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Homecoming 2008 is around the corner!



October 15 - 18, 2008

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Post a your favorite memories of Kean to the [ALUMNI BLOG!](#) Your thoughts, comments and memories will be included in the next alumni newsletter!

## Kean Pride

### [Q&A with Barbara Ebner '59](#)



For more than 50 years, several generations of the Ebner family have been active in summer camping in Connecticut. Barbara Ebner '59, is a graduate of the Newark State Teachers College, and served as director of the family's camping campuses and programs until her retirement in 2002. Barbara is one of several Kean graduates in her family. The Alumni Relations Office contacted Barbara for a Q&A in August, 2008.

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***Celebrate the fall with Kean University at these events!***

[Ninth Annual Kean University Golf Classic](#)  
September 22, 2008

[Homecoming 2008](#)  
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October 15-18, 2008

**NJEA 2008**  
*Save The Date!*  
November 6-7, 2008

### [Q & A With Abner Benisch '40](#)



*Abner Benisch '40 with wife Norma at their residence in Livingston, New Jersey*

### **Loyalty the Ages Thru**

Inducted into Kean University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983, alumnus Abner Benisch '40 was a premier basketball and tennis player at the institution he knew as New Jersey State Teachers College at Newark. He competed in both sports for all four of his undergraduate

years there.

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## [Q&A With Dr. Michelle Gadsden-Williams '91](#)



As vice president and global head of diversity and inclusion at Novartis Pharma A.G., Dr. Michelle Gadsden-Williams '91 provides strategic direction and leadership. She champions the development of an inclusive environment by integrating diversity into all aspects of the business on a global scale.

### ***What brought you to Kean University?***

I transferred from SUNY-FIT, in 1988, to Kean, a larger university closer to home.

After visiting the campus, attending a few classes, seeing how diverse and reflective of its surrounding communities the student and faculty population was, I applied and subsequently enrolled at Kean.

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## [Madison Courts Sold Out Audience and Enthusiastic Alumni at Summer Theatre](#)



Bernadette Vath '85 and her husband Fred Vath meet Kean University student actress Megan Bussiere at the "Madison" alumni theater-picnic event.

The alumni-exclusive event which was held on Sunday, July 27, drew a capacity crowd to Liberty Hall for a picnic and performance of *Madison*. Part of the Premiere Stages series of summer and fall plays, the original comedy

was clearly an audience (and critic) pleaser.

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## **Get Involved**

You can help shape the future of Kean University by getting involved with your Alumni Association. Join the many alumni already volunteering for an Alumni Board committee, attending an event, submitting an award nomination, or making a donation to the Kean Foundation. Your involvement makes you a partner in creating a stronger learning environment for students, and increases the value of your own degree.

- [Volunteer to help plan or attend an event in your area](#)
- [Volunteer to be an Alumni Mentor](#)
- [Volunteer to help with a Reunion](#)
- [Request a membership card](#)
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### **Other Ways to Connect**

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### **Association Benefits**

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[The Buyer's Edge Consumer Buying Service](#)

*Fitness Center Usage (coming soon!)*

## **Scholarship Spotlight**

**New J. Eduardo Saavedra Scholarship Fund Established**

[Make a gift](#)



The Kean University Community continues to mourn the tragic loss of Juan Eduardo Saavedra '98 M.S. '03 '05, who died of leukemia on May 24, 2008. In memory of this dynamic individual, the J. Eduardo Saavedra Scholarship Fund will continue his work as an advocate of higher education by helping bilingual students achieve their dreams of receiving a college degree.

Eduardo's story is one which many Kean students and their families can relate. In 1992, Eduardo came to the United States from Chile, unable to speak a word of English. Determined to become bilingual, he attended the American Language Communications Center in New York soon after his arrival and began taking classes at Kean University. Just six years after arriving in America without any comprehension of the English language, he received a B.S. degree in Management Science, graduating summa cum laude with a 3.87 GPA.

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[Make a gift to the J. Eduardo Saavedra scholarship fund.](#)

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