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"Dux" IS THE LATIN WORD FOR LEADER. DUX SOUP IS THE SEMI-REGULARLY PUBLISHED NEWSLETTER OF LEADERSHIP BUFFALO, INC.

CHANGE – AND SNOW – AND NEW LEADERSHIP – ARE IN THE AIR...



JOSEPH ABDALLAH

The 2010 Annual Members Meeting & Reception was scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 2 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Unfortunately, a lake effect snow storm had other plans and our meeting was cancelled. In lieu of the physical meeting, all LB members were emailed forms to vote by proxy and we are pleased to announce that Richard Argentieri LB '07, Chris Kania LB '10, Chris Knospe LB '04, and Thomasina Stenhouse LB '05 have been elected to the LB 2011 Board of Directors. (Read more about our new board members on the next page of this issue of the newsletter.)

In his prepared remarks, outgoing Board Chair Francisco Vasquez reiterated the importance of Leadership Buffalo in creating, supporting, and promoting the development of strong, competent, and focused leadership and he welcomed the incoming Board Chair, Donna DeCarolis. Said Vasquez, "Leadership Buffalo has been blessed by the contributions of many participants, members, and sponsors over the years. Selfless offerings of guidance, expertise,



DONNA DECAROLIS

and constructive critique have made us better; they have advanced us to be the premier leadership organization in the region. Donna has a proven commitment to the mission of Leadership Buffalo and to our community and I am honored to pass the gavel to her."



FRANCISCO VASQUEZ

Special thanks to Francisco for his tireless and visionary leadership. "Through his dedication, Francisco has positioned us for the future and we are grateful for his service," said Executive Director Joseph Abdallah. Kudos and words of thanks also go out to the outgoing board members Stuart Angert, Brad Dossinger, Aimee Gomlak, Charles Maclay, Yvonne Minor-Ragan, Stephen O'Neill, Joost Vles, and Alexandra Wehr.

The State of Leadership Buffalo address will take place at the New Members' Opening Reception on January 13 at Templeton Landing. Join us as we celebrate our success and unveil our plan for 2011. Since 1987, more than 1350 individuals from not-for-profit, government, business, education, and manufacturing have graduated from one of LB's four leadership programs.

2011 LEADERSHIP BUFFALO NEW MEMBER WELCOME RECEPTION.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, January 13, 2011
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Cost for LB Alumni \$10.
Hors d'Oeuvre Reception — Cash Bar*

TEMPLETON LANDING, 2 TEMPLETON TERRACE, BUFFALO

Chair **Donna DeCarolis LB '95**
National Fuel Gas Company

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Francisco Vasquez LB '04
People Inc.

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Wegmans Food Markets

Christopher Knospe LB '04
Greatbatch Inc.

Anthony Latona LB '93
Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel LLP

Karen Merkel LB '05
National Fuel Gas Company

Brian Murphy LB '08
Lawley Benefits Group, LLC

Thomasina Stenhouse LB '05
Moog Inc.

Matthew Tremblay RL '09
Time Warner Cable

INTRODUCING THE NEW LB BOARD MEMBERS

THOMASINA STENHOUSE LB '05

Tina is currently the Human Resource vice president for Moog, Inc., a position she has held since 1998. Prior to that, Tina was the Manager of Recruitment for Delaware North Companies, Inc. She has a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo in Management/Human Resources; an M.Ed. from Howard University in Student Personnel Administration and a B.A. from Howard in Sociology.

CHRISTOPHER KANIA, LB '10

Chris is the Administrative Vice President, Group Manager for M&T Bank, a position he has held since 2004. Chris has been with M&T since 1998 and in banking since 1991. He has a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and an M.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo and is involved with several local initiatives including the World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara, CFA Society of Buffalo, Notre Dame Alumni Club Member, and RMA Society.

RICHARD ARGENTIERI, LB '07

Rick began his career at Independent Health in 2003, starting as the Director of Ancillary Business Development; in 2008, he was promoted to Director of Account Management. He has a B.S. in Marketing Management from Canisius College.

CHRISTOPHER KNOSPE, LB '04

Chris is the Government and Public Affairs Manager for Greatbatch, Inc., a position he has held since January of 2010. Prior to that, he has served as Field Representative for Jack Quinn, and as the Executive Director of the Erie County Republican Committee. Chris has a B.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York College at Fredonia and a Certificate from Canisius College for "Fundamentals of Public Relations." Chris also serves on the Board of Trustees at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – LB VALUE AWARDS

First implemented in 2004, the Values Awards Selection Committee of Leadership Buffalo recognizes leaders who best exemplify our core values of service, diversity, inclusion, and openness to change.

29 individuals have been recognized as recipients of this prestigious award since 2004. A fifth award was introduced in 2007, the Leadership Impact Award, recognizing seven individuals that have

worked together to make a significant and positive impact on the community.

The Values Award Luncheon takes place on May 5 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and call for nominations opened December 3 (deadline January 20). Go to our website www.leadershipbuffalo.org to download an application. Event sponsorships are still available; contact Joseph Abdallah at 716.849.2626, ext. 12, for more information.



AT THE 2009 VALUES AWARDS LUNCHEON, L TO R: BOARD CHAIR FRANCISCO VASQUEZ; RONALD TALBOYS, LB 89 (SERVICE AWARD); MARY HARLEY GRESHAM, LB 95 (DIVERSITY AWARD); JUDGE ROBERT RUSSELL (OPENNESS TO CHANGE AWARD); MARY ROBERTS AND JACK WALSH III (LEADERSHIP IMPACT AWARD FOR THE MARTIN HOUSE RESTORATION CORPORATION); LARRY MIETUS (ACCEPTING FOR GERALD MURAK, LB 97, INCLUSION AWARD); AND LB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSEPH ABDALLAH.

LB HIRES INCLUDE 2010 CLASS EXPERIENCE GRAD

WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF
MEMBER – SENIOR PROGRAM
DIRECTOR CINDY STERNER-KINCAIDE



CINDY STERNER-KINCAIDE

I entered the 2010 Class Experience anxious to learn more about the mission, vision, and values of Leadership Buffalo. I had heard about LB from many of the folks I'd done business with (all giving it rave reviews) and after attending four Values Award Luncheons (and sponsoring many before that), it certainly was time for me to take the plunge.

I had no idea and could never have predicted the impact of the Class Experience on my personal and professional life. Over the past year, through day sessions, group dialogue, educational seminars, and networking, I learned that to be truly effective, I must understand my strengths and weaknesses so I can better communicate with others, use my influence to create “tipping points” to better myself and the community, be open to change so that I can adapt and (most importantly) to constantly be in a learning mode so that I can value, look for, and build upon life’s lessons.

They say timing is everything and the stars were definitely in alignment when my graduation occurred and at the same time the opportunity to join LB as the Senior Program Director/Assistant Executive Director presented itself. That’s big! The decision to leave my position as Marketing Director at The Buffalo News was difficult, but my boss, Stan Lipsey, encouraged me to follow my passion and reminded me of a quote by T.S. Eliot. “What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”

My goals are to strengthen and expand

our program offerings, in particular, those associated with young professionals: Youth Leadership Erie County and Rising Leaders. I will also be involved with the Class Experience and Experience Buffalo programs, because opportunities are everywhere!

I welcome the opportunity to meet each of you through the various activities we bring our members throughout the year. And, if you have an idea or see something on the horizon we should investigate, please let me know.

Cindy Sterner-Kincaide, 2010, The Best Class Ever (of course, I had to put that!)

AND WELCOME JESSICA COLLIER, LB’S
DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE

I am originally from Cooperstown, NY, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, also the place of my high school summer employment. I moved to Buffalo in the fall of 2004 to attend the State University of New



JESSICA COLLIER

York at Buffalo. I was selected to be a research assistant with a professor who was producing a documentary focusing on homicides and poverty in Buffalo. That work changed my life and I graduated determined to make a difference in Buffalo, which I now call home.

After college, I joined WNY AmeriCorps as a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America). My first project was to create a community vegetable garden with students at the Kalfas School in Niagara Falls. I also led a team of 25 VISTAS and organized several community service projects with more than 300 volunteers participating.

LEADERSHIP BUFFALO 2011 CLASS CHAIRS

- Class of 1988 Robert Murphy, D'Youville College
Class of 1989 Kate Bukowski, M&T Bank
Class of 1990 Susan Bring Tobe
Judi Spear, RV Rhodes Inc.
- Class of 1991 Gayle Barton, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County
Karen Christie, Buffalo Urban League, Inc.
- Class of 1992 Tom Van Nortwick, NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
- Class of 1993 Anthony Latona, Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP
- Class of 1994 Amy Stromberg, Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Inc.
Tom Giles, Citizens Bank
- Class of 1995 Barbara Miller-Williams, Erie County Legislator
- Class of 1996 Bruce Boissonnault, Niagara Health Quality Coalition
- Class of 1997 Courtney Walsh, University at Buffalo
- Class of 1998 Jeff McArthur, HSBC Bank USA
- Class of 1999 Francesca Mesiah, Kaleida Health
- Class of 2000 Max E. Donatelli, Jr., Baker Victory Services
- Class of 2001 Katie Hoffman, Headway of WNY, Inc.
Maura Cohen, RMC Marketing Services
Tammy Laughlin, ISGN Coporation
- Class of 2002 Joost Vles, Moog, Inc.
- Class of 2003 Francisco Vasquez, People Inc.
- Class of 2004 Lisa Damiani, Roswell Park Cancer Institute
- Class of 2005 Dale Martin, APA Solutions
- Class of 2006 Anthony Billoni, Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Todd Bushway, Colucci & Gallaher, PC
- Class of 2007 Holly Bowser, Catholic Health System
Steven Harvey, Every Person Influences Children, Inc.
- Class of 2008 Maria Kane, Baker Victory Services
Cindy McDonald, The BISON Scholarship Fund
- Class of 2009 Donald Freedman, Ferguson Electric Construction Co. Inc
Andrea Griffa Harden, RW Miller Jr. & Associates
- Class of 2010 Althea Luehrsen, University at Buffalo
Karen Healy-Case, Buffalo Police Department
- RL '04 Collin Gehl, Buffalo Museum of Science
- RL '05 Mohammed Mere, Lockport Memorial Hospital
- RL '06 Amity Lippes, Upstate New York Transplant Services
- RL '07 Daniel Weinrieb, Independent Health
- RL '08 Jennifer Yungbluth, HSBC Bank, NA
- RL '09 Kellena Kane, Uniland Development Company
Charlie Riley, Queen City Green
- RL '10 Erin Klass-Hooge, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
Leon Smith IV, Niagara Lubricant Co., Inc.

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CONSIDER LEADERSHIP BUFFALO AGAIN!



THE CLASS OF 2010 AT ITS SEPTEMBER RETREAT

I'm a "repeat" graduate of LB. Having just graduated from LB 2010, I am sad that it's over. But having previously graduated in 1992, and having served in 1986-87 on the original marketing and research team with Suzy Warren that helped form Leadership Buffalo, I can truly say my LB roots are deep.

I heartily recommend to anyone who's

been through the program eight or more years ago to consider repeating it. First, the community is organic; changing over time, and more importantly each of us is organic; changing and growing over time. Perhaps your job is less demanding and leaves more time for you to embrace other interests. Also, your children may be grown, giving you time to pursue things that you naturally put aside during that phase of your life.

But the best reason to consider repeating is that you, as an LB grad, have that base of knowledge and experience that can and NEEDS to be put to use in addressing the many challenges facing our community. No more sitting on the sidelines, it's time to get involved, speak your truth and help move our community forward!

Whatever your passion is – you are needed now to help WNY turn the corner to a better life for all of us.

Leadership Buffalo and its network are a fertile place to grow and gain insights, partnerships, and friendships that will enhance your individual life and your ability to impact your world; as well as how you fit in to your community. I so greatly enjoyed my year under Joseph's leadership, with his team, that I really hope some LB graduates will join again and have their lives enhanced by the experience. Personally I look forward to many projects and an ongoing experience with my current class LB 2010 – an awesome group of people!

Elizabeth M. O'Donnell
LB '10 and LB '92

REFLECTIONS ON CLASS EXPERIENCE FROM 2010 THE BEST CLASS EVER!



DEB ERWIN, JILL NORTON, NAVPREET JATANA AND GENELLE MORRIS SHARE A "KUMBAYA" MOMENT.

It seems like just yesterday we were driving to our opening retreat at Beaver Hollow in January. And while we were "told" what to expect, we didn't really know what to expect other than the winter weather. We just assumed we'd be spending our two retreat days getting to know each other through team building and networking exercises.

What we did find was that we didn't really "know" each other at all. But by the end of those 48 hours, we became a family of sorts; nicknames were given, jokes shared, and lasting friendships formed. By the time we reached our

closing retreat in September, the stories we shared by the fireside changed from superficial to meaningful, a testimonial to the strong foundation of trust we'd built within the group.

These 55 dynamic leaders span a variety of ages, educational backgrounds and industries, and in the course of 10 months we connected on every level – professional, personal, and within our community. One highlight of our experience was the creation of "The 2010 Class Scholarship Fund." After our neighborhood discovery day, the class wanted to provide an opportunity for a community-based area leader to experience what we had, and so the 2010 Scholarship was formed – raising \$3,100 the first year in donations from our class! The Leadership Buffalo nominating committee recognized two individuals as eligible for this scholarship, one of whom was selected to take part in the 2011 Class Experience. Plans, including a golf tournament, are already underway to

sustain and grow our scholarship fund.

Of course our class, as many before us, doesn't plan on letting our "experience" end with graduation, so we will continue to meet on a monthly basis to network, socialize, and give back to the community where we work and live.

In closing, if I asked my fellow classmates what they "got out of their class experience," I suspect you could guess the wide range of answers. However, I am confident that all of these answers would include a variation on the theme of "friendship, connection, a renewed passion for Buffalo and WNY, and trust" – and for this we are all grateful. Thank you to Leadership Buffalo's administration, staff, and board of directors in providing a tremendous year – we look forward to continuing our "experience."

Althea E. Luebrsen
2010 Class Co-Chair

REFLECTIONS OF A RISING LEADER



AGILITY AND TEAMWORK AT THE OPENING RETREAT

I cannot describe how thrilled I was about 10 months ago at the opening retreat when Joseph Abdallah introduced 26 strangers to Leadership Buffalo's core values: Service, Inclusion, Diversity, and Openness to Change. It was refreshing to hear traditional words like integrity, courage, and honor, although they certainly have their place, be enhanced with a set of values that are completely selfless and about respect and consideration of others.

As the Development Coordinator at WNY AmeriCorps, I am fortunate that service is my job. It's not something I do on the weekends or around the holidays; it is every single day that I help further our simple mission: to create opportunities for all individuals to serve. WNY AmeriCorps believes that those who serve will see not only a positive change in the community, but in themselves as individuals. Whether

it's tutoring young students, building capacity for non-profits, or engaging at-risk youth in service learning, WNY AmeriCorps strives to find ways for all Western New Yorkers to experience the same transformational service that we do everyday.

I saw first hand the selfless ideals of Leadership Buffalo in action when WNY AmeriCorps hosted the Youth Leadership class, whose entire day was



IS MARGARET (MAGGIE) KUFFNER EXCITED TO RECEIVE HER GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AT THE GALA?

spent learning how to create, plan, and implement a service project. They heard from the CEOs of both WNY AmeriCorps and the Food Bank of Western New York, and learned about the establishment of the Peace Corps, which greatly influenced AmeriCorps and the modern service movement. At the end of our day, these high school students were eager to participate in the next big project on Martin Luther King

Jr. Day of Service, demonstrating themselves as WNY's next generation of change agents.

Shirley Sagawa writes in her book *The American Way to Change: How National Service and Volunteers are Transforming America*, "Engaged citizens are essential to the transformation equation...Public awareness of community problems and assets will lead to better problem-solving organizations and more-informed public agendas. Stronger citizen participation can create the leaders we need to create the change we need." Leadership Buffalo is doing just that: Bringing bright people together, introducing them to the issues in Buffalo, and then packaging it with a mind set that service and cooperation are what we need to create tipping points. In this way, Leadership Buffalo is preparing an informed and engaged group of leaders for tomorrow. As a member of Rising Leaders 2010, I am proud to be a part of that future.

Again, I am lucky to work in national service, but it is wonderful to have found an organization in Leadership Buffalo that values selfless service to others as much as we do at WNY AmeriCorps.

Tristan Keelan, Rising Leaders 2010

LEADER SNAPS



FUN WAS HAD BY LARGE AND SMALL AT THE LB MEMBER BBQ IN JUNE.



JUDGE ROBERT RUSSELL PRESENTED TO THE CLASS EXPERIENCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE DAY.



THE OPENING RETREAT MADE SENSE OUT OF SENSORY DEPRIVATION

LB HIRES INCLUDE 2010 CLASS EXPERIENCE GRADUATE *continued*

When my obligation to VISTA concluded, I realized that I belonged in an environment that followed the values of inclusion, diversity, openness to change, and service to the community.

Luckily for me, I found Leadership Buffalo. My position as the Development and Program Associate not only mirrors my passions but expands upon them. In addition to administering much of the behind-the-scenes work for all our programs, I am the program lead for Youth Leadership Erie County, a nine-month leadership development program open to high school sophomores and juniors. The curriculum is based on that of the Class Experience and Rising Leaders in that

students experience an opening retreat and then come together once a month for a day session which focuses on various issues that affect our Buffalo community. Our primary focus is to help students discover the greatness of



YLEC ON NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOVERY DAY

Buffalo's past, present, and future while helping them feel comfortable working as part of a team, acquiring skills for positive conflict resolution, and gaining appreciation for diversity and awareness of and commitment to a lifelong involvement in community issues.

The program gathers a diverse group of students who have leadership potential but who may not have been given a leadership opportunity.

We will be recruiting for the 2011-2012 class in April 2011. If you know of a local high school student in Erie County who might benefit from this experience, please contact me, Jessica Collier, at 716.849.2626 or jcollier@leadershipbuffalo.org.

MEMBERS' EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME/LOCATION	DETAILS	COST
Member Reception	1/13/11	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Templeton Landing	Memberwide networking event to welcome CE '11 and RL '11 Classes	\$10
Leadership Theory Training	2/15/11	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Location to be determined	Taught by Frank Ciccia, Illuminaire Group	FREE
Ski Day and Reception	2/18/11	All Day Holiday Valley	Discounted lift tickets; free reception	See Details
Buffalo City Forum	3/8/11	Lunch: noon; presentation: 1:00 pm WNED	Douglas Waller, author members: \$15; non-members: \$20	\$15/\$20
Leadership Theory Training	3/15/11	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Location to be determined	Taught by Frank Ciccia, Illuminaire Group	FREE
Member Luncheon	tbd March/April	11:30 am - 1:00 pm Chef's	Memberwide networking luncheon (watch your email for date)	\$15
Buffalo City Forum	4/5/11	Dinner, presentation: 5:30 pm WNED	Isabel Wilkerson, NY Times reporter, author members: \$15; non-members: \$20	\$15/\$20
Leadership Theory Training	4/12/11	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Location to be determined	Taught by Frank Ciccia, Illuminaire Group	FREE
LB Values Awards Luncheon	5/5/11	11:30 am - 1:30 pm Hyatt Regency Hotel	Luncheon and award ceremony, recognizing community leaders	\$75
Leadership Theory Training	5/17/11	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Location to be determined	Taught by Frank Ciccia, Illuminaire Group	FREE

CLASS NOTES – NEWS, UPDATES & INFO

CLASS OF '88

Muriel Howard was elected to the Kaleida Health Board of Directors.

Peter Hunt was named to the 2010 Board of Directors for the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors, Inc.

CLASS OF '89

Kate Bukowski was named as Woman of Influence – Community Supporter by Business First.

CLASS OF '90

Cindy Odom was elected to the Canisius College Board of Regents.

Ann Marie Tucker was named vice president of community relations for Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital Center.

CLASS OF '92

John Davanzo has joined Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health System.

CLASS OF '93

Clothilde Perez-Bode Dedecker was named Woman of Influence – Non-Profit Leadership by Business First.

CLASS OF '95

James Boldt was appointed vice chair of the Catholic Health Board.

Sharon Wick was elected as an at-large member of the New York State Bar Association Trust and Estates Law.

CLASS OF '96

Michael Grimaldi was named to the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Buffalo.

CLASS OF '97

Sharon Hanson was re-elected to the Erie County Medical Center Corp. Board of Directors.

Richard Herdlein has been elected vice president of the Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

Lynne Moore has been named senior human resource professional by the Buffalo Niagara Human Resource Association.

Cynthia Schwartz was elected secretary of the Health Sciences Charter School Board of Trustees.

CLASS OF '98

Keith Stolzenburg was re-elected as a trustee of the University at Buffalo Foundation.

CLASS OF '99

Danis Gehl was awarded the Family Life Award for 2010 by The Buffalo Urban League.

Michelle Mazzone was appointed to the Erie Community College Board of Trustees.

Francesca Mesiah was elected to the nominating committee of the Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. Board.

CLASS OF '00

Frank J. Ciccia is now the president and principal consultant for Illuminaire Group, a Leadership Development Consultancy. He is also a Professor in the Executive MBA Program at the University at Buffalo.

Max Donatelli received the 2010 Spirit of Empowerment Award from the Parent Network of Western New York.

David Nasca was elected secretary of the Independent Bankers Association of New York State.

Miguel Santos was elected to the nominating committee of the Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. Board.

CLASS OF '01

Aimee Gomlak has joined the Board of Horizon Health Services Health Management Group.

Mark Pearce received the Trailblazer Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York.

CLASS OF '02

Stuart Angert received the Circle of Excellence Award at the CAR Conference in Las Vegas and was recognized for his contributions to the automotive finance industry.

Sean Beiter was named 2010 Scouter Citizen of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Inc.

Joseph Braccio was named practice area leader at Hodgson Russ, LLP for the Employment, Benefits and Immigration areas.

Leisha Gordon received the Annual Black Achiever in Industry Award.

Michael Hughes was elected to the Canisius College Board of Regents.

Deb Leous received the Dr. Bernard L. Martin Award from Canisius College.

John Schmidt was named Chair of the Republican Leadership Council of the Erie County Republican Committee and was elected to the National Kidney Foundation of Western New York Board of Directors.

CLASS OF '03

Marc Adler has joined Katz Americas as Director of Marketing.

Jessica Piro has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.

CLASS OF '04

Britt Bird earned her MBA from UB School of Management and was hired at Fisher-Price as a senior marketing associate.

Christine Bonaguide has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.

JoAnne Hudecki was named as Lifetime Achievement Winner in Women of Influence by Business First.

Ken Pryor was named executive director for the Ellicott-Masten Family YMCA.

Francisco Vasquez was elected secretary of the Kaleida Health Board of Directors.

CLASS OF '05

John Cinquino has been re-elected to the board of the Charter School for Applied Technologies.

Karen Merkel joined the boards of Horizon Health Services and Horizon Villages.

Michael Osborne has won the Financial Executive 2010 Award – Health Care by Business First.

Lawrence Whistler has joined the Hauptmann-Woodward Medical Research Institute Board of Directors.

CLASS OF '06

Lisa Avery was named to 2010 Board of Directors for Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors, Inc.

Nora Eberl was named Woman of Influence - Family Business by Business First.

Therese Hickok was named senior marketing manager of Uniland Development Corp.

Mara Huber has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.

Maureen Lehsten has won the Financial Executive 2010 Award – Nonprofits by Business First.

CLASS OF '07

Anne Stone has won the Financial Executive 2010 Award – Nonprofits by Business First.

CLASS OF '08

Robert Granville was named a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in International Humanitarian Law at the University of Ottawa.

Tyra Johnson has launched her interior decoration firm.

Janice Wirth joined the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

CLASS OF '09

Wesley Hicks was named to the board of BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York.

Kenneth Richmond was elected to be a trustee on the Health Sciences Charter School Board of Trustees.

CLASS OF '10

Anthony Baldi was appointed to Ameriprise Financial's Chairman Advisory Council.

Steve Perrigo has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.

Daniel Spitzer was a featured presenter at "Rediscovering Sustainable Development Law: In the Community and in Legal Practice" at Pace Law School's New York State Judicial Institute.

RL'04

Diane Bessel has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.

David Borden was appointed as a director to the board of Project Management Institute.

CLASS NOTES – NEWS, UPDATES & INFO *continued*

Janique Curry was named Women of Influence – Public Policy Leadership by Business First.

RL'05

Robert Brunschmid has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.
David Borden was appointed as a director to the board of Project Management Institute.

RL '07

Charles Barber has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.
Joseph Hanna has been awarded the Annual 40 Under Forty by Business First.
Nicole Schulman was named marketing coordinator at Exigence.

RL '09

Charlie Riley joined SKM Group as interactive services manager and was named a director of The Advertising Club of Buffalo, Inc.

IN MEMORIAM :

Anthony Marranca passed away on September 11, 2010.

2010 ADVERTISING PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON LB SPONSORS

With generous media help from both Business First and The Buffalo News, and creative services provided by Flynn & Friends Advertising (Mitch Flynn, LB '99), Leadership Buffalo was able to recognize and highlight its

2010 sponsors in a series of ads that ran throughout the year. Thank you to our media and creative sponsors and the companies featured in our ads who helped make 2010 such an outstanding year for LB!

