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The global economic crisis is affecting hundreds of Quinnipiac families and students. Because of job losses—70 percent of Quinnipiac students come from some of the states hit hardest—many students cannot afford tuition.

Quinnipiac has increased financial aid by \$7.5 million. Students need your help, too. Our challenge is to raise \$1 million by June 30, to help students stay.

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A Newsletter for Members of the Quinnipiac University Charter Oak Society

Spring 2009

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

During this global financial crisis, most people can't help but ask me, “How is Quinnipiac faring?” While the University is not immune to the extreme economic volatility experienced by our nation's citizens and corporations, we are navigating the financial storm by adhering to fiscally conservative policies and practices as mandated by the Quinnipiac Board of Trustees.

These trusted advisers have challenged me and the members of the President's Cabinet to reduce spending wherever possible and scale back 2009–10 budgets, without sacrificing the quality of the education we deliver. It has been difficult, but it has forced us to more clearly than ever identify and fund our highest priorities.

Every budget decision being made at Quinnipiac is with the well-being of our students in mind. Though we have decreased funding in some administrative areas, we are resolute in keeping Quinnipiac accessible to a diverse student body. We have increased next year's financial aid budget by \$7.5 million. “Recruiting and retaining talented and deserving students” is at the forefront of our institutional consciousness.

Such an intense commitment to increased financial aid is challenging in the best economic times, and much more so during these uncertain days. We estimate that almost 70 percent of Quinnipiac students come from some of the states hit hardest by the national and international economic crisis. In addition, with a reduction in the student loan market, many students cannot afford their college tuition. We don't want to lose students who want to be at Quinnipiac. We need your help.

I believe that members of the Charter Oak Society can and will make the difference for our students during these trying times. Our challenge is to raise \$1 million by June 30, 2009, to help fund financial aid and, in turn, help fuel the academic careers and educational dreams of our students.

If you haven't yet made your 2008–09 gift to secure your membership in the Charter Oak Society, I ask that you make this a priority. You can visit www.quinnipiac.edu/give.xml or call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 877-582-1929. Our students are relying on you more than ever.

As always, I thank you for your generosity, support and counsel.

Sincerely,

John L. Lahey



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2008–09 Charter Oak Society Scholars

Sabrina Browning is a biology premed major (with minors in chemistry and psychology). She volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association and Ronald McDonald House, and is a research associate at St. Vincent's Medical Center and a QU teaching assistant.

Keith Levine is an accounting major now working toward his MBA. He helped pilot a mentoring program in the School of Business and organized an accounting and finance summit on campus. He is an Eagle Scout and will work with Hungarian politicians and business leaders this summer.

Alison Dolan is a media studies major who recently completed her term as president of Tau Delta. She was a student delegate for the Alternative Spring Break trip to León, Nicaragua, where she assisted in humanitarian projects.

Daniel Osborn '08 graduated magna cum laude with a BA in history and is completing his MAT degree in the School of Education. He was a recipient of a QU interdisciplinary research grant and was a Gilder Lehrman Scholar finalist in New York City.

Ryan Wedge '08 completed his BS in physical therapy in May 2008 and is pursuing his MPT. He was one of 13 students in the nation to discuss national health issues during the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Junior Leadership Conference.

Robert Godzeno is ranked first in his class at QUSL and receives a full scholarship as a Dean's Fellow. He is the executive managing editor of the *Quinnipiac Law Review*, and has served as a Student Bar Association senator for the past three years.

COUPLE ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Nicholas J. Bua '48 knows what makes a teacher interesting. He had some good ones as a student, and he spent 30 years in the classroom teaching as a part-time instructor.

"I loved teaching and discovered I was good at it," he says from his home in Naples, Fla., where he retired after building a successful accounting firm in New Haven, Conn.

Bua served in the U.S. Navy before graduating with an associate's degree in accounting. He went on to get his bachelor's at Siena College. Bua's 47-year career began in 1951 with Seward & Monde CPAs.

After five years, he was ready to be an entrepreneur, and he established Nicholas J. Bua & Co. in 1956. He hired one of his former "top students"—Alphonse F. Leonardo '68—who later became a partner. Bua sold the firm to him and retired in 1998.

After putting in long days, Bua made time to share his practical and theoretical knowledge in the classroom with



Quinnipiac students. He also taught at two other colleges in the area. All the while, he was raising three children with his wife, Frieda. They now have nine grandchildren. Family is No. 1 with the couple.

Bua had a great love and affection for students and for Quinnipiac—so much so that he made a gift to establish the Nicholas J. '48 & Frieda S. Bua Endowed Scholarship.

Being a good communicator fueled his success both in business and in teaching. "I knew my stuff, and never needed to read out of a book," he says, expressing distaste for that practice. "You have to know your subject, or your students get wise to you. They ask hard questions," he says with a chuckle. 🌲



Jim DeMaio '83, Stu Grove '67 and his wife, Jo, with Black History Month keynote speaker D.L. Hughley.



Rob '78 and Kathleen '79 Storwell at the reception with David Gregory before his lecture in March.



Mary Ryan-Kusiak and Anthony Kusiak, parents of Matthew '10, with Hughley.



QU trustee Robert Hauser '67 and his wife, Barbara, meet with Gregory.



Judith and Peter Zeidel '66 enjoy a conversation with Gregory.

STAYING INVOLVED AND INVESTED

Donald Santacroce '59 parlayed his passion for aviation and numbers into a successful career in corporate accounting. He enjoyed traveling the world with New Haven Airways/New Air, where he started as manager and became president and owner of the company.

Santacroce sold that company to become the co-owner of Tronics/Pantek, an industrial manufacturing firm. Now "officially retired," he still works a few hours a day to help with special projects.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Santacroce took advantage of the GI Bill, got a loan for \$600 to pay for tuition and enrolled in the accounting program part time at Quinnipiac in 1955. "We were fortunate to have great professors such as Mac Stock '47 and Mel Larson '36," he recalls.

"Thanks to Quinnipiac, I went on to make a decent living for myself, and I always felt it was important to give back—small, large, at any level, to make a difference," he says. Fifty years after graduating, Santacroce gives back as a Charter Oak Society member and as co-

chairman of the Class of 1959 Reunion Gift Committee.

"I've enjoyed talking with classmates and was glad to hear that most people were successful in their professional endeavors. It was fun to reunite with friends at our 50th reunion celebration," he says.

Santacroce explains that he invested in the University because of the knowledge he gained here. "I've never been prouder of the University, and I want to keep it going for future generations of students and alumni."

On a recent trip, Santacroce recently came across an article about Quinnipiac in the airline magazine. "I also read an article about the Quinnipiac Poll in a California newspaper. Quinnipiac is far beyond anything I could have ever envisioned," he said.

He also is delighted that his nephew, Michael Santacroce '11, a sociology major, is part of the Quinnipiac family.

"There is a high caliber of talented people representing Quinnipiac throughout the world," he says. 🌲