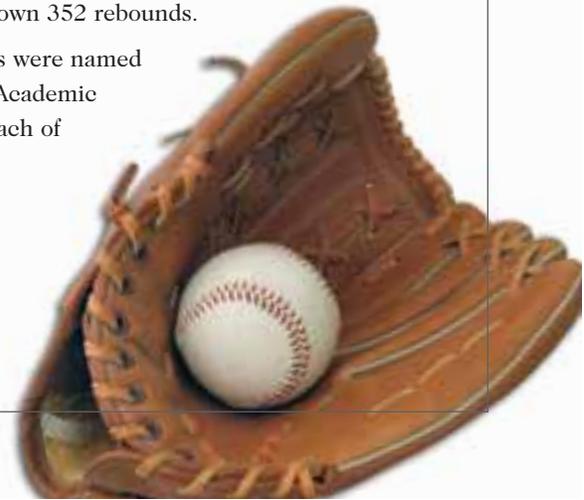
**Record-Setter:** First baseman **John Connell '08** is leaving his mark on the Arcadia baseball record books. He is now the Knights' third best hitter (581 at bats with 216 hits and 13 home runs) and the school leader in doubles (with 51), RBIs (with 160) and a career batting average of .371. "My career's gone by fast, too fast. I couldn't have asked for anything better baseball-wise. It's the best four years I've ever had in baseball," he told *The Express-Times* (Easton, Pa.).

**Top Scholars:** Softball player **Jennifer Compton '07** was named as the 2007 PAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Compton also was selected to the 2007 *Philadelphia Inquirer* Academic All Area Team, with the highest GPA among the honorees. Compton, who earned a B.A. in Accounting, received Arcadia's Ira R. Kraybill Award for Full-Time Study, given to the highest academic achieving undergraduate student.

**Andrew Martin '07** was selected to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Second Team for men's basketball. This annual award by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* honors undergraduate students of color who have made achieving both academically and athletically a winning combination. Martin is very active in his community and church and graduated in May with a B.A. in Mathematics. On the court he netted 536 points and pulled down 352 rebounds.

A total of 98 Arcadia University student-athletes were named in 2006-07 to the PAC Athletic Conference All Academic Team for their outstanding academic success, each of them earning a GPA of 3.2 or higher. ■

Watch Arcadia's debut in the MASCAC Middle Atlantic Conferences at:  
[www.arcadia.edu/athletics](http://www.arcadia.edu/athletics).



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## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Anthropology

Associate Professor **Jonathan Church** was appointed Faculty Member-in-Residence and Academic Liaison to Arcadia Online, the University's menu of online and accelerated courses.

### Education

Assistant Professor **Julia Plummer** won the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award from the National Association for Research in Science Teaching. Her dissertation was "Students' Development of Astronomy Concepts Across Time."

Assistant Professor **Leif Gustavson** authored the book *Youth Learning on Their Own Terms: Creative Practices and Classroom Teaching*, published by Routledge, a division of the Taylor & Francis Group.

### English

Adjunct Professor **Marlene M. Archie** published the article "An Afrocentric Critique or the Locating of Dislocation: An Example from Contemporary Practice," in the *Journal of Black Studies*.

### Physical Therapy

Professor **Phil McClure** was awarded the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching from the American Physical Therapy Association. The award recognizes dedication to, and outstanding performance in, academic teaching within physical therapy programs.

Professor **Jan Tecklin** published "Airway Clearance Dysfunction," a chapter in *Physical Rehabilitation: Evidence-Based Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention*, a textbook edited by Michelle H.

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## CONSTRUCTION

# Work Begins on New Classrooms

**G**rey Towers Castle takes center stage in Arcadia's new "makeover." New classrooms and offices are under construction, too.

An award-winning landscape design by Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Berwyn, Pa., takes grand advantage of the opportunity to redesign how passersby view Arcadia and the Castle, as well as how students and pedestrians experience the campus.

Get ready for some new looks at Arcadia, starting with the main entrance from Easton Road. The University acquired additional acreage in front of campus when Easton Road was shifted south to accommodate a new onramp to Route 309, and the University plans to take advantage of this additional green space. Grey stone turrets that formerly lined the old roadbed are being painstakingly reassembled stone by stone this fall to form the new main entry that re-focuses the campus visitor's attention on the iconic Grey Towers Castle. The new signage that will grace this entrance is a precursor to a comprehensive new signage system that should be in place by next summer.

Simone Collins' Landscape Master Plan for Arcadia received the Honor Award from the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in May. Work already has been completed at the University's most visible public "gateway" at the corner of Limekiln Pike and Church Road. New pavers form a generous sidewalk in front of the "moon gate" by the former gatehouse, now known as Blankley Alumni House. This welcoming new pedestrian entrance recalls the heritage architecture of the former estate and is awaiting installation of a traffic signal in conjunction with Route 309 roadwork.

Construction also has begun on an 18,000-square-foot addition to the Brubaker Hall classroom building, which will feature a ground-level coffee bar. Simone Collins will use this opportunity for a dramatic new outdoor space and a historical reference to the estate's former pond. Lush landscaping will be created as a place of serenity on the busy campus. This new addition is expected to be completed by summer 2008.

The Arcadia University campus is a major green space resource in the community, and the landscape master plan strengthens this resource while celebrating Horace Trumbauer's original design of the Grey Towers estate. Arcadia University expects to complete the campus landscape improvements over the next several years.

Funding for these landscape, signage and construction projects will come from private contributions, a campaign that is now in the planning stages, and a capital bond offering. ■

For ongoing construction updates visit [www.arcadia.edu/construction](http://www.arcadia.edu/construction).



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## Psychology

Professor **Angela Gillem** was the recipient of the Florence Denmark Distinguished Mentoring Award from the Association for Women in Psychology. She was nominated by students, alumni and colleagues for this national award.

## Student Affairs

Vice President **Jan Walbert** was elected President of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for 2007-08. She also received the NASPA Foundation's Pillar of the Profession Award.

## Education Abroad

**Dr. Dennis Dutschke**, Dean of Studies in the Center for Education Abroad, published the lead article, "Collecting Italian Manuscripts in the United States: Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, and Others," in the *Manuscripta: A Journal of Manuscript Research* (Vol. 51, No. 1). *Manuscripta* is a quarterly that publishes research in medieval and Renaissance manuscript studies, such as paleography, codicology, illumination, book production, library history, reading and literacy, and textual editing.

Dutschke's article focuses on the late 19th and early 20th century, a period in which collectors in the United States actively sought, found, acquired, and archived medieval and Renaissance Italian manuscripts. ■

## GRADUATION

# And Great-Grandfather Makes Three

By Donna Whitlock '05

**H**ow did an eighth-grade math assignment evolve into three "degrees" of connection for **Nicole Pilatsky '07** and her family?

Pilatsky's math assignment was "to choose a college to research and figure out all sorts of math questions," she says of her eighth-grade project. "We had to calculate how much the tuition would cost when it became time for us to go to college, how many people would decide to go to the school in the year that we would go, and how much the school would increase both in size and enrollment. I picked Arcadia because it had a Castle and I thought that it would make my presentation board look pretty. From what I eventually learned about Arcadia from doing the project, I thought I would really like to go there."

After making her decision to attend Arcadia, Pilatsky discovered the first "degree" of her family's connection with Arcadia University. In discussing her college plans with her grandmother, she was surprised to learn that **Ann Theresa Driscoll**, her grandmother, earned a B.F.A. in 1960 from Arcadia. Pilatsky, of Cape May, N.J., added the family's second "degree" in May 2007, earning her B.A. in English.

The family soon discovered, however, that their math was wrong. The first family "degree" dated back 60 years—to Pilatsky's great-grandfather. Ann Driscoll was

among the family members attending her granddaughter's graduation in May 2007.

They were surprised to find the Driscoll family name in the Commencement program—along with a historical reference to Driscoll's father-in-law, **Alfred E. Driscoll**, former Governor of New Jersey.

This time the discovery was a surprise to both Pilatsky and Ann Driscoll. In 1947 Gov. Driscoll received an Honorary Doctor of Laws at a Founder's Day ceremony at Arcadia University. "We had no idea that there was a third connection to Arcadia University," Pilatsky adds. ■



Above: Ann Theresa Driscoll '60 with Granddaughter Nicole Pilatsky '07.

Below: Alfred E. Driscoll (right) awarded honorary degree in 1947 from the University President, Rev. Raymon Kistler (left) and Dr. Morgan Thomas, Board of Trustees President (center).



# Campus

## STUDY ABROAD

### MAPs Degrees Take Students Around the World

**B**uilding on its national reputation in international education, Arcadia University has designed a new type of major—one that actually requires a year of study abroad.

Students in the new Majors Abroad Programs (MAPs) will usually spend their junior year abroad, returning to Arcadia's campus in metropolitan Philadelphia to complete an integrative senior capstone project.

#### Spanish Cultural Studies

Students in the Spanish Cultural Studies major will spend at least one year abroad in Toledo, Granada or Barcelona, Spain. The major focuses on the culture, art, history, politics, geography, literature, cinema, music, or the economy of the Iberian Peninsula. This B.A. degree is designed for students interested in pursuing graduate studies related to the Spanish language and literature. Students will study Spain in relation to other Mediterranean cultures and its role as a former colonial power in Africa and Latin America and its present role in the European Union.

#### Global Legal Studies

The Global Legal Studies major is designed to provide undergraduate students with individual courses and study abroad experience that will enable them to better understand both U.S. and world legal issues. It is designed for students who are interested in careers in law and/or international relations. Some of the suggested study abroad locations: London School of Economics and Political Science, England; University of Glasgow, Scotland; Queens University in Belfast, Ireland; Australia National University, Australia; and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

#### Sport Psychology

This relatively unique major provides a solid foundation in research skills while encouraging each student to find his or her area of focused interest. Students will spend their junior year at the University of Stirling (Scotland) or the University of Ulster (Northern Ireland). Sport Psychology graduates might have careers in marketing, coaching, teaching, personnel manage-

ment, information presentation, research, human services, and various therapy systems. Sport Psychology majors are well prepared for graduate work in the fields of sport psychology, health psychology, rehabilitation and occupational therapy.

#### Digital Media, Fashion Studies, Media Industry, Sound and Music

These new majors require one year of study abroad in the Creative Industries program at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. Housed in Arcadia's Communications Department, these B.A. degrees combine theory with practice, global learning with problem-solving. Students benefit from portfolio development, global perspectives in studying media, and personal attention in academic and career planning. ■

For more information visit [www.arcadia.edu/maps](http://www.arcadia.edu/maps).

