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**FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY**  
**Amy Chiaro '92—Outstanding Young Alumna Award**

Amy Chiaro identified her passion for journalism as editor of *The Clock* and pursued it relentlessly during her years on Mount Ida. That passion led her to *NBC News*, where she became a researcher and assignments editor for the network and then an associate producer in the New York bureau, where she covered the Northeast for *Nightly News*, the *Today* show, and MSNBC. Recently, Chiaro was named executive producer of *NBC's Weekend Today* show, which continues the *Today* tradition of covering breaking news, interviewing newsmakers, and reporting on a variety of popular-culture and human-interest stories. Chiaro—who is the only executive producer in network news under 40, and one of three women holding the title at *NBC News*—manages the weekend edition's broadcast staff, anchors, and live television production.

**Nominees: Kalisse Anderson '97, Susan Kersch-Kibler '87** PHOTO BY MARK VAN WORMER

**THIS JUST IN...**

**Lyne Johnson Pitts '72—Accomplished Alumna Award**

As the vice president of *NBC News*, Lyne Johnson Pitts oversees the news division's strategic partnerships and overall production management. She joined *NBC News* as executive producer of *Today*, *Weekend Edition* (a position



now held by Outstanding Young Alumna Award winner Amy Chiaro '92) in February 2006 following a remarkable 23-year career at *CBS News*, where from 2003 to 2004 she served as senior broadcast producer of the *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather*. She was also executive producer of the *CBS Early Show* and, from 1997 to 1999, served as executive producer of the weekend edition of the *CBS Evening News*, where she was honored with a News and Documentary Emmy Award for her coverage of the death of Princess Diana. Pitts was also the executive producer of *The Class of 2000* (1996-97), a four-year *CBS News* project that examined America through the eyes of that year's high school freshman class, and *Before Your Eyes*, a series of critically acclaimed *CBS News* primetime specials.

**Nominees: Bonnie Barsamian '82, Nancy Spector '77**

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**A COMMITMENT TO COMPASSION**

**Nancy Van Wie '82—Humanitarian Award**

Nancy Van Wie's love of horses can be seen as early as her senior portrait in 1982's *Gargoyle*, in which she is pictured with her beloved pet, Gingo, on whom she would ride while reading homework assignments. Today, the director of philanthropy at the Adirondack Nature Conservancy has dedicated her life to Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, a Westport, New York, nonprofit organization she founded in 2003 to rescue abandoned and abused horses, provide educational outreach, and prevent cruelty and mistreatment of animals. Dozens of horses ranging from injured thoroughbreds to neglected farm animals have found sanctuary at Crane Mountain, a sprawling ranch in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. As she works morning and evenings to sustain the farm (along with husband Eddie Mrozik), Van Wie spends her days working to preserve her other great passion, the Adirondacks.

**Nominee: Lina Srivastava '87**

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