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# The Family Buzz

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Robert Dunphy (right), who is supported in Bancroft's Delaware program, poses with Del. Governor Jack Markell at a recent bill-signing celebration.

## New Delaware laws support 'one world' *Bancroft group attends bill-signing*

Delaware Governor Jack Markell signed three bills into law on August 17, in support of people with disabilities. And a Bancroft group was there to join in the celebration!

Two bills (H91 and H214) call for implementing people-first language in Delaware code and regulations. The third bill (H123) establishes Disability History and Awareness Month in October.

Many legislators, advocates, family members and friends attended the bill-signing at the Can-Do Playground in Wilmington, including Robert Dunphy - who lives in a Bancroft-run group home in Delaware - and program managers Melissa Ecret and Kelly Engel.

"It was a great day to celebrate a step forward in the movement for people-first language," says Ms. Ecret.

On a more personal note, Mr. Dunphy was particularly pleased. "He is really into politics," reports Ms. Ecret, "and enjoyed getting to meet the governor and getting his picture taken with him."

## Upcoming Events

**Wed., Sept. 21**  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Free DD Workshop:**  
**College Preparation**  
**for Students with**  
**Intellectual**  
**Disabilities**  
**Location:** Farrington  
 Building, Haddonfield  
 Campus  
**Contact:**  
 Pat Reid  
**Phone:** (856) 524-  
 7453  
**Email:**  
[preid@bnh.org](mailto:preid@bnh.org)

**Saturday, Sept. 24**  
**Note earlier date!**  
 10:30 am - 3 pm  
**Bancroft Day**  
**Location:** Challenge  
 Grove Park, Cherry  
 Hill, NJ  
**Rain date: Sept. 25**  
 Noon - 4 pm  
**Contact:**  
 Debbie Conner  
**Phone:** (856) 524-  
 7023  
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**Friday, Oct. 7**  
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
**Clarence York**  
**Lecture**  
**"Autism and Severe**  
**Behavior Problems:**  
**A Focus on**  
**Prevention"**  
**Contact:**  
 Sue Crouse  
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**Wed., Nov. 16**  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Free DD Workshop:**  
**Challenging**  
**Behaviors in the**  
**Classroom**  
**Location:**  
 Farrington Building,  
 Haddonfield Campus  
**Contact:**



## Bancroft Day is fast approaching!

Just two more weeks until the big day - Saturday Sept. 24.

Our free annual festival is sure to delight this year, with a "street fair" theme complete with games, arts and crafts, music and dancing, performing arts and more. Plus, lunch is available for just \$6.

**Where:** Challenge Grove Park in Cherry Hill, N.J. (a short distance from our Haddonfield Campus, at the corner of Caldwell Road and Bortons Mill Road)

**When:** 11 am to 3 pm

**Rain date:** Sunday Sept. 25, noon to 4 pm.

And, hot off the press: Our 2011 Bancroft Day guide -- [click here](#).

Are you creative or do you like to bake? We're still seeking artwork to display in the event's clothes-line exhibit, as well as donated baked goods to sell. Click on the links below for the necessary forms:

- [Art display registration form](#). Artwork delivery deadline is Sept. 14.
- [Baked goods donation form](#). Baked-goods forms are due Sept. 15.

See you at Bancroft Day!

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**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
6:30-11:30 pm  
**Butterfly Ball**  
**Location:**  
The Merion  
Cinnaminson, NJ  
**Information:**  
[ButterflyBall@bnh.org](mailto:ButterflyBall@bnh.org)



Bancroft School teacher Rachel Bernotas stands by her classroom, awaiting her new students. We wish Rachel and all our students, staff and families a successful school year!

[www.bancroft.org](http://www.bancroft.org).

## Welcome back to SCHOOL!

Bancroft welcomed more than 200 students back to the Haddonfield Campus this week, as the 2011-2012 school year kicked off.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year, and thank all of our students' parents and families for your continued support!

For updates and information on The Bancroft School -- including helpful resources -- please visit our school website: [www.bancroftnj.org](http://www.bancroftnj.org)

Our general Bancroft website remains

## National DSP Week starts Sunday

*Please thank direct-care staff who make a difference*

Next week, families and organizations across the country will recognize direct-care staff members who support and teach their loved ones, day-in and day-out.

Please join in this effort during National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week -- starting Sunday Sept. 11 -- by showing your appreciation to the direct-care staff members who make a difference in your family member's life.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Write a Respect Card (an official note of recognition based on Bancroft's core values) to a particular staffer or group of employees. [Click here](#) for the form.
- Send a fruit basket, bring in baked goods or order pizza for a group.
- Just say THANK YOU!

Thank you in advance for showing your appreciation for our DSPs!

## We're in the news!

Recent articles in two South Jersey publications focused on people we support and Bancroft's services.

The Courier-Post newspaper ran an article about Medicaid changes, featuring parent Bill Wills and his son David, who receives services at our Mullica Hill Campus. To view the story, [click here](#).

SJ Magazine published a moving story about people who survive tragedies, featuring Robert Pignataro, who is supported by Bancroft Brain Injury Services. To read it, [click here](#).

Thanks to all who participated in these powerful stories!



Artwork features students' takes on beloved cartoon characters.

## School's Summer Arts Festival celebrates the magic of Disney

Everyone's favorite mouse was in the house recently, as students and staff members of The Bancroft School held their annual Summer Arts Festival.

With the support of art teachers Jean Magpiong and Ron Curry, students recreated Mickey, Minnie and their cohorts in various forms -- paintings, sculptures, sketches and more. To view additional photos, [click here](#).

Nice work, artists!



**New board members:** Kenneth Ewell (left) and Scott Bannett.

## **Bancroft elects two new board members**

Our Board of Trustees recently named two business and community leaders to its ranks: Scott Bannett and Kenneth Ewell.

"Scott and Ken have strong expertise in critical areas for Bancroft's future, including construction, safety and employee benefits," says Bancroft President Toni Pergolin. "Their addition is part of our ongoing initiative to attract the very best trustees to support our vision for the future."

Mr. Bannett is president of The Bannett Group, a Cherry Hill, N.J., company that designs and builds medical, retail, religious and commercial facilities across the tri-state region.

Mr. Ewell is executive vice president and a principal of The Graham Company, a Philadelphia-based insurance and employee benefits broker for high-risk industries like health and human services, construction, manufacturing and others. (See Butterfly Ball story below for more news on Graham.)

Watch for more details on these new members in the fall issue of Our World, Bancroft's printed newsletter.

Welcome, Mr. Bannett and Mr. Ewell!



Jessica Herman (left) performs alongside volunteer Cathy Sonnenberg at the recent benefit for the Joyful Noise choir. Photo by Kevin Shea.

## Delightful songs, delicious sundaes at Joyful Noise fundraiser

### *Group plans trip for historic concert in Rhode Island*

A recent benefit concert and ice cream social raised over \$450 for Joyful Noise, a choir of adults supported by Bancroft and others with disabilities.

The "Sunday Songs & Sundaes" event will help fund Joyful Noise's trip to Providence, R.I., in February for the American Choral Directors Association's Eastern Division Conference. There, Joyful Noise will form the core of the Building Communities Festival Choir - a unique gathering of singers from 11 states, who have neurological disabilities. (Joyful Noise Director Allison Fromm has been invited to direct this historic choir.) For more details, [click here](#).

The fundraiser was held at Highland Park Church of God in Gloucester City, N.J., and hosted by church members Deb Conner -- Bancroft's manager of volunteer services - and Richard Kalinski and Ray Angleman, who receive services from Bancroft.

"The concert went very well," says Mr. Angleman, who is new to Bancroft and Joyful Noise - and who played a moving piano solo. "I'd do it again! My favorite song was 'When You Wish Upon A Star.'"

Thanks to all who supported this event!



## York Lecture on autism and severe behavior problems

### *Brochure now available*

A national expert on behavior problems will speak at Bancroft's fall Clarence York lecture, Friday Oct. 7.

Dr. Gregory Hanley, featured speaker at Bancroft's York Lecture in October. Titled "Autism and Severe Behavior Problems: A focus on prevention," the lecture will be presented by Gregory Hanley, Ph.D., director of the behavior analysis doctoral program and an associate professor at Western New England University.

For the lecture brochure and registration form, please [click here](#).

## New Accessibility Report highlights accomplishments, goals

Bancroft has released its 2011-2012 Accessibility Report, which details the organization's annual accomplishments and goals toward removing barriers to people with disabilities - both at Bancroft and in the community.

These barriers range from architectural to attitudinal; environmental to financial; communication to transportation, and more.

This year's accomplishments include:

- The purchase of assistive devices, including a small number of iPads and interactive "smart boards," which help people learn and communicate.
- The addition of a second assistive-technology specialist in The Bancroft School, to support the use of such equipment for educational purposes.
- The filling of many high-priority environmental needs, including installation of multiple accessible bathrooms, walkways, and raised garden beds for vocational programs.
- A wide range of advocacy and self-advocacy activities, including support for closing the Vineland (N.J.) Developmental Center -- a state-run institution -- in favor of community-based residential programs.
- Attainment of a contract that funds services for veterans with acquired brain injuries, through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We continue to make great progress in addressing barriers...while improving awareness of these needs," states Bancroft executive Kathy Ross, a member of the Accessibility Committee. "However, ongoing attention is required... to make this truly One World for Everyone."

For the full report, [click here](#).

**Butterfly Ball**  
November 19, 2011

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Photographs from the 2010 Butterfly Ball

Bancroft's Butterfly Ball is slated for Saturday, November 19, 2011 at The Merion in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. The evening will mark our 19th annual gala, an event that consistently draws a premier crowd and is attended by more than 300 guests. This year, Bancroft is excited to honor Dr. Larry Goren of Onsite Innovations, and the Graham Company with awards for their significant contributions to Bancroft and the community.

**EVENT LOCATION**

**Bancroft Butterfly Ball 2011**  
Saturday, November 19th  
The Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ

Get directions from Google maps to The Merion from your address

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**BUTTERFLY BALL LEADERSHIP**

<b>Butterfly Ball Chair</b> Barbara Berkman	<b>Bancroft President</b> Tom Pergolin
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	<b>Board Of Trustees</b> Lisa Bean Alberts Scott Bannett

On the web: The ball's new website provides full event details, updates and plenty of photos. Visit [www.BancroftBall.org](http://www.BancroftBall.org).

## Bancroft Butterfly Ball set for Nov. 19

The Butterfly Ball is Bancroft's premier fundraising event - and this year's gala is no exception.

We're pleased to announce our exciting emcee and dinner chair: Tom McCarthy, the Phillies' play-by-play announcer.

And we'll be honoring two very dedicated supporters of people with disabilities: Dr. Larry Goren, founder of Onsite Innovations, and The Graham Company, a Philadelphia-based insurance and employee-benefits firm.

Our Ball Committee has chosen a fabulous venue: The Merion, an elegant banquet facility in Cinnaminson, N.J. The group hopes to raise \$400,000 through this year's Ball - after meeting last year's goal of \$350,000.

"Proceeds from the Ball represent almost a third of Bancroft's

unrestricted donations, known as The Margaret Bancroft Annual Fund," notes Joan Galon King, Bancroft's Chief Advancement Officer.

"Each year, we rely heavily on this fund to support virtually every aspect of life for the children and adults we serve -- from facility improvements to assistive technology, extracurricular activities to vocational training. That's why support of the Butterfly Ball is so important," she explains.

For tickets, sponsorship information or other details, please call (856) 348-1145 or email [ButterflyBall@bnh.org](mailto:ButterflyBall@bnh.org). Or, visit the new Butterfly Ball website at [BancroftBall.org](http://BancroftBall.org).

## Benefit enrollment updates from DDD

New Jersey's Division of Developmental Disabilities has released new information on Medicaid-Medicare and waiver clients' HMO enrollment process and the HMO open enrollment period.

For flyers on these subjects, please click on these links:

- [HMO open enrollment](#)
- [Medicaid enrollment](#)

For more details, including Spanish versions of the flyers, [click here](#).

## New issue of DDD Today

For the latest edition of DDD Today -- the newsletter of New Jersey's Division of Developmental Disabilities -- [click here](#).

You can also visit the DDD Today webpage at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/news/news/index.html>

This issue's featured articles include:

- DDD Services Application Now Available Online
- Anniversary of the ADA
- Transforming Lives Through Institutional Closure
- Justice Department Issues Technical Assistance Document on Enforcement of Supreme Court Decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*

If you have questions, comments or subscription requests, email [DDDnewsletter@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:DDDnewsletter@dhs.state.nj.us).

## Free recreation event next week

A free event called RecFest aims to help people with and without disabilities "witness, try and demonstrate recreational activities."

According to one organizer, "We want folks to expand their realm of possibilities and have a great day of fun doing it!"

RecFest is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 17, from 10 am to 3 pm in Philadelphia.

Highlighted activities include scuba diving, wheelchair tennis, adapted golf, rock climbing, martial arts and much more.

The event was started by a group from Magee Rehab.

For a flyer on the event, [click here](#).

For the event's webpage, [click here](#).

## Free conference on universal design in education

New Jersey's special-education office and SPAN, a parent advocacy group, will co-sponsor a free mini-conference next month.

Titled "Success For All Students / Universal Design for Learning," the event will be held in South Jersey and Central/North Jersey on separate days from 9 am - 12:30 pm:

### **SOUTH**

Saturday, October 22, 2011  
Cherry Hill Library  
1100 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
(856) 667-0300

### **CENTRAL/NORTH**

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
City of Perth Amboy  
Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center  
One Olive Street  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
(732) 826-1690

Here are details from the event organizers:

- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a research-based framework used to enable ALL children to gain knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for learning. During this mini-conference, families of children with disabilities will learn about UDL and ways that this approach can help their children achieve success in the general education classroom.
- In addition to an interactive presentation, a panel of educators, parents, and students from school districts in New Jersey will share stories and experiences of how they have embraced a universal design for learning to ensure that ALL students have equal opportunities to learn the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment.
- Target audience: parents, grandparents, educators and caretakers.
- Certificates for Professional Development Hours will be available.

For registration instructions, [click here](#). Or, call SPAN at (973) 642-8100, ext. 123, or email [start@spannj.org](mailto:start@spannj.org).



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