Alumnus and Jesuit Brother Brings Spiritual Healing to Wounded Warriors

New Basketball Center Named for "Dr. Jack" Ramsay '49

Students Gain Professional Work Experience in Four-Year Co-op Program
FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a remarkable year for Saint Joseph’s. From the first classes held on the Maguire Campus, to the establishment of the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support and the awarding of honorary degrees to Philadelphia Phillies World Series Champion Jamie Moyer ’85 and his wife, Karen, the University has been alive with growth and exciting activities.

And there’s more.

In June, we witnessed the dedication of the Ramsay Basketball Center, named for beloved Hall of Fame Coach Dr. Jack Ramsay ’49. It houses the men’s and women’s basketball programs as well as the magnificent Thomas J. Wynne ’63 Hall of Fame Room. With its new locker rooms, players’ lounges, media room, study spaces and offices, the Ramsay Center is ushering in a new era of Hawk basketball, which will be fully realized when the adjacent Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena is dedicated on October 17.

These improvements would not be possible without the devotion of our alumni. Your gifts are a testament to your faith in the future of the University, and I am especially thankful for your support, because it demonstrates that you see beyond today’s economic uncertainties. Your belief in and commitment to the mission of Saint Joseph’s continue to draw us together.

Saint Joseph’s is fortunate to have many alumni who have realized their potential for excellence. In this issue of the SJU Magazine, you will read about Rick Curry, S.J. ’68, who was born without a right forearm. This disability precluded his desire to become a Jesuit priest, so for years, he has done wonderful work in the disabled community as a Jesuit brother. And because he has expanded his ministry to include wounded warriors of our nation’s armed services, he received special permission from Pope Benedict XVI to become a priest. I know you join me in congratulating him on this enormous accomplishment.

The success of our alumni is evident in other ways. I am delighted to report that, as I write this note in July, With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University, is at 83 percent of its $150 million goal. Because of you, we have raised an astounding $124 million. I am especially appreciative that this year, we have also achieved a record-setting $4.9 million for the Saint Joseph’s Fund, the result of annual gifts that are so critical to the continued assistance of the University’s greatest areas of need. Your support has been extraordinary.

Your contributions to these important initiatives, along with prudent management and planning on behalf of the administration and Board of Trustees, have helped Saint Joseph’s to withstand the vagaries of the current economic climate. Though we know there are many challenges ahead, I am grateful that your help has enabled us to continue to provide the highest educational experience possible for our students. During these economic times, I know many of you have made sacrifices to support the University. Thank you!

In closing, I am pleased to report that we have met and exceeded our enrollment goals for the incoming freshmen class, and I am thrilled to welcome them to this vibrant campus. I know that the members of the Class of 2013 will be transformed by their Catholic and Jesuit education at Saint Joseph’s University, just as you were.

God’s blessings,

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.
President

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Students and employers enjoy the benefits of the Co-op program in the Erivan K. Haub School of Business.
It’s a funny thing about coincidences. When I talked with Mildred Hart ‘66, ’71 for an article in Alum Notes (page 31), she happened to mention that her first course at Saint Joseph’s, an education class in the summer of 1959, was taught by Jack Ramsay ’49 — the very same Jack Ramsay for whom the University’s new basketball center has been named. It’s kind of ironic that now, 50 years later, their stories are being shared in the same issue of SJU Magazine.

“Dr. Jack,” as he’s known, the legendary Hawks and NBA coach, currently an ESPN broadcaster, was a teacher in the classroom — “a good teacher,” according to Mrs. Hart — and on the court, where it seems he was an even better teacher. The accolades for this humble man stretch from former players and neighbors to the top of the NBA and professional sports media.

Our little story about Mrs. Hart spurred another coincidence in this edition. With her military service and background — her husband, brother and father were all in the armed forces — she spoke with conviction about the need to take care of our war veterans, which is exactly what Rick Curry, S.J. ’68, is doing. In Patricia Allen’s article about him, you’ll see how he’s dedicated his life’s work to helping those with disabilities, first as founder of the veterans’ raw honesty and now through his involvement with projects for wounded war veterans. The veterans’ raw honesty and longing for spiritual healing have led this remarkable man to deepen his role as a Jesuit.

One other thing about Mrs. Hart. She and her husband were married before she earned her two degrees from Saint Joseph’s College. The name of the church? St. Joseph’s. A coincidence? Who knows? It’s a funny thing, though.

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From the Editor

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Ed. note: In the answer to last issue’s Pop Quiz Olympics question, the silver medal earned by Mike Bantom ’73 as part of the U.S. men’s basketball team at the 1972 games in Munich was not included. SJU Magazine regrets the error. Coach Mike Tel’78 also guided U.S. rowing’s men’s eight to a gold medal in 2004 in Athens.

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On the Calendar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Fall semester day classes begin, Mon., Aug. 31.
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Online: www.sju.edu/calendar/academic_calendars.php.

ACADEMIC EVENTS
Latin American Studies program book club discussion: Forgotten Continent: The Battle for Latin America’s Soul by Michael Reid, Wed., Sept. 16, President’s Lounge, Campion Student Center (7-9 p.m.). To R.S.V.P. and for more information: warren@sju.edu. Institute of Catholic Bioethics McCormick Lecture: “Dying in America: Is the ‘Fragile Consensus’ Eroding?” by Ronald P. Hamel, Ph.D., senior director of ethics, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Wed., Oct. 7, Ervin K. Haub Executive Center, McShain Hall (6-9 p.m.).

ADMISSIONS
COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND LIBERAL STUDIES
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Open Houses for prospective adult continuing education students: Barbelin Hall, room 117: Tue., Oct. 20, Wed., Oct. 21, Thu., Jan. 5 and Wed., Jan. 6 (noon-6:30 p.m.). Sat., Nov. 14 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.). Contact: 877-NITE-SJU or pls@sju.edu. Online: www.sju.edu/pls.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
ERVIAN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Open Houses:
- Main Campus, Mandeville Hall: Tue., Oct. 20 (6 p.m.).
- Uninus College, Pfahler Hall (professional M.B.A., M.S.F.S. in Financial Services, M.S. in Health Administration and M.S. in Criminal Justice): Thu., Oct. 27.
To register, e-mail sjumba@sju.edu or call 610-660-1690. Contact: Graduate Admissions, 888-SJU-GRAD or graduate@sju.edu. Online: www.sju.edu/sju/ graduate_programs.html or www.sju.edu/sju/ infohousing.html.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
Discover SJU Days: Weekdays (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and most Saturdays (10 a.m.).
Ask-a-Counselor sessions: Weekdays by appointment.
Contact: 888-BE-A-HAWK or www.sju.edu/visit. Online: www.sju.edu/admissions.

ALUMNI
National Alumni Board fall meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Erivan K. Haub Executive Center, McShain Hall (9 a.m. -3 p.m.).
President’s Cup Invitational, Mon., Sept. 28, Applebrook Golf Club, Malvern, Pa. Contact: 610-660-1247 or bjackson@sju.edu.
Kinney Center Dedication, Fri., Oct. 2.
Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena Dedication, Sat., Oct. 17.
New York Council Cocktail Reception, Tue. Oct. 27, Le Parker Meridien, New York, N.Y. Contact: 610-660-1247 or bjackson@sju.edu.
Shield of Loyola, Fri., Oct. 30, Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Recipient: James J. Maguire ’58. For more information, see inside back cover.
Real Estate and Construction Alumni Luncheon, Thu., Dec. 10, Union League, Philadelphia. Contact: 610-660-3294 or jstewart@sju.edu.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 14 ON CAMPUS

Online: www.sju.edu/alumni/reunion.
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New Resource for Graduate, Off-Campus, Commuter and Adult Students

The new Graduate, Off-Campus, Commuter and Adult (GOCA) Student Life Office was created to assist adult and off-campus students in overcoming obstacles associated with a multi-tasked lifestyle and to provide resources to foster academic success. Programs and individual coaching sessions will enable these students to connect with University resources, explore academic options and develop strategies for meeting their goals.
Contact: Nancy Komada, Ph.D., senior director, at 610-660-1074 or njkomada@sju.edu, Campion Student Center 212.
SJU AWARDS JAMIE AND KAREN MOYER HONORARY DEGREES

Saint Joseph’s University has granted honorary doctorates of public service to former SJU student-athlete Jamie Moyer ’85, pitcher for the reigning World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies, and his wife, Karen.

The Moyers were honored at a special academic convocation held April 30 on the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus. They were recognized for their charitable work with The Moyer Foundation, which provides comfort and support to children enduring times of profound physical, emotional or financial distress. Since its inception in 2000, the foundation has raised over $17 million to assist more than 170 different nonprofit organizations that serve the needs of children in such situations.

“We welcome [the Moyers] into our academic community because of who they are and what they believe,” said University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., during the ceremony. “Jamie and Karen are true collaborators in a world that needs all the positive energy it can get. They put no limits on their love and devotion to improving the human condition. The University is proud to recognize the example set by this extraordinary couple.”

In his acceptance speech, Jamie said, “It is fitting and very meaningful that Karen and I are accepting this award as a team. It is such a tremendous and humbling honor.”

He concluded his speech by joking, “I look forward to returning to my teammates as not only the oldest member of the Phillies, but also the only one who can call himself a doctor.”

A Saint Joseph’s student from 1982 to 1984, Jamie holds the pitching records for both strikeouts in a season and ERA. His No. 10 is the only retired jersey in the history of Hawks baseball, and he was inducted into the Saint Joseph’s Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999.

Following the convocation ceremony, attendees continued the celebration on the Maguire Campus baseball field, where uniformed members of the SJU varsity baseball team practiced with 30 Little Leaguers from the Narberth Athletic Association.

“We cannot thank you enough for one of the best days of our lives,” said Karen.
NEW INSTITUTE STRENGTHENS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Saint Joseph’s has created a Criminal Justice and Public Safety Institute, that brings together the graduate programs in criminal justice, public safety management, homeland security and environmental protection safety management.

“We looked at the strengths of these graduate programs, while assessing the needs of law enforcement and public safety entities in the 21st century, and realized we had the resources to do something significant,” said Patricia Griffin ’81 (B.S.), director of the new institute.

Housed in the University’s sociology department, the institute seeks to further advance SJU’s strong track record in the areas of criminal justice and public safety.

“Current availability of autism education, research and support is disproportionate with the needs of the millions of professionals and families impacted by the disorder,” said Hondros. “The Kinney Center will meet the needs of all those affected by autism.”

The center’s top priorities are to address the lack of proper training for individuals who evaluate, treat, educate and provide other services for people living with autism; provide outreach and advocacy; create a safe environment for family members to network and gather information; and serve as a resource for understanding and becoming involved with autism-related public policy.

“There are many centers and institutes that specialize in research and medicine,” said Michelle Rowe, Ph.D., executive director of the Kinney Center and associate professor of interdisciplinary health services, “but what makes our center special is the focus on the needs of those who struggle day-to-day with autism.”

Online: www.sju.edu/academics/centers/cjps/

PART-TIME M.B.A. EARNS TOP RANKING

Saint Joseph’s Erivan K. Haub School of Business (HSB) has the number one part-time M.B.A. program in Pennsylvania, according to U.S. News & World Report’s ranking for 2010. The AACSB-accredited program placed 23rd nationally.

“Our success in the rankings is a testament to the academic opportunities we provide and the reputation of our highly skilled faculty, students and alumni,” said HSB Dean Joseph DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.).

This is the fifth time in seven years that HSB’s professional M.B.A. program was ranked among the top 25 part-time programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report’s survey. The University’s professional M.B.A. distinguishes itself with its ethics-based curriculum and focus on developing leaders with strong analytical skills, technical competence and social responsibility.

Online: www.sju.edu/academics/centers/autism
FEDERAL AGENCY AWARDS
$795K TO DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER

Saint Joseph’s University’s Early Responders Distance Learning Center (ERDLC) — which works closely with the federal government to provide state-of-the-art and accredited training for U.S. emergency response personnel — was awarded $795,000 from the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG) to develop a port security computer simulation program. TSWG is a national interagency program for counter-terrorism that brings port security to the virtual world through a simulated learning environment.

Users employ the simulation program almost like a video game — in first person as characters — by controlling and responding to an unfolding scenario. They will explore a simulated port environment, encounter suspicious persons, engage them in a line of questioning, determine their level of risk and either apprehend the individuals or send them on their way. A built-in scoring system will track each decision point in the game and determine the user’s level of success.

“Simulated learning environments allow users to replicate real-world scenarios without the real-world consequences,” said Paul DeVito, Ph.D., executive director of ERDLC and associate provost. “Additionally, they allow users to experience situations that would otherwise be too costly, too risky or nearly impossible to achieve in a real-world environment.”

The program is designed to benefit military, security and law enforcement personnel and the general emergency response community.

Online: erdlc.sju.edu

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY
RECOGNIZES SJU ALUMNI

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), the international business honor society, recognized two dedicated Saint Joseph’s alumni and former trustees, Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.) and Mary Lou (Finlayson) Quinlan ’75 (B.A.), for their business achievements.

Duperreault, president and CEO of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., received BGS’s 2009 Business Achievement Award, which honors individuals who have made significant accomplishments in business and contributions to the community.

Quinlan, founder and CEO of Just Ask a Woman, was awarded the 2009 Medallion for Entrepreneurship, which acknowledges individuals who contribute significantly to the strength of the economy, combining innovative business achievement with service to humanity.

Saint Joseph’s BGS chapter was also named as an Outstanding Chapter.


SAINT JOSEPH’S CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT 2009

Saint Joseph’s held its 2009 commencement ceremonies on May 16. Undergraduate commencement speaker Chris Matthews, MSNBC’s Hardball host and television news anchor, received an honorary doctor of communications. Cornel West, Ph.D., a civil rights champion and professor of religion and Afro-American studies at Princeton University, spoke at the graduate ceremony. He was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters.
SJU ADDS TWO NEW MINORS

Two new minors are giving SJU students opportunities to enhance their curricula. Minors in the music industry and communication studies connect areas of study in the College of Arts and Sciences with business fundamentals offered by the University’s Erivan K. Haub School of Business.

The music industry minor provides fine and performing arts majors with the business and legal knowledge necessary for professional success in the field.

Likewise, said David Allan, Ph.D. ’98 (M.B.A.), assistant professor of marketing, “The minor provides the business marketing student with an appreciation of the creative process that will allow them to market it in such a way that would be impossible without this behind-the-curtain knowledge.”

The minor in communication studies will allow students to enrich their study of public relations, advertising, print and broadcast journalism, convergent media, technical writing, business writing, writing for the Web and digital media production.

According to Jenny Spinner, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, the program will also focus on ethics and social justice. “We felt it was important to the mission of the University,” she explained, “and it will set our program apart from other communications programs in the area.”

STUDENT SCORES GRANT TO HELP RETURNING SOLDIERS

Senior English major Heather Goldsmith spent part of her internship last spring writing grant proposals to obtain funds for Operation First Response (OFR, www.operationfirstresponse.org), a nonprofit organization that supports the nation’s wounded soldiers and their families who have personal and financial needs. In March, she secured a $200,000 grant — the single-largest donation in OFR’s history — from the Bob Woodruff Family Foundation.

“My roommate’s boyfriend was in Iraq at the time, which made me realize how much we take for granted, and how worthwhile it is to help soldiers in their time of need,” the Voorhees, N.J., native explained.

Although aid varies by individual need, many OFR donations go toward a soldier’s payment of rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries, clothing or air/ground transportation. The organization also donates frequent flyer miles to family members who would otherwise be unable to visit their loved ones recuperating in military hospitals overseas, and it assembles and mails backpack care packages for soldiers. In 2008, Operation First Response provided financial support to 977 families.

According to Jim Still ’76 (B.S.), OFR’s director of strategic planning in Media, Pa., “Instead of waiting two and a half years for VA benefits to come through, injured soldiers can call the organization one morning and receive a check that same afternoon with no red tape.

“The whole charity field could be so positively impacted if more students learned how to make a difference, like Heather, as part of their education.”

WAWRO LEADS DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Saint Joseph’s has named Matthew J. Wawro vice president for development and alumni relations. With more than 25 years of advancement experience primarily in higher and secondary education, he will provide leadership and strategic vision as the University’s chief fundraiser. He will head the effort to successfully complete its $150 million comprehensive campaign, With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University and develop the strategy for the next major fundraising initiative.

“Matt brings many strengths to Saint Joseph’s including campaign leadership, exceptional management skills and the desire to engage alumni in all facets of their alma mater,” said University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. “However, one of the things that impresses me most about Matt is his desire to fully immerse himself in our mission.”

Wawro joins SJU after serving as chief advancement officer at the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., one of the 10 largest independent schools in the country, where he helped launch a $150 million comprehensive campaign for Cranbrook Educational Community.
BUSINESS DEAN SERVES ON ACCREDITATION QUALITY COMMITTEE

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) has appointed Erivan K. Haub School of Business Dean Joseph DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), as a vice chair of its Accreditation Quality Committee. He will hold a leadership role in overseeing the five-year maintenance of review of AACSB-accredited business schools — a key component of the ongoing continuous improvement process required by AACSB standards.

DiAngelo was also named a member of the governing board responsible for reviewing and approving the City of Philadelphia’s financial planning and budgetary practices. He said he is “grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the City of Philadelphia.”

CLASS OF 2009 CREATES SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Saint Joseph’s graduating class forms a Senior Committee to raise funds for a class gift to the University. This year’s gift is particularly timely with the financial struggles facing so many who are trying to afford a college education.

The committee has put the majority of the money toward an unprecedented senior class gift — a scholarship for a member of the Class of 2010. The $5,000 grant will ensure that a deserving junior will be able to complete his or her degree at SJU.

“The Class of 2009 Scholarship truly reflects the spirit of Saint Joseph’s,” said Cary Anderson, Ed.D., vice president for student life. “It combines the desire to help others with the bond of Hawk Hill. With the current state of the economy, the scholarship will go a long way to help a financially struggling junior reach graduation.”

NEW ALUMNI RECEIVE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Three recent graduates have won prestigious Fulbright Scholarships to teach English abroad. The scholarships are part of an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government to increase mutual understanding between international communities.

Kevin Connors ’09 (B.S.), a finance and economics double major who minored in Asian studies, gave up a job offer with financial firm J.P. Morgan to teach English in Taiwan. “Ultimately, I would like to become a professor or open my own school,” said Connors, who hopes that his teaching experience will build a foundation for his future career.

Christina Franzese ’08 (B.A.), who graduated in December with an English major and a Spanish minor, is heading to Argentina. “I am confident that this experience will improve my Spanish and thereby further empower me to pursue a career in international relations, whether it be in teaching or practicing law,” she said.

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BUSINESS STUDENTS LEARN FROM BILLIONAIRE

On March 26, several Saint Joseph’s University business students traveled to Omaha, Neb., to attend a question-and-answer session with billionaire entrepreneur and philanthropist Warren Buffett. This year’s Erivan K. Haub School of Business Hall of Fame Recipient Thomas Nerney ’96 (M.B.A.) arranged this unique opportunity for the undergraduates and faculty.

Buffet offered reassuring advice for the students facing one of the toughest job markets in years. “He told us that, despite the Wall Street crash, we’re living in a better society today than ever before,” recalled accounting major Christopher Savino ’10, who hails from Andover, NJ. “Buffet said that there are plenty of career opportunities for us, as long as we’re willing to take some risk.”
“Asia and the Environment,” a two-day interdisciplinary conference, brought experts in the environmental challenges facing Asia’s rising powers, India and China, to campus in March. The conference was sponsored by Saint Joseph’s Bernadette B. and James J. Nealis ’69 Program in Asian Studies.

Conference organizer David Carpenter, Ph.D., director of Saint Joseph’s Asian Studies program and associate professor of theology, said the presentations conveyed that “no matter how effective the West may become in limiting our historically high contribution to such things as greenhouse gases, if India and China do not follow suit, we will be facing a very problematic future indeed.”

The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty ’85 (B.S.), former secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and current secretary of the Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees, delivered the keynote address.
ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY RETIRE

Three Arts and Sciences faculty members retired this year: Concha Alborg, Ph.D., professor of Spanish, Francis Burch, S.J., professor of English, and Albert Jenemann, S.J., professor of philosophy. “Professor Alborg, Fr. Jenemann and Fr. Burch have provided 104 years of collective dedicated service to their academic departments,” said William Madges, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Through their teaching, scholarship, and commitment to the University, they earned the respect and gratitude of their colleagues as well as that of generations of students.”

• Alborg came to Saint Joseph’s in 1982. She has been recognized with the Tengelmann Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research and the Faculty Merit Award for Teaching. Alborg served as advisor for Spanish majors as well as former associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Gender Studies program.

• Fr. Burch joined the faculty in 1967. The recipient of several teaching awards, his areas of interest included ironic, conversational French and Anglo-American poetry and the neoplatonic tradition in literature and religion. He was a moderator for Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society, and Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society.

• Fr. Jenemann began teaching at Saint Joseph’s in 1974 and has contributed much to the academic, administrative and spiritual life of the University. He has published in the fields of medical ethics, philosophy of God and French Existentialism and worked as a consultant for the American College of Radiology, St. Agnes Medical Center and Villa St. Joseph.

FR. GENOVESI BECOMES NEW JESUIT COMMUNITY RECTOR

Vincent J. Genovesi, S.J., professor of theology, has been appointed rector of the Jesuit Community at Saint Joseph’s University. His six-year term began July 1.

A previous winner of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching as well as three other merit-teaching awards, Fr. Genovisi has been a professor on Hawk Hill for 36 years.

“My whole life has been student-oriented,” he noted, acknowledging the adjustment to his new role. “I plan to learn by doing. My main concern will be to ensure that the Jesuit community is running smoothly and that the men are provided for in their spiritual needs.”

University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., welcomed Fr. Genovisi to his new role. “Saint Joseph’s is fortunate to have such a talented and engaged member of the community as Fr. Genovisi,” said Fr. Lannon, “and I am confident that the Jesuit Community will thrive under his leadership.”
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), associate vice president and athletics director, received the 2009 Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest award presented by the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA).

Ken Kavanagh, 2008-09 Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award Committee chair and director of athletics at Florida Gulf Coast University, said of DiJulia, “He is an integral member of the Division I-AAA ADA executive committee, has been a tremendous contributor since the formation of our association, and certainly befits to the utmost all of the characteristics that this honor represents.”

DiJulia, who earned a degree in political science from Saint Joseph’s, is in his fifth decade of affiliation with the University. Over the past 19 years, he has overseen a growth in the athletics department — five varsity teams added, a new weight-training facility built, athletics fund drives initiated and facilities updated. During his tenure, the 2003-04 men’s basketball team gained national attention with its perfect season, and now his department is undergoing its biggest project with the expansion and renovation of Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse.

Through it all, he stresses the importance of the student-athlete with the institution of the SJU Athletics Director’s Honor Roll, as well as senior Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Prior to his current SJU post, DiJulia served as the Hawks athletics director from 1976 to 1981, commissioner of the East Coast Conference for two years, and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference commissioner in 1984-88.

SAINT JOSEPH’S LAUNCHES NEW ADULT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees has approved the renaming of University College to the College of Professional and Liberal Studies, effective with the fall 2009 semester. The new name and forthcoming rebranding effort — “Your Degree, Your Way” — is designed to signify the University’s renewed commitment to adult undergraduate education. Saint Joseph’s original Evening Division was the first in the region and has been serving the adult continuing education market since 1943.

Along with the Professional and Liberal Studies name comes a restructuring of the General Education Requirement (GER) to provide greater flexibility and accessibility in meeting the unique needs of adult students. Several new academic concentrations are also planned for this fall, including video game animation and graphics. Scheduled for 2010 are concentrations in environmental studies, media and technology, and public administration.

These and other enrollment expansion initiatives will make a Saint Joseph’s education more obtainable to adult students. Dual admission agreements with the Community College of Philadelphia and Bucks County Community College start this fall and with Camden County Community College and Montgomery County Community College in the spring. In addition, an on-site degree completion program at AmeriHealth Mercy is under way along with other educational alliances throughout the region.

Online: www.sju.edu/academics/pls

MAVERICKS DRAFT AHMAD NIVINS ’09 TO NBA

Ahmad Nivins ’09 (B.S.) has signed a contract to play professionally in Spain for Manresa in the prestigious ACB League. The Dallas Mavericks, who selected him in the second round of the 2009 NBA Draft, will continue to hold his rights. Nivins was the 28th Hawk to be chosen in the NBA Draft, the first since Jameer Nelson ’04 and Delonte West ’05.

The 2009 Atlantic 10 and Big 5 Player of the Year, Nivins was the nation’s most efficient offensive college player last season, averaging 1.83 points per shot. The Jersey City, N.J., native and former sociology major is SJU’s career leader in field goal percentage (62.7) and one of three players in Hawk history to record over 1,700 points and 900 rebounds. He finished his career as the third leading scorer and sixth leading rebounder in Saint Joseph’s history.
COACHES AND TEAMS RECOGNIZED

Saint Joseph’s athletics brought in a host of awards and plenty of recognition for its teams’ successes last spring.

Women’s rowing coach Gerry Quinlan and women’s lacrosse mentor Denise Roessler were each named Atlantic 10 Coaches of the Year for their respective sports, while first-year baseball head coach Fritz Hamburg received the same honor from his fellow Big 5 baseball coaches.

The athletes also earned awards. Softball freshman Monica Aguilar (Buena Park, Calif.) was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year while rowing standout Debbie Bateman ’09 (B.S.) was chosen the Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete of the Year for her sport for the second time. Bateman maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.95 and graduated with honors in May. She is a three-time Academic All-Conference selection and was the Philadelphia Inquirer’s Academic All-Area Rowing Performer of the Year in both 2007 and 2008.

In addition, two SJU women’s teams reached the finals of their conference championships. The softball and lacrosse teams both made it to the Atlantic 10 Championships, a first for lacrosse.

NEW AIG SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS INSURANCE STUDENTS

A new scholarship grant from AIG, Inc., is allowing 10 finance majors in the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance (RMI) at the Erivan K. Haub School of Business to feel a little more secure about financing their education.

The grant, which totals $250,000, allows Saint Joseph’s to offer the scholarship for at least five years. The AIG, Inc., Annual Risk Management and Insurance Scholarship is awarded to juniors and seniors who plan to pursue careers in that field. Last year, approximately 80 students specialized in RMI, a track within the finance department since 2006. Finance is the second most popular major at Saint Joseph’s.

“We want to see RMI continue to grow,” said David Benglian, who worked in the industry for 30 years and is now executive director of the Academy. “Our goal is to have 10 percent of business students enrolled in the RMI track and to be positioned to provide scholarships to 25 percent of them.”

SJU NAMES SECOND FEMALE HAWK MASCOT

Senior marketing major Brienne Ryan of Blue Bell, Pa., has been selected as the Saint Joseph’s University Hawk mascot for the 2009-10 academic year. She becomes the 32nd student to represent the University as its men’s basketball mascot and the second woman to hold the post in the 53 years of one of college basketball’s most famous traditions.

EDUCATION PROFESSOR NAMED FAITH-JUSTICE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

Virginia Goulding Johnson, Ph.D., who has taught in the education department since 1993, has been appointed the new director of the Faith-Justice Institute.

Johnson will manage operations at the institute and ensure its programs are running smoothly. Her key responsibilities will involve overseeing the faith-justice studies minor, developing and implementing faith-justice and service-learning courses, directing an advisory board, and serving as a liaison with external partners.

“I hope to bring the really important work the institute does to a broader University and community audience, and to assist SJU in meeting its Ignatian service goals,” Johnson said.

UNIVERSITY RENEWS LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH URSINUS COLLEGE

Celebrating their 25th year as partners, Ursinus College and Saint Joseph’s University have extended their articulation agreement through 2014. The following graduate degree programs are offered on the Ursinus campus:

- Part-time Professional M.B.A.
- Master of Science in Financial Services
- Master of Science in Health Administration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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Who’s Getting fresh?

By Kristen A. Graham

In an effort to eat safer and more delicious food, and to support the local economy and environment, more consumers are looking to buy locally produced food. Many don’t have far to search.

Farmers markets are flourishing. Restaurants and supermarkets trumpet their partnerships with local growers. Even the first family has gotten into the act, with Michelle Obama planting a vegetable garden to help supply the White House with kale, red romaine lettuce and spinach grown a stone’s throw from the Oval Office.

Proponents of the eat-local movement stress consuming fruits, vegetables, meats and other foods grown hours rather than days away. There are benefits for health, the local economy and the environment, they say. No longer a fringe campaign or a fad, the eating-locally-grown-foods movement has hit its stride, moving into the mainstream.

Sodexho, one of the world’s largest food-service companies, now sources from hundreds of regional farmers; it is redesigning menus to focus on seasonal and local ingredients. Retail giant Wal-Mart has begun selling hundreds of millions of dollars worth of locally grown produce at its stores, with officials saying they’re paying attention to lowering fuel costs and reducing their carbon footprint.

John Stanton, Ph.D., professor and chair of Saint Joseph’s food marketing department, says the movement began to gather steam after Sept. 11, 2001 — when Americans became more interested in the safety of what was entering the country — and gained momentum recently after food safety scares in China, Mexico and elsewhere. Local foods, consumers feel, represent a defense against tainted food.

“Apparently, traditional food safety standards aren’t working,” said Stanton, who has studied the movement and testified as Whole Foods’ food marketing expert before the Federal Trade Commission. “Consumers are saying, ‘Whom do I trust? My neighbors. I believe that local farmers are doing the right thing, and therefore, I think if I buy local, I’m probably more likely to have safe food.’”

Though that’s not necessarily the case, Stanton likens it to buying an insurance premium. “Just as your house probably won’t burn down if you don’t have fire insurance,” he says, “you probably won’t get sick if you don’t buy local. But it’s a little extra precaution.”

Laura England, executive vice president for communications at the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, says that consumers like the fact that their milk comes from a cow
close to home. “Most milk travels about 100 miles from the dairy to the grocery,” says England, who is working toward a post-certificate in Saint Joseph’s executive food marketing program. “Generally, people are interested in where their food comes from. There’s interest and ownership in what happens on the farm, and it helps dairy farmers to have good relationships with their communities.”

Then, of course, there’s the taste factor, too. A farmers market peach may have been picked 24 hours before you buy it, while food from the supermarket was likely harvested weeks or even months ago. People are realizing that when food travels thousands of miles to get to a supermarket shelf, it isn’t necessarily the tastiest option. Foods grown and sold locally can be bred for taste, rather than designed with characteristics that make them safe to ship or withstand industrial harvesting.

“When you eat a New Jersey home-grown tomato,” laughs Stanton, “you’d think your tongue threw a party for your mouth.”

These days, it’s easier for the average family to seek out local foods. “Five years ago, it was difficult to find locally grown food in a supermarket,” says Richard George, Ph.D., a food marketing professor at Saint Joseph’s. “Now, you have options.”

Dennis Wolff is secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which partners with Saint Joseph’s Center for Food Marketing to produce research and facilitate marketing initiatives. He says that local residents are lucky to have an abundance of healthy, locally produced foods at their disposal.

“Buying local benefits everyone,” Wolff notes. “By supporting our local farmers, we are not only boosting the state’s economy by keeping our dollars here in the Commonwealth, we are doing our part to decrease the carbon footprint by transporting less food across state lines.”

The retail food industry has recognized that people are paying attention to where their food is grown, and it’s now more common to see local produce played up in grocery stores. Wegman’s, a family-owned regional chain with stores in the Northeast, Maryland and Virginia, has long paid attention to where its produce was grown. “If you go into a store in season, they might be merchandising a big pile of corn or strawberries, and they’ll say which farm it’s from,” says Nancy M. Childs, Ph.D., a food marketing professor and research fellow of the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics at Saint Joseph’s. “They use that in merchandising, in advertising.”

There might be a photo of the farmer who grew your strawberries, a sign with the name and location of his farm and a photo of him and his family. It’s a trend also catching on in restaurants, many of which are stressing local, in-season ingredients on their menus. “They’re teaching their waiters to say things like, ‘We have this salad with locally grown tomatoes and basil from such-and-such farm,’” Stanton says. “It just catches people’s ear.”

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Proponents of the eating-local movement say there are more than just taste and food safety concerns at stake. The National Resources Defense Council reports that every year, 270 million pounds of grapes arrive in California, most coming to the Port of Los Angeles from Chile. That 5,900-mile trip in cargo ships and trucks releases 7,000 tons of global warming pollution annually. Eating local curbs global warming and air pollution and allows consumers to avoid pesticides, the nonprofit points out. There’s also the value to the local economy in the turn toward food grown close to home. People feel good supporting farmers in their communities.

The government’s Agricultural Marketing Service confirms that the number of farmers markets continues to grow, with 1,200 of them in Pennsylvania, notes Wolff. It follows that sales are up at farmers markets nationally, according to the Farmers Market Coalition. Also growing in popularity are community-supported agriculture groups (CSAs) — networks where interested consumers buy a “share” from a local farmer, and in return get a box, basket or bag of vegetables, fruits or other products from the farmer every week throughout the farming season. There are Web sites — www.buylocalpa.org and www.nj.gov/jerseyfresh, for example — to track farms and farmers markets in various areas. There’s even a term, “locavore” — memorialized as the 2007 Word of the Year by the New Oxford American Dictionary — to describe someone who survives on a diet of food grown or produced locally, within a certain radius, usually about 100 miles.

An unemployed worker, for instance, might have time to plant a vegetable garden and hunt for farmers markets. A year ago, Childs says, these folks might be buying organic or gourmet products, but now they’re interested in fresh, locally grown produce. “It’s an interesting way that consumers have adjusted and compensated,” she notes.

In downtown Washington, D.C., even the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has taken the land around its property and turned it into a garden. The Vermont-based National Gardening Association estimates that a modest $70 investment in home food gardening yields a bountiful return — an average of $600 worth of food. There’s no need for a complement of fancy, expensive tools or a huge plot of land to make a garden worthwhile.

Childs, a member of Pennsylvania Gov. Rendell’s Food Safety Council, points out that eating local has gotten a boon from the recession. “Everybody’s assessing their budget, and wondering whether it’s time to downgrade their product choices and brands,” she observes. “They’re buying more fresh, and growing more fresh, and getting more fresh locally. They’re looking for ways to spend less and eat better. It’s people’s way of accommodating budget change but feeling like they’re getting more for less.”

Eating local isn’t without challenges, though. “You can put an awful lot of time and energy into a backyard garden and end up feeding birds and rabbits and having other disappointments with your crop,” Childs says. “Right now, we’re gung-ho in an idealistic way. It’s good to do this; it’s good to return to sustainability — but it’s not necessarily easy.”
Childs expects that when the economy begins to right itself, some of the backyard gardens now springing up will go away. But the awareness of locally grown food won’t, she believes. “You’ve got generations of young people who’ve never tried to raise a tomato, and now they are,” she says. “They’ll find out what works for them in their environment, and maybe they’ll join CSAs.”

Eating local can be a “tricky concept,” cautions George. “What does eating local mean?” he asks. “Anyone can show up at the local farmers market. How were the animals raised? What are the standards for safety and cleanliness? There’s no guarantee the food is what we think it is.”

Even educated locavores have to wade through a thicket of choices — what is local? Is it within 50 miles, or 100, or 150? If it’s grown in the United States, is it local? “It means different things to different people,” says George. “It doesn’t have a firm definition.” Often, there’s also confusion over what’s local — grown close to home — and organic. Organic foods must meet very specific criteria to earn that designation — no pesticides or herbicides can be used, for instance, and the product must be grown on land that hasn’t used those chemicals for three years. No such regulated concept applies to locally grown food.

The point? Consumers should pay close attention to labeling and know where their food comes from. “Just because it’s in a roadside stand doesn’t mean that it’s locally produced,” says Stanton. “You need to make sure when you go to farmers markets and open air markets that it is local food. You really do need to ask.”

Understanding where food comes from has become easier, though. Most food canned, packaged or boxed in another country already had to be labeled with its country of origin, but recently, the USDA began mandating “Country of Origin Labeling” for most fresh foods. That should bolster the eat-local movement, Stanton says. “It draws attention to products that aren’t local,” he says. “It will dramatize the origins of food.” Already, the “Jersey Fresh,” and “PA Preferred” logos and labels help consumers identify foods from growers.

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within those states, and shoppers know to look for them.

And while it’s easy to eat a rich array of local foods in the summer, today’s shoppers want to eat peaches, corn and blueberries in the dead of winter, too. “We’re accustomed to strawberries at Christmastime,” says Rocco Cardinale, director of marketing for Franklin Foods, a Vermont-based dairy manufacturer/marketer, and member of the Thought Leaders Advisory Panel for Saint Joseph’s Center for Consumer Research. “A majority of mainstream consumers are conditioned to having a variety of produce available year round.”

Cardinale grew up in California, only 50 miles from “a wide assortment of foods to enjoy,” he says — where seafood, fruits and vegetables are abundant. “I’m predisposed to buying local, no doubt about it,” he admits. And while it’s relatively easy to eat primarily local produce in California, in Vermont or even in Philadelphia (during certain times of the year), those who live in some parts of the country would definitely have a tougher time.

Another roadblock is buy-in: While some supermarkets pay attention to the eating local movement, others find it too costly. “Supermarkets have discovered they don’t have the economies of scale — when you ship in a billion pounds of asparagus from Chile, you can sell it at the lowest possible price,” says Stanton. “Everyone thinks about the small farmer; it has this romantic sense to it. But they tend to be not as efficient as larger farms.”

Still, technology has made reaching out to farmers, whom supermarkets found tough to contact years ago, much easier. And it’s not simply a matter of supply and demand, Stanton points out — the producers of locally grown food have a real point of differentiation. “It’s only supply and demand if the product is equal, and local farmers are now giving value-added,” he explains. “It’s safer, it’s tastier — you’re going to the farmers market and buying produce from the guy who grew it.”

The turn toward locally grown foods is no fly-by-night phenomenon — though some may have begun to search out foods farmed close to home after a foreign food scare, the flavor and freshness of the product they find will probably keep them buying local after the food scare fades, experts say.

“It’s not a fad,” George states. “It’s here to stay.”

For Childs, the turn toward locally grown produce is welcome news. “I’m loving hearing about this trend,” she says. “The more consumers get in touch with the whole spectrum of food, where it’s from, how to slow down and enjoy it, the better we are. It’s a moment to step back and look at food for the whole spectrum of pleasure it provides, from the soil forward, as opposed to being just a shopping trip or a recipe. This is getting us more in touch with the sensuality of food.”

Cardinale agrees. “Local food provides a tangible connection and experience that can’t be replicated or satisfied on Facebook,” he says. “Great food can make every day enjoyable and is the catalyst to connect people in both social and business settings. Local food elevates these experiences by providing an additional link to our communities.”

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A Different CALL TO DUTY

One Jesuit's belief in the power of imagination brings healing to heroes — and leads to an unexpected, personal transformation.

by Patricia Allen

After 46 years of being called brother, Rick Curry, S.J. ’68 (B.A.), will take on a new mantle. Soon he will be ordained a Jesuit priest and known as Father Curry. The Philadelphia native will celebrate his first Mass at Old St. Joseph's Church on September 27, two weeks after his ordination.

Curry is happy, if not a little bemused, to be experiencing the transformation at the age of 66. “I've loved being a Jesuit brother,” he says. “I never felt called to be a priest until recently, but when I am ordained, I will be able to offer sacramental healing, which will be an amazing expansion of my ministry.”

Born without a right forearm, his parents told him “in the nicest way possible” that he could never become a doctor, a soldier or a priest.

“The right thumb and forefinger are anointed during ordination,” says Curry. “There is also an Old Testament tradition that dictates a priest or rabbi must be ‘without blemish.’”

For Curry, however, the Vatican granted an indult — a special exception to Canon Law — to study for the priesthood, so that he could deepen his involvement with men and women returning from war.

While grateful for this unusual consideration, he reiterates that it wasn't his idea. “The veterans called me to become a priest,” he states, matter-of-factly.

Disabled veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam became part of Curry's life after a fateful meeting with one such individual in New York City.

“I knew his sister, and she asked me to meet with him for spiritual counsel,” he says. The veteran was a triple amputee using his prosthetic legs for the first time. In the midst of a slashing Nor'easter, he insisted on taking the train to see Curry. “He was soaking wet, but he was very stubborn — and brave,” Curry adds quietly.

They talked. “He had so much bottled-up anger,” he recalls, “but he felt comfortable with me, because, like him, I have only one forearm. He told me about his experiences and asked for absolution. When I said I couldn’t absolve him, he became more furious. I explained that I was a brother and had never been called to be a priest.
"He asked, ‘What do you mean? Who has to call you?’ I said, ‘God, or the Christian community.’ He replied, ‘Well, then, I’m calling you. I want you to be a priest.’"

Curry was deeply troubled that he couldn’t administer the sacrament the man so desperately needed. “It shook me,” he says. “It was one more time he was let down.”

The veteran became the first of many to ask for absolution. “I would counsel a vet,” he says, “and he or she would say, ‘You’re a priest, right?’”

It was then, Curry says, that his next step became clear, and he petitioned Pope Benedict XVI for permission. He then spent two years at the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C., and earned a master of arts in theology. He became a deacon last May.

Curry speaks frankly, without rancor, about his disability. “I didn’t go to a one-handed school that taught me how to live in the two-fisted world,” he says. “I had to learn to adapt. It wasn’t always easy, but this disability is a gift from God.”

His father thought his son could be a lawyer when he grew up. To bolster his confidence, he enrolled his six year old in acting school. “There was no children’s theatre — my classmates were adults,” he remembers. “But I loved being with grown-ups, and I loved acting.”

Curry’s passion for theatre became his second vocation. It’s easy to imagine this warm and engaging man, who laughs easily and often, and uses his expressive voice to great effect, as a dynamic performer. He is an eloquent advocate for the power of theatre as a catalyst for transformation. “Theatre frees the imagination, which is essential to the liberation of the creative self,” he says. “This freedom, especially for a disabled person, is immensely healing.”

He attended St. Joseph’s Prep, entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1961, and enrolled at Saint Joseph’s College as an English major. Curry vividly remembers his friend, singer-songwriter John Denver, whom he had invited to appear on campus, putting the finishing touches on “Rocky Mountain High” in his Sullivan Hall dorm room.

Curry would go on to receive a master of arts in theatre from Villanova University. The charismatic actor, director and teacher — who, despite having one hand, speaks with both — returned to SJU to teach in the 1970s and founded the academic theatre program. He went on to New York University for a doctorate in educational theatre.

During graduate school, Curry — who would later appear on the hit television show Monk as one-armed psychiatrist Dr. Jonas Sorenson — was laughed out of a casting director’s office by someone who suggested it was ludicrous for a one-armed actor to audition for a commercial. After that, he decided to start a non-profit theatre program where disabled people would be welcome. He founded the National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped (NTWH, www.ntwh.org) in 1977.

Since then, it has trained more than 15,000 disabled theatre artists in its New York studio and been recognized in many publications and on national television and radio. SJU has awarded Curry both the Shield of Loyola and an honorary degree. He has received numerous cultural arts honors including the Distinguished Service Award of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities from former President George H. W. Bush.

In 1997, NTWH added the Crosby Campus, a beautiful seaside location in Belfast, Me., and the first international residential theatre school for persons with disabilities.

Curry didn’t stop there.

Several years ago, his ministries converged when he founded NTWH’s Wounded Warriors Writers’ Program (WWWP), established to bring disabled veterans, at no cost to them, to the Crosby Campus for 10-day writers’ workshops with professional writing teachers and other non-veteran disabled participants.

“Dramatic monologues have a therapeutic effect for the writer/performer, and I saw that veterans have a hunger to tell their stories,” says Curry. “They seek to be known and heard, in their own voices, and on their own terms.

“So they came to Maine, and write, and, little by little, their stories unfold. At the same time, they experience openings in their hearts and minds. The culmination of the program occurs when they or another NTWH actor reads or performs their monologue for an audience.”

The artistic process of the WWWP shares a hallmark of Ignatian spirituality — the daily examination of conscience, or the Examen, akin to taking a daily moral inventory, also part of 12-step programs.

Curry says that many disabled veterans struggle with addictions and may suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). “We understand a lot about its psychology,” observes Curry. “The missing piece is the spiritual. That is why this daily examination of conscience is so integral to the healing process.”

Last fall, Curry traveled the world to participate in five Convocations for Catholic Chaplains, offered by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, which ministers to every Catholic enlisted, their families, patients in Veterans Administration hospitals and federal employees serving overseas. There he introduced the Examen to 250 military chaplains.

“In the 17 years I have been observing Convocations,” says Rev. Msgr. Gerald McManus, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force, senior priest for the chief of chaplains and director of plans and programs, “it is safe to say that Brother Curry’s seminar was the most relevant and best received.”

Curry is now developing the Academy for Veterans, a one-year transitional program that will bring returning disabled veterans to Georgetown University to take courses tailored to their needs.

“We will assess their medical, psychological and educational needs,” says Curry. “After that, they will go to the Crosby Campus for the writing program, because the life of the imagination is essential to their recovery. They will be supported and enveloped by all of that natural beauty, and the healing process can begin.”

“These wounded warriors and their families have sacrificed so much,” he emphasizes. “They have been blinded, lost limbs, are paralyzed and deviled by PTSD. And no matter what you may think of the wars, these soldiers are serving us, yet their lives are in tatters when they come home. We can’t let these heroes be marginalized and forgotten.”

As Father Curry, he will continue serving the disabled, both civilians and veterans alike. It is what he has been called to do.

Patricia Allen, associate director of university communications, is proud of her brother, on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, and her father, who was an Air Force veteran of the Cold War era.
Spacious, spectacular and state-of-the-art have not typically described Saint Joseph’s athletics facilities, but with the opening of the Ramsay Basketball Center in June, the University entered a new era. Named in honor of Hall of Fame coach Jack Ramsay, Ed.D. ’49 (B.A.), the new building provides the teams with the finest amenities and assures Dr. Jack’s lasting legacy for generations of future Hawks.
“The Ramsay Center provides an excellent home for our men’s and women’s basketball programs,” says University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. “Our coaches, student-athletes and athletic department staff finally have space worthy of a first-class NCAA Division I operation with a history as rich in tradition and success as that of our Hawks. The Ramsay Center and Hagan Arena will have an immeasurable impact on our students and the entire University community.”

Ramsay was the clear choice when it came to naming the building. “To walk every day into a Center named for Dr. Jack Ramsay is an honor,” says men’s basketball head coach Phil Martelli. “Jack epitomizes Saint Joseph’s and SJU basketball. I consider myself very fortunate to play a role in the tremendous history of this program, but Jack Ramsay sits at the top of the mountain. The Center could only be named for him.”

The venerable Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse, described as quaint, cramped and cozy, lacked the resources of many top-tier high schools — let alone those of a University seeking to achieve preeminence. The fact that the men’s and women’s teams combined to reach the postseason 54 times and won nearly 80 percent of their home games during nearly 60 seasons in the historic building is a testament to the coaches and student-athletes. “We are asking young men and women to compete and perform with the very best in their sport,” notes women’s basketball head coach Cindy Griffin ’91 (B.S.), ‘93 (M.B.A). “A place to truly become a team is paramount.”

Among the speakers featured during the program were former Alumni Association President Tess Boyle ’84, the widow of former men’s basketball coach Jim Boyle ’64; DiJulia ’67, and Ramsay’s daughter Susan Dailey.
Among the highlights, the new two-story, 20,000-square-foot facility features spacious locker rooms and lounge areas for players, a reception area, expanded coaches offices, conference rooms, academic/video study space and film editing suites.

The Center is also the home of the new and beautifully appointed Wynne Hall of Fame room featuring an upscale conference room and lounge area complete with flat-screen TVs. Just outside the Hall of Fame room, guests can take in a striking view of campus from the well-manicured patio space. The building also includes new offices and expanded archives for the Office of Athletic Communications.

“The Saint Joseph’s experience has always been focused on what we have and not what we lack,” observes Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.). “With the opening of the Ramsay Center and the Arena later this fall, we are not lacking anymore. We finally have facilities that match the passion we all share for this University.”

Among the new amenities are spacious locker rooms and lounge areas. Jamie ’84 and Lisa Maguire (above) donated the women’s locker room and lounge. Jameer Nelson ’04 (right) was the donor for the men’s locker room.

A member of both SJU’s baseball and basketball Halls of Fame, Wynne ’63 was the naming donor for the new Hall of Fame Room.

Men’s basketball head coach Phil Martelli’s expanded office suite was donated by Barbara McKenna and family in memory of former player Charles McKenna, Ph.D. ’66.

Named in honor of former player William A. Conway ’43, the new Conway Lobby was a gift of William ’68 and Susan Conway and John ’75 and Rosemary ’76 Conway.
To label him simply a coach or commentator doesn't tell the story. More descriptive, perhaps, are teacher, scholar, ambassador, icon. Others, without exaggeration, prefer Living Legend.

In the sport of basketball and well beyond, the life of Jack Ramsay, Ed.D. ’49 (B.A.), is one worth emulating. While his coaching statistics are staggering — a .765 winning percentage (234-72) over 11 seasons on Hawk Hill, including 10 postseason tournaments and the 1961 Final Four; plus 864 victories in 20 NBA seasons, including the ’77 World Championship with the Portland Trail Blazers — it's much more than numbers that set him apart.

For the man everyone calls “Dr. Jack,” basketball, and life itself, are more an academic exercise than a sport. Always learning, always striving, always competing, Ramsay's singular approach has spawned a coaching legacy unmatched in the history of the sport.

Many have taught the game. Few have applied a doctorate in education, which Ramsay earned at the University of Pennsylvania in 1963, to that pursuit. Ramsay's published works — *Pressure Basketball* and *The Coach's Art* — have stood the test of time. His more recent work, *Leadership Lessons Learned from a Lifetime in Basketball*, is a must for those in and out of the game.

His best-ever player, legendary UCLA and NBA center Bill Walton, who anchored the champion Trail Blazers team, is effusive in his praise.

“Dr. Jack taught the game. He was a teacher,” he says. “Jack Ramsay is a Hall of Famer at both. We all loved playing for Dr. Jack, but we loved being with him even more. I know how much he meant to the Portland Trail Blazers, where he made me the best player that I ever was, so I can imagine how revered he is at Saint Joseph’s — where it all began.”

Current Saint Joseph's Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics Don DiJulia '67 (B.S.) also played for Ramsay and speaks for hundreds of former players in remembering the man beyond the coach.

“Ramsay was the Wilt [Chamberlain] of his era,” DiJulia says. “He taught us all to ‘compete and compete hard.’ It was all about teamwork. He is still positive, upbeat and inspirational. He’d make us believe that beating Duke was as easy as beating Albright.”

Ramsay, in turn, took his own substantial lessons from the experience.

“I was privileged to work with students of the highest quality,” he said. “They were great, tough-minded competitors who played their hearts out for team success. My experiences at Saint Joseph’s as a student, athlete, coach, teacher and administrator were immensely fulfilling and helped form me as a Christian person.”

Ramsay mentored five would-be NBA head coaches from Saint Joseph's — Jack McKinney '57 (B.S.), Paul Westhead ’61 (B.S.), Jim Lynam ’63 (B.S.), Matt Guokas ’66 (B.S.) and Jim O'Brien ’74 (B.S.) — along with future NBA assistants, including the late Jim Boyle ’64 (B.S.). His first position in the professional ranks as general manager of the 1966-67 Philadelphia 76ers resulted in a world championship and one of the most dominant teams the game has even known.

“How lucky can a guy get?” he asks. “For all but the earliest years of my life, I have played, coached and been associated with a game that I have loved since my father bolted that basketball hoop to the barn door. I feel like I’ve never really worked a day in my professional life.”

What an understatement. A 1992 Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Ramsay was named one of Ten Greatest Coaches in NBA History. His combined victory total of 1,098, college and professional, is among the highest in the history of basketball. The senior triathlete became part of the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame inaugural class in 1999. Since 1996, he has been a broadcaster for ESPN.

From humble beginnings at Upper Darby (Pa.) High School and Mount Pleasant High in Delaware, where he first coached, from the Philadelphia Big 5 to the National Basketball Association, from clinics in untold countries to press rooms across America, Dr. Jack Ramsay represents his sport and the people in it like no one else. He is indeed a Living Legend, and now one whose name lives forever on Hawk Hill.

Joe Lunardi is the assistant vice president for marketing communications and a long-time broadcaster for the Saint Joseph’s Sports Network.
Just a few weeks on the job at Citigroup’s Manhattan branch, Nick Meliti couldn’t believe what was happening in the banking industry. It was October 11, 2008, and the unpredictably volatile stock market had just suffered its worst week in 75 years; the fallout from the subprime mortgage collapse continued to resonate; the U.S. banking system floundered and swelled with enticing news of a government infusion of cash.

Crazy instability marked each day, yet here Meliti perched, a fresh-faced newbie at a major American financial institution, laptop fired up before him, eager to learn, excited for the opportunity. How did he manage to land at the geographical center of the country’s turbulent economic downfall? He didn’t sign on for this. He couldn’t believe his luck. His unbelievably, unexpectedly fantastic luck.

For Meliti, a Saint Joseph’s student, working at Citigroup for his first Co-op — a four-month post between academic semesters — turned out to be incredibly fortunate. The finance and accounting major knew he would gain real-life, hands-on knowledge on the job, but he had no way of predicting just how real-life it would be.

“Working right in the thick of the financial crisis was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” he says. “I consider myself privileged to have had less than a year of experience and already witnessed an enormous financial crisis firsthand. I will be able to look back someday and say I was there.”

Now a junior, Meliti is halfway through the Erivan K. Haub School of Business Cooperative Education Program. The optional program provides traditional day school business majors with a full academic course load and exposure to professional work environments — and they still graduate in four years, unlike many other Co-op programs.

Here’s how it works: Moving in a cohort, students complete one year of full-time work within four years — during the fall of sophomore year, as Meliti did at Citigroup, and for eight months just before senior year. To make up the missed class time, participants enroll in two academic summer semesters each year. In the end, students graduate on time and with a year of full-time, paid corporate work under their belt.

“It’s the real deal,” confirms Todd Krug, Ph.D., the Co-op program’s executive director. On average, he says, students earn $22,000 to $24,000 from the combined work experiences.

There’s an added benefit for the Co-op students’ classmates. “The program gives students the opportunity to apply their classroom
knowledge in a professional setting and also to bring their work experience back into the classroom,” explains Krug, who says Co-op students have an average 3.2 g.p.a. “This is mutually beneficial in both aspects — both environments are enriched, and student learning is likewise enhanced.”

For Co-op participant Bill Taylor, a career in insurance appeared to be a no-brainer: His parents work in the industry and pressed a friendly bias toward the field. The Fairless Hills, Pa., native had declared a concentration in risk management and insurance within a finance major, although he still needed some convincing to be sure insurance was the right path for him. As Taylor continued to explore academic and career options, he discovered the Co-op program.

His first Co-op gave him the answer he was seeking. He found the perfect fit last fall during his Co-op at United States Liability Insurance Group in Wayne, Pa.

“My work experience provided me with a clear perception of how the theoretical principles I learned in the classroom are applied practically in the real world,” observes Taylor, a member of the Gamma Iota Sigma honor society, an academic fraternity for students pursuing careers in risk management, insurance and actuarial science.

Tom Nerney ’96 (M.B.A.), a member of the board of governors for Saint Joseph’s Academy of Risk Management and Insurance, is chairman, president and CEO of United States Liability Insurance Group. “The Saint Joseph’s students we work with have brought an extreme amount of positive energy and enthusiasm to the company,” he says. “I have found through my experience that students help bring us back to reality — they help us see what is important, and they keep us rational and energized.” His company regularly employs Saint Joseph’s Co-op students and has hired many of them after graduation.

The Co-op program is growing rapidly, according to Krug — from 70 students in 2007 to more than 100 now — and the response from participating employers like Nerney has been enthusiastic.

“Our Co-op employers have told me over and over how much they enjoy Saint Joseph’s students because they have such an incredible drive to do well,” Krug says. “Employers tell me our students have a tremendous work ethic, arrive on the job ready and eager to learn, want to work hard, and never feel that they ‘know everything.’”

Richard Chmiel ’95 (B.A.), manager of human resources at the Bristol, Pa.-based cosmetics manufacturer Northtec, has been involved with the Co-op program for over a year. “Northtec already had an established relationship with SUJ by participating in its career fairs,” he says. “The decision to participate in the Co-op program was easy to make. From the initial on-campus interviews to the final evaluation, the program is extremely organized and flows seamlessly.

“The SJU staff regularly touches base with us,” he adds, “to ensure their students are meeting or exceeding our expectations — which they have.”

During her Co-op at eLead Corporation in Berwyn, Pa., Bridget Sullivan ’10, a marketing major and Wallingford, Conn., native, gleaned valuable sales experience she’ll need to prepare for her career. “One of the companies we worked with was a marketing firm that could do anything from designing Web sites to creating a brand,” she recalls. “We were able to pinpoint exactly what they were looking to sell. It was great to work on that account and bring home business for the people we had built a relationship with.”

Michael Neal ’11, an accounting and finance major from Philadelphia, believes Co-op participation has been one of the best decisions he’s made at Saint Joseph’s, despite having a schedule packed with extracurricular leadership activities. “I can honestly say that the Co-op program is the best-kept secret for business students at Saint Joseph’s,” says Neal, who worked for ACE Ltd. in Philadelphia as an internal auditor.

Co-op students and employers agree that these firsthand experiences give applicants noticeable leverage when seeking positions after graduation. With the current economic climate and tenuous job market, every advantage helps.

Peter Seltzer ’09 (B.S.) was offered a job as an associate at CBIZ, an accounting firm in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., after working there through the Co-op program. He gained significant exposure to the accounting field while still an undergraduate, and ultimately, the real-life practice set him apart from other applicants entering the workforce after graduation.

“I would recommend the Co-op program to every business student,” says Seltzer. “With the economy the way it is, 12 months of real, hands-on work experience stood out on my resume and helped me get a full-time job during a recession. I couldn’t have asked for more.”

Marisa Fulton is an instructor of English at Saint Joseph’s.

Uniting the Classroom and the Workplace

The Haub School of Business Cooperative Education Program welcomes potential Co-op employers for students majoring in accounting, decision system sciences, finance, international business, management, marketing and pharmaceutical marketing.

The following list is a sample of participating companies:

ACE
AmerisourceBergen
CBIZ
CIGNA
Citigroup
Concetta
eLead Corporation
Estee Lauder
Johnson & Johnson
Philadelphia Insurance Companies
Porter and Curtis
SAP
United States Liability
Insurance Group
Vanguard
Viropharma

For more information, visit www.sju.edu/hsb/coop or contact Todd Krug, Ph.D., at krug@sju.edu or 610-660-1103.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS HOGAN AND IGNATIUS AWARDS

The Saint Joseph's University Alumni Association presented Edward J. Trainer '63 (A.B.) with the Rev. Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award and brothers Anthony "T.J." Voell '93 (B.S.) and David Voell '93 (B.S.) with the Ignatius Award in recognition of their dedication and service in June.

The Hogan Award is bestowed annually upon an alumnus who exemplifies Christian principles and outstanding loyal service to the University. The Ignatius Award recognizes an alumnus who, within the last 20 years, has devoted efforts in the service and promotion of Saint Joseph's and lived a life of "service for others" consistent with the principles of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

A third generation Hawk, Trainer served as president of the Alumni Association from 1988 to 1990. He has also spent nearly two decades as an active and involved member of the Council of Presidents and Alumni Executive Committee. Committed to volunteerism, the U.S. Air Force veteran has served on numerous boards and volunteer committees in his local community.

The Voells, past staff members of the Office of Alumni Relations, are best known among the alumni community as avid supporters of Saint Joseph's basketball. As students, the brothers served as team managers. Active members of their community, they also sit on a number of boards and committees. T.J. is a member of Saint Joseph's National Alumni Board. In 2006, in recognition of their outstanding volunteerism, the brothers received the President of the United States' Volunteer Service Award.

To view photos and video of this event, visit www.sju.edu/alumni/photogalleries.

NEW YORK COUNCIL HOSTS SPRING DINNER

Saint Joseph’s New York Council hosted its spring dinner in April at The Harvard Club in Manhattan. The evening attracted more than 100 alumni, parents and friends of the University and featured a keynote address by Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.), president and CEO of Marsh & McLennan Co., Inc., titled “Where do we go from here? What governments are doing to boost the world economy and what business leaders can do to help.”
NERNEY ’96 (M.B.A.) INDUCTED INTO HSB HALL OF FAME

The Erivan K. Haub School of Business honored Thomas Nerney ’96 (M.B.A.), chairman, president and chief executive officer of United States Liability Insurance Group, with the 19th Annual Hall of Fame Award during a dinner and award presentation on April 23. The event drew a record overflow crowd of 820 guests. Nerney was recognized for his outstanding community work, strong corporate leadership and exceptional management qualities.

“This prestigious award recognizes business leaders who exemplify the characteristics of excellence the Haub School of Business seeks to foster in its students,” said Joseph DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), business school dean. “Tom joins a growing list of impressive successors who have expertly shaped the business world.”

At the helm of United States Liability Insurance Group, Nerney brings nearly three decades of leadership experience to his role. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, owned by Warren Buffett. Among the highlights of the dinner was a video tribute from Buffett touting Nerney as the Hall of Fame Award recipient.

Nerney’s insurance career began directly after college when he worked as a managing general agent for Maguire Insurance Agency. In 1985, the agency evolved to become Philadelphia Insurance Company. When the company went public in 1993, Nerney assumed the responsibility of president and chief operating officer until taking over at United States Liability Insurance Group in 1996.

While making his mark in the insurance industry, Nerney simultaneously made his presence felt in his local community as the founding member of three not-for-profit organizations: Good Sports of Wayne, which supports local charities through an annual fundraising event; A Front Row Seat to Learning, which gives students from low-income families an opportunity to pursue private education in Philadelphia; and The Nerney Foundation, which supports La Salle Academy in Philadelphia.

To view photos and watch video of this event, visit www.sju.edu/alumni/photogalleries.

MAGIS SOCIETY RECEPTION SHOWCASES ICC PROGRAM

The members of Saint Joseph’s Magis Society convened for a special reception in May that featured remarks from students in the Ignatian College Connection Program, along with an exclusive preview of the new Ramsay Basketball Center and Hagan Arena. Among the featured speakers pictured with University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., were Gabrielle Williams ’09, Edian Castro ’12, Leya Egea-Hinton ’10, Desmond Shannon ’10 and Valerie C. Dudley, Ph.D., director of institutional diversity.

CLASS OF 1959 INDUCTED AS GOLDEN HAWKS

Members of Saint Joseph’s Class of 1959 returned to campus in May for their 50th Reunion and to celebrate their induction as Golden Hawks. Highlights of the weekend included the Golden Hawks Pinning Ceremony, awarding of the Golden Hawks medallions and procession in the 2009 commencement exercises.

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President Hank Raucci '58

Louis Presenza '67, Lachat '67, Harrington '67 and Law Chapter

neuroscience research, medical education and clinical neurology.

Dr. Barchi's research places him at the forefront of key multidisciplinary advances in basic Neuroscience and the Department of Neuroscience, until assuming the role of provost in 1999. joined Penn's faculty in 1973. By 1995, he was chairman of both the Graduate Group in the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned doctorates in both medicine and philosophy. He Georgetown University, Dr. Barchi attended and master of science degrees from Thomas Jefferson University, received

outstanding achievement in the medical profession. After receiving his bachelor and master of science degrees from Georgetown University, Dr. Barchi attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned doctorates in both medicine and philosophy. He joined Penn's faculty in 1973. By 1995, he was chairman of both the Graduate Group in Neuroscience and the Department of Neuroscience, until assuming the role of provost in 1999. Dr. Barchi’s research places him at the forefront of key multidisciplinary advances in basic neuroscience research, medical education and clinical neurology.

SJU CONFRS MEDICAL ALUMNI AWARDS

The Saint Joseph's University Medical Alumni Chapter presented the 2009 Edward C. Bradley, S.J., M.D. '51, Medical Alumni Award and the Reverend Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J., Award at the chapter's annual awards luncheon in March.

Peter R. Kowey, M.D. '71 (B.S.), chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at Lankenau Hospital and the Main Line Health System, received the Bradley Award. He was recognized for his embodiment of the qualities of Ignatian spirituality and his high degree of dedication to the mission of Saint Joseph's University through outstanding service to others, scholarship and research. After graduating from Saint Joseph's, Dr. Kowey continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine at the Pennsylvania State University.

Robert L. Barchi, M.D., Ph.D., president of Thomas Jefferson University, received the Shaffrey Award for his service and outstanding achievement in the medical profession. After receiving his bachelor and master of science degrees from Georgetown University, Dr. Barchi attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned doctorates in both medicine and philosophy. He joined Penn's faculty in 1973. By 1995, he was chairman of both the Graduate Group in Neuroscience and the Department of Neuroscience, until assuming the role of provost in 1999. Dr. Barchi’s research places him at the forefront of key multidisciplinary advances in basic neuroscience research, medical education and clinical neurology.

LAW ALUMNI PRESENT GEM AWARD AND POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Saint Joseph’s Law Alumni Chapter honored Roger Harrington ’67 (B.S.) and Fred Lachat ’67 (B.A.) as the 2009 Gem Award recipients at its spring awards dinner. The Gem is given annually to graduates who display great loyalty to the University while focusing their careers on helping others. The chapter also awarded post-graduate scholarships to four graduating seniors attending law school: Dina Alongi ’09 (B.S.), Matthew Breslin ’09 (B.A.), Tiffany Conde ’09 (B.A.) and Megan Murray ’09 (B.S.).

Lachat, who served as a communications officer in the U.S. Navy after graduation, went on to earn his juris doctor from the Temple University School of Law in 1973 and began his law career as a senior trial attorney for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Five years later, he joined his current firm, Margolis Edelstein in Philadelphia. He became a partner in 1982 before departing to become a founding member in the defense litigation firm of Gallagher, Reilly & Lachat. In 2000, he rejoined Margolis Edelstein as a partner. There he offers invaluable experience in the handling of major defense litigation cases involving catastrophic property losses, construction accidents, railroad litigation, product liability claims, and insurance defense and coverage litigation.

Harrington earned his law degree from Temple University School of Law, in 1971 and is president of Harrington & Caldwell, P.C. He is also chief trial counsel and serves as general counsel for the Mid-Atlantic Association of Public Insurance Adjusters. Prior to forming Harrington & Caldwell, he was an associate at O’Brien and O’Brien Associates, where he specialized in civil litigation, from 1971 through 1996. He served a two-year clerkship for the Hon. Joseph C. Bruno in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

SJU HOSTS BLACK ALUMNI CHAPTER PICNIC

The Black Alumni Chapter hosted its inaugural picnic in April, which spotlighted the first graduating class of the Ignatian College Connection (ICC) program. The 2009 graduates (from left) Gabrielle Williams ’09, Lazaro Pineda ’09 and Sherman Washington ’09 are congratulated by Valerie Dudley, Ph.D., director of institutional diversity, and Jennifer Dessus, ICC coordinator.

To view photos from these and other events, visit www.sju.edu/alumni/photogalleries.
Nearly 700 Hawks fulfilled the Jesuit mission of service to others during SJU’s National Community Day (NCD) on April 18. The event marked the first time that students and alumni, along with faculty and staff, teamed up for this nationwide effort, which featured 25 service sites in six major cities.

While service to others has a long history at Saint Joseph’s, National Community Day takes this tradition a step further. “NCD invites our entire St. Joe’s community here in Philadelphia, as well as across the nation, to join together to give back to our respective communities, practicing what we learned here on Hawk Hill: to be men and women with and for others,” said former student body president Hollyanne Pronko ’09 (B.S).

In 2007, Pronko founded the original Community Day as a Philadelphia event with three service sites and 60 student volunteers. Each semester witnessed exponential growth, with increasing numbers of students eager to jump on board. Similar interest among alumni encouraged the SJU National Alumni Board to create its own National Day of Service in 2008, co-chaired by Daniel Gallagher ’94 (B.S.), ’99 (M.S.) and Patrick McGrory ’99 (B.S.).

It didn’t take long for both groups to recognize the benefits of a partnership. “We knew the model worked but saw an opportunity to upgrade by inviting students,” said Gallagher. “When we learned of Community Day and met Holly, the match was perfect.”

Pronko, along with student coordinators Elise Baker ’10, Jordan Biello ’12, and Ryan Moscatiello ’09 (B.S.), joined forces with Gallagher and McGrory to create National Community Day. They designed their new endeavor to be a regional event, which made it easier for volunteers to participate in the half-day of service. Philadelphia and New York joined Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Washington, D.C., for the 2009 National Community Day.

Jon Evoy ’01 (B.A.) served at StreetWise Partners in New York, where Saint Joseph’s volunteers spent the day conducting mock interviews with low-income, highly motivated individuals aspiring to new careers. Evoy and his fellow volunteers were honored to help and mindful of their counterparts engaging in similar service throughout the country. “NCD was specifically meaningful to us because we understood that we were part of something bigger than our respective project,” said Evoy.

Volunteers across the country shared this sentiment, whether they were mingling with military veterans in Chicago or interacting with children at a youth center in Las Vegas. Those engaging in park cleanup efforts in Philadelphia were met with the brightest spring day of the season. “One site had a real hawk fly overhead, and the site leader made the volunteers all stop and flap,” recalled McGrory. “We also had a visit from Michael DiBerardinis ’71 (A.B.), an alumnus and the new Philadelphia Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.”

Philadelphia volunteers reconvened at the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial, where excitement was already building for next year. More than 20 students signed up on the spot to be site leaders in 2010, and graduating seniors saw NCD as a new and immediate opportunity to become involved with the Alumni Association.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic senior was the one who has been there from the start. “Being a part of the first-ever Community Day back in 2007 and seeing what it is today leaves me speechless,” said Pronko. “I couldn’t be prouder, and I can’t wait to come back next year with the alumni.”

The alumni are eager to receive her, as she and her fellow graduates depart from Hawk Hill but continue to espouse the Jesuit ideals that shaped their education. According to Gallagher, this is what National Community Day is all about. “Being men and women with and for others — with students by our side — is what makes National Community Day like no other service event. The bonds you build are as powerful as remembering who was your orientation leader. These connections are the beauty of SJU.”

For more information, to view photo galleries, watch video and to read personal stories, visit www.sju.edu/nationalcommunityday.

— Megan Larrisey ’10
1949
F. Tucker “Tuck” Mulrooney (B.S.) was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame on May 20 for his key role in forming the Delaware Catholic Youth Organization’s sports programs. As program director in 1949, he created girls’ sports leagues, and at one time supervised 139 teams and more than 1,000 athletes. Mulrooney is a founder and former two-term president of the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame. In 2000, the International Sports Heritage Association honored Mulrooney with its highest honor, the Schroeder Award, for his distinguished service.

1954
James A. Schaller, M.D. (B.S.) had his most recent novel, Death by Prescription, The Irish Saga Complete, published by Infinity Publishing in July.

1956
James E. McKee (B.S.) spent a summer in Gleann Cholm Cille, County Donegal, Ireland, where he completed four levels in the Irish language, Gaeilge (Gaelic). He had a leading role in a Gaeilge one-act drama, “Seamus,” as he is now known, hopes to pass Gaelic on to his nine grandchildren.

1959 Congratulations Golden Hawks!
Michael F. Byrne Jr. (B.S.) received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina’s highest award for state government service.

1961
Louis Oschmann (B.A.), after turning 70, embarked on a period of Ignatian discernment to find purpose and God’s direction for the next phase of his life. His interests include ecumenical/interfaith relations, the homeless and memoir writing, and he welcomes communication from other alumni. Oschmann lives in Philadelphia.

1964 Reunion Year! November 14
Dennis R. Supplee, Esq. (B.S.), former chairman of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, was elected president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in April. He was also named the 2009 Philadelphia Lawyer of the Year for “Bel-the-Company” Litigation by The Best Lawyers in America. A fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Supplee is a member of the SJU Board of Trustees.

1966
Alphonso V. Diaz (B.S.) was named Purdue University’s executive vice president for business and finance and treasurer. Previously, he has been vice chancellor for administration at the University of California at Riverside and associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA.

1967
Patrick Diamond (A.B.) was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May. Diamond, a retired police lieutenant, is assigned to St. Cecilia parish in Philadelphia.

1970
Ernest W. Angiolillo, Ph.D. (B.A.) was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May and is assigned to Presentation B.V.M. parish in Wynnewood, Pa. He is principal of Albert M. Greenfield Elementary School in Philadelphia.

1973
Rev. John Anthony Bogacz (B.A.) was ordained a priest by the Diocese of Trenton (N.J.) in June.

1974 Reunion Year! November 14
Joanne M. Judge, Esq. (B.S.), received the 2009 ATHENA Award — which recognizes professional excellence, community service and assisting women in their attainment of that success — by the Greater Reading Chapter of Commerce & Industry. She has more than 20 years of health care and financial experience and currently co-chairs the health care department of Stevens & Lee, a professional legal services firm. Judge focuses her practice on transactional and regulatory matters for health care systems, long-term care organizations and physician practices.

1976
James Delaney (B.S.; M.B.A. ’84) and wife Jacqueline (B.S. ’86) were inducted into the CYO Hall of Fame by the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adults. He has coached grade school football, refereed and organized CYO high school basketball and served as athletic director at St. Matthias Parish in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Carlin’s seven children were regular participants in the CYO athletic programs and other extracurricular activities. He currently takes part in the Feed the Homeless program at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish.

1977
Mike Laverty (B.S.) retired last November after 31 years with Kraft Foods and began a new career with Eight O’Clock Coffee Co. He also participated in the N.J. Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge and led all fund raisers for the past six years. Laverty has raised more than $155,000 since 2004.
MILDRED HART '66, '71

A Great Life

Strolling through the Barbelin quad on a sunny June day with Mildred Hart '66 (B.S.), '71 (M.S.), she makes the comments you’d expect from someone who hasn’t been to campus in a while.

But in most other ways, she is a woman who exceeds expectations.

Eighty-seven years old, she’s recovering from foot surgery two weeks prior. Though she uses a cane, it’s apparent she doesn’t need it much and won’t need it for long.

“I’m a fast woman,” she says, responding to an observation of her speedy recovery.

Guiding her campus tour is Bill McDevitt, associate professor of management, who simply shrugs and smiles when he hears his neighbor’s declaration. He’s known Hart since he was in fourth grade. He understands that this former U.S. Navy nurse and retired Catholic school teacher is quick — to learn, to speak her mind, and, yes, to heal from surgery.

Hart began her career in 1944 during World War II as a 21-year-old registered nurse in the Navy Nurse Corps. Her family had lost everything in the Depression, and she had to borrow the $200 she needed to attend nurses’ training at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. She enlisted immediately upon learning she passed the state boards.

“I wanted to do it because there was a war on,” Hart recalls. “My father was a decorated World War I vet, and my brother was in the Marine Corps. I just felt I should do it.”

She feels as strongly for today’s war veterans. “We’ve got to do more to help returning vets because they are harmed so much,” she emphasizes. “The mental effects are not seen right away.”

As a junior grade lieutenant, Hart ended up as head nurse on a ward at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., doing mostly chart work and medication. The Navy corpsmen, instead of the nurses, did bedside work, which pleased Hart. “That was what I didn’t like,” she says.

Once, though, she was called upon to put in an intravenous line for a Marine, despite not being trained to do that.

“He swore I stuck him 50 times,” she laughs.

It must have had an effect, because that soldier, Robert F. Hart, Ph.M., Ist Class, U.S. Navy, would one day become her husband.

After recovering from her poking and jabbing, he asked if he could write to her, which he did from Guam, then Okinawa. “We had a courtship by mail,” she says.

They married on June 14, 1947 — Flag Day, appropriately — in Mechanicsburg, Pa., at a church named St. Joseph’s. Hart and her husband, now deceased, settled in Drexel Hill, Pa., and had two children, Margaret and Stephen.

Hart decided that nursing was “not my favorite thing” and in 1959 became a teacher at St. Andrew School in Drexel Hill, which her children attended. While teaching, she pursued her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education at Saint Joseph’s.

Before her 1966 graduation, she recalls being told she was the only evening division undergraduate that year to finish cum laude.

After 37 years of teaching mostly seventh grade, Hart retired in 1996, but she’s not relaxing at home, as you would expect. A grandmother to nine children, Hart tutors children in math two days a week at St. Andrew’s. She returned there after her visit to Saint Joseph’s that spring day, to help a couple of children prepare for exams. Nothing holds her back, not even a little foot surgery.

“It’s a great life,” she says.

Would you expect her to say anything else?

— Molly Crossan Harty

1980

Susan (Barry) Boyle (B.S.) received the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry’s Companions on the Journey Award in May for her leadership and long-standing commitment to her parish CYO program. She, husband Michael and children Brendan, Katherine and Claire live in Philadelphia and belong to Our Mother of Consolation in Chestnut Hill. Pa. Boyle is a financial analyst with Aetna.

1981

Joseph Martin (B.S.) was named head golf coach at Philadelphia University. Previously he served as Nazareth Academy High School’s head varsity golf coach, where he developed the school’s first women’s golf team. Martin resides in Philadelphia.

John Logan (B.S.) commemorated his 50th birthday by completing his first full marathon, the Philadelphia Marathon, in 3:27. He, wife Gerrie and their four children reside in Vernon, N.J.

John Pileggi (B.S.), an accountant, was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May and is assigned to St. Katherine Drexel parish in Chester.

Francis J. Leto (B.S.) was appointed executive vice president in charge of the wealth and investment advisory division at Bryn Mawr Trust Co., where he remains a director.
Donald G. Clifford, S.J. ’51 (A.B.), professor emeritus of theology and founder and director of the Jewish-Catholic Institute, died at the age of 79 on May 4.

Fr. Clifford founded the Institute in 1967 while teaching theology. He was asked to direct a new institute devoted to dialogue between Catholics and Jews in the spirit of Vatican II’s Nostra Aetate. Now called the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, it was among the first Jewish-Christian study centers in the United States.

For more than four decades, Fr. Clifford developed meaningful and lively programming for the Institute, and under its auspices, led a group of 30 Catholics and Jews to Rome and Israel in 1993, which he considered a high point of his directorship. He served as director emeritus after stepping down as director last summer.

Fr. Clifford was editor of the National Jesuit News from 1975 to 1983. He held a distinguished apostolate in ecumenical relations from the Maryland Province and SJU (1974-2009) and was also former director of SJU’s Faith Justice Institute.

Though best known for his work to promote Jewish-Catholic relations, Fr. Clifford was a dedicated pastoral minister for the Religious of the Assumption at Ravenhill Academy, Philadelphia, and later at the Assumption Convent and Spiritual Center in Merion, Pa.

In high school, he played basketball for St. Joseph’s Prep and was then awarded a full scholarship to play for Saint Joseph’s. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1951 at St. Isaac Jogues Philadelphia, and later at the Assumption Convent and Spiritual Center in Merion, Pa. In 1954, he went on to Weston (Mass.) College, earning a Ph.L. in philosophy, and then to Boston College for a master of arts degree in 1956. He was ordained in 1962.

— Patricia Allen

### Former Professor of Economics Passes Away

Joseph R. Guerin, Ph.D., professor emeritus of economics, passed away on April 14 at the age of 83 at the University.

Guerin joined Saint Joseph’s College in 1952 and remained until his retirement in 1987. During his 35 years on Hawk Hill, he chaired the economics department and held a position in the faculty Senate. He was always a gentleman, quintessentially gracious, and possessed a dry, sly wit,” said former colleague John McCall, Ph.D., director of the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics and professor of management and philosophy. “His calm personality also helped smooth the waters in some contentious policy debates of the early 1980s.”

In 1951, Guerin married his wife Conchita, an artist who painted several past University presidents’ portraits, which now hang in the Presidents’ Lounge in the Campion Student Center. They had seven children, two of whom are Saint Joseph’s alumni — Michael ’75 and Paul ’81.

“Nothing more important in his life — aside from family — was his commitment to his faith,” said his daughter Marisa Guerin, Ph.D.

Guerin and his wife lived their faith by cooking and delivering meals to the homeless, opening their home to Vietnamese refugee families and unwed mothers-to-be, and tutoring those who needed help with English.

Guerin was also passionate about travel and music. “He loved music of every kind,” said his daughter. “He was accomplished at playing the trumpet, piano, guitar and recorder, not to mention the accordion, banjo, marimba or whatever other instrument found its way into his hands.

“Ultimately,” she remembered, “every activity of every day was spent in the quest to love God and love his neighbor.”

— Sarah Whelehon Hennessey ’07 (M.A.)

### In Memory

Leonard Blazick, father of MaryAnn Beiter, Learning Institute
Donald G. Clifford, S.J., director emeritus of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, former director of the Faith Justice Institute, professor emeritus of theology
Caroline Marianne Coffey, Ph.D., former assistant visiting biology professor
David DeTurk, father of Sabrina, Ph.D., Graduate Arts and Sciences
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MARCELLUS “BOO” WILLIAMS ’81

A Full Court Press for Young Athletes

You’ll find his name scattered throughout the Saint Joseph’s basketball record book. Of all the young men to pound the court in a Hawks’ uniform, he ranks 13th in scoring, 12th in rebounding and sixth in blocked shots. An SJU Athletics Hall of Famer, Marcellus Spencer Williams Jr. ’81 (B.A.) — fondly referred to as “Boo” — is indeed one of the all-time greatest players in the University’s history. And, though no longer playing organized basketball, Williams still makes an impact on the court, nearly 30 years after his last game at Saint Joseph’s.

Thousands of young people have benefitted from his influence since 1982, when the 6-foot-8-inch former power forward, who played professional basketball in Europe, established the Boo Williams Summer League. An Amateur Athletic Union-affiliated basketball program in Hampton, Va., the league consists of 165 teams and more than 2,000 players. Hundreds of its young players have gone on to college on basketball scholarships, and many have played in the pros, including J.J. Redick, Alonzo Mourning and Allen Iverson.

“One of my biggest influences in forming the league was Sonny Hill,” the affable and soft-spoken Williams says, referring to the director of the prestigious Philadelphia basketball league. “I played in his program, and when I wanted to do the same thing in Virginia, he graciously helped by explaining how the system works and what made his program so successful.”

If the summer league weren’t enough, last year Williams fulfilled a long-shot dream and opened the Boo Williams Sportsplex, a $13.5 million 135,000-square-foot indoor sports venue that serves “nearly every indoor sport.” The complex is the largest of its kind between Washington, D.C., and Greensboro, N.C., and is home to the summer league and several national basketball tournaments.

“The Sportsplex is committed to being a world-class amateur sports and conditioning training complex with state-of-the-art facilities, cutting-edge programming, first-rate instruction, a courteous professional staff and economic rates,” according to the complex’s Web site.

The athletes are the primary concern for Williams, a 1996 recipient of Saint Joseph’s Ignatius Award for living a life of “service for others.”

“One of the most important things the Sportsplex does,” he says, “is give back to the community by providing kids with a great place to play sports.”

His sway in the basketball community goes far beyond Hampton, where he and his wife, Saunya, live. In addition to running the summer league and Sportsplex, he serves on the board of the USA/ABA Cadet Committee for Development of Future Olympians and is chairman of AAU Boys Basketball. Active with McDonald’s All-American Game, Williams also works as a State Farm Insurance agent.

“Boo Williams is one of the all-time greatest players in SJU basketball history,” says Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), associate vice president and director of athletics. “More impressively, though, he’s one of the all-time greatest people to have come out of the program. He is unmatched in his generosity of spirit and time, and as successful as he has become, Boo has never abandoned the Jesuit spirit of being a true person for others.”

— Jeffrey Martin ’04 (M.A. ’05)
1991

Dave Ventresca (B.A.) is president of Maghound Enterprises, Inc., a new magazine membership service developed by TimeWarner. His office is in New York City, and he resides in Hoboken, N.J.

1992

Thomas J. McBride III (B.S.) continues to support his wife, Ilene, in her battle against Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Her progress can be monitored at www.carepages.com, keyword ilenemcbride. McBride has been a life member of the SJC Foundation. He and wife, Ilene, in her battle against Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

1994

Reunion Year! November 14

Jennifer (Reiter) Cook (B.S.) is an adjunct faculty member at Point Loma Nazarene University’s School of Education. She and husband Paul have been married nine years and have two children, Harrison and Delaney.

Michael Walsh (B.S.) is a conference manager with the Talley Management Group in Mt. Royal, N.J., where he works on the conference administration team for the annual five-day Special Interest Group on Graphics and Interactive Techniques conference and exhibit. He is also working on a master’s degree in public relations at Rowan University. Walsh, wife Jennifer and son Jack live in Glassboro, N.J.

1997

Timothy Brady (B.S.) and wife Casey relocated from Boston, Mass., to New York City, where he works in sales for AMAG Pharmaceuticals.

Frank Donato (B.S.) was made CFO of Ocean City, N.J. He has served as a principal auditor in the city’s finance department since 2000 and is a certified finance officer in New Jersey.

Lt. Com. Christian P. Goodman (B.A.) received his master’s degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He and wife Amy (Troy, B.S. ’97) moved to Virginia Beach, Va., where Goodman will be returning to sea duty with the Bluejays of VAW-121.

Patrick McKenna, Esq. (B.A.), of the West Chester, Pa., law firm Gavathrop Greenwood, was named a Rising Star by the publishers of Law and Politics and Super Lawyers. This marks the second consecutive year he was recognized as a top up-and-coming lawyer who is 40 years or younger and practicing for 10 years or less.

1998

John Williams (B.S.) is owner and president of New York Guest, a full-service hospitality company that provides hotel rooms, entertainment tickets, sightseeing and more for visitors to New York City. He appeared on the CBS Early Show on March 26 as a potential employer in a segment about body language during job interviews. Jeremiah Gray (B.S. ’04) was the interviewee.

1999

Reunion Year! November 14

Amy (Byrne) Herm (B.S., M.B.A. ’09) is an area sales manager for Godiva Chocolatier. She, husband Greg (B.S. ’99) and their children, Kylie and Lucas, live in East Norriton, Pa.

Nicole (Fenlon) McKeown (B.A., M.S. ’02) works part-time as an adjunct professor at Eastern University (St. Davids, Pa.). She and husband Paul reside in Havertown, Pa., with children Sienna and John.

Jamie Gebbia (B.S.) was promoted to senior manager of international tax planning for Dell, Inc., in Round Rock, Texas. He and wife Krista have lived in Austin, Texas, for the past few years.

2000

Tina (Greco) Malek (B.S.) and husband David reside in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Jim Tobin (B.S.), wife Jennifer and daughter Andrea live in Washington, D.C. He was recently selected to become a major in the U.S. Air Force.

2001

David Rambo (B.A.A.) became partner/CFO of Weston-Rambo, which does business as Weston Fitness, a newly remodeled, full-service 22,000-square-foot health club in Philadelphia.

2002


2003

T. Matthew Manning (B.A.) is a portfolio manager for SEI in Oaks, Pa., and wife Kristen (Charette, B.A. ’05, M.A. ’06) is a teacher in the Lower Merion school system. They reside in Philadelphia.

Elizabeth (Strawhacker) Simmerman (B.S.) works for Deloitte Consulting. She and husband Stephen reside in Somerville, Mass.

2005

Dana Venné (B.S.) was named Employee of the Year by GroupM Search for her work as search marketing manager on the AT&T Mobility account.

2006

Patrick J. Hughes (B.A.) completed a mergers and acquisitions analyst program with Harris Williams & Co. He accepted a partner-track position with Phoenix Management Systems in Chadds Ford, Pa., an organizationally focused advisory firm that provides turnaround, crisis and interim management and capital advisory services to middle market companies in transition.

Joseph J. Luther III (B.A.) received his master of arts in organizational systems development and renewal from Seattle University.

2007

Kevin Grubb (B.S.) graduated with a master’s degree in higher education administration from New York University, where he works as a career development counselor.

Wanda P. Hardy (M.B.A.), an economics lecturer at SJIU, received the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt award from the American Association of University Women in June. She was honored for breaking through educational and economic barriers for women through CreditWorthy, Inc., a nonprofit financial educational organization she founded in 2003.
**KATE DeLOSSO ’91**

**Reaching for the Motherland**

At age 17, Anne DeLosso, an American citizen, expressed interest in visiting her birth country, Korea — not because she wanted to uncover the mysteries of her birth, but because she wanted to experience firsthand the culture from which she came. While there, Anne’s adoptive mother, Kate DeLosso ’91 (B.A.), encouraged her to at least glimpse at her files from the orphanage to learn more about her origins. Anne declined, finding Korean society more appealing.

“She could go into stores, and, for the first time, the clothes fit her right off the rack,” recalls DeLosso. “Little things like that have a big effect on adoptees.”

DeLosso says that Anne, now 31, calls it the most important experience of her life.

The trip’s effect on her daughter gave DeLosso an idea, and just one year later, she founded Custom Family Motherland Tours. Through this home-based travel business, she helps internationally adopted children living in America travel to their countries of origin. Some simply want to visit the lands of their birth; others want to dig deep into their pasts. Since starting the venture in 1996, DeLosso estimates she has worked with three to four hundred families.

A certified travel agent at Travel Counsellors in Chadds Ford, Pa. (www.travelcounsellors.com/kate.delossen), she has worked in the field since 1993 and has been traveling to Asia since the early 1980s, developing her interest in Asian culture and politics. After DeLosso received her associate’s degree from Delaware County Community College in 1989, she went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in political science from Saint Joseph’s, furthering her understanding of Asian countries. DeLosso has also served on the board of the Pearl S. Buck International adoption agency as a member and, later, as president.

DeLosso has successfully combined her business acumen with her intimate connection to international adoption. She and her husband, Anthony, have five children, three of whom are internationally adopted. Along with Anne, Matthew, 36, was adopted from Korea, and her youngest daughter, Mia, 30, was adopted from the Philippines. She has two birth children, Ilene, 40, and Adam, 33. While her original interest in international adoption was purely personal, her experience as a mother of adoptees has given her a real passion for its broader issues and a sincere sensitivity for the emotional well being of her clients.

For child adoptees on a Motherland tour, DeLosso stresses that parents should let their children lead the way. She notes that children and parents often have very different goals, as she and her daughter did in Korea.

For adult adoptees, DeLosso insists that they bring along a relative or close friend for support. “This is not a vacation,” DeLosso says. “No matter how old the adoptees are, they are always dealing with the abandonment issue.”

Whatever the reasons for the trip or its outcome, DeLosso makes sure she understands the impact on her clients by checking in with them upon their return. It’s her way of giving back, she says.

“Adoptees find these trips to be an important part of their lives,” DeLosso says, “and I’m happy to help them.”

— Rachel Mattos ’10

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— Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J.

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Joseph Katarincic Chair in Legal Process and Civil Procedure
Duquesne University

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Saint Joseph’s congratulates its newest graduates, whose academic achievements, persistence in the face of challenges and dedication to serve others make the University community proud. Here are some members of the Class of 2009 and their stories:

ROCK THE BOAT TO SUPPORT AUTISM

Passion for a cause can inspire people to do amazing things. For four new Saint Joseph’s graduates, working together with students from other area colleges, the cause was autism. The amazing thing was a 1,500-mile, approximately 50-day row up the Atlantic coast from Boca Raton, Fla., to Sea Isle City, N.J., that began June 11.

New SJU graduates Dan McCann, Larry Maher (front, left to right) and James O’Donoghue (top right) teamed up with John Lose and Ryan Meyer (top, left and center), from other universities, to “Rock the Boat” for autism. Kendal Smith (not pictured), another new Saint Joseph’s alumnus, handled graphic design for the promotional materials, and students from other schools handled administrative issues. For an online journal of the trip and more information, visit Rocktheboatforautism.org.

TOP COP EARS SJU DEGREE

Bill Mossman was a sergeant with the Phoenixville (Pa.) Police Department when he enrolled in Saint Joseph’s University College in 2005, but he quickly ascended the ranks to chief. The criminal justice major already had an associate’s degree from Montgomery County Community College, but he wanted to take the next step. Balancing class work with family and police department responsibilities was challenging, but his persistence paid off, and he graduated in May. He even found time to round out his studies at SJU with courses on police administration at the FBI National Academy.

STUDENT RESEARCHER IS OFF TO VETERINARY SCHOOL

Laura Del Collo is beginning veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania this fall, where she is learning more about all kinds of animals and furthering a special interest in exotics. Through an SJU research project, she discovered she likes to work with turtles. This inclination served her well as animal care coordinator of the University’s Biodiversity Lab, which houses several threatened or endangered animal species, including turtles.

Del Collo has held jobs at local animal hospitals and interned at the Bovine Functional Genomics Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. She participated in a study abroad course for natural resource management in Australia and New Zealand, as well as an internship at the Academy of Natural Sciences. She graduated with a grade point average of 3.99 in her major and 3.94 overall.

For more on Saint Joseph’s new alumni, visit www.sju.edu/news/commencement.
The Firsts of the First Ladies

In April, first lady Michelle Obama invited some Washington, D.C., school children to join her in planting an organic kitchen garden on the White House grounds. While the war on obesity was her concern, more striking was the sight of the “common people” on this soil, which has been not only untended, but also untrod by visitors for most of the past century, since the Roosevelts installed a fence back in 1937.

But Mrs. Obama was not the first of the first ladies to welcome Americans back to the “People’s House” after a period of little or no access. In 1921, Florence Harding also opened the Mansion and its grounds. Her predecessor, Edith Wilson, had restricted the lawns to a flock of sheep, which grazed the first grasses as a war measure. But the Hardings banished the woolly beasts and instead shook hands with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people most days of the week. They were well-loved for this during their scant two and a half years in office; indeed, Florence and her husband soon became celebrities, visible in newsreels. They exploited media opportunities and hobnobbed with Hollywood personalities like singer, comedian and actor Al Jolson and actress Lillian Gish.

Florence reveled in this role, and used it to turn her highly traditional post in a new direction. As the first future president’s wife to vote for her husband — women gained the right to vote in 1920 — she was thrilled with women’s new political prominence. It was her creative energies and skillful strategizing that had enabled her husband to become president. She had, in fact, nurtured and cultivated this genial fellow’s political ambitions since his days as a small town Ohio newspaper publisher. Florence had her own interests to promote, too, including veterans’ concerns, social welfare, racial equality and the protection of animals. She also researched the plantings on the presidential grounds and spent many happy hours in these gardens.

When a kidney ailment struck her with devastating force in 1922, necessitating a temporary closure of the grounds to visitors, she quickly told the public about her illness, welcoming their prayers. By contrast, Edith Wilson had kept her husband’s stroke-induced debilitation a secret in 1919 and 1920. Recovered by the spring of 1923, Florence took the longest trip yet conducted by a first lady, joining the president on a trip to Alaska. But her husband died unexpectedly on this trip, and she was forced to take his body back across the country, through throngs of trackside mourners and 10 days of funerals. A little more than a year later, her kidneys failed, and the country mourned her passing as well.

This warm sentiment did not long outlast her. Her husband’s administration was soon under attack for the corrupt practices of its attorney general and interior secretary (most famously at Teapot Dome, Wyoming), while Florence Harding’s place in history was colored by a special kind of denigration related to her gender and age; one Harding biographer impugned her as “sexless, with the brittle quality of an autumn leaf,” and another dismissed her as “a domineering woman.” Such portrayals have made it difficult to recognize this immensely popular first lady. They do confirm, though, that her activism and influence were seen as an unacceptable transgression of gender roles.

First ladies have long had to walk a fine line; if they are envisioned as too active, they alienate others, as Hillary Clinton found when she was deemed insufficiently interested in cookies and teas. By contrast, so far, Michelle Obama seems to be handling this delicate task well. Like Florence, she is visible both in and out of the White House, and has embraced popular interests like the nation’s health, drawing on her former work as a hospital administrator, but steering clear of associating with a health care task force, as Mrs. Clinton did. Like Mrs. Harding, Michelle Obama has become a celebrity, drawing much interest in her clothes, exercise regimen and relationship with her children, in some ways echoing the position occupied by the last glamorous resident of the White House, Jacqueline Kennedy.

Kennedy, later Kennedy Onassis, was also an active first lady and brought much culture to the White House, including musicians and poets as well as historians, who assisted in her restoration of the Mansion. She also published a guide to the White House that is still in use.

As of yet, Mrs. Obama has made more improvements to the outside of the House. Late last spring, she welcomed the elementary school children back to the garden they helped plant, to taste the fruits — actually peas and lettuce — of their labors at a Harvest Party. Florence would have loved it!

— Katherine A.S. Sibley, Ph.D.

History professor and department chair, Sibley published Florence Kling Harding: Transition and Tragedy in the White House, 1921-1923 (University Press of Kansas) this year.
The 10-day international residency, an academic requirement of the Executive M.B.A. program, may have had the biggest effect on me. I traveled to Hong Kong and Tokyo with my cohort in March 2009.

For weeks leading up to our trip, teams of students conducted research on companies on our itinerary, such as the Venetian Casino, Huawei Technologies, David's Bridal, House Foods, Sophia University, Toys "R" Us, SAP Japan, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Sony Pictures Entertainment Japan.

As I had when I embarked on the program, I did have some hesitation about the trip. It would be the longest time I was away from my husband and children, Mariah (then 12) and Declan (then 8). Despite my concerns, I must admit that I found myself longing to stay at the end of our 10 days.

Every corporate visit was unique and offered its own insight into Chinese and Japanese culture and business practices. It became overwhelmingly apparent that, at its core, business is business. Much of the information shared by the senior executives we met reinforced all we had been taught by our faculty in the EMBA program.

What was so notable about these businesses, however, and what made the trip so memorable for me, were the different cultures and how they permeated each environment. I still find myself wondering what it would be like if individuals and businesses in the United States conducted themselves as those in Hong Kong and Tokyo did. The extreme level of respect individuals there demonstrated for one another and to us as visitors was mind-boggling. This, coupled with an exceedingly high level of service, revealed much about how the people we encountered conduct business and practice their culture.

One specific image from my trip is burned into my memory. On the last day, we packed up our bus to head toward the Tokyo airport. As we pulled away from the hotel, I noticed five employees standing on the curb, in a perfectly straight line, waving goodbye. In the United States, it might be reasonable to assume they were waving in relief that 40-some non-native-speaking tourists were finally leaving their hotel. I couldn't help but smile to myself, though, as I realized that seeing us off in this way was another demonstration of respect, regardless of our race or religion or the language we spoke. To me, this simple act spoke volumes.

In today's world, where many of us find ourselves hustling back and forth between work and other activities, it is easy to become self-absorbed; we may fail to truly see the who and the what that surrounds us. My journey, in the classroom and overseas, taught me the importance of taking the time not only to see, but also to try to understand. Since then, my life has changed. I find it easier to come upon solutions when my husband and I approach parenting issues from disparate angles. Patience comes more easily to me when my son would rather play baseball all day than read a book. I have a new-found appreciation for my colleagues and their different styles of approaching the same challenge.

My trip to Hong Kong and Tokyo tied together an amazing personal and professional 20-month journey through the EMBA program. I am not the same wife, mother and colleague I was when I finally made the decision to enroll. Now, as a result of my journey, I believe that I am a better, wife, mother and colleague, as a result of my eyes being opened to the who and the what surrounding me.

— Sarah (Flaherty) Quinn '89 (B.A.), '09 (M.B.A.)

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