



## News Release

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KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—The Keuka College Alumni Association recently honored four graduates, including:

- Virginia Dimick LaFaro, a resident of Geneva.
- Phyllis A. Davies, Carmel, Calif.
- Margaret Glatzel Bell, Murphys, Calif.
- Esther Yoder, Gainesville, Fla.

LaFaro, a 1996 graduate, received the Recent Graduate Award.

A special procedures registered nurse in the diagnostic imaging department at F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, LaFaro began her nursing career at Geneva General Hospital. She has worked in dialysis, intensive care, and other areas during her nursing career.

Active in her community, LaFaro chaired the St. Stephen's-St. Francis School June Happening event for two straight years and has participated in fund-raisers for the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and March of Dimes.

In addition to a bachelor's degree from Keuka, LaFaro holds a master's degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Nursing and an associate's degree from Finger Lakes Community College.

Davies, a member of the Class of 1950, received the Effective Use of Retirement Award.

A former teacher, interpreter and lawyer, Davies devotes her time and talents to the Rotocare Clinic, the only free clinic in Monterey County (Calif.) that provides non-invasive medical treatment for the homeless and working poor. Other organizations that benefit from her service include the Coalition of Minority Organizations, Seaside Concerned Citizens, and Neighborhood Emergency Response Team.

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From left, President Burke, Phyllis A. Davies, Virginia Dimick LaFaro, Margaret Glatzel Bell



Ralph Wilkes and Esther Yoder

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She produces and develops shows aired on Access Monterey Peninsula TV, a 24-hour public access channel. She also translates California State Parks & Recreation Committee materials into Spanish and helps bring the Museum on Wheels of the Monterey Museum of Art into the area's bilingual schools.

Bell, a 1963 graduate, received the Community Service Award.

She has been a lay eucharistic minister for her local Episcopal Church since 1983. In 1992, a year after she retired from full-time employment, Bell became a founding board member of Habitat for Humanity of Calaveras County (Calif.). She served as president of the organization's board from 1993-95.

Bell became a docent for the Calaveras Big Tree State Park in 1992. She leads walks and hikes for campers and school groups, conducts interpretive programs, and works at the visitor's center. In 1996, she joined the Calaveras Big Tree Association Board of Directors.

Bell received the California Poppy Award for Service to California State Parks, specifically Calaveras Big Tree State Park, in 2000.

Yoder, a member of the Class of 1960, received the Eleanor Judd Wilkes Service to Keuka College Award.

A member of the Keuka College Board of Trustees since 1993 and currently vice chair of governing body, Yoder chaired the *Shaping the Future: One Graduate at a Time* campaign, the most ambitious fund-raising effort in Keuka annals. Under Yoder's leadership, the campaign, which concluded in 2002, eclipsed its \$25 million goal, realizing a record \$25.615 million.

In 2003, she received the Norton-Blyley Presidential Medallion, becoming just the fourth person in Keuka annals to receive the medallion, which bears the images of the two Keuka College presidents (Arthur Norton and Katherine Blyley) and recognizes service to the College "above and beyond an extraordinary high standard."

Yoder is president/owner of Subway EAY Stores Inc. and is active in the Gainesville community. Trinity United Methodist Church, the American Heart Association of Alachua County, and Gator Rotary Club are among the organizations that benefit from her time and talents.