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Eight years ago, Saint Joseph’s University welcomed me as its 26th president. Together, a journey began that would lead all of us to places no one could have imagined.

I had known Saint Joseph’s as a fine Jesuit institution with a rich tradition. What I did not know — and could not have known coming in — was the deep level of devotion our students, faculty, staff and alumni share about our University.

One of Saint Joseph’s slogans when I arrived, “Where People Make the Difference,” could not have been more true. What happened to me over these eight years is what I believe happens to the vast majority, if not all, of our students. We are overwhelmed by a loving, caring community that fosters growth in all aspects of our lives.

For me, I have been challenged every day to be a better priest, a better person and a better president. For our students, what I’ve witnessed time and again is a development of the whole person in ways that continue to evolve long after they leave Hawk Hill.

Ultimately, isn’t that what Saint Joseph’s legacy should be? That everyone it touches be a better person for the experience? That, in the spirit of St. Ignatius, we then take those experiences and seek a greater good?

When I leave Hawk Hill, those experiences — and the people who create them — are what I will remember most fondly. The dedication of our faculty and staff toward creating the best possible experience for our students is truly remarkable. Our job, as stewards and alumni of the institution, is to give them the best possible resources in order for the University’s mission to come to life.

We have every right to be proud of our academic achievements — for example, the General Education Program, a new curriculum designed around the goals of a Jesuit education in the 21st century; our centers of expertise and thought, such as the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics, Academy of Risk Management and Insurance, Institute of Catholic Bioethics, Center for Consumer Research and Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations; burgeoning online degree programs; and the thriving Summer Scholars program.

Along with these milestones has come growth in other important areas. With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University has become the University’s most successful comprehensive campaign. The endowment has doubled in the past eight years to approximately $160 million. During this time, $318 million has been designated for campus expansion, new construction, renovations and deferred maintenance. You can see how the Maguire Campus, Merion Hall, the 54th Street Corridor, the Perch, Hagan Arena, the renovated Science Center, the Ramsay Basketball Center, Campion Center, Borgia and Rashford Halls, and the soon-to-be Post Learning Commons and Villiger Hall, a new residence hall, are transforming Saint Joseph’s campus. But we can never forget that it is the people inside the buildings, not the facilities themselves, who make Saint Joseph’s University what it is.

Every day, Saint Joseph’s students and staff embody the Magis — always seeking, always striving, always reaching for more — not for its own sake, but because their achievements stretch far beyond the boundaries of 54th and City Avenue. More and more, our students, faculty and alumni make life-changing contributions to their chosen professions, to their communities and to their own families.

I am honored to have been part of the Saint Joseph’s community for the past eight years. I thank all of you who have made my work a labor of love in the Lord. It has been a privilege for me to lead this University on the most recent, though hardly final, phase of its own journey to serve and prosper.

May God continue to bless all of you with His gifts. And may we always be thankful that one of those gifts is Saint Joseph’s University. The Hawk in my heart will never die.

God’s blessings,

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.
President

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Leadership, Friendship and a Bit of Irish Whimsy
A Retrospective of Saint Joseph’s 26th President
A timeline and personal anecdotes reflect the many people and places touched by Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., during his presidency.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR
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COMMENCEMENT
Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony, Thu., May 12, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (3 p.m.). Undergraduate Awards Ceremony, Fri., May 13, Chapel of St. Joseph (2:30 p.m.). Baccalaureate Mass, Fri., May 13, Chapel of St. Joseph (5:15 p.m.). Commissioning Ceremony for AROTC Detachment 750, Sun., May 15, Chapel (3 p.m.). Commencement Ceremonies:
- Graduate, Doctoral and College of Professional and Liberal Studies, Sat., May 14, Maguire Campus (9–10:30 a.m.).
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ACADEMIC EVENTS
5th Annual A Taste of Hawk Hill, Sat., Apr. 30, Athletic Center (7–11:30 p.m.). Local food and beverages, silent auction and raffle. Cost: $35 per ticket: Buy 9 and get 10th free (table: $315). Must be 21 to attend. Contact: Kathy Kennedy, Executive Food Marketing, 610-660-3152 or kkennedy@sju.edu.

Teaching Italian Today: Language, Culture and Technology, Sat., Apr. 30, 175 Merion Hall, S.J., Maguire Campus (9 a.m.–5 p.m.). CEU credit course with art and theater concentration. Sponsored by the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia and SJU. CEU offered to K-12 teachers with Pa. accreditation. Cost: $25. Includes breakfast, lunch and set of books. Contact: Paola Giuli, associate professor of Italian, 610-660-1856 or giuli@sju.edu.

Organized Retail Theft Conference, Criminal Justice & Public Safety Institute, Tue., June 7, Wollaston Teletorium, Mandeville Hall. Contact: Joan Fabrizio ‘01, ‘07, 610-660-1249 or fabrizio@sju.edu.

Indepence Dragon Boat Regatta, Sat., June 4, Schuylkill River (8 a.m.–5 p.m.). Robert M. Gillin Jr. Boathouse. Contact: Sue McFadden, smcfaidde@sju.edu or 610-660-1740.


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For general information, contact: Graduate Admissions, 888-SJU-GRAD or graduate@sju.edu. www.sju.edu/graduate_programs.html

New Graduate Student Orientation, Thu., Aug. 25.

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Contact: Kate McConnell, 610-660-3184 or kate.mcconnell@sju.edu.

Open Houses, Tuesdays, June 21, Aug. 9 and Oct. 18, Campion Student Center (6 p.m.). To register: www.sju.edu/higherknowledge.

HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Annual MBA Student Association/Alumni Networking Event, Thu., May 12, Mandeville Dining Room (6–8 p.m.). Contact: MBA office, 610-660-1690 or sjmba@sju.edu.

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Discover SJU Presentation and Campus Tour, Sat., Apr. 30. Open Houses, Sundays, June 25 and July 17. Contact: 610-660-1300 or admind@sju.edu. www.sju.edu/visit
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National Community Day, Sat., Apr. 16 (9 a.m.–1 p.m.). Various locations. Contact: Megan Famularo ‘06, 610-660-3294 or mfamularo@sju.edu. www.sju.edu/nationalcommunityday

On the Calendar
Standing at the kitchen counter after a long day at school, he gulps down a glass of milk, his blue socks peeping out from atop his loosely laced school shoes. As he takes a few steps across the room to grab an apple and scarf down a handful of chips, I notice, hovering too far above the brown suede bucks, the hemlines of his brand-spanking-new navy uniform pants. Just purchased. Washed only once. And faster than you can say, “What a fine looking young man,” my son’s pants were coming up short.

Floods, high waters — whatever you want to call them — aren’t cool, especially for a 13-year-old. His growth spurt may have propelled him out of his new school clothes and past his mother’s height, but I can’t wait to see the other high points — not necessarily physical — he will reach as he continues to grow.

The same can be said of Saint Joseph’s under Fr. Lannon’s leadership. For the past eight years, the University has shown tremendous growth — with no signs of stopping. This magazine offers a retrospective of Fr. Lannon’s tenure, along with several personal and touching memories of his time here.

The risk management and insurance program, spotlighted in this issue, began a few years ago with its own burst of growth and earned a quick endorsement from U.S. News & World Report. Likewise, momentum for National Community Day, involving Hawks far and wide in a day of service, is on the rise.

Dr. Elisabeth Hagen ’91, who was sworn in last fall as the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s under secretary of food safety, is also featured in this magazine. She hopes to elevate the protection of our food supply to a new level for all Americans, young and old.

That’s good news for me, as I look to buy the second set of uniform pants in a month for a child whose stature — and appetite — continues to reach new heights.

Molly Crown Hart

From the Editor
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR POST ACADEMIC CENTER AND LEARNING COMMONS

University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and other officials broke ground for the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center in November.

The 35,000-square-foot, three-story center will be made possible by a $9 million pledge from Maryanne and John R. Post ’60 (B.S.). “The groundbreaking for the facility represents our hope for and faith in the future of Saint Joseph’s University,” said John Post.

When completed in 2012, the project will include the construction of the new John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons and the renovation of the Drexel Library. The two sites will be connected by a glass atrium, offering students a bright, welcoming and flexible space in the heart of campus. It will double the existing space for students, with a total of 120 computer work stations, 24 collaborative study rooms, a special collections area, an enhanced café with an outdoor plaza, expanded student seating and presentation practice rooms.

“The Learning Commons will serve both the intellectual and technological needs of today’s students and faculty, providing both quiet study space and areas for group study and collaboration,” said Father Lannon. “We are creating a vibrant, resource-rich learning environment where students can study, research and engage in dialogue 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

The Academic Center will also house satellite locations for additional student support services, including the Career Development Center, the Writing Center and the Learning Resource Center.

For more photos of the event, visit sjupress.zenfolio.com/postgroundbreaking2. A live feed of the construction, as well more details about the construction, can be found at http://librarytoolkits.sju.edu/construction.

Above, right: Benefactors Maryanne and John ’60 Post (center) with their children, John R. Post Jr. ’06 (left) and Maryanne Post ’07 at the groundbreaking.

Left: (left to right) University Librarian Evelyn Minick, Maryanne Post, President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., John Post, Chair of the Board of Trustees Paul Hondros ’70 and Provost Brice Wachterhauser.
Merion Hall, the newest and largest addition to the James J. Maguire ‘58 Campus, opened its doors this semester to students and faculty. Adjacent to Cynwyd Hall, Merion welcomes visitors with a colorful, two-story lobby.

This bustling hub of learning houses the English and Education departments and their affiliated programs, along with 28 classrooms, faculty offices, an instructional technology center and a food concession area. The Sociology department plans to join the other departments there this summer.

Students and faculty are also taking advantage of two new active learning spaces geared toward education through interaction in Merion Hall. The Communications Studies Lab features seven workstations for student use. Each station includes:

- a wall-mounted flat screen display that allows students to share what they see on their laptop screen with everyone in their group,
- acoustic sound panels to manage the volume of student collaboration and
- sound-canceling headphones for individual use.

Aimée Knight, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, says the high-tech space is more than just a classroom.

“This multimedia production lab facilitates active and engaged learning,” she explained. “The change is not just technological, but also cultural. The display screens facilitate group interaction and collaboration — it’s an ideal set-up for project-based learning.”

In addition to the Communications Studies Lab, Merion Hall is also home to the Writing Center, which is staffed by undergraduate writing fellows trained as peer tutors to provide one-on-one consultations on any writing assignment. The new space nearly triples the size of the previous Writing Center and has many data ports available throughout the space — making it easier for visitors and tutors to access the technology they need as writers. In addition, it features a separate room for ESL tutoring.
ACESJU JOINS NATIONAL TEACHING NETWORK

The Alliance for Catholic Education at Saint Joseph's University (ACESJU), a two-year graduate education experience whose aim is to train quality Catholic school educators and principals, was accepted into the University Consortium for Catholic Education (UCCE). UCCE is a partnership of university programs joined in the common mission of recruiting and training faith-filled, energetic teachers. ACESJU joins 15 other universities in the UCCE and is the first in Pennsylvania. SJU’s program is housed in the University’s Faith-Justice Institute.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES SJU FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Saint Joseph’s University is among 115 colleges and universities nationwide that earned the highly selective 2010 Community Engagement Classification designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Following a rigorous voluntary application process, the Carnegie Foundation recognized Saint Joseph’s for academic distinction, curricular engagement and exemplary institutionalized practices of community engagement.

“Saint Joseph’s truly lives its institutional ideals of a transforming commitment to social justice and to educating men and women for others,” said University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. “This distinguished classification is a particular honor for our University community and a reflection of our Catholic, Jesuit mission.”

Currently, 350 SJU students participate each semester in weekly community service at more than 30 locations; 575 students annually participate in service immersion programs in regional, national and global locations. Each year, 100 incoming freshmen participate in the Philadelphia Service Immersion Program, a four-day service and local cultural immersion program.

HSB DEAN TO LEAD AACSB INTERNATIONAL

Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), dean of the Haub School of Business, was elected vice chair-elect of AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, based in Tampa, Fla. AACSB International is a not-for-profit organization of educational institutions, corporations and others devoted to the promotion and improvement of higher education in business administration and management. It is the premier accreditation body for business schools throughout the world; 607 accredited institutions span 38 countries.

“Being elected to this position is a true privilege,” said DiAngelo, whose new role is effective July 1. “AACSB is the international gold standard for business school accreditation. I plan to continue the momentum gained by my colleagues at AACSB to positively impact business education on a global scale.”

Saint Joseph’s Haub School of Business has achieved unprecedented growth since DiAngelo’s arrival in 2000. Over the past decade, the student population has increased 83 percent, and the Haub School of Business is the largest Jesuit business school in the country. The school is consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, The Aspen Institute, BusinessWeek and Beta Gamma Sigma.
**ENGLISH PROFESSOR CONTRIBUTES TO STUDY OF VICTORIAN LITERATURE**

In a commentary printed in the Oct. 1, 2010, edition of the *Times Literary Supplement* (TLS), David Sorensen, D. Phil., professor of English and associate director of the Honors program, discussed his recent discovery of 154 letters between Thomas Carlyle and Lady Harriet Ashburton at the Baring Archive in the City of London. For more than 130 years, biographers and critics assumed that these letters had been destroyed soon after Carlyle’s death in 1881.

Lady Harriet Ashburton, a brilliant wit and the hostess of the most famous literary salon in Victorian England, has always been represented as the “Intellectual Circe” who lured Carlyle away from his wife, Jane Welsh Carlyle, and drove her to drug addiction, despair and near suicide. Lady Harriet’s letters suggest a far more complex and intriguing story, which overturns decades of historical and biographical scholarship. They will be published in the forthcoming issue of *Carlyle Studies Annual*, edited by Sorensen and published by Saint Joseph’s University Press.

Sorensen has devoted much of his academic career to researching and publishing the Duke-Edinburgh edition of the *Collected Letters of Thomas and Jane Welsh Carlyle*, two of the most famous literary celebrities of the nineteenth century. Over their lifetimes, the couple wrote to over 600 correspondents, leaving behind well over 12,000 letters that convey an intimate sense of daily life in Victorian England.

**$1 MILLION GRANTED TO STUDY ALTERNATE FUEL SOURCE AND GREEN ROOFS**

Saint Joseph’s University has received a $1 million grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program (EEREA). The grant will fund key research and public education projects that will promote and advance responsible environmental stewardship at the University, in the greater Philadelphia area and throughout the country. The award will also enable SJU to formally establish a proposed Institute for Environmental Stewardship.

“This DOE award positions Saint Joseph’s to enter into research that will be meaningful to both the sustainability movement and to the education of students who are interested in careers in the environmental sciences,” said William Madges, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “With its emphasis on public education programs, it also supports our Jesuit mission by providing opportunities to contribute to the greater good.”

Research initiatives focus on two different projects on Saint Joseph’s campus, one exploring how certain variables affect the yield of switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), a potential biofuel crop, and another involving a comparison of green roof systems, which provide many benefits including reduced energy use and increased energy efficiency. They also help extend the life span of buildings by providing enhanced storm water management.

While switchgrass — which is prolific in the tallgrass prairie ecosystem of the Great Plains — has been identified as a potential alternative energy source for biofuel production, very little research has focused on how its yields, and the characteristics that make it a biofuel candidate, will be altered by the predicted changes in climate specific to the Great Plains. Most of the switchgrass cultivation is slated to occur in this area of the country.

“We initiated a multi-year, basic research project examining the effects of changes in precipitation, temperature, nitrogen deposition and elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide on the potential yield of varieties of switchgrass,” said Michael McCann, Ph.D. ’89 (B.S.), associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences and professor of biology. “In addition, we will examine the physiological and structural mechanisms that lead to changes in yield.”

“Understanding the effects of global change on switchgrass is critical because we do not want to be caught off guard if we are relying on this crop for fuel,” said Clint Springer, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology and principal investigator of the switchgrass study. “Future changes in climate could have negative consequences on both the yield of the plant and the attributes that allow it to be used as a biofuel.”

Faculty and students in various science programs are also using the roof systems for research and research training. Public tours of the green roof will begin in May.

*Plantings begin to sprout on the Science Center’s experimental green roof.*
Ron Dufresne, Ph.D., has a different perspective on leadership than most. For him, developing leadership skills isn’t necessarily about influencing others; rather, it is a self-focused effort, and it’s through this applied reflection that one can strive to make the world a better place.

Leadership is everywhere, he believes. It’s in the thousands of Americans who volunteer to take part in military service; it’s in the customer service operator of the Fortune 500 company; and it’s in the students seated in classrooms of Mandeville Hall preparing to make their marks on the world.

Perhaps most instrumental in developing Dufresne’s interest in leadership are the years he spent as an undergraduate at West Point. “It was essentially a four-year leadership school,” he said. After graduation, Dufresne spent five years in the Army followed by two years in industry. Influenced by the training gained from his military and industry background, he became inspired to research leadership effectiveness as an academic.

Now director of the Haub School of Business’s new major and minor in leadership, ethics and organizational sustainability, Dufresne has focused his efforts on teaching students how to become leaders in service to others. He believes the new major and minor are demonstrative of the Haub School’s foundational mission to infuse business ethics into every aspect of the curriculum.

“The program is committed to teaching students about the value of integrity as a business leadership skill,” he explained. “If you think about this organizationally, companies are most successful when they put their money where their mouth is. The same is true of great leaders.”

Dufresne’s specific research interests include the leadership processes that promote individual, team and organizational learning; organizational factors and practices that enable the development of ethical leaders; and the roles of vulnerability, integrity and hypocrisy in effective leadership.

— Carolyn Steigleman ’10 (M.A.)
In classrooms across the United States today, there is a push to improve mathematics achievement. But do students’ backgrounds influence their potential for academic success? Aubrey Wang, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, is finding clear evidence to support this idea. Wang’s research, featured in the Early Childhood Education Journal, has found that low-income African-American kindergartners have greater opportunities to learn mathematics than their low-income Caucasian peers. In a follow-up study, Wang also found that increased opportunity to learn in preschool significantly predicted math achievement for low-income African-American students, while Caucasian student achievement was correlated to greater emphasis on mixed methods of problem solving, fractions and estimation.

Drawn from analyzing a data set from the National Center for Education Statistics, her research has found that opportunity to learn is influenced by four major factors: the content of the curriculum, how the curriculum is delivered, obstruction of delivery (classroom distractions), and students’ individual and diverse learning needs. Wang, who spent 10 years in the educational research field before entering higher education, hopes to build upon the evidence that early mathematics exposure contributes to later academic achievement, and provide valuable information that will help close the achievement gap related to student background.

“My experience in the educational research field was that practitioners [teachers] do not always know how to apply the research provided for them, so often strategies were not implemented,” she said. “If educators learn research skills and understand how educational research can translate into classroom success, that’s where the difference will come.”


— Colleen DeFruscio ’11 (M.A.)

ASSOCIATE DEAN LEADS
JESUIT BUSINESS JOURNAL

Stephen Porth, Ph.D. ’80 (B.S.), associate dean of academic affairs and executive director of graduate business programs in the Haub School of Business, was appointed senior editor of the Journal of Jesuit Business Education, published by Saint Joseph’s University Press.

First introduced in 2010, the journal is in its third press run and is working to keep up with demand. Developed by Colleagues in Jesuit Business Education, the journal is an annual compilation of scholarly work from all business disciplines with a focus on Jesuit and Catholic identity, ethics and social responsibility, service learning, faith and spirituality, and social justice.

“For the past 13 years, Jesuit business school deans, administrators and faculty have gathered annually at the Colleagues in Jesuit Business Education Conference to network and learn from peers,” said Porth. “We’re excited to cement the distinctiveness of this commentary with the journal and share it with a broad audience.”

SENIOR AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

It’s all adding up for Megan Rigler, a senior actuarial science and math double major. The Marlton, N.J., native was one of 13 college students worldwide to receive a 2010 John Culver Wooddy Scholarship for actuarial science. Only a handful of scholarship recipients have come from a Philadelphia-area school in the past 14 years.

The scholarship, administered by the Actuarial Foundation, is awarded annually to college seniors who have successfully completed at least one actuarial examination, rank in the top quartile of their class and are nominated by a professor at their school. Each year, selected students receive a $2,000 scholarship, established by the estate of John Culver Wooddy, a distinguished actuary who set aside funds to provide scholarships to actuarial students.

“The actuarial profession has always maintained that the most successful actuaries have well-rounded backgrounds and excellent communication skills,” said Richard Cavaliere, Ph.D., director of SJU’s actuarial science program and associate professor of mathematics. “By recognizing Megan, the John Culver Wooddy Scholarship committee reaffirms the value of the liberal arts perspective in the actuarial profession.”

“She has the potential to reach a senior leadership position within the industry at a relatively young age,” noted Robert Deliberato ’76 (B.S.), SJU’s actuarial executive-in-residence who nominated Rigler. “She possesses the talent, drive and interpersonal skills to succeed at the highest levels of a corporation.”

Rigler says she hopes to accept a full-time position with an insurance company after graduation. “My more long-term goals are to finish my actuarial examinations and complete the designation process,” she said. “I hope to achieve my ‘fellow’ — the highest level of membership in the Casualty Actuarial Society — within five years.”

For more on Rigler and SJU’s risk management and insurance program, see pages 22-25.
FIELD HOCKEY SENIOR STANDOUTS GET A-10 ACCOLADES

Senior forward Nicole McCreight was voted 2010 Atlantic 10 Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Year by the league’s head coaches, a first for Saint Joseph’s. The Havertown, Pa., native was also named to the All-Conference First Team.

McCreight scored 17 goals and added three assists for 37 points, notching the highest single-season goal total by a Hawk since 1986 (third highest all-time) and the fourth-highest single season point total in SJU history. She started all 19 games, leading the Hawks and tying for second in the Atlantic 10 in goals and points.

Seniors Hannah Rogers (Lumberton, N.J.) and Jen Wrublesky (Langhorne, Pa.)— both three-time members of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad — received All-Academic Team accolades. To be eligible, players must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and be key contributors on the field.

GRAD STUDENT IS HUMANITARIAN WITHOUT BORDERS

Ben Guillaume, a student in Saint Joseph’s master’s degree program in nurse anesthesia, offered in conjunction with Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia, believes in the importance of giving back.

An RN in the cardiac intensive care unit at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Guillaume volunteers with Explorers Sans Frontières (ESF), a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization whose many programs include working abroad in hospital and clinical settings. His first ESF mission was in March 2010, to his birthplace of Haiti, two months after the devastating earthquake. The Abington, Pa., resident led an ESF team to Haiti again in December to provide medical, psychological and educational care to cholera patients in orphanages and clinics.

In March 2011, Guillaume spoke to an SJU Health and Society course about the value of humanitarian work, global health and social responsibility.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS NEW CLASS

The SJU Athletics Hall of Fame inducted its 2010 class last fall. From left: Christina Kowalski ’00 (softball), Tom Pippet ’73 (soccer), assistant women’s basketball coach and all-time leading scorer Susan Moran ’02, ’07 (basketball), Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Famer Tony Costner ’84 (basketball), legendary broadcaster Bill Campbell (honorary), Michael McDermott ’97 (golf), former Philadelphia Eagle Vince Papale ’68 (track and field), Olympian Renee Hykel ’01 (rowing) and John Butz ’66 (baseball).

FORMER PHILADELPHIA PHILLIE LARRY BOWA SPEAKS TO BASEBALL ALUMNI

Former Philadelphia Phillies shortstop and manager Larry Bowa delivered the keynote address at the Second Annual Lead-Off Dinner for Saint Joseph’s baseball program in February.

“Don’t let anybody ever tell you that you can’t do it, because the sky is the limit,” Bowa told the squad’s current players. “Whether you want to be a baseball player or a banker or a lawyer, just remember one thing: Give 100 percent. Give everything you have on that particular day. If you have a dream, stay with that dream, and good things will happen.”

The dinner doubled as an induction ceremony for this year’s class of the SJU Baseball Hall of Fame. The inductees were Steve Yentsch ’77 (B.S.), Bill Weingartner ’95 (B.S.) and the 1974 team. The Harry Booth Award for outstanding dedication to the Saint Joseph’s baseball program was bestowed upon Joe Levis ’72 (B.S.).

Guillaume (right) proudly displays his Hawks apparel with Athletic Director Don Dililia ’67 at the dinner.
The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation opened on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall in December. The commemorative, open-air installation marks the site where the nation’s first two presidents, George Washington and John Adams, served their terms of office, and it also pays tribute to nine documented enslaved persons of African descent who were part of the Washington household.

According to Randall Miller, Ph.D., SJU professor of history and one of the project’s historians, some of the most powerful reactions have not been to the panels that tell the story of the President's House but rather to the engraved names of the nine slaves who lived in the quarters.

"The President's House is a project of major international importance because it recognizes the broader picture of the people who participated in this nation’s early history, including enslaved and free people of African descent," said Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter. “I stand on the shoulders of the voiceless people whom this site commemorates. They will now be known to the rest of the world.”

Though the exhibit has drawn criticism along with accolades, Miller sees it all as positive. “We wanted the public to engage the difficult questions of race, and the history of the President’s House is allowing people to do it,” said Miller. “Different people from different walks of life started having this very important conversation that contributes to the awareness of our history.”

**PROFESSOR PRESERVES HISTORY THROUGH PHILADELPHIA’S NEW PRESIDENT’S HOUSE**

**SJU CONFRS HONORARY DEGREE ON INTERFAITH LEADER**

His Eminence Walter Cardinal Kasper, president *emeritus* of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews (center), received the degree of doctor of sacred theology (*honoris causa*) from Saint Joseph’s in January. Philip Cunningham, Ph.D., professor of theology and director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph’s (left), and William Madges, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (right), presented the degree to Cardinal Kasper at the Vatican.

Saint Joseph’s recognized Cardinal Kasper for his dedication to the vision of a new relationship between Catholics and Jews set forth by the Second Vatican Council, for his labors to begin to achieve that vision as president of the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and for his exemplary modeling of the work of a Catholic theologian in service to the Church and to interreligious understanding.

**MASS CELEBRATES THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

*Father Stephen Thorne, director of the Philadelphia Archdiocese’s Office of Black Catholics, offered a celebratory Mass in honor of the life and legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial in January.*
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THE HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The management department has new major and minor offerings and will no longer have a management major/minor. Instead it will offer the current major and minor in international business as well as:

■ Undergraduate Major/Minor in Family Business and Entrepreneurship

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FACULTY BOOKS

■ Gerald J. Beyer, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology, Recovering Solidarity: Lessons from Poland’s Unfinished Revolution. (University of Notre Dame Press, 2010).


■ Donna Gottardi, adjunct professor of sociology, Raining Cats and Rats. (James A. Rock, 2010).


■ Ronald Klimberg, Ph.D., professor of decision and system sciences, with Kenneth Lawrence, Advances in Business and Management Forecasting, Vol. 7 (Emerald Press, 2010).


■ Kimberly Richmond, adjunct professor of marketing, The Power of Selling. (Flatworld Knowledge, 2010).


■ Ellen M.E. Wedemeyer, Ed.D., ’93 (M.S.) ’05 (M.B.A.), affiliate faculty, special education, No Know Special Education in This School! Five Keys to Reach, Teach, and Raise Students with Learning or Behavior Challenges. (National Catholic Educational Association, 2011).
At the end of the day, he would leave the door to his apartment open for anyone to come by and chat. He would sit in his brown leather chair, reading the newspaper, with TV news on in the background. I don’t think there are many college presidents who would interact with students during their free time after a busy day. It’s clear to me that he is a man who really cares about others.

— Danielle Begatta ’09
One of Fr. Lannon’s resident assistants in Merion Gardens, the student residence hall where he lived beginning in 2006.
LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND a Bit of Irish Whimsy

A RETROSPECTIVE OF SAINT JOSEPH’S 26TH PRESIDENT

As University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., prepares to depart Hawk Hill, SJU Magazine offers a special look at the man who guided SJU for eight years. The anecdotes and reflections shared here show the impact of his influence — as a leader, as a priest and as a friend. The timeline below highlights just a few of the many milestones marking Fr. Lannon’s tenure, which will be felt for decades to come.

Reflections gathered by Patricia Allen,
Senior Associate Director of University Communications

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2003
Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., inaugurated as Saint Joseph’s 26th president.

2004
Food and Drug Administration awards $1.5 million grant to Early Responders Distance Learning Center and Center for Food Marketing to help food industry deal with food supply attacks.

City Avenue residence halls open, named Borgia and Rashford by Brian Duperreault ’69 in 2006.

Ignatian College Connection founded to provide college awareness and enrichment programs to high school students of diverse backgrounds.

Men’s basketball team reaches No. 1 in national rankings.

2005
U.S. News & World Report ranks part-time MBA program No. 20 in nation; Philadelphia Business Journal ranks SJU among top 40 places to work.

Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics founded.

James J. Maguire ’58 commits $10 million lead gift — the largest gift in SJU history — to assist SJU in purchasing Episcopal Academy.

SJU partners with then-Philadelphia councilman Michael Nutter to create Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation to improve quality of life in neighborhoods adjacent to campus.

As a former Trustee and chair of the search committee that brought Fr. Lannon to Philadelphia, John Smithson ’68 (B.S.), ’82 (M.B.A.), Saint Joseph’s senior vice president, and his fellow committee members used to joke that the job description was so daunting St. Ignatius himself would not qualify for the position. But Smithson says he knew that, in Fr. Lannon, the committee had found the best and most qualified person to be president.

Eight years later, his intuition has borne fruit. “In so many ways, Fr. Lannon has put Saint Joseph’s University on the map,” he says.

Early in the process, however, Fr. Lannon wasn’t sure that he should choose Saint Joseph’s. “He comes from the Midwest — Mason City, Iowa, where he grew up; Omaha, where he went to undergraduate school; Milwaukee, where he was vice president for university advancement at Marquette — where there aren’t as many colleges or universities as there are in Philadelphia,” says Smithson.

“I think he was concerned about the ‘big city’ environment, where there are 80 or more competitor schools within a stone’s throw of Saint Joseph’s.”

Smithson can’t help but smile when he remembers Fr. Lannon saying to him, “I don’t know how I’ll fit in.”

“At that point, I thought that was just hilarious,” he says. “It was clear to me that he has the type of personality that would fit in anywhere. No matter whom he meets, they think — with good reason — that he is their friend. It’s a skill, but it is also sincere. To me, it was clear as a bell — it could not have been any clearer — that the Saint Joseph’s community would welcome him with open arms.”
Shortly after Fr. Lannon was inaugurated at SJU, Joseph Reilly, an SJU public safety security officer, was asked to drive him to Philadelphia International Airport. On the way, they struck up a lively conversation.

“It was blarney meets blarney,” says the avuncular Reilly. “We’re both great talkers.” But he was so immersed in their conversation that after leaving the Platt Memorial Bridge, he took a wrong turn.

“We wound up in the old Gulf Oil Refinery,” he recalls.

“Fr. Lannon looked around at the scenery and said, ‘Where are we going?’”

The answer? Out of there, as quickly as possible. They were only in the refinery for a few minutes, and Fr. Lannon made his flight in plenty of time. But Reilly was a little nervous about the unplanned tour of the rusting facility.

“I kind of thought I wouldn’t be asked to drive him again,” he admits.

Fr. Lannon usually drives himself, says Reilly, but “when I do take him to Philly International, Fr. Lannon always points out the road into the refinery. ‘There it is,’ he says. ‘Reilly’s Boulevard.’”

“I remember being impressed by his dissertation [from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University] on the leadership style of three presidents of Jesuit universities. His insightful remarks gave evidence then that he understood what was necessary to be a successful president — having effective and generous people skills, being clear about what he wants and expects, and the ability to manage when it is time to manage, and lead when it is time to lead.

I have admired how he has worked with other presidents, combining a no-nonsense approach with humor and flexibility. He is an excellent example of Ignatian leadership.”

— Charles Currie, S.J.
President of the American Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU)
Father Lannon has said that while he loves living at Merion Gardens, the one thing he misses is daily contact with the Jesuit community, so he tries to have dinner with his Jesuit brethren a few times a week. “He’s obviously very busy, but he loves to be at home, among his brother Jesuits,” says his friend, Joseph Feeney, S.J., professor of English.

Both men are of Irish ancestry, and Fr. Feeney says they kid each other about their shared heritage. “We banter back and forth,” he says. “We both have a touch of Irish whimsy.”

As chair of the Jesuit Recruitment Committee, Fr. Feeney says that the two find a way to bring that whimsy into their work on the committee. “Tim’s been very helpful and proactive, and has not shied away from taking the initiative, when needed, in recruiting Jesuits. But when the work is done, we often send zany little e-mails to each other. He’s very playful, and has a light touch. I’m not sure that people know that about him. I’ll miss him, both as president and as a friend.”

When former Trustee Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.), president and chief executive officer of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., first met Fr. Lannon, he had no idea of the role the priest would play during an important time in his life.

Duperreault was on the search committee that brought Fr. Lannon to Saint Joseph’s and, early on, remembers being impressed. “He was personable and genuine,” Duperreault says. “You can see these characteristics in his leadership style, which I describe as intimate. He is not a remote autocrat, and there is not some other Fr. Lannon out there. I’ve never seen a difference between his public and private personae.”

On Mother’s Day in 2009, when Duperreault’s mother, Margaret, was sick with the illness that would later claim her life, Fr. Lannon visited her.

“Fr. Lannon drove to Princeton from Philadelphia, meeting us at my mom’s hospital room,” Duperreault remembers. “He’s the president of a major university — you can imagine the demands on his time. He spoke to her, and to us. He speaks in such a way that, through him, fellowship takes place. Fr. Lannon gave my mother peace when she needed it most. It was such a meaningful moment. My mom passed away within the week. I will always be grateful to Fr. Lannon for being there.”

Joyce and Mike Hagan ’85 pledge $10 million lead gift toward renovation and expansion of Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse.

Haub School of Business establishes Center for Consumer Research.

2008

U.S. News again ranks SJU No. 8 in the category Best Universities-Master’s (North).

Five-year, $19 million Science Center renovation completed.

Margaret and Paul Hordros ’70 pledge $7.5 million lead gift to establish Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support.

Hawks’ Landing, which includes a five-story parking facility, retail stores and University Bookstore, opens.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute awards SJU $1 million for biology and physics initiatives.

New General Education Program approved.

SJU dedicates former Episcopal Academy as James J. Maguire ’58 Campus; Jim and Frannie Maguire commit additional $5 million to match gifts of $50,000 or more to the Maguire Campus. The Maguire Challenge was met 18 months later.

2009

U.S. News ranks part-time MBA program No. 1 in Pennsylvania, in Top 25 nationally; Haub School is one of only three Philadelphia schools to rank in BusinessWeek’s Top 60 nationwide.

Diversity Plan completed; agreement with Anti-Defamation League entered; “Campus of Difference” educational campaign launched.
Leadership expert Ron Dufresne, Ph.D., assistant professor of management, says that Fr. Lannon is an excellent example of the “servant-leader,” a leadership style and philosophy that views leadership as something that springs from a deep desire primarily to serve and develop others.

At Dufresne’s request, Fr. Lannon has spoken twice to his Executive MBA students. Dufresne recalls that Fr. Lannon gave the students a theoretical analysis of the history of leadership study, but then he offered a very authentic, heartfelt conversation on his own leadership journey that was reflective and personal.

“He emphasized how important it is for executives to include disciplined reflection during their day,” Dufresne says. “EMBA students think they are too busy for this ‘luxury’ — they are juggling demanding jobs, families and the program — and can’t carve out the time. But, of course, if Fr. Lannon can do this, then they can find a way to do this, too. They really found his insights helpful.”

While working at Saint Joseph’s, ARAMARK server LaRhonda Brunson has met many celebrities — humanitarian Archbishop Desmond Tutu, actress Ruby Dee, Phillies pitching legend Jamie Moyer ’85, among others — but it’s clear that, in her eyes, none of them holds a candle to Fr. Lannon.

“He is phenomenal — so charismatic and brilliant,” says the energetic Brunson, who is part of the “A-Team” that usually works VIP events. “But no one ever feels small or insignificant around him. To him, everyone is important.”

“Fr. Lannon has high standards,” she continues, “and to rise to the occasion makes me a better person.”

But for seven months last year, a work-related injury sidelined Brunson. At the beginning of an event at Regis Hall, on a very cold day in January, she lifted a case of wine, hurting her back. “The pain was paralyzing,” she says. Brunson chose to stay until the end of her shift and didn’t tell anyone what had happened, not wanting to let Fr. Lannon down.

When the event was over, she revealed her injury, and an ambulance was called. “It was 8:30 p.m., and I went outside to wait, because I didn’t want anyone to see me in that state,” she says. “Fr. Lannon came outside in the freezing cold and waited with me and another staff member for the ambulance. He wanted to make sure that I was taken care of.”
When he was student body president, Jim Finore ’07 (B.B.A.) got to know Fr. Lannon. “Fr. Lannon has a magnetic personality, but at the same time, he’s a regular guy,” he says. “The students really admired him.”

Finore liked Fr. Lannon so much he invited him home to have dinner with his family. “He comes from a big family, and I think he misses being around them,” Finore says. For the meal, Finore’s mother served Chilean sea bass, knowing her guest’s fondness for fish. Unfortunately, she prepared it with too much seasoning.

“It was very tense at the table,” Finore says. The guests were eating the sea bass, but it was clear that there was something wrong with it. In a quiet moment, Finore’s sister Jen exclaimed, “What did you do to this fish?”

“Everyone started laughing,” Finore recalls, “and Fr. Lannon said, ‘It just has a little extra kick.’ Now, of course, it’s a running joke. There is always something on the table with ‘a little extra kick.’”

The first evening was so enjoyable that it has become a biannual occurrence. “My mother starts preparing for the visit six weeks prior to the date,” says Finore. “My grandmother goes out and gets her hair done. It’s a big event.”

“Fr. Lannon is a special individual. He conveys a sense of being at peace with the world. Of course, at the same time, he is also very committed to his work. And he is committed to the interfaith movement. He doesn’t say we are all children of God, but he acts as though it is true. Race, culture and religions don’t come into it. Fr. Lannon is interested in human beings.”

— Charles Kahn Jr. Executive Chairman of Kahn & Co., Inc., SJU Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations board member and former University Trustee

“Fr. Lannon is a great leader. He is very sensitive to the neighbors’ concerns, but at the same time, he is passionate about getting the best for his students. Our relationship had an extra dimension, because I was Jesuit-trained at Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School, and we had that common ground. We had conversations of great substance. It’s clear to me that Fr. Lannon follows the Jesuit ideal of being a man for others.”

— Michael Nutter Mayor of Philadelphia
As under secretary for food safety in the USDA, Elisabeth Hagen, M.D. ’91, draws on her experience as a physician, a parent and a Saint Joseph’s alumna.
Sure, Elisabeth Hagen M.D. ’91 (B.S.), is under secretary for food safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), but ask her two kids — Ned, 6, and Nora, 3 — what she does for a living.

Her son will recite safe cooking temperatures for different cuts of meat: Pork, 160 degrees; steak, 145; chicken, 165. Beyond that, they don’t really get what Mommy does.

“They know that I help [Agriculture] Secretary [Tom] Vilsack and President Obama keep the food safe,” Hagen says, laughing, during an interview in her office at the USDA South Building on Independence Avenue in Washington, D.C. “And that’s as much as they really need to know.”

Hagen’s job uniquely blends her identities as a parent and physician — and the commitment to community service she developed at Saint Joseph’s.

“I think Saint Joe’s is the kind of place where public servants are born,” Hagen says, “because it’s that demand for excellence and that constant reminder that you’re part of a community, you’re part of a world to which you owe something. That’s where it all started for me.”

Hagen grew up in central Pennsylvania, outside of Harrisburg, with a father and a brother who attended college in Philadelphia, so that’s where she set her sights, too — looking for a school with strong programs in the sciences. Saint Joseph’s fit the bill, awarded her a full scholarship and offered something more. “Even then, before I knew that community service was important to me, I knew that it was important to them,” Hagen says. “And I think I was drawn to that.”

When she got to Hawk Hill, she wasn’t disappointed. Hagen took a leadership role with Hand in Hand, an organization dedicated to increasing interaction between the Saint Joseph’s community and those with special needs. She majored in biology and was part of the Honors and University Scholars programs. She conducted funded research in microbiology — “really neat kinds of stuff,” she says, “that I don’t know I would have done on a bigger campus and in a different environment.” And she had a “fantastic” mentor: Biology professor John Tudor, Ph.D., who considers her “one of the most intellectually talented students that I had the privilege to work with.

“I was delighted when she wanted to work in my research lab,” Tudor says, “and we had a lot of fun working together. Lis is not only academically gifted, but she is one of the most caring individuals I have known.”

While at Saint Joseph’s, Hagen discovered she wanted to pursue a career in medicine. She was accepted to Harvard Medical School but deferred for a year to provide volunteer medical care to disadvantaged children in Honduras. After Harvard, she did her internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and stayed on for another year to work in UT Southwestern’s community-oriented primary-care program. She returned to Philadelphia for an infectious-diseases fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her first job after the fellowship was at Long Island’s North Shore Community Hospital, where she taught and conducted clinical work in infectious diseases. When her husband, Daniel Gabbay, M.D., got a job in the Washington, D.C., area, she relocated with him, joined a private practice and did some teaching at Georgetown. Hagen smiles, “So I didn’t come down here wanting to be a part of anybody’s administration or anything like that.”

But that’s how it worked out.

It was the pull of community service that did it. “I think a lot of people who go into medicine are interested in both the personal, individual, patient-centered care,” Hagen says, “and the opportunity to do something bigger, on a larger scale — either research or public health or something similar.” She would ask herself, “How do I use my background, my training, my specialty expertise and get into something a little different?”

The answer was the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), tasked with keeping the nation’s meat, poultry and egg products safe and pathogen-free, which Hagen joined in 2006 as director of the Human Health Sciences Division. She began “running outbreak investigations and things like that,” and “connected pretty quickly to the work we do here.” She moved through a series of positions and was serving as the USDA’s chief medical officer in fall 2009 when she was approached about the nomination to under secretary for food safety.

“I felt a real connection to this work even when I was doing it at a different level,” Hagen says. “And the president asked. The president asks you to do something he thinks is really important, so you sort of have to have a good reason to say no. But I just really believe in what we do here. What’s more important than the safety of the food we put on our tables every day?”

President Obama appointed Hagen to the position by recess appointment last August; the Senate unanimously confirmed her a month later. Today she oversees FSIS, whose thousands of inspectors work in food-processing facilities across the country, trying to protect the American public from food-borne illness — which is hardest on the most vulnerable parts of the population, including children.

“As a parent, I can’t imagine what it’s like to lose your child because you put something on the table that you thought was healthy,” Hagen says. “You have to have a passion for this job, and I think that’s where it comes from. As a physician, too, I’d watch people get sick and die from these pathogens that we’re trying to prevent, from eating a hamburger. I bring that with me every day on the job.”

No one who knows Hagen is surprised at where her life has taken her. “I’ve been able to follow her career,” Tudor says, “and was not at all surprised, but certainly thrilled, when she was nominated to be under secretary for food safety in the USDA. Our food safety could not be in more capable hands.”

Chris Durso, of Arlington, Va., is executive editor of Convene magazine.
A day to make a DIFFERENCE

National Community Day brings together alumni, current and accepted students, faculty, staff and friends in a day of service.

By Nicole Katze ’10 (M.A.)

April 24, 2010, was a meaningful day at the Ronald McDonald House on East 73rd Street in New York City, where Deborah Coughlin ’75 (B.S.) and 15 New York-area SJU alumni and friends threw an ice cream party they would not soon forget. Many of the children there, joyfully covered in syrupy stickiness, were temporarily living at RMH with their families as they underwent pediatric medical care.

Coughlin and her group were there as part of SJU’s National Community Day (NCD), an annual event designed to enable all Hawks — current, past and future — to further the Ignatian ideal of serving together as men and women for others.

Coughlin has been the New York City site coordinator since the event began in 2008, then open to alumni only. In 2009, the effort merged with the student-established Community Day and became National Community Day.

“Community is at the heart of this,” she says. “It’s a way for us to reach out to our own communities as individuals, and to remind us that we are still part of the strong community of Hawks.”

NCD 2010 attracted more than 500 participants, the strongest turnout yet. In fact, 2010 more than doubled the previous year’s participation and involved 31 sites in 16 cities.

Dan Gallagher ’94 (B.S.), ’99 (M.S.), who oversees NCD’s alumni component, sees potential in this: With undergraduate students taking part each year, the alumni base should grow, in turn, as they graduate. And with greater outreach, he looks forward to increasing existing alumni involvement.

As vice president of learning and development operations for the Comcast Corporation, he has incorporated service learning as a methodology for teaching leadership there. NCD’s structure, in fact, is based on Comcast Cares Day — an annual day of service involving employees across the country.

“We want NCD to be approachable, flexible and memorable,” Gallagher explains. “Anyone can host a site anywhere. It’s not how many people you serve with or how many hours of service you give. It’s about hundreds of Hawks living our faith together by serving on that same Saturday in April.”

Top: Mary Lou Gonzalez ’86 (front), her daughters, Maria (left) and Teresa (right), and Jill Jarosz ’94 (center) at Huntington Beach in Orange County, Calif.; Middle: (Clockwise) Patty Martin ’05, Todd O’Brien ’12, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Idris Hilliard ’11, Carl Baptiste ’13, Justin Crosigile ’13, Chris Piazza ’10 and Stephanie Hartman at James Rhoads Elementary School in Philadelphia; Bottom: Elise Baker ’10 (center) with her mother, Catherine ’85, and grandfather, Richard P. Baker Jr., M.D. ’52, at the ARC of Philadelphia.
This flexibility is the reason Coughlin could serve ice cream in New York City, while at the same time, Mary Lou Gonzalez ’86 (B.S.) was cleaning beaches 3,000 miles away in southern California.

Gonzalez and three other alumnae — site coordinator Debbie Faulkner ’94 (B.S.), Jill Jarosz ’94 (B.S.) and Elaine Fugedy ’75 (B.A.) — worked on a cleanup of Huntington Beach in Orange County.

“An event like this is especially meaningful for alumni who no longer live near Philadelphia,” she says, “because it allows us to reconnect with people we loved and left.”

SJU’s team cleaned alongside local surf enthusiasts, and Gonzalez’s children, Teresa, 10, and Maria, 8, volunteered, too. NCD was an opportunity, she says, “to show them what it is to be civically engaged, in an atmosphere that was rooted in something they understood was close to my heart.”

NCD did more than just introduce Gonzalez’s children to volunteerism. It has kept her in contact with Jarosz and Faulkner, whom she first met when the SJU Alumni Association was recruiting organizers for the Southern California Alumni Club.

“It truly has been great to find so many local alumni and develop friendships with them,” she says.

Sometimes alumni find themselves even farther from SJU and alumni organizations but want to stay involved. Take Theresa J. Henson Kaymak, Esq. ’87 (B.S.), who recently relocated to Turkey with her husband. After finding NCD through Facebook, Kaymak decided to serve in solidarity — despite her distance from Philadelphia.

Kaymak and her husband had planned to volunteer together at Saray, an orphanage just outside of Ankara, only to discover the institution no longer allowed foreigners inside. Determined to help in some way, the couple donated clothing to the orphanage instead.

Baker, leader of the 2010 NCD student component, appreciates how the initiative allows alumni to connect with each other and current students.

“Everyone’s life experiences are different, so they bring different perspectives to everything they do,” she says. “It’s the same with Community Day. The alumni come back and work with current students and are able to bridge generation gaps, because the spirit of helping others is still strong. That acts as a kind of bond between them.”

A fourth-generation Hawk, Baker understands the deep connections of a shared alma mater. Her family continues to volunteer in the name of SJU because service is part of their lifestyle. In 2009, Baker served with her mother, Catherine Baker ’85 (B.A.), and her grandfather, Richard Baker Jr., M.D. ’52 (B.S.). Both Catherine and Richard returned in 2010, this time with Baker’s aunt, Anne (Baker) Clark ’83 (B.A.), Her great-grandfather, Richard Sr. (deceased), also attended Saint Joseph’s.

While her family volunteered at the ARC of Philadelphia, a service provider for people with intellectual disabilities, Baker, wanting to make sure everything was proceeding smoothly, traveled to other sites to observe Philadelphia-area volunteers.

At James Rhoads Elementary School, where volunteers for NCD and Comcast Cares Day worked together, turnout was so strong, she says, that, in just one day, a mural went up in its entirety, a new running track was painted on the blacktop, and playground games were painted in the recess yard. The West Philadelphia site, which also became part of the NFL Network’s Keep Gym in School campaign, brought together Comcast CEO Brian Roberts, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Pennsylvania Sen. Vincent Hughes, State Rep. Vanessa Lowry Brown, City Year team members and hundreds of Comcast employees with SJU students and alumni. Promoting healthy exercise for all children, Eagles kicker and five-time Pro Bowl choice David Akers joined the Hawks in getting the work done.

Like Baker, Gerry McConnell ’83 (B.S.), 2010 site coordinator for the St. Elizabeth Center of Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia, comes from a family of Hawks. As he followed in the footsteps of his father, Issac, who attended Saint Joseph’s in 1939 (but left to enlist in the Army), his own children, Sara, a senior, and Sean, a freshman, have continued the SJU tradition.

McConnell, who credits NCD with reengaging him with the University, decided to volunteer after hearing about the event through other alumni. He also saw it as an opportunity to help current students on their career paths. A financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Bryn Mawr, Pa., McConnell realized he could — and should — be available as a resource to other recent or soon-to-be graduates.

“It doesn’t matter where you are or when you meet another alum,” says McConnell. “There’s a real loyalty there. The people who come out of SJU, whether they graduated with you or not, are just as willing to help you out at any time. They’re just purely good-hearted people.”

Separated by miles, careers and lifestyles, each of these individuals was able to participate in an SJU event in their own time and on their own terms — while sharing the bond of serving on the same day.

“We were fortunate to have many alumni serving as site leaders across the nation, and I appreciated the diversity of service projects presented, from planting trees in Camden to completing neighborhood projects in Boston,” says Gina Mazzulla ’91 (B.S.), president of the SJU Alumni Association. “National Community Day is an outstanding example of our commitment to be men and women for others.”

Whether the service site was large or small, NCD brought together Hawks in celebration of service, united in action. In a world of distance and differences, it’s a reminder that beyond graduation, a Hawk is a Hawk for life. And staying connected to the SJU community is just as important as the service performed for others.

Nicole Katze works in the University Communications Office.
Mention

insurance and most people conjure a similar image: a gregarious green gecko. Fun, perhaps, but not the invitation to a career.

So why are more and more students attracted to Saint Joseph’s risk management and insurance (RMI) program, first offered as a major last fall?

Could it be the opportunity to start with the possibility of a scholarship and end with the probability of a job? Could it be the stature of the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance board members, who represent the region’s major insurance companies? Could it be the prestige of a program that, established as just an academic track in 2007, has already been ranked 11th in the category of undergraduate business specialties by U.S. News & World Report?
Could it be that the profession of risk management and insurance is misunderstood? “The industry gets slammed in a lot of ways, but it’s a very pure industry because it does provide social good,” says David Benglian, executive director of the RMI academy and director of the master of science in financial services program.

Without insurance, he explains, few of us could afford to buy a car, own a home or start a business, because we couldn’t absorb a major financial loss. “Underlying all that we do is the financial security provided by the industry,” Benglian says.

Assistant Professor of Finance Steven Miller, Ph.D., the program’s first full-time faculty member, concurs. He recalls a famous and heartwarming series of Budweiser commercials some years ago that celebrated the townsfolk of Barneveld, Wis., for rebuilding the town after it was destroyed by a tornado.

“What the Budweiser ads didn’t show,” he says, “is who was providing the money — not only to rebuild, but to continue to pay workers while the companies were rebuilding, so jobs could be saved, so people could be made whole.

“The purpose of insurance is to make people whole from an accidental loss.”

And it can offer a fulfilling career, as well, says Debra Rodgers, vice president of global risk management for ARAMARK Corp. in Philadelphia.

“I think risk management can be one of the most rewarding and fun careers someone can pursue,” says Rodgers, an academy board member who was named 2010 Risk Manager of the Year by Business Insurance magazine. “No two days are alike. I have a ‘to do’ list that rarely gets checked off because throughout the day things come up that are unexpected, because risks can’t always be predicted. You need to adapt quickly to situations and respond when issues arise.”

There’s even the occasional magical moment. A few years ago, academy board member Carl Bach ’73 (B.A.) was working in London for a Lloyd’s affiliate that had insured a Paul McCartney concert. McCartney had cancelled the concert because he had laryngitis. While Bach and a claims adjuster were meeting with the concert promoter to settle the claim for his losses, guess who walked in?

“He said, ‘I’ll make the concert up, so withdraw the claim.’ Then he looked at us and said, ‘Are you the insurance guys?’ I said, ‘Do we look like insurance guys?’ ‘Yes,’ he said, and started singing ‘Hey, Jude.’”

When Bach and his colleague got up to leave, McCartney told them to “stick around” and gave them backstage passes.

RMI program

The impetus to begin the RMI program came from James J. Maguire ’58 (B.S.), prominent insurance industry leader and generous benefactor for whom the former Episcopal Academy, now part of Saint Joseph’s campus, is named.

Maguire’s devotion to Saint Joseph’s began during his undergraduate years when Hunter Guthrie, S.J., his philosophy professor, realized that his poor grades were due to a condition that was little known at the time: dyslexia.

“I couldn’t read,” Maguire says.

With Father Guthrie’s devoted support, he learned to read, graduated in 1958 with a 3.0 grade point average and founded Philadelphia Insurance Companies — which has grown to a $6 billion enterprise. “My education and moral compass trace back to my days at Saint Joe’s,” he says. “I’ve been on the academy board from the beginning, and I love the University.”

So when Maguire was asked to be the honoree at a $1 million fundraising dinner for another university’s insurance program, he turned it down. He wanted, instead, to help Saint Joseph’s start its own program.

“Right here in the Delaware Valley, we have some of the finest insurance companies in America,” says Maguire, now his company’s chairman emeritus. “We ought to be planning for the next generation to take over the insurance industry.”

Maguire recruited 19 regional industry executives to the RMI academy board. They worked with Joseph DiAngelo, Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), dean of the Haub School of Business, to develop a curriculum that would prepare students “to hit the street running” upon graduation.

The academy structure — an advisory board made up of senior executives — was modeled after Saint Joseph’s unique and successful Academy of Food Marketing, initiated in 1962 with the support of food industry leaders, DiAngelo says.

The RMI Academy has awarded $165,000 in scholarships so far, with a goal of $100,000 next year, Maguire says. It provides internships, co-op placements, travel-study opportunities and a service component. It also has an endowed chair and offers a
wealth of campus activities, including guest lecturers and recruiting events. And then there’s the U.S. News & World Report ranking. The recognition wasn’t surprising to those involved in the program.

“I see what a good job the University is doing with the program,” says academy board member James Overend, executive vice president at Willis Re, Inc. “I know how much thought goes into the program and the curriculum. I see a lot of the work going on behind the scenes. It’s justified that it did so well in its first ranking.”

Career advantage

An advantage to students who will graduate from the RMI program is the heavy involvement of companies in Saint Joseph’s co-op and internship programs.

“I’ve seen a bunch of those kids switch into the major because they liked working at the insurance company,” says junior Tom Skwiat, vice president of Gamma Iota Sigma, an international RMI and actuarial science collegiate fraternity, who is double majoring in RMI and accounting. “What is most appealing to college students are jobs and scholarships — this program offers plenty of both.”

Senior Megan Rigler agrees.

“If you look at the professionals who’ve been in the industry for 30 years, they’ve had very successful careers,” says Rigler, who is combining an RMI minor with an actuarial science major. “I think that’s appealing to potential graduates or people who have recently graduated.”

In addition to practical opportunities, the program also provides eye-opening lessons for students who may assume that the embodiment of the insurance profession is that gecko.

DiAngelo recalled the day, for instance, when executives of the ACE Group, a leading global insurance company, visited an RMI class. They challenged the students to answer questions they have actually faced: How do you insure the Golden Gate Bridge? What are the potential risks that affect the iconic span? How can you minimize them? And how do you set the premium?

Students also learn about real-world applications of risk management through actual cases related by Miller, a former industry consultant. He told them how Delta Air Lines, for example, was puzzled at one time by the number of employees sidelined by back and shoulder injuries. A risk manager brought in an ergonomic expert who traced the injuries to attendants lifting suitcases at check-in and putting them on the conveyor — which involved a lot of bending and stooping. That discovery resulted in an injury-reducing and cost-saving change: Now customers do the lifting, and luggage goes onto a raised scale, with the conveyor belt 18 inches above the ground.

“That saved the airline millions every year and employees numerous injuries and disabilities,” Miller says. “Risk management involves applying common sense and solving a lot of puzzles and problems.”

One of Miller’s classes so intrigued Danielle Carr ’10 (B.B.A.), who double majored in finance and Spanish, that she accepted a risk management job with Willis in New York, when she graduated last year. “It was something I never knew much about — a lot of people don’t,” she says. “I like the idea of studying different risks and figuring out how a corporation could mitigate or lessen them.”

Not unlike Carr, many people wind up in RMI inadvertently rather than heading there directly. “Most insurance executives got into the industry by accident,” DiAngelo says. “But the industry is so developed and sophisticated that there’s a need to provide students and employees who are trained.”

And Saint Joseph’s RMI program, with the support of the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance, is doing just that. 

Freelance writer Jill Porter’s first contribution to SJU Magazine was the Latin American Studies article in the Fall 2010 issue.
Dear Fellow Hawks,

With Father Lannon’s tenure as University president concluding in just a few weeks, I have reflected on what his legacy will be at Saint Joseph’s and how he has been a champion for alumni engagement.

In my mind, the word “transformation” most adequately describes his presidency. Just look around the University. For many of us, Saint Joseph’s physical campus barely resembles the small school we attended. Under Fr. Lannon’s leadership, it has blossomed into an even broader place of learning, activity and service, yet one that remains rooted in its Catholic, Jesuit identity and continues to develop “men and women for others.”

His impact on our alumni community has been no less transformative. It was at his direction that we restructured the Alumni Association’s governing body, establishing the more inclusionary National Alumni Board, representing seven geographic regions and all affinity chapters. He also advocated for additional staffing in the Office of Alumni Relations, leading to the growth and expansion of chapters, programs and outreach, including the launch of National Community Day.

Like Fr. Lannon, we, as alumni, also have the opportunity and responsibility to establish a legacy on Hawk Hill — a legacy of involvement and participation. By taking part in alumni programming, we demonstrate the value of engagement and set an example for future alumni to follow, which serves to strengthen the greater University community.

As we bid farewell to Fr. Lannon, I invite you to think about how you want to be remembered on Hawk Hill and join me in establishing your own legacy at Saint Joseph’s.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Mazzulla ’91 (B.S.)
President
Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association

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**SHIELD OF LOYOLA AWARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO O’PAKE ’61**

Embodying the Jesuit ideal of service to others, Pa. State Sen. Michael A. O’Pake, Esq. ’61 (A.B), was presented with the Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association’s most prestigious honor, the Shield of Loyola Award, at the annual Alumni Gala on Nov. 5. The Berks County, Pa., native, who passed away suddenly in December, was elected to the Pa. State House of Representatives in 1968 and had been a member of the State Senate since 1972.

“I am here tonight to say thank you to Saint Joseph’s University for what it has done for me and to say thank you to Fr. Tim Lannon for what he has done for Saint Joseph’s University,” stated O’Pake. “It is very humbling to be included among the distinguished men and women who have received [the Shield of Loyola Award], all of whom have faithfully and successfully carried out the mission of Ignatius Loyola, who challenged us to serve as ‘men for others.’

“I hope tonight and tomorrow, when we all look back, we can answer this question in the affirmative: ‘Has my life made a difference for good in the lives of others?’”

For more on O’Pake, see page 31. To view his Shield of Loyola acceptance speech in full, visit alumni.sju.edu/gala.

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**SJU LAUNCHES DIGITAL PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

In an effort to open new avenues of communication and engage a much larger audience, Saint Joseph’s launched its 2009-10 President’s Report in a digital format last November. Transitioning from a traditional printed publication, the online version provides a rich multimedia experience designed to more fully share Saint Joseph’s stories of Spirit, Intellect and Purpose.

The digital report highlights progress made in each of the priorities of With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University. Video interviews with Fr. Lannon, faculty and students punctuate short profiles that demonstrate the powerful and profound influence of alumni, parents and friends on Hawk Hill.

View the President’s Report online: www.sju.edu/presidentsreport
LAW ALUMNI HONOR RAUCCI ’58 AND CHASE WITH AWARDS

The Saint Joseph’s University Law Alumni Chapter presented Francis J. “Hank” Raucci, Esq. ’58 (A.B.), with the Honorable Francis X. McClanaghan ’27 Award and Elwyn F. Chase, Ph.D., with the Bro. Bartholomew A. Sheehan, S.J. ’27, Award at its annual awards dinner on Nov. 30. Raucci, who resides in Montana, was honored in recognition of his distinguished accomplishments in the field of law, as well as for his commitment to Saint Joseph’s. Despite spending many years far from the University in the Midwest, he played an active role at his alma mater, serving on the National Alumni Board, as past president of the Law Alumni Chapter and as a member of the Haub School of Business Board of Visitors. Raucci is also a past recipient of the Human Dignity Award from SJU’s Comey Institute of Industrial Relations.

The Sheehan Award was presented to Chase in appreciation of his steadfast loyalty and dedication to the University. Professor emeritus and longtime chair of the political science department at SJU, Chase was a member of the University faculty from 1969 to 1996.

UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE CARUSO ’91 CHALLENGES YOUNG ALUMNI

Appointed to the Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees in 2006, Bob Caruso ’91 (B.S.) has been an alumni leader and remains engaged with his alma mater. Now he’s challenging the University’s most recent graduates to demonstrate their leadership through a Young Alumni Challenge, which he initiated this year in partnership with The Saint Joseph’s Fund.

“It’s important for people who have had a good experience to stay connected and show support so SJU can continue to thrive,” remarked Caruso, president of Select Equity Group, Inc., in New York.

Caruso’s challenge calls for alumni from the Classes of 2001-2010 to make a new or increased gift to The Saint Joseph’s Fund before the end of the fiscal year on May 31, 2011. He has committed to match these gifts up to $25,000. To learn more, visit alumni.sju.edu/challenge.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ALUMNI CHAPTER HOSTS KICK-OFF RECEPTION

Spearheaded by the leadership of Bob Bowman ’81 (B.S.) and Joe McLaughlin ’81 (B.S.), the Saint Joseph’s Alumni Association has launched a new chapter for graduates and parents in the financial services industry. More than 50 people attended the group’s first official event, a kick-off reception prior to the men’s basketball game versus Duquesne on Jan. 5. Paul Hondros ’70 (B.S.), chair of the SJU Board of Trustees and president of AlphaOne Capital Partners, offered remarks.
REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION ALUMNI RECOGNIZE NICHOLS ’67 WITH INAUGURAL LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

More than 200 alumni, friends and leaders of the region’s real estate industry were in attendance as SJU’s Real Estate and Construction Alumni Chapter presented Tony Nichols Sr. ’67 with the inaugural Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., Leader of the Year Award at its Fourth Annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 9.

Chairman emeritus of Brandywine Realty Trust, one of the nation’s largest full-service integrated real estate companies, Nichols received the award in recognition of his remarkable success in the field of real estate construction and development and his commitment to Saint Joseph’s University.

The dedicated alumnus, who received his degree through SJU’s evening college, served as a member of the University’s Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2010. He is a past chair of the Board’s Development Committee and current chair of With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University. The 2005 Haub School of Business Hall of Fame inductee is a founding member of the University’s Magis Society and co-founded and presently co-chairs the President’s Cup Invitational golf outing, which raises money for the Presidential Scholarship Fund. Co-chair of the Real Estate and Construction Chapter, Nichols also played an active role in the acquisition of the University’s James J. Maguire ’58 Campus.

KOWEY ’71 AND KADISH ’70 SERVE AS EXECUTIVES IN RESIDENCE

Two of Saint Joseph’s most notable alumni, Peter Kowey, M.D. ’71 (B.S.), and retired Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish ’70 (B.S.), delivered executive lectures to alumni, students, faculty and staff at events sponsored in part by the College of Arts and Sciences on campus.

Kowey, an internationally respected expert in heart rhythm disorders and chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at Lankenau Hospital and the Main Line Health System, discussed his new book, Lethal Rhythm: Understanding the Toll Medical Malpractice Has Taken on Physicians and their Patients, in October.

Kadish, who spent 34 years in the U.S. Air Force, is senior vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton. He delivered a pair of lectures on Feb. 10, including “Ethics and Leadership” and “Missile Defense — Past and Future.”

ALUMNI RETURN FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND FAREWELL MASS

Nearly 200 alumni joined University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., at a Christmas Celebration and Farewell Mass on Dec. 19. This special holiday event provided members of the alumni community an opportunity to bid farewell to Fr. Lannon.

LAW ALUMNI HOST INAUGURAL DINNER WITH A LAWYER

Liam Riley ’05 was among more than 50 members of the Law Alumni Chapter who spoke to current SJU students interested in pursuing a career in law at the chapter’s inaugural Dinner with a Lawyer on Jan. 31.

HAWK2HAWK EXPANDS PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Mike Lomax ’73 and Tom Weeks ’77, ’81 were part of a capacity turnout of 250 alumni, parents, friends, graduate students and graduating seniors who attended the second Hawk2Hawk networking night. The event was held at the top of Philadelphia’s Comcast Center on Feb. 17.

ALUMNI ACROSS THE NATION GATHER FOR GAME WATCHES

SJU alumni and friends gathered at basketball Game Watches across the country, including Boston, Detroit, New York City, North and South Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and San Juan, Puerto Rico (pictured above) to cheer on the Hawks.
SPIRIT OF WOMEN LECTURE SERIES FEATURES PROMINENT ALUMNAE

To celebrate 40 years of co-education in the Saint Joseph’s day program, the Haub School of Business and SJU’s Women’s Leadership Council (WLC) developed “The Spirit of Women,” a speaker series that offered current students an opportunity to engage with alumnae who have achieved success in their fields of business.

The series featured executive lectures by Rosemarie Greco ’75 (B.S.), Adele Cirone Oliva ‘87 (B.S.), Mary Lou Quinlan ’75 (B.A.) and Elisabeth Hagen ’91 (B.S.)*, as well as a panel discussion with WLC members Kathleen M. Carr ’77 (B.S.), Debora L. Faulkner ’94 (B.S.), Nikki T. Johnson-Huston, Esq. ’98 (B.S.), Patricia McElwee Mahoney ’76 (B.S.) and Denise Viola-Monahan ’85 (B.S.), SJU Trustee.

Highlighting the series was the presentation of the Haub School of Business Hall of Fame Award to SJU Trustee Gerianne Tringali DiPiano ’92 (M.B.A.), the first woman to receive the honor. She and the others offered students advice to help them prepare for their careers.

Collectively, these women provide a snapshot of the thousands of alumnae who have gone on to successful careers since Saint Joseph’s fully embraced coeducation in 1970. Decades later, they are fulfilling the University’s Jesuit mission to be women for others by igniting the Spirit in the next generation of Hawk alumnae.

* For more on Elisabeth Hagen, undersecretary for food safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture, see pages 18-19.

“Lunch at your desk is a wasted opportunity. Networking creates so many opportunities — it’s a chance for women to come together and support each other.”

Adele Cirone Oliva ’87
Partner, Quaker BioVenture

“I’ve changed my game from ‘Mad Men’ to ‘happy women.’”

Mary Lou (Finlayson) Quinlan ’75
Founder and CEO, Just Ask a Woman
Past CEO of N.W. Ayer, the nation’s first advertising agency

“Women need to leave their comfort zones. It’s important to network, and share your accomplishments. It’s the respect you earn from mentors and colleagues that lifts you up the corporate ladder.”

Rosemarie Greco ’75
Co-chair, Vision 2020
Past president and CEO of Fidelity Bank and CoreStates Financial Corporation
Past director of the Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform

On April 7, SJU Trustee Gerianne Tringali DiPiano ’92 (M.B.A.) became the first woman to receive the Haub School of Business Hall of Fame Award. She was honored during a special dinner at Philadelphia’s Ritz Carlton.

DiPiano is president and CEO of FemmePharma Global Healthcare, Inc., a company she founded to fill a void in what she recognized was an industry that fell short on women’s issues. Throughout her career, she has worked extensively in sales, marketing, medical affairs and new product development in women’s health care.
R. Alan Smith (B.S.) was the featured speaker at a West Catholic alumni luncheon in October. His topic was “The Pharmaceutical Industry.” Now retired, he served in executive positions for 35 years with GlaxoSmithKline Corp. Smith divides his time between the Philadelphia area and Venice, Fla.

1961
Edward L. Avena (B.A.) was elected to the Greater Vineland (N.J.) Baseball League Hall of Fame in 2008.

Carman Cellucci (B.S.) was selected to be secretary of the Prince William County (Va.) Community Services Board, a public agency that provides a variety of services in adult mental health, intellectual disability, adult substance abuse, youth mental health and substance abuse, and other areas.

1964
Gerald P. Madden (B.S.) had a poem “Carousel Time,” featured in the December 2010 issue of the Watch & Clock Bulletin: The Journal of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. The poem presents a childhood memory of reaching for the brass ring with a friend on a Dentzel Carousel, made in Germantown, Philadelphia, and later sold in pieces at a public auction.

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• Name Saint Joseph’s as the beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Contact the Office of Gift Planning to assist you in tailoring a gift plan to your circumstances and to assure that your gift will be used as intended.

1966
Bill Tracey (B.S.) was selected as chairman of the Prince William County (Va.) Community Services Board.

1967
Hon. Louis J. Presenza (B.S.), a Philadelphia native, is president judge emeritus of Philadelphia Municipal Court. The Justinian Society honored him last November with a portrait hung in City Hall. Presenza has often been recognized for his leadership, service and commitment to the drug court field.

1969
John F. Brennan, Esq. (B.S.), donates a portion of his time as pro bono counsel with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, where he represents homeowners in mediation proceedings to resolve mortgage foreclosure actions filed against them.

Bishop Joseph McFadden (B.S.) of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., was elected chair of the Committee on Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in November. The Committee provides guidance for the educational mission of the Church in the United States in all its institutional settings. Bishop McFadden is president of the administrative board of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

Jack McPhilemy, D.O. (B.S.) was named Team Physician of the Year for 2010 by the National Basketball Athletic Trainers Association. He is the Philadelphia 76ers team physician and orthopedic surgeon as well as professor, chair and course director of orthopedic surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. McPhilemy also serves as director of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedic Surgery’s board of directors.

1970
Stanley Goldis (B.S.), a partner at Citrin Cooperman & Co. in Philadelphia, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Foundation for Jewish Day Schools of Greater Philadelphia. Created by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in partnership with six local day schools, the foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides need-based scholarships to students from low- to middle-income families.

Thomas Reardon (B.S.), received the 2010 Platinum Mission Award at Turner Investments, an employee-owned investment firm in Benswv, Pa. The award honors employees who best exemplify the company’s mission and embody its principles, both on and off the job. Reardon, who serves as the company’s facilities and telecommunications manager, resides in Malvern, Pa.

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University Mourns Longtime Legislator Michael O’Pake ’61

After complications from heart surgery, Sen. Michael A. O’Pake, Esq. ’61 (A.B.), (D–Pa.), passed away on Dec. 27 at the age of 70.

Elected to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives in 1968 and the State Senate in 1972, O’Pake was the longest-serving member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He had been re-elected as the Senate Democratic whip for the 2011-12 legislative term only a month before his passing. His friend and colleague Joseph D. Harbaugh ’61 (B.S.), remembers him for the impact he had on the people he served and loved.

“The Commonwealth has lost a committed and effective public servant,” Harbaugh said. “Saint Joseph’s has lost a dedicated and generous alumnus. The Class of ’61 has lost its leader and the epitome of Hawk spirit. And I have lost a long and dear friend. All of us will miss and remember him always.”

O’Pake became one of Pennsylvania’s most recognized leaders in advocacy for children and vulnerable populations, serving as chairman for the Senate Aging and Youth Committee and writing the Child Protective Services law passed in 1974. He fought to create the Department of Aging and led legislative efforts for the state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The senator also played a key role in the statewide implementation of the Amber Alert Child Abduction Early Warning System.

Growing up in the Glenside Federal Housing Project, O’Pake experienced at a young age the issues faced by vulnerable Berks County populations. Despite hardship, he recognized the necessity of education and finished in the top of his class at both Reading Central Catholic High School and Saint Joseph’s University (then Saint Joseph’s College). He later graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and began his career in public service, dedicating his life’s work to helping others.

“No one has lived his life as a man for others more than Mike O’Pake,” said University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., at SJU’s annual Alumni Gala in November. O’Pake was presented with the SJU Alumni Association’s most prestigious honor, the Shield of Loyola, for his career success and dedication to serving others. “I continually marveled at his tireless efforts on behalf of those less fortunate. He was an extremely loyal alumnus who never forgot his roots, and we are proud to call him one of our own.”

— Nicole Katze ’10 (M.A.)

To view O’Pake’s Shield of Loyola Award acceptance speech, visit alumni.sju.edu/gala.
IN MEMORY

Ayako Baker, mother of Mitch, Financial Affairs
Marie C. Bonner, mother of Kathleen Boyle, Development and Alumni Relations
William C. Brosious, father of Chuck, Facilities Management
Sebastiano DiBlasi, Ph.D., professor emeritus of foreign languages and literatures
Evelynne A. Herholz, mother of Cynthia Slater, Drexel Library
Carl Hirsch, adjunct professor of sociology
Helen R. Lindsay, mother of Helene Taylor, President’s Office
Frank W. Rafter, father of Dennis, visiting instructor of accounting
Virginia G. Weaver, mother of Marvin, Drexel Library
Francis Welch, Security
Patricia G. Hensley, wife of William '37 (deceased), mother of Michael ’72 and Kathryn ’78
Louis Verna ’43, father of Eleanor O’Brien ’79
Mary M. Poletti, wife of Robert T. Sr. ’49 (deceased) and mother of Robert T. Jr. ’81
Mary L. Bechtle, wife of Perry S., Esq. ’50 (deceased), and sister of Arthur Leigh ’56
Mary Jane Bigley, wife of Hon. A. Donald ’50
Gerard F. Cattie ’50
John J. Ford Jr. ’50
Thomas J. O’Brien ’51
Robert J. Eckert ’52, brother of Mary, R.S.M. ’57
Joseph A. Kemme, S.J. ’53, brother of Thomas J., Ph.D. ’61, and George A. ’63
Arthur J. Kane ’54
Nicholas Pagnieli ’55
Maureen L. McGovern, wife of Clement J. Jr. ’56 and mother of Jonathan ’93, adjunct professor of management
Joe Hoffner ’57, father of Charlene Palmisano ’80, Paul ’87 and Lisa-Marie Mulken ’93
Ruth Boland, wife of Francis Jr.’58
Rev. Thomas F. Doyle ’58
Anna M. McCauley, mother of Edward F. ’61
Michael A. O’Pake, Esq. ’61
Cornelius J. Noone Jr. ’62, father of Eileen Scott ’88
Richard T. Welsh ’62, brother of Henry C. II ’64
Joseph S. Stutibs ’65
Louis E. Fante ’67
Dominick D. Paciolla ’68
George L. Hamilton ’68
Mary (O’Rourke) McGovern ’69
James A. Riddell ’72
Claude L. Mayfield ’73
Joseph W. Mahoney Sr., father of Joseph W. Jr. ’76
John W. Petty ’77
Vincent J. Costantini Sr., father of Vince J. Jr. ’78
John J. Haggerty, father of Thomas ’78 and Timothy ’80
Steven A. Toscano ’83, father of Olivia ’14
Thomas J. Timoney, father of Col. Paul M. ’87
Charle-Lana Piotrowski ’89
Bertha Lipsett, mother of Kenneth ’90
Eileen F. O’Conner, mother of Kathleen Sullivan ’96, AFROTC
Marc T. Mandeville ’04
Robert W. Graham Jr., father of James ’08
Leonard F. Wisnewski, father of Pete ’10
Kathryn Holahan, mother of John ’11
Otto Neuman, father of Karl ’12
Gayle Siro, mother of Christina ’12
Jennifer L. Brown, graduate student

Ed. note: In Memory incorrectly included William J. Hoy ’63 in the Fall 2010 magazine. It should have been William J. Hoy ’46. SJU Magazine apologizes for the error.

1982

Meg (Blue) Griffin (B.A., M.A. ’01) was recognized as a 2010 PBS National Innovative Educator. She teaches fourth grade in the Central Bucks School District and serves as leadership chair for the Pennsylvania Discovery Education Leadership Council.

Michael Murphy (B.S.), an attorney in the National Insurance Coverage group at Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst in Blue Bell, Pa., was a featured speaker at the 23rd annual conference of the Association of Insurance Compliance Professionals in October. He focuses his practice exclusively on advising and representing insurers in complex insurance coverage matters and bad faith claims and is a nationally published author on issues affecting the insurance industry. Murphy has been recognized as a “Pennsylvania Rising Star” by Law & Politics magazine.

1985

Elizabeth (Osmanski) Harrington, Ph.D. (B.S.), was appointed associate dean for the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies in the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University in Providence, R.I. She will continue as principal investigator in the Vascular Research Laboratory at the Medican Center, an affiliate of Brown. She and husband Mark (B.S. ’85) reside in Holliston, Mass., with children William and Emma.

Wayne Melnick (B.A.) was elected president of the East Pennsboro Township Board of Commissioners. He is the first Republican to hold this position in more than 30 years.

Jamie Moyer and wife Karen offered the keynote address and a question-and-answer session in January at a Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce panel, “Examining the Impact of Good Corporate Citizenship,” held at SJU. They started the Moyer Foundation 10 years ago to offer encouragement, comfort and support to children in emotional, physical or financial distress and have raised more than $20 million to help support more than 225 different programs.

Thomas J. Schwartz Jr. (B.A.) is president of In Your Corner Public Adjustors.

1986

Cornelius Nolen, Esq. (B.A.), a former Barrack Public Interest Fellow, participated in Access to Justice Week hosted by the Asia Foundation and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference brought together experts in traditional dispute resolution and focused on strategic planning for the most vulnerable communities under the UNDP global initiative Legal Empowerment for the Poor. Nolen serves as District Level Component Manager of the UNDP Justice and Human Rights in Afghanistan Project.

Michael T. Prendergast (B.A.) was appointed vice president of middle market commercial lending at CitiBank in Philadelphia. He and wife Terri (Della Greca, B.S. ’87) live in Devon, Pa., with daughters Julianna and Rachel.

1988

Eileen P. Acello (B.S.) works for Acello Media Solutions, a marketing and media company in West Chester, Pa. One of her clients, Lizbeth Lane Gourmet Cuisine, is working with SJU food marketing students to evaluate its current situation and identify strategies to expand the distribution of its gourmet food items. They are helping with target market segmentation, positioning, and marketing strategies.

Robert D. Boyden, Ph.D. (M.S.), of Aldan, Pa., earned a doctorate in public policy and administration with a specialty in public safety management and disaster mitigation planning from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minn. His dissertation was titled “The Impact of Career Expectation Stress and Job Perception Stress on Morale and Job Performance of Police Officers Employed in Agencies with 100 or Fewer Uniformed Personnel.” Boyden, who graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 g.p.a., owns a private consulting firm.

Neil J. Cassel (M.B.A.) was quoted in a Philadelphia Inquirer article, “Dog Lovers All Winners at Show” (11/21/10), about the National Dog Show held in Oaks, Pa., in November. He was showing his Cesky Terrier, “Gunttes,” an American Rare Breed Association/ American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association Champion.

Lisa L. Dent (B.S., M.S. ’99) leads LLD Systems Corp., which specializes in corporate health promotion/wellness and human resource services and has a specialty program for businesses with 50 or fewer employees. The company has moved from Fort Washington, Pa., to King of Prussia, Pa.
From JAG to Professor

The plan was simple when Charlie Dunlap graduated from Saint Joseph’s University in 1972 with a bachelor’s degree in history. He would go to law school, get his degree and serve his four-year ROTC commitment in the United States Air Force. Then he would return to Philadelphia and spend his summers lifeguarding in Wildwood, N.J.

But when he got to the Air Force following law school, the plan changed. The Air Force had everything he wanted — an opportunity to see the world, serve his country and work as part of a team.

“I kept telling myself I would leave as soon as it stopped being fun,” Dunlap said. “Thing is, it never stopped being fun.”

So last June, after a 34-year career in the Air Force — one that took him from Somalia to Iraq and even to the studios of Hollywood — Major General Dunlap retired from duty to serve in a new arena, teaching at Duke University Law School.

It’s a succession perfectly in line with Dunlap’s military career. He spent his service as a lawyer in the Air Force’s Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG).

Dunlap was assigned everything from providing legal assistance to young airmen, to serving as a prosecutor, defender or judge in criminal trials, advising on targeting for bombers, and testifying before a Congressional committee.

As Dunlap’s experience grew, he also became a foremost expert on national security and the law. In 1994, shortly after a deployment in support of operations in Somalia, Dunlap went on perhaps his most surreal adventure, a consultancy on the HBO movie “The Enemy Within.”

But the life of an Air Force JAG wasn’t all glitz and Hollywood lights.

“Not everything I did was exciting,” Dunlap said. “Some assignments were more fun than others. But I got to work alongside men and women who aren’t in it for the money, who are idealistic and want to serve others. They’re the greatest people in the world to work with.”

Dunlap worked his way up to the position of Deputy Judge Advocate General in 2006, the number two lawyer in the USAF. The position provided a unique challenge in the law profession.

“Basically, it was like managing a gigantic law firm,” Dunlap said. “The largest law firms in Philadelphia may have 1,000 attorneys. We had 2,500 lawyers across the world.”

But the Air Force provided Dunlap something that a private law firm couldn’t: a life in service to others.

“At the end of the day, public service is a very satisfying way to spend your life,” he explained. “The values portrayed at Saint Joe’s and here at Duke — encourage people to find ways to give back to society.”

Now in his second semester teaching at Duke, Dunlap is using his military experience to teach national security law, use of force in international law and military law.

Life in Durham, N.C., may be a far cry from life-or-death decisions in hostile countries, but Dunlap sees it as a natural progression.

“I was in the Air Force for 34 years,” Dunlap said. “It was time for a transition.

“To be able to share real-world experiences and to discuss law and policy with future lawyers is rewarding. In a way, teaching is a continuation of the part of that career I like the most — working with young people, seeing them develop and helping them grow.”

— David King ’08 (B.A.)
1992

Theresa Grafenstine (B.S.) was appointed inspector general of the U.S. House of Representatives on July 30, 2010. This bi-partisan appointment was made jointly by the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the House. She is only the fourth inspector general ever appointed to the U.S. House of Representatives and is the first female to serve in this position.

Michael J. Mangano (B.S.) was named president of Sirtex Medical, Inc., based out of Sydney, Australia, with U.S. headquarters in Wilmington, Mass. Sirtex is a medical device company that makes a life-extending treatment for patients diagnosed with colon cancer that has metastasized to the liver.

1993

George E. Shoup III (B.S.), wife Kristin, and sons George IV and Henry relocated to Dublin, Ohio. Shoup leads an office for Development Specialists, Inc. (DSI). He has been a financial consultant with DSI since 1994 and involved in hundreds of insolvency matters.

1994

Kevin C. Rakowski, Esq. (B.A.), is a partner at Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia. He represents lenders in connection with financial services claims asserted by consumers relating to loan origination and servicing, as well as businesses and individuals in breach of contract, shareholder derivative and corporate governance, trust litigation, bankruptcy litigation, mining lease disputes, product liability and other commercial matters.

Ted White (M.B.A.) is vice president, sales, at Aqua Pharmaceuticals, based in West Chester, Pa. He was recognized by PharmaVoice magazine in July 2010 as one of the top 100 inspirational leaders in the health sciences field.

1995

Vince Galko (B.A.) has joined Mercury, a public strategy firm, as senior vice president. He is launching the firm’s Pennsylvania operations and will oversee interstate government relations and grassroots strategies. PoliticsPa.com has named him one of the Top Ten Operatives in Pennsylvania, and Politics Magazine identified him as one of the 50 Most Influential Republicans in Pennsylvania. He and wife Megan have four children.

Michael Guischard (B.S.) was promoted to lieutenant colonel and assumed duties as director of operations, 79 Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz.

1997

Jason J. Herron, Esq. (B.S.), was elected chairman of the Planning Commission of East Vincent Township, Chester County, Pa. A partner at Wsleri Pearlstine, LLP in Blue Bell, Pa., he represents business entities, financial institutions, municipalities, school districts and individual clients in a wide variety of commercial transactions and financial matters.

1998

Rashid Bey was inducted into the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame in January. A basketball standout from 1994 to 1998, he was the first player in SJU history, and now one of two, to earn the Big 5 MVP award in back-to-back seasons (1997, 1998).

John M. Bradley, Esq. (B.S.) relocated to the Philadelphia area and is working as director of advancement and general counsel for the Center for FaithJustice.

1999

Jamie (Deschak) Zogby, Esq. (B.A.) was promoted to executive legal counsel, employment law, at Realogy Corp. Husband Michael (B.A.) was elected partner at the law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, where he concentrates his practice on pharmaceutical defense, medical device, class action and commercial litigation. They reside in Maplewood, N.J., with son Charlie.

MARRIAGES

Nancy Hoffman (B.A. ’02, M.B.A. ’05) and Michael Gimbel
Elizabeth Sulock (B.A. ’02) and Gordon Willard
Theresa McCole (B.S. ’04) and Michael Manzi (B.S. ’04)
Susan Olsen (B.B.A. ’05) and Tim Walsh (B.B.A. ’04)
Colleen Flynn (B.A. ’07) and Michael Williams (B.B.A. ’08)
Maureen Casserly (B.B.A. ’07) and Michael Nelson
Maryanne Post (B.B.A. ’07) and Drew Bell
Julie Smith (B.S. ’08) and Joseph Jennings (B.S. ’08)

University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., presided over the wedding of Maryanne Post ’07 and Drew Bell last October in Avalon, N.J.

Jamie Gebbia (B.S.) was promoted to director, international tax planning at Dell, Inc., in Round Rock, Tex. He and wife Krista have lived in Austin, Tex., for four years.

Michael Mastrangelo (B.S.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., was promoted to assistant vice president at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

Maj. Jim Tobin (B.S.) was appointed to the Afghan Pakistan (AFPAK) Hands Program, based at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. Led by the secretary of defense, the program identifies regional experts to advise specific roles and mentor the Afghan government. Tobin will mentor the minister of the interior and assist in building a sustainable acquisition program.

Dana (Polovoy) Brady (B.S.) helped oversee the successful launch of Adult and Family Entertainment as well as Broadcast and Movie offerings aboard the Disney Dream, the newest ship in the Disney Fleet. Planning has begun for the Disney Fantasy, Disney’s fourth ship, scheduled to launch next March. Brady and husband Adam live in Davenport, Fla.

Charles L. Duncan III, Esq. (B.A.), left his post as manager for government affairs at Temple University to return to the office of Pa. State Sen. Vincent J. Hughes. He is special assistant to the Democratic Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman.

Nancy (Hoffman) Gimbel (B.A., M.B.A. ’05) was named the 2010 president of the Legal Marketing Association Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter. She is director of marketing for FlasterGreenberg.
In the early 1990s when Joanne Judge, Esq. ’74 (B.S.), was president of the Community Hospital of Lancaster, she realized she needed a new intellectual challenge. She was already an accomplished businesswoman. She had started at the hospital as its chief financial officer and moved quickly to the presidency. She had served as the Healthcare Financial Management Association’s national chairperson in 1992 and also had experience working as a certified public accountant. At that point, after 18 years in the workforce, Judge was looking for something new.

“I admired the style of thinking I’d seen in the hospital’s board chair, who was a lawyer,” she says. “So after six years as president, I started thinking about the benefits of law school. Health care is such a regulated industry that I saw a legal education as an asset to my career as a health care administrator.”

Judge agonized over making the life change but forged ahead. She left her job at Community Hospital, enrolled at Villanova University School of Law, and graduated with her J.D., cum laude, in 1996.

She shouldn’t have worried. Now a shareholder and co-chair of the health care department of Stevens and Lee, a professional services firm comprised of nearly 200 lawyers and 40 consulting professionals, Judge was named one of Pennsylvania’s Best 50 Women in Business in 2000 for her role in state job growth. She practices out of the Reading, Pa., office, where she continues her work to increase the number of women and women leaders at the firm.

In addition, Judge was honored with the 2009 ATHENA Award from the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry and has been recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by Philadelphia Magazine. She serves on the boards and committees of several Reading-area organizations.

Judge credits her achievements to her willingness to take chances and her recognition of opportunity. In 1974, she found herself employed by Touche Ross, a national accounting firm that required her to be involved in Medicare audits. Though unsure she would like working in health care, she stuck with it, and the job became the starting point for her 30-year career.

“It’s important to take advantage of opportunities, even if they’re something you haven’t contemplated doing,” Judge says. “Don’t be afraid to try something new.”

Now a high-profile woman in the health care field, Judge focuses her practice at Stevens and Lee on transactional and regulatory matters for health-care systems, senior living organizations and physician practices. She has taught at Millersville University and Franklin and Marshall College, helping to guide future business professionals toward success.

“Keep your eyes open to opportunities, be nice to everyone you meet along the way, and look for ways to help others grow their own careers,” she says. “Your greatest satisfaction may come from a totally unexpected place.”

— Nicole Katze ’10 (M.A.)
Michele Sarin (B.S.) graduated from Rowan University with an M.B.A. in business administration and marketing last May. She also had a paper published in the Journal of Global Business Issues titled “International Branding Effectiveness: The Global Image of Nestle’s Brand Name and Employee Perceptions of Strategies and Brands.” Sarin works at Nestle in sales.

Elizabeth Sulock (B.A.) got married last year, completed her master’s degree at Arcadia University and worked as a writer for NFL Films before moving to the Washington, D.C., area, where she resides.

2003
Erica Pollock (B.S.) graduated from Lincoln University with a master’s degree in human services in May 2010 and was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, an honors fraternity. She moved to Boston, Mass., and works as the women’s health outreach coordinator for Fenway Health.

2004
Christine Elizabeth Poteau, Ph.D. (B.A.), earned her doctorate in Spanish applied linguistics with a second area of concentration in 18-19th century peninsular literature from Temple University in 2011. Her dissertation was titled “Effects of Interlocutor Familiarity on Second Language Learning in Group Work,” and she also has a master’s degree in Spanish from Temple. In the 2009-10 academic year, Poteau worked as a full-time visiting instructor of Spanish at Rider University.

2005
Jenna Fulton (B.S.) is a doctoral candidate in survey methodology at the University of Maryland and expects to graduate in May 2012. She received her master’s degree in quantitative methods in the social sciences from Columbia University.

Michael J. Maslayak (Ed.D.) was named vice president of marketing for K12, Inc., which provides online learning for grades K through 12. As K12’s national director for children and families prior to his promotion, Maslayak advocated nationally for student educational options.

2006

Joseph Mohn (B.B.A.) relocated from the Hague, Netherlands, to Singapore. He is a financial analyst with BHP Billiton Petroleum Marketing Finance.

2007
Joseph Guerra (B.S.) graduated from the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University in May 2010. He was awarded the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award at graduation and passed the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar examinations.

Hawks and Hoops Welcomes Multicultural Students to Campus
On Feb. 26, more than 75 prospective students and parents, alumni, current students and faculty gathered in The Perch before heading over to the Hagan Arena to watch the men’s basketball team take on St. Bonaventure. The occasion: Hawks and Hoops, an annual event sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Black Alumni Chapter (BAC). Hawks and Hoops brings prospective multicultural students and their parents to campus to learn more about Saint Joseph’s University, its campus, and its strong network of students, alumni, friends and faculty of color.

A group of committed alumni led by Chapter President Dale Allen ’68 (B.S.), Vice President Gary McLaughlin ‘06 (B.S.), ’08 (M.S.), and Secretary Loren Heywood ’06 (B.B.A.), are largely responsible for rejuvenating and reenergizing the BAC.

“Our chapter’s primary objectives are to create an opportunity for black alumni to network on both a personal and professional level, engage with current and prospective students and their parents, and reconnect our alumni with the University,” said Allen. “We want to provide the kind of support that students and alumni need and deserve.”

— Megan Famular ’06 (B.B.A.)

Join the Black Alumni Chapter on campus on May 7 for their Annual Picnic!

For more information on all of the chapters listed here, or to start a new chapter, contact alumni@sju.edu. alumni.sju.edu/chapters
On Jan. 4, nearly 30 freshman Pennsylvania lawmakers were sworn in to their first terms as state representatives at the Pennsylvania General Assembly Hall in Harrisburg. Justin Simmons ’08 (B.A.), representing the Lehigh Valley’s 131st legislative district, was among them. At 24 years old, he is one of the youngest representatives to serve in the Pa. General Assembly.

“Raised in the Lehigh Valley and a graduate of Southern Lehigh High School, he now serves the same community he knew growing up. For Simmons, the right combination of academic exposure at Saint Joseph’s, hands-on experience from internships and early jobs, and the chance to serve the citizens of his hometown made the decision to run for office an easy one for him.

“I’ve always been interested in politics and how political officials work to better the lives of their constituents,” he says. “When the opportunity to run came, I realized it wasn’t something I could let pass. I wanted to have an impact on the path Harrisburg was taking.”

Simmons, who earned a bachelor’s degree in political science, strengthened his background by interning under Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) and, post-graduation, working as a legislative aide to Pa. Republican Sens. Robert Wonderling and Bob Mensch. He has also served as Lehigh County’s Republican committeeman and as president of the Lehigh Valley Young Republicans. He says that witnessing the senators’ daily work helped him define his own views.

“Being there, learning how state funds are used and doing research to support legislation, made it clear to me where I stand on a variety of issues,” says Simmons.

His winning platform — he defeated Republican incumbent Karen Beyer in a primary, Democrat Mike Horton in the November general election — includes advocating for the business community and school choice initiatives along with balancing the state budget. In a move to personally prevent unnecessary spending, he has promised to refuse per-diems, a state-owned car and a pension.

Simmons’ grandfather, a World War II prisoner-of-war, has long been an inspiration for the new lawmaker. He taught Simmons that, when it comes to money, especially money that belongs to others, you manage it carefully and “never spend more than you take in.”

In addition to turning down the perks his position offers, Simmons has also set a three-term limit for himself, backed by his belief that serving in the General Assembly shouldn’t be viewed as a career. But that doesn’t mean his service will end in six years.

“You have to take this kind of position a day at a time and always evaluate how you’re approaching your goals, where you’re succeeding, and how you can continue to progress,” he says. “If I’m satisfied with my record of accomplishment, future terms in an elected office will be something I work toward.”

And to those who say Pennsylvania’s youngest lawmaker may be too inexperienced, too naïve, for the job?

“Never let anyone tell you you can’t do something,” he says with certainty. “One of the greatest freedoms we have is to be who and what we want to be.”

— Nicole Katze ’10 (M.A.)
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Public Catholicism or Private Faith
What’s on the Line in the Communion Procession?

A mere century ago, Roman Catholics largely refrained from receiving Holy Communion, believing that the celebration and consumption of the sacrament was the proper work of the clergy. The people could benefit spiritually by witnessing the consecration, but for the layman to consider oneself worthy of regular communion was widely looked down upon, as flaunting oneself.

The mores of contemporary American Catholics run in the opposite direction. Today it is the odd person in the congregation (including non-Catholics) who does not join in the communion procession. People bring their toddlers along, with the youngsters often reaching for the host the parent is receiving. The children’s actions (their expectations that they should “get a cracker, too”), however unwittingly (or perhaps intuitively), express the attitude of the vast majority in the assembly. “All Are Welcome,” the refrain of a popular opening hymn proclaims.

The communion procession strikes me as a powerful symbol of what sociologist Jerome Baggett identifies as the “tolerant traditionalism” characterizing the vast majority of American Catholics — a highly individualistic, constructive clinging to the faith while purposely refraining from judging the faith of others. The now ubiquitous approach to the communion procession, I would aver, publicly enacts a highly personalized, mutually accepting manner of belief among the laity colliding with a hierarchy that is, according to historian Jay Dolan, increasingly intent on disciplining the attitudes and actions of its people. Frictions between hierarchy and laity have arisen and, however uncomfortable to address, the controversies provide much to consider about the unfolding course of American Catholicism.

The hierarchy presents the sacraments as a means of grace for the benefit of those in the state of grace — that is, with no awareness of having committed grievously immoral acts warranting discernment in the rite of penance. Since 1973, the U.S. Catholic bishops have made abortion the singular, nonnegotiable moral issue taking precedence over all others in society. Not surprising in recent years, then, is some bishops’ banning from communion Catholic politicians who support legal abortion. Not surprising, either, given the late-modern ambiguity between public and private, are the seemingly contradictory explanations the bishops tend to give in their press statements, asserting that the matter of presenting oneself for Holy Communion is a personal affair and a private matter the bishop is addressing only to the politician for the sake of his/her soul — even as he publicly discusses it in the news media.

Not surprising, finally, is the reluctance of the large majority of U.S. Catholics to judge these politicians or anybody else for joining in the communion procession, nor the clamor of conservative Catholics who see in these publicized cases genuine scandal and controversy. With no intention of sarcasm here, I ask whether and how the act of processing to and receiving Holy Communion can be parsed into private and public components. This honest question turns us to the very nature of the Catholic Church’s reformed liturgy itself, the structure and content of which intends the engaged participation of all so as to empower their putting the faith celebrated in sacrament to work in the world.

In Church teaching and law, moral self-examination is each Catholic’s obligation prior to approaching the Eucharist. Popular Catholicism, in contrast, seems largely to consider participation in the liturgy itself as the ethically formative experience during which the members of Christ’s body, the church, encounter their Lord. The reformed Sunday Mass, evenly divided between the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist, has over time imbued Catholics’ faith with the Gospel. It seems that people’s hearing the full complement of all four gospels over the three-year and seasonal cycles of Mass readings has significantly affected how they understand and approach the Eucharist.

People hear accounts of Jesus feeding hungry multitudes, receiving criticism for dining with sinners, suffering remonstration from his own table for allowing a penitent woman to wash and anoint his feet, and telling parables depicting the reign of God as a banquet populated by social outcasts and nobodies. When I find myself in conversations with the faithful about access to Holy Communion, I hear them readily referring to those stories and images of their Lord with great conviction. This cannot but be a vital sign of a living tradition building on Scripture.

On the other hand, a widespread nonjudgmental attitude coupled with staunch resistance to whatever smacks of guilt or “being told what to do” is, as Baggett acknowledges, troubling: “That is, if the ‘good news’ truly is simply a freedom to reject even the most carefully discerned judgments that conclude ‘this is right and this is wrong,’” then this may ultimately prove disempowering to church communities by undermining their capacity for meaningful ethical deliberation and consensus building.” His research indicates American Catholics approaching ethical-religious questions in terms of striving to be a “good person” and exercising social tolerance, yet unable to articulate the difference that belonging to Christ and the church makes in a pluralistic world.

Bishops are surely right in asserting their fundamental role as teachers. In this brief essay I have identified one neuralgic point for liturgy and life that can open into dialogues, however difficult, for listening and learning together, clergy and laity, attending to the full measure of the Gospel the Spirit speaks in our day.

— Bruce Morrill, S.J.

Fr. Morrill holds the Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair. He joins the faculty of Vanderbilt University this fall as the Edward A. Malloy Professor of Catholic Studies.
These brilliant hues originate from a corn plant leaf illuminated by a laser-scanning confocal microscope. In actuality, the area shown here is only about as wide as a single human hair.

Saint Joseph’s science students have exceptional opportunities for microscopy training on campus. Working with biology professor Karen Snetselaar, Ph.D., Matt Kongkatong ’10 combined a series of images to construct this 3-D view down into the leaf cells as part of his undergraduate research on fungal diseases of corn.

The stomatal cells (at right) can open to allow carbon dioxide into the leaf, and the red spheres are chloroplasts that use energy from sunlight to convert the carbon dioxide into sugars and other carbohydrates that fuel all life on planet earth.
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