Greetings From the Parents Committee

Once again, summer has flown by and life at Clarkson is buzzing again! We would like to welcome you to the Parents Association and to another Clarkson school year.

In keeping with family tradition, the Boziwick family recently held their pre-Clarkson summer barbecue at Grandpa George’s (Clarkson ’48) house. Caitlin (Clarkson ’08) is now a seasoned veteran in the business world and is discussing negotiations with her Chinese supplier and making tentative plans for a trip to Asia. Rachel (Clarkson ’10, DPT ’13) is home for eight weeks, performing clinical studies at a physical therapist facility on Long Island. We are already using her expertise to cure our muscle aches and pains. Our niece, Emily (Clarkson ’11), is working in the real world of event planning in the small town of New York City. We are all waiting for our son, Matthew (senior in high school), to make his decision on where he will be spending the next four years of his life. Meanwhile, Janet and I (Rich, Clarkson ’73) are in the process of scheduling the next nine months of travel to Clarkson and various University events in the Northeast. We look forward to meeting you in any of these forums, as well as through emails and phone conversations as we fulfill our responsibilities of the Parents Committee.

Clarkson is one of only a few institutions that supports and encourages the active participation of parents within our Clarkson Family through the Parents Association. The Parents Committee is the executive body of the Parents Association. We meet with University administrators during the school year to discuss pertinent topics and issues that both the students and parents may face.

The Parents Association participates in a number of activities that benefit the campus and overall community.

Parents Fund — The Parents Committee selects a fundraising project that will directly benefit Clarkson students. We are now in the midst of a multi-year commitment in funding the Parents Lounge at the Student Center. We are asking each family to participate in any way they can in funding this project.

Student Recruitment — Throughout the year, the University sponsors local programs through the Admissions and Alumni offices. If you know of a potential student, or would like to participate in these activities, please contact us and we will make arrangements for your presence at these events.

Career Center — This is the ultimate goal for our students and their parents, Career Placement. You can be a part of this process too. If you are aware of employers to whom we should be reaching out, please let us know.

This is a very exciting time for the Clarkson Family. Both parents and students will work together to accomplish goals that will positively affect our students today and for years to come. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any member of the Parents Committee. We look forward to your communication. We can be reached at www.clarkson.edu/parents/contact.html.

Have a great school year. We look forward to seeing you during Family/Homecoming Weekend.

Rich ’73 and Janet Boziwick
Parents Committee Co-Chairs
(Parents of Rachel ’10, DPT ’13 and Caitlin ’08)

A Special Invitation to Family Weekend/Homecoming – October 21-23

Clarkson invites you to participate in the 2011 Family/Homecoming Weekend. This is a great opportunity to partake with your student in a celebration of the Clarkson community. The weekend includes a variety of events and activities for families to enjoy while they interact with faculty, staff, students and alumni.

This year, we will have a special performance by the winner of NBC’s Last Comic Standing, Josh Blue, whose stand-up comedy routine the whole family can enjoy. We will also host a Pep Rally, featuring skits performed by CU students; the Mr. Clarkson Pageant, during which male students compete in four categories for the crown of “Mr. Clarkson,” and chemistry magic shows with Dr. Jim Peploski ’85, ’91, director of Freshman Chemistry. In addition, a charity event called “Halloween Hoop-la” will benefit the Potsdam Humane Society by pitting CU students against one another in basketball tournaments. Faculty members will also be presenting information on some of their groundbreaking projects throughout the weekend. Or relax and watch one of our varsity teams in action — women’s soccer and hockey, or men’s hockey are home that weekend. President Collins welcomes families on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Student Center Forum.

For more information, please see the schedule of events at www.clarkson.edu/parents_family/family_weekend.html.

When you arrive on campus on Friday, October 21, or Saturday, October 22, please come to the Welcome Table on the first floor of the new Student Center. We will provide you with campus maps, event schedules and answers to your questions about local restaurants and shops. We look forward to seeing you in October!
**Employment Indicators Positive for Class of 2012**

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), according to their late spring Job Outlook Survey, continue to present favorable data for graduates. Last fall, NACE reported that employers had expected to hire 13.5 percent more new college graduates. However, that number increased to 19.5 percent six months later. The survey also found that hiring increases were reported across geographic regions and throughout most industries. According to the Career Center, these national indicators coincide well with current trends at Clarkson. The Fall Career Fair has over 115 employers registered to date, currently a 12 percent increase over last year, with the majority of employers conducting campus interviews after the fair. In addition, the number of listed positions remains ahead of last year to date. In order to take advantage of these employers and other associated programs, including internship, cooperative education (co-op), and alumni mentoring, please encourage your sons and daughters to visit early and often. The Career Center staff is available for individual appointments and welcomes your questions throughout the year.

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**Intramurals — A Great Outlet for Students**

Is your daughter or son stressed about exams, that group project, or their computer that still won’t print? Releasing that excess steam by becoming active and running around with a bunch of friends can do wonders for a better mind set and reducing that stress level. Intramurals is exactly what they are looking for and Clarkson University has plenty to offer.

Intramurals are a great avenue for a competitive outlet and yet another way for a college student to meet new people on campus outside of their major or dorm floor. Is leadership important? Every team needs a captain. Additionally, intramurals are a great way to build a resume or to test out leadership skills.

Almost everything a college student does during their four years at school is very goal directed: write papers, take tests, plan events or just meet deadlines. Playing an intramural sport provides everyone a great opportunity to play whatever they want in a carefree environment and just have some good, old-fashioned fun!

If your son or daughter would like to learn more about Intramurals, have them contact Dan Mandle at dmandle@clarkson.edu or 315-268-3744.

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**Explore the World: Study Abroad/Exchange**

Each year, Clarkson students defy convention by participating in the Study Abroad Exchange program, offered through 34 partner universities in 18 countries across the globe, including Australia, Austria, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Wales.

As an “exchange” participant, students may study abroad for a semester or full year. Classes at (most) partner universities are taught in English and credit is awarded towards Clarkson degree programs. Students pay regular Clarkson tuition and retain their financial aid package during their exchange.

The self-development during study exchange is astounding and directly relates to the next chapter in the lives of most students. In the words of a returning participant, “This experience has been wonderful to talk about in interviews. It demonstrates confidence, tolerance and courage to employers. The working world has become global and employers are looking for people who aren’t afraid of trying to integrate their company with global ideas. Experiencing the study abroad program gave me a global perspective and has allowed me to apply it in interviews and classes.”

Encourage your sons and daughters to take advantage of a life-changing opportunity. To learn more about our programs or to have your questions answered, please call the Career Center at 315-268-6477.
Vice President’s Letter

We will definitely be kicking off our e-version of the Parents Newsletter later this semester. For those of you who have not provided the University with your email address, we will also make these newsletters available on our website. This printed edition of our fall newsletter will familiarize you with a number of programs and services across campus which support your student’s experience.

We continue to encourage our students to solve their own issues and problems as part of their growth and development while here, but calls from parents to my office or my staff are welcome at any time during the year. If you want to speak with an “experienced parent,” contact one of the members of our Parents Committee at www.clarkson.edu/parents_family/contact.html.

I look forward to seeing many of you during Family Weekend scheduled in conjunction with Homecoming weekend on October 21-23.

Kathryn B. Johnson
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Dates to Remember

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