

CCAC AlumNet News

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Alumni Profiles

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Carol Curio Scholle

You know you are a success when your daughter wants to follow in your footsteps. Carol Curio Scholle is pleased to report that she will be the middle generation of nurses in her family. She graduated from CCAC's South Campus nursing program in 1992. Her mother-in-law, Barbara Scholle, RN, is a career support specialist for Nursing and Allied Health Careers at CCAC's Boyce Campus. Barbara was instrumental in helping establish the nursing program at Allegheny Campus in the 1960s. Now, Carol's daughter, Erin, is diligently pursuing her nursing degree at South Campus.

A key benefit of CCAC health careers programs is the strong connection the college maintains with clinical sites throughout the region. During Carol's final year of studies, she began working as a nurse assistant at UPMC Presbyterian. "As a student nurse assistant at UPMC Presbyterian, I had the opportunity to float through various units in the hospital. When I had the experience of floating to the Liver Transplant Intensive Care Unit, it was like going home. I was very comfortable in the ICU environment and therefore decided to begin my career in critical care after graduation."

After graduating from CCAC, Carol worked briefly on the Liver Transplant Step Down Unit before obtaining a position in the Liver Transplant Intensive Care Unit. When she decided to continue her education, she enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh's RN to MSN program. She graduated from Pitt with an MSN in Nursing Education in 2000. Upon graduation, she continued her nursing career at UPMC and also worked as a clinical nursing instructor at Pitt. After numerous promotions within the intensive and critical care units, she was promoted to her current position as Director of Critical Care and Transplant Services.

Carol's work at UPMC Presbyterian, which serves as both an academic center and medical facility, is exciting and challenging. The hospital provides many opportunities for professional growth and development. An article that she co-authored was recently published in "Nursing 2005" magazine. One of the aspects of her job that she most enjoys is her visits to local schools, where she speaks with students about nursing careers.

Carol said that "nursing is an incredibly challenging and fulfilling career that provides outstanding professional opportunity. I am delighted that my daughter has decided to follow in our footsteps, and that she is pursuing her nursing education at CCAC. Her grandmother and I are thrilled that she is the third generation of the Scholle family to be affiliated with CCAC's Nursing program."



Jim Caliendo

When Jim Caliendo enrolled at CCAC-Boyce after graduating from Central Catholic high school in 1971, the college was virtually unknown as an outstanding educational institution where every student could develop their full potential. With an interest in banking, Jim pursued an associate's degree in banking and finance. To gain work experience, he accepted a job as a teller at the savings and loan near campus. He became passionate about his banking job and for the next few years, worked at the bank part time while attending CCAC full time.

Jim identifies Dr. Fred Bartok, who formerly taught banking and finance at Boyce Campus, as his favorite professor. Dr. Bartok was a 20 year veteran of Mellon Bank who combined classroom lectures and textbook exercises with his practical banking experience. Dr. Bartok served as Jim's mentor and helped him to make entree into the banking industry, where he would spend 22 years with a local bank.

In 1973, Jim completed his degree at CCAC and his career took off. Thanks to his experiences at the bank, Jim learned quickly how to succeed in a business environment. With more than 29 years of experience in business and bank management, Jim now serves as president and Chief Operating Officer of PW Campbell, where his education in banking, finance, and business administration serve him well.

Jim serves in a top post of one of the leading design/build firms that provides comprehensive facilities expertise for financial institutions and consistently strives to learn and grow in his job. He is committed to building on the success of PW Campbell, promising to help the company grow wealthier and even more successful over the course of his career. "I no longer have a big checklist of aspirations," he admits, "except to be the best at what I do and ensure that I am always happy doing it."

Throughout his distinguished career, Jim has been actively involved in the educational community. Fifteen years after leaving CCAC, he earned his bachelor's degree from Robert Morris College (now Robert Morris University). He taught business administration courses as an adjunct professor at CCAC. He served on the Board of Spring Hill Savings Bank and was an elected member of the Plum Borough School Board for 8 years. In 1988, Robert Morris College recognized him with the Robert Morris College Heritage Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award.

Jim's commitment to CCAC is ongoing and exemplary. During his tenure of more than a decade as the Chairman of the Educational Foundation's Board of Directors, he was instrumental in initiating the college's first capital campaign. In recognition of his dedication and service to the college, Jim received the CCAC Educational Foundation's 2006 Legendary Alumnus Award, given annually to an alumnus who has made a positive and lasting impact on CCAC.

Today, as a member of the President's Advisory Council, Jim is creating a legacy and bringing his commitment to CCAC full circle. "CCAC opened me up to other worlds," he says. "Now I would like students who strive to better themselves to have the opportunity to benefit from a CCAC education."

Based on his own experience, Jim knows that CCAC is a cost-effective institution that provides quality education and the flexibility for students to "learn and work" in their industry of choice. He is confident in the value of a CCAC education and proud that a second Caliendo generation is following in his CCAC footsteps. Two of his five children attended CCAC, learning firsthand the tremendous educational opportunity that the college provides.

African American Male & Female Initiatives

In July, CCAC announced an expansion of the grant-funded African American Male Initiative to include an African American Female Initiative component. The purpose of both initiatives is to provide educational opportunities and career support to African Americans. Both initiatives are supported by a grant from The Heinz Endowments.

Enrollees must be Allegheny County residents interested in careers currently in demand in the region. Some of those careers include medical lab technician, court reporting, nursing, biotechnology, robotics, welding, and allied health careers.

The grant will provide assistance for textbooks, mentoring, tutoring, program of study, and job placement. To qualify for tuition assistance, students must complete a financial aid application. Individuals interested in the program should contact CCAC's Office of Multicultural Affairs at 412.237.4659.

CCAC Educational Foundation Golf Tournament

The 16th Annual CCAC Educational Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006 at Treesdale Golf & Country Club in Gibsonia, PA. Golfers can try their luck at the three hole-in-one prizes and the skill contests. Immediately following the tournament, participants will enjoy dinner with more awards, prizes, and fun.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities and golf packages are available for the event. Each offers unique promotional benefits for companies and special tournament benefits for golfers.

Over the past fifteen years, the CCAC Educational Foundation golf outing has raised more than \$350,000 for CCAC programs. For more information, visit the [Educational Foundation](#) web site or call 412.237.4427.

Class Notes

Aubrey Bruce (Allegheny, music/culinary arts) continued his studies at the University of Nassau, Bahamas, where he met his late wife, Jennifer. In 1995, he became the first African American editor-in-chief of The Allegheny View, the Allegheny Campus newspaper. He now works as a sports columnist with the New Pittsburgh Courier. This past year he covered both the Steelers and Pirates seasons, including Super Bowl XL and the All-Star game.

Rachel Hienz ('01 – Allegheny, electrical construction technology) is both a successful electrician/journeyman wireman and an adjunct instructor in the CCAC/IBEW Electrical Construction Technology program. She enjoys working as an electrician and the opportunity to share her skills with her students.

Michael Sarraino ('86 – South, biology) writes that he is currently the funeral director and supervisor at the George I. Green Funeral Home in Munhall. Upon graduation from CCAC, Michael earned a degree in mortuary science from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Richard Schneider ('82 – Allegheny, civil engineering technology) now lives in Bradenton, Florida. He is a Second Vice President - Wealth Management with Smith Barney. After graduating from CCAC, he graduated from the University of South Florida with a finance degree.

CCAC Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

The CCAC Alumni Advisory Board invites alumni to join them as they answer phones at the 41st annual **Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon** at Monroeville Mall in Pittsburgh. Board members will answer phones on Monday, September 4, 2006. If you are interested in volunteering, email Kevin Shields at ccdude@adelphia.net.

Volunteers are needed for the **16th Annual CCAC Educational Foundation Golf Outing**, which will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006 at Treesdale Golf & Country Club in Gibsonia, PA. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jodi Beemer at the CCAC Educational Foundation at 412.237.4438.

CCAC Vision

The Community College of Allegheny County maintains a caring educational gateway to workforce and academic attainment, and provides a comprehensive and integrated learning network that unites faculty, staff, students, community, education, and business partners.

CCAC Mission

Provide affordable access to quality education, and offer a dynamic, diverse, and supportive learning environment that prepares the region's residents for academic, professional, and personal success in our changing global society.

Let Us Know

We would like to know how the college and its alumni program can better serve you. If there are on-campus events or activities in which you are interested, or if you would like to volunteer through the alumni program, contact the alumni program at 412.237.4427 or e-mail at alumni@ccac.edu.

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