C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72
Returns to Hawk Hill
FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

A S INTERIM PRESIDENT OF SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY, I am delighted to announce that the Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, will join us as our 27th president on July 1 of next year. A consummate Jesuit priest and gifted academic, Fr. Gillespie is an Ignatian educator to his core. Since 1971, he has been involved in furthering the mission of Catholic, Jesuit education at eight American colleges or universities, leading initiatives across the globe, on every continent except Antarctica.

Not only is Fr. Gillespie a dynamic scholar and administrator who brings a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to Saint Joseph’s, but as a current Trustee and member of the Class of 1972, who earned his bachelor of science in psychology from St. Joseph’s College, he also brings an essential element to those credentials that no other candidate for the position possessed: a deep understanding of and passion for everything that makes his alma mater a unique and transformative place.

While Fr. Gillespie has a global perspective on education, his knowledge of Saint Joseph’s and the Philadelphia area is in his DNA. His return to Saint Joseph’s is a personal homecoming. He grew up in Narberth, Pa., and his appointment as the next leader of Saint Joseph’s will bring him back to Philadelphia and its environs, an area he knows and loves well.

As you will read in this issue of SJU Magazine, Fr. Gillespie will join us from Loyola University Chicago, where he is currently the associate provost for Centers of Excellence. Prior to his post at Loyola Chicago, he spent 15 years at Loyola University Maryland where he was the first director of its acclaimed pastoral counseling program. His sensitivity and expertise as a pastoral counselor even took him to the Executive Office building of The White House during the difficult time following 9/11.
We are fortunate indeed that Fr. Gillespie’s experience directing academic Centers of Excellence corresponds perfectly with our focus on achieving academic distinction. In this issue of SJU Magazine, you will read about the powerful impact one of our own Centers of Excellence, the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support, is having on the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum, their parents and families, and the students who work with them in the Center’s innovative programs.

You will also read that our U.S. News & World Report ranking moved into the top 10 in a tie at No. 8 among 193 master’s universities in the north. It is wonderful to be recognized in this way, but this ranking only confirms what we know to be true: a Saint Joseph’s University education prepares students to become ambitious and ethical leaders who live meaningful, productive and creative lives as men and women for others.

In closing, I look forward to introducing you to our president-elect. I know that Fr. Gillespie’s vision, passion and commitment to the mission of Saint Joseph’s University will resonate strongly with everyone in our extended community of alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, students and friends. I have no doubt that Father Gillespie’s leadership and singular gifts will deepen our academic mission, further inspiring our contribution to the magis, for the greater glory of God.

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From the Editor

When SJU Magazine ran a feature on autism in spring 2008, major media outlets had begun reporting frequently on its ascent and speculating on potential causes. Before that time, I hadn’t thought much about autism and its reach.

In the past couple of years, I have come to know — or realize I know — a few families with children on the autism spectrum. All boys of elementary school age, each notches a different level on the spectrum and travels a divergent educational path. One goes to a mainstream school with an aide; another is being home schooled; one attends a school for children with autism; the other receives specialized help elsewhere.

While the extent of the autism affecting these boys varies, they share at least one critical characteristic — the depth of the disorder’s effect on their families. By now, we’ve all heard the striking statistics marking autism’s rise — one in every 110 children in the United States is diagnosed with some form of autism — yet assistance for the fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters of children with autism is not often apparent.

Enter the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support. Established just two years ago, the Kinney Center provides much-needed help for both children and families immersed in the world of autism. This magazine’s cover story shows how important Saint Joseph’s students are to the Center’s efforts.

The emotional understanding and intellect these students demonstrate is shared, in a very different way, by another kind of Saint Joseph’s student. Individuals in the military, whose compassion and intelligence guide their service, are returning to school in record numbers across the country, including at SJU. You’ll read about them in this issue, as some take classes on Hawk Hill while others pursue degrees through online SJU programs from distant locales like Afghanistan and Africa.

For Saint Joseph’s Hawks — students, alumni, professors and staff members — no matter their distance from 54th Street and City Avenue — the bond endures. Whether you have played a varsity sport, donned a red wig in support of a team, urged the Hawk into perpetual life from in front of a big screen or relished the chance to reminisce with former classmates during Hawktoberfest, you’ll want to give our quiz on athletics at SJU a try. Enjoy!

Molly Croxen Harty

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Day school classes end, Sat., Dec. 10.
Semester break, Sun., Dec. 18–Sun., Jan. 15.
Day school classes begin, Tue., Jan. 17.
Spring Break, Mon., Mar. 5–Sun., Mar. 11.

ACADEMIC EVENTS
McGroddy Frontiers in Science Seminar: Paul Axelend, M.D., professor of pharmacology, University of Pennsylvania, Wed., Feb. 8, Science Center Room 200 (4 p.m.). Contact: jee04@sju.edu or 610-660-3439.

English Department Writing Series:
• “And the Fool Shall Look to the Madman,” Shakespeare Day, Tue., Feb. 28, Mandeville Teleatorium (11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.).
• “Twelfth Night” performances, Tue., Feb. 28, Bluett Theater, Post Hall (4–8 p.m.).
• “Fall Line,” fiction reading with Joe Samuel Starnes, Tue., Mar. 13, Haub Executive Center, McShain Hall (6:30–8:30 p.m.).

College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Colloquium Series, Banquet Hall North, Campion Student Center (4 p.m.):
• Julia Lee-Soety, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, “Learning about the Natural Processes of Aging and Cancer from Baker’s Yeast,” Thu., Mar. 22.

“Turning Stormwater Challenges into Opportunities: A Workshop for Land Managers,” Mon., Mar. 5 and Tue., Mar. 6, Campion Student Center. Sponsored by the biology and environmental science departments and Lower Merion Conservancy, and funded by the Department of Energy. Contact: www.sju.edu/stormwater

A Taste of Hawk Hill, Sat., Apr. 21, Michael J. Hagan ‘85 Arena (7–11:30 p.m.). Hosted by Executive Food Marketing. Contact: Kathy Kennedy, kkennedy@sju.edu or 610-660-3152.

www.foodmarketing.sju.edu/executive/hawk-hill-taste

ADMISSIONS, UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
Admitted Students Days, Sat., Mar. 31 and Sun., Apr. 1.
Undergraduate Open House, Sun., Apr. 15.
Contact: 610-660-1300 or 1-800-BE-A-HAWK.

www.sju.edu/admissions/visit/index.html

ADMISSIONS, COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND LIBERAL STUDIES (PLS)
Open Houses for PLS, adult, transfer and part-time students, Barbell Hall Room 117: Sat., Dec. 10 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.); Tue., Jan. 3–Thu., Jan. 5 (2–7:30 p.m.); Mon., Mar. 12–Tue., Mar. 13 (2–7:30 p.m.); and Sat., Apr. 21 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.).
Contact: plsadmit@sju.edu or 610-660-1267.

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ADMISSIONS, GRADUATE PROGRAMS
• Graduate Studies New Student Orientation, Thu., Jan. 12, Campion Student Center (5–7 p.m.).
• Graduate Studies Open House, Tue., Mar. 6, Merion Hall, Maguire Campus (5–7 p.m.).

To register, visit: www.sju.edu/higherknowledge.

ALUMNI
Real Estate Alumni Chapter Christmas Luncheon, Thu., Dec. 15, Union League of Philadelphia (11:30 a.m.). Contact: Megan Famular ‘06, mfmular@sju.edu.

www.alumni.sju.edu/register

Dinner with Hawks: Mingling and Mentoring, Thu., Feb. 9, campus. Contact: Becky Arnechini, rannechi@sju.edu.

Hawks in Florida, Fri., Feb. 17–Sun., Feb. 19, La Playa Beach and Golf Resort, Naples, Fla. Contact: Jeanne Riddaghl, jsiddagh@sju.edu or 610-660-1233.


Haub School of Business Hall of Fame Dinner, Thu., Apr. 12, Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Honoree: James J. Maguire Jr. ’84. Contact: Mary Finelli, mfinelli@sju.edu or 610-660-1645.

www.sju.edu/academicshsbiology/halloffame

Global Community Day, Sat., Apr. 21, various locations. Contact: Megan Famular ‘06, mfmular@sju.edu.

ATHLETICS
Atlantic 10 Basketball Home Openers, Michael J. Hagan ‘85 Arena:
• Men vs. Charlotte, Sat., Jan. 7.
• Women vs. Dayton, Tue., Jan. 10.

Contact: Amanda Tremoglie, amanda.tremoglie@sju.edu or 610-660-1138. www.sjuhawks.com

KINNEY CENTER FOR AUTISM EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Kids’ Night Out, Fridays, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 11 and Jun. 15 (6–9 p.m.).

Kinney Sports Program, Saturdays, Mar. 17, 24, and 31, Apr. 7 and 21 (10 a.m.–12 noon).

MINISTRY, FAITH AND SERVICE
Christmas Eve Liturgy, Sat., Dec. 24, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (8 p.m.). Note: Mass will not be celebrated on Sun., Dec. 25.

Ignatian Retreat for students, faculty and staff, Mon., Jan. 9–Fri., Jan. 13.

SJU Prays, Interfaith Blessings for the Spring Semester, Thu., Jan. 25, Chapel of St. Joseph (11:30 a.m.).


Regular schedule for the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Joseph:
• Sundays (11 a.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.).
• Weekdays: (12:05 p.m.).
 Contact: Noel Koenke, nkoenke@sju.edu.

MUSIC
Student Voice Recital, Mon., Dec. 12, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (7 p.m.).

Student Piano Recital, Thu., Dec. 15, Chapel of St. Joseph (7 p.m.).

SJU DRAMATIC ARTS SOCIETY Formerly Cap and Bells Productions at Bluett Theatre, Post Hall:
• Miss Saigon, Thu., Feb. 16–Sat., Feb. 18, Sat., Feb. 25 (8 p.m.) and Sun., Feb. 26 (2 p.m.).
• Is He Dead?, Wed., Apr. 18–Sat., Apr. 21 (8 p.m.) and Sun., Apr. 22 (2 p.m.).

Tickets: 610-660-1181 or www.sju.edu/blogs/theatre.

STUDENT LIFE
Hand in Hand, Sat., Apr. 14, Michael J. Hagan ‘85 Arena (10 a.m.–2 p.m.).

UNIVERSITY GALLERY
Merton Hall, Maguire Campus
Charlee Brodsky, photography, through Fri., Dec. 16.


Reception: Thu., Jan. 26 (6–8 p.m.).

Kip Deeds, painting, Mon., Feb. 27–Fri., Mar. 30
Reception: Thur., Mar. 1 (6–8 p.m.).
The Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees has elected C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72 (B.S.), as its 27th president. He currently serves as associate provost for University Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago and was introduced to the campus community on Nov. 11.

“It is truly an honor for the Board of Trustees to introduce Fr. Gillespie as the next president of Saint Joseph’s University,” said Robert Falese ’69 (B.S.), Board of Trustees chair. “He is an accomplished and acclaimed scholar with a commitment to academic excellence and a fervent dedication to advancing his alma mater and Catholic, Jesuit education in the region and, indeed, around the globe.

“He is the right Jesuit to lead Saint Joseph’s forward and into the future at a time of great momentum for the University.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Saint Joseph’s College in 1972, Fr. Gillespie went on to earn master’s degrees in psychology from Duquesne University and in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley. He holds a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University.

As associate provost, he leads five academic centers and for the past year simultaneously served as interim dean of the School of Social Work, managing a successful transition to a new permanent dean.

Prior to that (1996-2010), Fr. Gillespie served as the first director of the master’s program in spiritual and pastoral care and founded LOGOS (Loyola Overseas Gestures of Solidarity) at Loyola College Maryland. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1975, was ordained a priest in 1986 and celebrated his 25th jubilee in 2011. He has served as a Saint Joseph’s Trustee since 2006.

“The extraordinarily hardworking search committee more than fulfilled the goals of the Leadership Statement for the position of president of Saint Joseph’s University,” noted Daniel Hilferty ’78, SJU Board vice chair and chair of the search committee. “In Fr. Gillespie, we have a recognized scholar and leader with a rich background of academic experience and vision for academic distinction as well as a keen understanding of the challenges facing higher education in the 21st century.”

Fr. Gillespie succeeds Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., who served as Saint Joseph’s president from 2003 until earlier this year, when he left to assume the presidency of Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Fr. Gillespie will officially take over as president on July 1, 2012. At that time, Interim President John W. Smithson ’68 (B.S.), ’82 (M.B.A.) will return to his role as senior vice president.

“I am honored and truly humbled to be coming home to serve my alma mater, Saint Joseph’s University, as its 27th president,” Fr. Gillespie said. “It’s an exciting and wonderful opportunity to work with faculty, students, staff and administrators, as well as alumni, trustees and friends who share a commitment to its Jesuit values and to boldly advancing the University into the future.”
U.S. NEWS RANKS SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY AMONG TOP 10

Saint Joseph’s University has moved into the top 10 — tied with two other universities at No. 8 — among 193 master’s universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report’s 2012 “Best Colleges” edition. The rankings, released in September, placed Saint Joseph’s in the top tier in its region for the 14th consecutive year.

Interim University President John W. Smithson ’68 (B.S.), ’82 (M.B.A.) said the recognition “confirms Saint Joseph’s reputation for academic excellence and a transformative, values-centered student experience. It is gratifying to know that the ambitious initiatives we continue to pursue to enhance our students’ experiences — in the classroom, through service to communities both near and around the globe, through hands-on research and internship opportunities — are recognized and valued by our peers.”

The University’s No. 8 ranking in 2012 marked a dramatic jump from its No. 13 berth last year. “It is a testament to the excellence and dedication of our faculty, our students and the entire Saint Joseph’s community, to make this significant advance in a category of truly outstanding academic institutions,” Smithson added.

Saint Joseph’s overall score improved from 2011 as well as its peer assessment rating, average freshman retention rate and average graduation rate.

“The excellence of a university is not easily encapsulated by a single number,” said Smithson, “but clearly, Saint Joseph’s has successfully delivered on its promise of an outstanding academic experience within the context of the Jesuit vision of ‘concern for the individual student’ (cura personalis) and a commitment to social justice.”

Several Haub School of Business programs were individually ranked: Accounting achieved a first-time ranking of No. 25; insurance, No. 11; and marketing, No. 16. The Haub School was also endorsed as an outstanding business school in the 2012 edition of Princeton Review’s “The Best 294 Business Schools.”

SJU’S ECONOMIC IMPACT TOPS HALF-BILLION DOLLARS

Saint Joseph’s University contributes more than a half-billion dollars — $511 million — annually to the five-county Philadelphia regional economy and $524 million annually to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, according to an economic impact study released by the University.

“Saint Joseph’s is a major player in the region’s powerful higher education industry,” said Interim President John Smithson ’68 (B.S.), ’82 (M.B.A.), “and this report quantifies the University’s vital, and growing, contributions to the economy and the quality of life of the city, the region, the Commonwealth, and indeed, the world.

“From the people Saint Joseph’s employs, to the local and national vendors from whom it purchases goods and services, to the spending of millions of dollars by students and their families, faculty, staff and visitors, the University is a significant economic engine.”

The study, “Economic and Community Impact of Saint Joseph’s University: 2011,” was prepared by Econsult Corporation of Philadelphia. The report also assessed qualitative factors, including the contributions of its educated and skilled graduates in the region, its commitment to community service and civic engagement, and the cultural impact of its fine and performing arts and athletic programs.

“Our primary mission is to provide our students with an outstanding learning experience,” said Smithson. “A significant outgrowth of this is the enormous economic impact Saint Joseph’s has on the region and the state.”
SAINT JOSEPH’S BOARD NAMES CHAIR, WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

At a special meeting last summer, the Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees elected Robert D. Falese Jr. ’69 (B.S.) as its chair. He succeeds Paul J. Hondros ’70 (B.S.), president and CEO of AlphaOne Capital Partners, LLC.

Falese is the former president and CEO of Commerce Bank, N.A., in Cherry Hill, N.J., and was vice chairman for commercial banking at TD Bank, N.A.

A 2007 recipient of the Haub School of Business Hall of Fame Award, Falese has been a Board member at Saint Joseph’s since 2006. He is involved in numerous community organizations and serves on the advisory board for New Spring Private Equity Fund, a local venture capital firm.

Four individuals were also named to the Board: Vincent J. Genovesi, S.J., William A. Harvey, Esq. ’74 (B.S.), Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., and Sean S. Sweeney ’94 (M.B.A.).

Fr. Genovesi is a professor of theology and religious studies, specializing in Christian ethics, at Saint Joseph’s, as well as rector of the Jesuit Community at SJU. The University has recognized his teaching excellence with the Faculty Merit Teaching Award on three separate occasions and with the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Fr. Genovesi has also been an active advisory member in the institutional affairs of Saint Joseph’s, most recently fulfilling the provost appointment as Jesuit auditor for the Board’s academic affairs subcommittee.

Harvey is a founding and managing partner of Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg, LLP. Named a Philadelphia Super Lawyer every year since 2004, he has more than 30 years of experience in real estate, private equity and commercial litigation. Harvey recently served as board chair of Project H.O.M.E. and in the chairman’s cabinet of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was appointed to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, the agency involved in all of the major economic development projects in the city, by former mayor John Street.

Fr. Morrill serves as the Edward A. Malloy Professor of Catholic Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Former chair of the Boston Theological Institute Board of Trustees, he currently serves as treasurer on the council of the International Jungmann Society for Jesuits and Liturgy and is on the editorial board for several religious publications, including Liturgical Ministry. Fr. Morrill recently held the Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair at Saint Joseph’s, and served as a guest lecturer for the SJU Interfaith Task Force lecture series.

Sweeney acts jointly as president and chief marketing officer of Philadelphia Insurance Companies and president of Valley Forge Investment Brokers. He currently serves as a director on the board of Tokio Marine & Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corporation, and on the board of trustees at the University of Mount Union in Ohio and the YMCA of the Upper Main Line. Sweeney’s corporation was named in Ward’s Top 50 Insurance Companies and as one of Forbes magazine’s “400 Best Big Companies.” At SJU, he is an adjunct professor of risk management and insurance, and on the board of governors for the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance.

Five people have concluded their time on the Board: former SJU President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., George W. Bur, S.J., Christopher D. Furman ’81 (B.S.), Thomas D. Stegman, S.J., and Nick Teti ’74 (B.A.), ’96 (M.B.A.).

SJU RECOGNIZED FOR HOMELAND SECURITY EFFORTS

The Delaware County, Pa., District Attorney’s Office recognized the significant contribution Saint Joseph’s University makes to regional Homeland Security.

In September, Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green presented meritorious service awards to Paul DeVito, Ph.D., vice provost for academic affairs and executive director of the Early Responders Distance Learning Center (ERDLC), and to Patricia Griffin ’81 (B.S.), associate dean of the College of Professional and Liberal Studies and former director of the Graduate Criminal Justice Public Safety Institute.

Green spoke of the enormous resource Saint Joseph’s people and programs have been in supporting local, regional and national public safety agencies. He thanked the ERDLC staff for its work conducting training and exercises that bring private companies and public safety agencies together in realistic learning environments. The ERDLC’s unique approach allows for businesses to practice their contingency and emergency plans with the people, resources and equipment that would respond to an actual event. The ERDLC has conducted training that includes dealing with terrorism, sabotage, natural disasters and biological events and is a provider of online homeland security training to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Saint Joseph’s Graduate Criminal Justice Program is known for producing law enforcement agencies to better address criminal enterprises operating in multiple jurisdictions.
AFROTC HAS NEW COMMANDER, WINS HIGH FLIGHT AWARD

Before leaving early to enlist in the United States Army, Greg Turnbull was a student at Saint Joseph’s University from 1949 to 1951. During that time, a petition to bring a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) detachment to campus was circulating throughout the student body. Turnbull signed the petition, helping to bring Air Force Detachment 750 to Saint Joseph’s campus in 1951.

What he couldn’t have known were the implications his signature would hold for his son more than 60 years later. “I always tell people, ‘Thanks to my dad, I’m here,’” said the recently assigned commander of Detachment 750, Lt. Col. Eric Turnbull.

A Bronze Star Medal recipient, Turnbull assumed command of the detachment in June after the retirement of Lt. Col. Joan Fournier. The detachment — one of 144 spread over four regions — celebrates its 60th anniversary this year and has been honored with the HIGH FLIGHT award as the top detachment in the Northeast.

Turnbull is a 27-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having enlisted immediately following his high school graduation in 1982. After serving nine years in the enlisted ranks as a tactical aircraft maintenance specialist, he decided to attend a two-year ROTC commissioning program at Troy State University in Troy, Ala. He was commissioned in 1993 and returned to active duty as an aircraft maintenance officer.

Turnbull’s appointment as commander of Detachment 750 marks his second stint at SJU. His previous appointment was as an assistant professor of aerospace studies, from 2002 to 2005.

“I loved it when I was here before and knew I wanted to come back,” said Turnbull. “It is a fantastic school, and we receive great support from the University. My prior assignment here was by far my best assignment in 27 years in the Air Force.”

Turnbull hopes to bring the leadership experience he gained from his many deployments to the cadets at the detachment. “Throughout my career, I’ve worked with Air Force officers from various countries including Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Japan, Korea, England and Romania,” he said. “I would like to bring that experience, at least the cultural aspect of it, to the cadets, because the world we live in today is so dependent on international cooperation. Our military works hand-in-hand with different countries every day.”

www.sju.edu/academics/cas/afrotc

USDA SERVES UP A HEALTHY DINNER PLATE

America has ditched the food pyramid. In its place, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is serving a plate-shaped symbol sliced into basic food groups, and beside the plate rests a small cup of dairy (milk or yogurt). What this means for the kids and parents is that each will now have an easier guideline to follow for healthy eating.

“The new plate image was constructed in an effort to simplify daily nutrition with a graphic approach,” explains Food Marketing Professor Nancy Childs, Ph.D., who participated in the White House committee contributing to the development of the new symbol. “What we learned from the food pyramid is that while nutritional information was being shared with consumers, they weren’t paying attention. This time around, the committee explored new and simpler ways of communicating with people to get them to listen.”

As analysts anticipate sharp increases in food prices, Childs said the industry’s challenge will be to keep food costs affordable and nutritionally relevant. “The new guideline provides room for a win-win with healthier portion sizes for consumers,” she said.

IGNATIAN COLLEGE CONNECTION MAKES HIGHER EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR DESERVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Forty high schoolers came to campus last summer to participate in the Ignatian College Connection (ICC), a three-week educational enrichment program offering college preparation courses and an up-close look at higher education. The ICC received the Distinguished Program Award at this year’s Conference on Multicultural Affairs sponsored by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

Now in its seventh year, the program is geared to students from racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse backgrounds who may need extra support to make a college education attainable. This year’s curriculum included writing, math and literature as well as courses in cultural anthropology and criminal justice, and workshops on time management, study skills, SAT preparation and the admissions process.

“Our message to students is ‘Yes, you can,’” said Valerie Dudley, Ph.D., director of institutional diversity at Saint Joseph’s. “Our mission is to help the ICC students feel comfortable with the idea of going to college and realize that it’s attainable.”

Many participants go on to college at other institutions, while some are offered ICC scholarships to attend Saint Joseph's and maintain their relationship with the ICC through regular contact with a mentor.
When Susan O’Malley, J.D., assistant professor of sports marketing, was just 11 years old and a middle school student, she wrote a paper explaining her dream of running a professional sports franchise one day. When her paper was returned, O’Malley noticed a comment from her teacher in the margin saying, “Good paper, but not very realistic.” The remark never discouraged O’Malley, and in 1991 she made her dream a reality when she took over as CEO of Washington Sports & Entertainment, becoming the first woman to run an NBA franchise, the Washington Wizards.

O’Malley got her start with the Bullets (later Wizards) as an intern, working as hard as she could to “be the best intern they ever had,” making herself stand out from the rest — a trait she now tries to instill in her students.

“In one year, the Wizards received 15,000 resumés for jobs,” said O’Malley. “So I always tell my students that if you get the opportunity, don’t be good, be great.”

However, when her time as an intern was up, there were no openings available for her to stay with the Bullets. For the next three years, she worked for an advertising agency before returning to the Bullets as director of marketing in 1986. With new experience and fresh ideas, O’Malley made Washington Sports & Entertainment a premier name in sports. Within four short years, she was named president of the entire operation.

William Byron, S.J. ’51, approached O’Malley while she was still president of the Wizards about teaching sports marketing as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She agreed, and taught for two years, winning “Adjunct Professor of the Year” in 2002. In 2007, O’Malley retired from the Wizards. Three years later, she received another call from Byron, now a professor of business and society at Saint Joseph’s, who asked her to join the faculty of the newly formalized sports marketing department at SJU.

“I hope to bring some practical experience to the classroom,” said O’Malley. “I hope to help my students pursue their passion. I just want to make a difference.”

— Bill Wells ’12

STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Campus Compact, a national organization dedicated to campus-based civic engagement, recognized Saint Joseph’s senior Gretchen Timer with its Newman Civic Fellow Award.

A national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents, Campus Compact represents some six million students who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of education. Nationwide, the Newman Civic Fellows Award recognizes student leaders who are committed to finding solutions for various challenges communities face. Timer is one of 135 students from 30 states to be honored.

“These students represent the next generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders,” said Campus Compact President Maureen F. Curley. “They serve as national examples of the role that higher education can — and does — play in building a better world.”

“Gretchen has developed several new service partnerships,” said Beth Ford ’99 (B.S.), ’01 (M.S.), SJU’s campus minister of Service and Social Justice Programs, “and in each situation, she was an effective ambassador, forging strong relationships with our community partners.”

A sociology major, Timer is engaged in service and justice work on local, national and global levels. She is a service site coordinator for SJU’s weekly service program and has served communities in Philadelphia, Appalachia and Durán, Ecuador.

PROFESSOR EXPOSES A MODEL OF SUCCESS IN BOLIVIA

Combining quantitative with qualitative analysis, Assistant Professor of Management John Neiva, Ph.D., and his co-author, Miguel Marca Barrientos, are sharing successful education models with struggling schools in Bolivia.

Fe y Alegría, which runs more than 400 Bolivian schools in some of Latin America’s most impoverished communities, is the focus of the team’s research.

Neiva first visited the schools during a 2008 immersion trip sponsored by SJU’s Office of Mission and was moved to partner with the organization beyond his two-week visit.

When Neiva returned to the United States, he combed through education data available through Bolivia’s Ministry of Education. In collaboration with Fe y Alegría, Neiva identified trends in the data that were specific to the success of this particular network of schools. Believing it was critical for Fe y Alegría to play an active role in the research despite the 3,900 miles that separated them, Neiva provided the resources necessary for data entry, analysis and travel through donations from the Saint Joseph’s community.

Engaging the Bolivian community in his research may have contributed to Neiva’s paper winning first prize in the triennial “OR in Development” competition of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies in July 2011.
Jay Carter, Ph.D., professor of history and director of the international relations program at Saint Joseph’s, has lived and traveled widely in China. A dedicated teacher and 20th century China expert, Carter has been selected as a fellow for the National Committee on United States-China Relations Public Intellectuals Program (PIP). Carter joins a cohort of 19 other China specialists and scholars from a variety of disciplines who will participate in a multi-year program designed to broaden their knowledge of China, the media and the policy-making community.

“I’m looking forward to the Public Intellectuals Program as both a teacher and a student,” said Carter. “I hope to learn about the ways that the academic, policy, business and activist communities can work together to influence the directions of U.S.-China relations. As a teacher — both in the classroom and in the public sphere more broadly — I believe I can take what I learn and share it to help Americans better understand China and the U.S.-China relationship.”

PIP fellows gain access to senior policymakers and experts in both the United States and China, and to individuals and fields they would not typically be exposed to, including the emerging business and nonprofit sectors in China. The Henry Luce and Starr foundations fund this program.

Carter is chief editor of the journal Twentieth-Century China and author of Heart of Buddha, Heart of China (Oxford University Press, 2010) which chronicles the life of Tanxu, a 20th century Buddhist monk who founded Buddhist temples in China before the advent of the Communist Party. He also wrote Creating a Chinese Harbin: Nationalism in an International City, 1916-1932 (Cornell University Press, 2002) and is currently researching a book on horseracing in 19th and 20th century Chinese treaty ports, continuing his interest in exploring how relations between China and the West play out in individual lives.

— Patricia Allen

SJU HOSTS FORUM TO STEM YOUTH VIOLENCE

In a first-of-its-kind effort, Saint Joseph’s brought together policymakers, youth advocates, and education and law enforcement leaders in September for a panel discussion to address the crisis of violence in the City of Philadelphia and its schools.

According to Maria Kefalas, Ph.D., SJU professor of sociology and director of the Richard Johnson Center for Anti-Violence, today’s violence among the city’s youth is “payback for our neglect and chronic underinvestment in kids.”

Under the banner of “Child as Citizen, Child as Hope,” the event sought to promote Philadelphia’s youth as stakeholders in the future of the city. It featured keynote speaker Felton Earls, M.D., professor of social medicine at Harvard University, along with panelists Everett Gillison, Esq., deputy mayor of Philadelphia; Leroy D. Nunery II, Ed.D., acting superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia; Richard J. Ross Jr. ’04 (M.S.), deputy Philadelphia police commissioner; Susan Snyder, Philadelphia Inquirer staff writer; John J. Dilulio Jr., Ph.D., Frederick Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion and Civil Society at the University of Pennsylvania; and Kefalas.

“Youth in Philadelphia and across the country need to imagine a future that presents hope and opportunity,” said Associate Dean of Education Jeanne Brady, Ph.D. She said the goal of the event, whose audience included the general public as well as principals and teachers from Saint Joseph’s 20 partner schools, was “to begin the conversation on how we can achieve this and place children at the center of the discussion. As Dr. Earls has said, it does in fact ‘take a city to raise a child.’”

The event was sponsored by SJU’s Department of Educational Leadership, Richard Johnson Center for Anti-Violence, Office of Mission and Faith-Justice Institute, along with the American Academy of Political and Social Science at the University of Pennsylvania.
SAINT JOSEPH’S PROMOTES MATH ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILADELPHIA

According to the most recent Pennsylvania System of School Assessment report, only 32.6 percent of Philadelphia students enrolled in grade 11 are advanced or even proficient in mathematics. Two Saint Joseph’s University professors are conducting mathematics education studies investigating the causes.

Math anxiety. With the school year well under way, children of all ages may find themselves burdened with math anxiety, notes Agnes Rash, Ph.D., professor of mathematics. “It’s a problem that usually starts at an early age,” she says, “and if it isn’t addressed in grade school, math anxiety can hinder students throughout their education and beyond.”

Rash suggests that while teachers are often the first to detect and deal with the problem, parents need to be aware that their own behavior can strongly influence how their children navigate math class. “If a parent also has math anxiety, they should be careful of making statements that can be perceived as condoning failure,” Rash said. “Statements such as ‘I was never any good at math, either,’ or ‘I can’t help you with your homework; I don’t understand math,’ can give the child the message that it’s OK to give up.”

Mathematical knowledge of secondary mathematics teachers. Math education specialist Tetyana Berezovski, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, believes that one of several factors in students’ low achievement is inadequate teacher knowledge of mathematics.

In an effort to boost student achievement in the Philadelphia school district, Berezovski teamed with the School District of Philadelphia and applied for a highly competitive Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The three-year award provides professional development for high school math teachers in the district. To date, the University has been awarded $302,000 to administer the program.

With MSP grant support, Berezovski and the district initiated a summer program called the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teacher Fellow Program at Saint Joseph’s. The growing program allows secondary mathematics teachers to work with teacher mentors and assistants to complete two graduate-level mathematics courses designed by Berezovski.

SPEEDY DISCLAIMERS AFFECT BUYER BEHAVIOR

Though disclaimers at the end of advertisements may appear to be a white noise accepted by audiences, new research suggests that these hurried disclaimers have a greater impact on buyer behavior than previously thought. The study, coauthored by David Allan, Ph.D. ’98 (M.B.A.), associate professor of marketing, and peers at Northwestern and Wake Forest universities, finds that the speed at which the disclaimer is delivered can influence consumers’ purchase intention toward brands they don’t know or don’t trust.

Most often a list of limits on special deals, terms and conditions, or the side effects of prescription drugs, disclaimers are there as a fast — sometimes very fast — summary of the important information buyers need before they make a purchase. But as necessary as the information is, marketers frequently restrict them to only four seconds of the typical ad’s 30.

For well-known, trusted brands, the speed of the disclaimer doesn’t have an impact, this study found. Newer and unfamiliar brands without trust equity, however, should be careful of their speed. The faster the disclaimer is recited, the more likely it is that consumers will view the brand as sneaky or untrustworthy.

“Mile-a-minute disclaimers at the end of ads for familiar cars may not affect buyer behavior, but they potentially can in unfamiliar food and pharmaceutical commercials without brand trust,” said Allan.


PLS NAMES NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN

Patricia Griffin ’81 (B.S.) was named associate dean of the College of Professional and Liberal Studies (PLS), replacing Judy Gallagher ’74 (B.S.), who retired after 17-plus years at Saint Joseph’s. Griffin has worked with SJU’s adult undergraduate and graduate students for more than 27 years and will continue to assist nontraditional undergraduates in her new role.

Griffin holds a master of arts in sociology from the University of Delaware and is pursuing a Ph.D. in criminal justice at Temple University. She led the formation of and served as the director of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Institute at Saint Joseph’s as well as the criminal justice, environmental protection safety management, homeland security and public safety graduate programs for the University.

“I am thrilled to provide leadership in this vibrant adult learning community,” said Griffin. “As the associate dean, my goals and objectives are grounded in the Ignatian educational ideal to meet and embrace students within the context of their lives. I look forward to continuing the development of curriculum, services and programs that support the unique demands of the adult learners in Philadelphia and beyond.”

The largest and oldest program for nontraditional students in the greater Philadelphia region, PLS has transfer agreements with six local community colleges and is a member of Graduate! Philadelphia, which offers a 25 percent tuition discount to city employees who pursue a bachelor’s degree. www.sju.edu/pls

Similarly, Rash said that teachers need to be mindful of how they present mathematical concepts in class. “Making statements like, ‘This is going to be hard; pay attention,’ can create an atmosphere of anxiety and fear,” she noted.

PLS NAMES NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN
RESIDENCE HALL RENAMED TO HONOR FR. LANNON
Saint Joseph’s 26th president, Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., stands before the residence hall named in his honor. Former Trustee Brian Duperreault ’69 announced in April that Borgia Hall would be renamed Lannon Hall to venerate the legacy of the outgoing president. He and his wife, Nancy, have also named Rashford Hall and Duperreault Hall (for Duperreault’s mother, Margaret).

MACLEAN CHAIR DISCUSSES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FLESH AND SPIRIT
José Ignacio Badenes, S.J., was the Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair holder for the Fall 2011 semester. An associate professor of Spanish from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif., he founded LMU’s Catholic Studies program in the fall of 2006 and continues to serve as director. His areas of expertise are peninsular Spanish literature of the 19th and 20th centuries, comparative literature, interdisciplinary studies and gender theory.

At SJU, Fr. Badenes taught a First-Year Honors seminar titled And the Word Became Flesh: The Body, Desire and Catholic Spirituality in Western Civilization. The course offered an interdisciplinary perspective on the relationship between flesh and spirit in Western culture and how it influences gender and sexuality issues.

At the beginning of the semester, Fr. Badenes said, “My hope is that the course’s focus and the diverse material the students will be exposed to will awaken their imaginations, widen their intellectual and personal horizons, sharpen already acquired skills, encourage them to think deeply and critically, and benefit their lives and those of others with whom they come in contact.”

Fr. Badenes delivered the annual MacLean Chair lecture in November. Titled “Behold whom they have pierced: Federico García Lorca’s alter-Christus and sacrificial masculinity,” his lecture focused on how early 20th century Spanish writer Federico García Lorca uses the image of Christ, particularly the suffering Christ of the Passion, to question patriarchal interpretations of masculinity.

The Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair is held by members of the Society of Jesus who are accomplished teachers and scholars in the arts and sciences. Established to emphasize that the University’s Jesuit identity is inseparable from the finest teaching, scholarship and collegiate discourse, the chair is named in honor of the University’s 24th president.
MEN’S LACROSSE AND ROWING ANNOUNCE NEW HEAD COACHES

The SJU Department of Athletics has named Taylor Wray as the new head coach for men’s lacrosse and Mike Irwin as the new men’s rowing head coach.

Wray comes to Saint Joseph’s after serving as an assistant coach at Lehigh University for the past four years. He played collegiately at Duke University and professionally in the National Lacrosse League after being drafted second overall by the Calgary Roughnecks. He made an immediate impact, being named the 2004 Rookie of the Year, the Defensive Player of the Year and a First Team All-Star while helping Calgary to the NLL Championship. A three-time NLL All-Star, he currently plays for the Philadelphia Wings and served as team captain in 2011. He is an assistant coach for the Canadian National Team, and is the defensive coordinator for the 2012 U-19 Team and the 2014 Men’s National Team. He served in the same role for the 2010 National Team, which finished second at the 2010 World Championships.

Irwin possesses 20 years of collegiate coaching experience and past involvement with the U.S. national team. His record includes seven seasons (2002-2009) at the University of Pennsylvania as the men’s lightweight head coach and director of boathouse operations. He also coached for seven years at Yale University, working first with the freshman lightweight crew and then the freshman heavyweight crew. He comes to Saint Joseph’s from the Essex Rowing Club in Methuen, Mass., where he has been the director of operations since 2009, while also serving as the senior coach for the men’s youth and women’s masters rowing programs. Irwin was a boatman for the United States National Team at the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games, and was a member of the U.S. National Team staff for a total of five World Championships, dating back to 1999.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

During the second annual Diversity Awareness Week, students performed an encore presentation of L.I.N.E.S., a series of vignettes about key diversity issues on campus, first presented at new student orientation. The week also featured a programs fair, Poetry Jam, and a lecture and faculty workshop with Michael Benitez, a social justice educator and activist.

BASKETBALL ALUMNAE APPEAR IN MIGHTY MACS

Several Saint Joseph’s women’s basketball alumnae made their big screen debuts in the critically acclaimed film, The Might Macs, which opened in theaters on October 21.

Based on the Immaculata College women’s basketball team’s improbable run to the 1972 national championship, the movie features former Hawks Susan Moran ’02 (B.B.A.), ’07 (M.B.A.), currently an SJU assistant coach; Jane Meade ’02 (B.S.), ’04 (M.S.); Elizabeth “Hootie” Mohan ’04 (B.S.); and Ayahna Cornish ’07 (B.S.) as opposing players.

Making cameo appearances as nuns were former SJU head coaches Theresa Grentz (1974-76) and Rene Portland (1976-78), as well as Judy Martelli, wife of men’s basketball head coach Phil Martelli. All were members of Immaculata’s 1972 national championship team. www.themightymacs.com

Acting as players on Immaculata’s rival West Chester team, Moran ’02, ’07 (sitting in front) and Cornish ’07 (standing, fifth from right) join the cast of the Mighty Macs, including headliners Carla Gugino (second from left) and Philadelphia-area native David Boreanaz (sitting in front).
A sense of relief washes over Deanna Segrave-Daly when she sees daughter Mia, 4, interacting with others at Camp Kinney, a summer program offered by the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support at Saint Joseph’s.

“If there are people like this out there for my daughter,” she says with an audible sigh, “it’s really going to be okay.”

Mia was diagnosed with autism at 2-and-a-half, a year after she started therapy for speech and sensory processing disorder (SPD) — a common condition for those with autism that makes it difficult to process information received through the senses and elicit an appropriate response. People with SPD either have heightened or, like Mia, very dulled, senses.

“She likes to crash into you, rubs her head against you, presses her pencil hard on the paper,” Segrave-Daly explains, as Mia darts through the family’s dining room, bumping door jambs along the way, with her occupational therapist in tow. “She’s literally uncomfortable in her own skin.”

In addition to Mia’s occupational therapist, her support team encompasses physical and speech therapists, applied behavior analysts and developmental pediatricians. Families dealing with autism are constantly inviting new support people into their lives, only to see them leave through a revolving door when the insurance or government resources dry up.

But, for Mia, the last two summers have welcomed familiar faces, thanks to the Kinney SCHOLARS (Students Committed to Helping Other Learn about Autism Research and Support) program, comprised of mostly undergraduate students pursuing degrees in the social sciences and seeking careers in the autism field. During Camp Kinney, SCHOLARS and campers — with and without autism spectrum disorder (ASD) — play, swim, read and enjoy time together.
Although quiet and slow to make eye contact at first, Mia has developed a special connection with SCHOLAR Arianna Esposito ’12. A Manhattan native and psychology major, Esposito says she “fell in love” when she met Mia at the first Camp Kinney two summers ago.

“I had to find a way in because Mia would cry a lot and struggle to participate in activities and interact with the others,” Esposito remembers. After learning that Mia was a fan of Dora the Explorer, she found out as much as she could about Dora.

“I would tell Mia, ‘Dora goes swimming’ or ‘Dora goes to camp’ or ‘Dora passes the ball,’” Esposito says. “And slowly, Mia began to do those things, too.”

Esposito describes Mia as “a totally different person than she was at the first camp two years ago.” They have remained close since then.

The culmination of Camp Kinney is “Kinney’s Got Talent,” a variety show. This year, parents and family members, filled with nervous energy and anticipation, shuffled past the set, carefully constructed with a hand-painted backdrop, and into the bleachers. They turned their attention forward as the kids — ages 3 to 16 — slowly took the stage.

Scanning the audience for their parents, the youngest children began the production by belting out their version of Justin Beiber’s “Baby” — freely taking poetic license with the words — and then they danced to the sounds of “Under the Sea.” The next group moved to the front, and the scene shifted, transporting onlookers to the 1950s, as the Pink Ladies and Thunderbirds of Grease “shoo-bop-shooed” and “doo-bop-doed” across the stage. Then, suddenly, the show took a serious turn, as two budding musicians tenderly performed “Ode to Joy” on the cello.

Parents looked on, eyes glued, for their children’s moments in the spotlight. Brothers and sisters watched, mesmerized by their sibling’s performance, mouthing the words they had practiced with them over and over again at home.

It could be a scene repeated at schools and camps across the country, except for one difference.

Top: Kinney SCHOLAR Jennifer Broring ’13, a Kinney camper, and SCHOLARS Gabriella Petrongolo ’12 and Meghan Greenfield ’12 rock and roll in “Kinney’s Got Talent.”
Middle: Kinney SCHOLAR Rachel Kloss ’12 and camper visit an exhibit at the Please Touch Museum.
Bottom: Brian McCormick plays the cello during the Kinney talent show.
This is the second year Camp Kinney has brought younger children and teens with ASD together with kids without ASD (so-called neurotypical peers) for summer fun and social growth.

It’s virtually impossible to single out the kids with special needs during the show. Parents say that’s the beauty of Camp Kinney — its inclusiveness. The children with ASD learn what is expected socially at their age. The neurotypical kids gain lessons in understanding and sensitivity, along with an early exposure to mentorship.

The camp has quickly become much in demand for those in the local autism community who scramble to get their children registered. It fills up in days, as do the Kinney Center’s other programs. (See sidebar on page 17.)

Beth and Gary “Mickey” McCormick ’87 (B.S.) had spent more than a decade navigating the autism maze before discovering the Kinney Center. Their son Brian, 15, is one of the promising cellists who performed at Camp Kinney (at left, in bottom photo on page 14). He was diagnosed at age 3 with Pervasive Developmental Disorder — Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). It was the late ’90s, and the autism spectrum was still coming together; PDD-NOS was not yet identified as an autism spectrum disorder.

“Brian wasn’t speaking, so we started therapy,” Beth recalls. “We thought he was making progress when he became vocal. But he was only repeating.”

The revelation that Brian, like many kids on the spectrum, was exhibiting echolalia — the repeating of vocalizations made by another — was a devastating blow. As his autism diagnosis continued to take shape, he struggled with social interaction, math, reading and SPD. His reliance on structure and schedule intensified each year.

“We would need to run our Saturday errands in an exact order,” Gary says, pointing to a colorful wall calendar in the family’s kitchen. “He needs to know what to expect. Even the smallest change would end in a meltdown.”

Like Mia’s family, the McCormicks have been through their share of therapists. Working as an advocate for her son has become a second job for Beth, who has tirelessly engaged the school district, intermediate unit, county and state to get therapy and school support services for Brian.

The Kinney Center and SCHOLAR Andrew Bulla ’12 hope to fill in some of the gaps families like the McCormicks have encountered over the years. Bulla, who had some prior experience with special needs kids, stumbled on an opportunity as a camp counselor for the inaugural Camp Kinney when he was “just looking for a summer job.” Everything changed that summer. He switched his major from food marketing to psychology, declared a minor in autism studies, and was hired to work with a Kinney camper in his home and at his school. He even completed an internship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s (CHOP) Center for Autism Research.

“I want to be working in autistic support classrooms, setting up curricula for these kids and supporting teachers,” Bulla says with a confidence not often seen in young adults. “I want to look a parent in the eye and say, ‘It’s really okay. We have lots of options. We can work through this.’”

The McCormicks call the Kinney Center a “one-stop shop.” While their son has benefited from its programs, they have also found a necessary source of support for parents.

“After years of waiting for answers, knocking down doors and being continually frustrated, we discovered the Kinney Center,” says Beth, as she holds out a guidebook to help individuals with autism understand death. “When Brian lost a very dear aunt recently, he was struggling with the concept. We called the Kinney Center. They met with us and gave us this.”

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Andrew Bulla ’12
Kinney SCHOLAR
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Kinney SCHOLAR Briaana Stevens ’12, a psychology major from Washington Township, N.J., writes lesson plans and completes assessments as part of her work at the Kinney Center. She and the other SCHOLARS have access to a wealth of resources that help them respond with confidence in a variety of situations.

Stevens used these resources when working through some intense encounters with a child in the Kinney Center’s Social Skills Program. Her focus remained on the child as she acknowledged the bruises and scratches she endured.

“As scary as it was for me, I know it was scarier for her,” she says. “She was nonverbal and couldn’t express her needs. The aggression came from frustration. It was up to me to figure out how to help.”

The Kinney Center has been golden for us,” says Ben’s father, Ken. “Its emphasis on support throughout the lifecycle, its ability to really explain the behavioral approaches to the parents and the commitment of the SCHOLARS cannot be found anywhere else in our area.”

Ben and DiNatale share a passion for running. Outside of Camp Kinney, they completed a 5K together this July.

“It’s hard to quantify progress,” Younkins admits. “That’s the tricky and unpredictable thing about autism. But I see that the Kinney Center provides Ben with the feeling that he’s part of something. His experiences there, his friendship with Tom, have made him more willing to try new things. He’s more confident.”

Asked about Mia’s progress, her mother agrees. “It’s so hard for me,” Segrave-Daly says. “I tend to focus on all the hurdles ahead for Mia as she gets older. I’m always waiting for the other shoe to drop. The Kinney Center and its amazing staff remind me to count the wins.”

It is the interaction between SCHOLAR and participant that brings the Kinney Center’s mission full circle. The effect on each is equivalent.

For DiNatale, the reward is knowing how much he’s been entrusted with.

“These parents hand over their whole world to us,” he says. “Sometimes it feels good to have the world on your back.”

Kelly Welsh, director of communications for the College of Arts and Sciences, manages communications and public relations for the Kinney Center.

When Thomas DiNatale ’12, a special education major from Reading, Mass., participated in Special Olympics in high school, he felt a “natural connection” with the athletes with autism. So much so, he decided to pursue the field in college.

Last summer, he worked with Brian McCormick and another teen, Benjamin Younkins, at Camp Kinney. At 15 and 16 respectively, they needed something a little different than the younger children. To help, the Kinney Center made Brian and Ben auxiliary campers, and developed activities to not only engage them socially, but also begin building the fundamental skills needed to pursue jobs and secure their futures.

Ben, like Brian, was diagnosed in the late ’90s and has struggled through mainstream school. Over the years, his parents have sought the support services and welcoming environment they found at the Kinney Center.

“Sometimes it feels good to have the world on your back.”

Thomas DiNatale ’12
Kinney SCHOLAR
The Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support was established in October 2009 with a lead gift from former SJU Board of Trustees Chair Paul Hondros '70 (B.S.) and his wife, Margaret. The number of children in the United States now diagnosed with some form of autism is one in 110. The Kinney Center, located on the University’s Maguire Campus, aims to fill the void of support for families dealing with autism and train tomorrow’s educators.

At the helm of the Kinney Center is Executive Director Michelle Rowe, Ph.D., also a Saint Joseph’s professor of health services. Rowe’s philosophy of inclusion and respect, and her work as a champion for unity on this often divisive topic, is the bedrock of the Kinney Center’s mission.

“The topic of what causes autism and how to treat it has created a heated, contentious battle,” she says. “There is a divide among the very people who are our greatest hope: scientists and physicians, pediatricians and parents, insurance companies and therapists, and schools and families.”

The controversy does not deter Rowe in her belief that “every child with autism should be able to live his or her best life with the best supports in place” — which is evident in every Kinney Center program.

Rowe’s small but impressive staff includes Director of Programs, Training and Service Katie Croce, who oversees the Kinney SCHOLARS program. Croce makes sure the SCHOLARS complete intensive training to prepare them for and test their dedication to a line of work that has been called difficult but immensely rewarding.

“Our SCHOLARS are dedicated and enthusiastic, compassionate, respectful, responsible and trustworthy,” Croce says. “They learn teaching procedures, positive behavior supports, data collection and graphing, reinforcement, assessments and crisis prevention interventions and get to immediately apply those skills. The combination of their coursework within their major, the training they undergo at Kinney and their hands-on experience really sets them apart from others entering the field.

“Their careers essentially start here, while they’re still in college.”

KINNEY FACTS

- All Kinney Center programs consistently reach maximum capacity:
  - Camp Kinney
  - College-Bound Retreat
  - Kids’ Night Out
  - Kinney Sports
  - Social Skills

- Participation in the Social Skills Program has nearly tripled since 2009.

- The Kinney Center offers an autism studies minor and an autism certificate through the College of Professional and Liberal Studies.

- New Programs for Fall 2012: Apprenticeship, which admits first-year students into the SCHOLARS Program, and ASPIRE, which helps students with autism spectrum disorder transition to college at SJU.
From his cramped Washington, D.C., office, Jim McTague ’71 (B.S.) works as the Washington editor of Barron’s, the Dow Jones business and financial weekly. He covers the White House and Congress, frequently appears on Fox Business News and other programs, and has released a new book on the U.S. stock market called Crapshoot Investing: How Tech Savvy Traders and Clueless Regulators Turned Wall Street into a Casino (FT Press, 2011).

A nationally recognized and respected economic reporter, McTague credits Saint Joseph’s with teaching him how to parse his written words with care and for reinforcing the values he uses to “put the bad guys behind bars, to discover the innocence of others and to defend the underdog,” he says.

McTague goes to Mass every Sunday for a “grounding in core values and spiritual uplift,” he says. “In the course of my reporting, I see people tempted by money — brilliant people with phenomenal backgrounds — who do something criminally stupid. I appreciate the constant reminder of values.”

Jim McTague ’71, the Washington, D.C., editor of Barron’s, isn’t gambling with the stock market. But he thinks others are.

by Joyce Winslow
IN THE COURSE OF MY REPORTING, I SEE PEOPLE TEMPTED BY MONEY — BRILLIANT PEOPLE WITH PHENOMENAL BACKGROUNDS — WHO DO SOMETHING CRIMINALLY STUPID. I APPRECIATE THE CONSTANT REMINDER OF VALUES. JIM McTAGUE ’71

His early attempts at journalism in high school nearly got him expelled, though. As the newspaper editor at Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, Pa., McTague ran another student’s editorial that accused the headmaster of misappropriating basketball funds to buy curtains for the drama stage. “It was nearly curtains for me,” he chuckles.

At Saint Joseph’s, McTague’s decision to major in pre-med was “totally idiotic,” he admits. “Six months into my chemistry class, I was such a disaster, the professor made me a deal. He said, ‘If you switch majors, I’ll give you a C.’ So I became an English major.”

That began his love of words, inspired by Francis Burch, S.J., English professor emeritus, whom he thanks in the beginning of his new book. “He is one of the most intelligent, well-educated persons I’ve met in my lifetime, and his love of literature was infectious,” McTague says. “He is also one of the most spiritual men I’ve ever encountered. He is a genuine holy man, a superb priest.”

McTague wanted to be a college English professor until he worked in a newsroom. Though his first full-time job out of college was editing 4,000 TV listings for TV Guide Magazine — “mind-altering,” he says — a competitive magazine in New York soon hired him to write articles.

“I had a wife who believed in me, so I commuted to New York from Bucks County [Pa.],” says McTague. “Unfortunately, the magazine went out of business in seven months, but this was the time of Woodward and Bernstein and Watergate. I freelanced, determined to stay in the field.”

McTague smiles, his green eyes bright under a shock of white hair. “Early in my career, I was a man of action,” he says. “For the Bucks County Courier Times — this was during the gas crisis in Jimmy Carter’s presidency — I hitchhiked 70 miles, which took me 15 rides. I asked each driver: ‘How is the gas crisis affecting you?’ I got entertaining information.”

Ironically, this man, who had no love affair with math and disliked college politics enough to forego an academic career, gravitated toward economic reporting. “Because that’s where the scandals were,” he says. “In the early ’80s, I knew a lot about local finances from covering local and state government. One day, I read a Philadelphia magazine story on heavy hitters that said convicted felons and former Marines were making lots of money as commodities brokers. I had four kids to support. I sent a letter to the local Merrill Lynch manager — an angry, venting letter — saying I was making no money as a journalist and wanted a career in the stock market.”

Two days later, that manager took McTague to lunch, gave him a math test and said he had two openings for brokers and 50 applicants. “I sat at a desk at Merrill Lynch, along with the 49 other applicants, and played the part of a broker while the brokers played at being customers on the phones from the next room. The test boiled down to how good you were on the phone. The applicant in back of me wore a motorcycle jacket with studs. He looked like a thug and mimicked everything I did. The thug and I won the two jobs. I credit my success at that interview to journalism. I’d learned how to walk up to a stranger and get him to open up.”

The Merrill Lynch job required McTague to take a comprehensive training program and stay three years or pay them $30,000. “The training was like an M.B.A. in finance,” says McTague, who used the time as an investment in his journalism career. “Three years later, when I sent out my resume to newspapers, I was a hot commodity. The Dallas Times Herald hired me at top dollar just as the S and L banking crisis occurred.”

Before Barron’s, McTague worked for 13 publications. “Most people don’t know it, but there was a real fellow named Clarence W. Barron,” he says. “He was the financial journalist in Boston who exposed the Ponzi scheme in the early 1920s. He bought Dow Jones and turned it into an empire.”

McTague has worked for this journalistic empire since 1994 — “a three-fingered typist my whole life,” he says. “I still consider myself a student of writing, though I did not become the novelist I once set out to become.”

Unrealized novelist or established journalist, McTague continues to write, in a startlingly small office for a man near the top of Barron’s masthead, desk piled high. His walls are stacked with books and framed mementoes: old New Yorker caricatures of himself with other pundits; photos of Sandy, his first wife, now deceased, with their four children; his four grandchildren; and his second wife, Rachel.

He looks across his desk at framed photos of his family. “When you give your kids advice, they take it as criticism,” sighs the financial expert whom thousands of readers look to for counsel. He flashes a mischievous grin and adds, “Your grandkids think you’re Solomon.”

Joyce Winslow is a freelance writer.
This female Hawk became the first athlete to capture a national championship when she won gold in the women's triple jump at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 1991.

A: Elaine (McGillian) Van Blunk '86
B: Christine (Kane) O'Connell '01
C: Vicki Boyer '94
D: Donna (Crumety) Stewart '93

These two individuals who were involved in SJU women's basketball coached against each other in the 2011 NCAA Final Four, when the University of Notre Dame defeated the University of Connecticut.

A: Stephanie Gaitley (head coach at SJU 1991-2001) and Pat Coyle (assistant coach at SJU 1989-92)
B: Muffet (O'Brien) McGraw '77 and Geno Auriemma (assistant coach at SJU 1978-79)
C: Jim Foster (head coach at SJU 1978-91) and Joe Logan (assistant coach at SJU 2001-05)
D: Dale Hodges '90 and Mary Kate McDade '09

Funds donated by James T. Finnesey were originally intended to be used to build a neo-classical style stadium for this sport. Due to a lack of funding and a feeling that the team could never compete, the blueprints were scratched and the sport disbanded in 1939. The donation was used instead to create an outdoor athletic facility.

A: Soccer
B: Baseball
C: Football
D: Basketball

The 1981 men's basketball team upset this No. 1 seed, 49-48, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, after employing a “four-to-score” offense.

A: Indiana
B: DePaul
C: UCLA
D: Duke

By 2011, the baseball team had this number of current students and alumni signed or drafted to play professional baseball.

A: 5
B: 35
C: 43
D: 113

This 1988 Olympic bronze medalist and SJU rower won 24 national titles and was honored as the 1987 United States Male Rower of the Year before coaching the U.S. men's boat to a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

A: Ryan Pawling ’11
B: Jim Glavin ’70
C: Drew Hill ’74
D: Mike Teti ’78

SJU’s all-time assists and steals leader Debbie Black ’88 eventually went on to play in the Women’s National Basketball Association; basketball, however, was not her only passion as she also played on these other SJU teams.

A: Lacrosse and Field Hockey
B: Softball and Tennis
C: Softball and Field Hockey
D: Tennis and Rowing

Here’s a chance to revive that school spirit with a test of your knowledge of athletics on Hawk Hill. Give it a try and check your answers on page 38.

Compiled by Bill Wells ’12
It only took this women’s program a year after its founding to achieve its first winning season, posting an 11-6-1 record in 1997.

A: Basketball
B: Soccer
C: Field Hockey
D: Lacrosse

The all-time wins leader at SJU for any sport, this coach manned the sidelines of the men’s tennis team for 36 years while serving concurrently as women’s coach for 22 years.

A: Ian Crookenden
B: Phil Bayliss ’09
C: Al Laveson
D: Ellen Ryan

This program set a national record in 2009 when it became the first team to advance to the Grand Final of the Dad Vail Regatta for five consecutive years.

A: Men’s Rowing
B: Women’s Rowing
C: Men’s Tennis
D: Women’s Track and Field

With an average height of just 5’10”, a surprisingly successful team coached by Bill Ferguson put Saint Joseph’s basketball on the map in the 1930s, earning them this nickname.

A: “Mighty Mites”
B: “Fab Five”
C: “The Hawklings”
D: “Short Shooters”

This current Hawk junior women’s basketball player helped her home country, Spain, win gold at the 2011 FIBA European Championships in Serbia.

A: Ilze Gotfrida ’14
B: Samira Van Grinsven ’12
C: Mireia Vila ’13
D: Katie Kuester ’12

The only men’s soccer player to win A-10 Player of the Year honors, this athlete garnered SJU season and career records for goals with 41 and went on to play professionally for the Philadelphia KiXX. He returned to Hawk Hill in 2010 as head men’s soccer coach.

A: Don D’Ambra ’94
B: Tim Mulqueen ’87
C: Aleksander Peev ’98
D: Sam Lee ’79

Interim University President and Baseball Hall of Famer John W. Smithson ’68, ’82 played for the Hawks in 1966-68. What position did he play?

A: Pitcher
B: Shortstop
C: Center Field
D: Second Base

This Jesuit was the first athletic director of the college, but is best known, unfortunately, for giving up a record 24 runs as a Detroit Tigers substitute pitcher in 1912.

A: Al Travers
B: Jamie Moyer
C: Ty Cobb
D: Fritz Hamburg

This premier ‘70s sprinter set seven SJU records and was the Hawks’ first-ever IC4A Track and Field Champion.

A: Ed Lennex ’76
B: Michael Black ’75
C: Mike Glavin ’78
D: Joe Genther ’79

This athletic program began as a club sport in 1954 and earned varsity status in 1959; however, it relinquished varsity funding after the 1975 season to free up money for other varsity sports. It regained varsity status in 1991.

A: Basketball
B: Men’s Rowing
C: Men’s Track & Field
D: Men’s Soccer
MISSION:
EDUCATION

By Jill Porter

Stationed at home and abroad, members of the armed forces find that returning to school is a deployment worth fighting for.

Elaine Hogg was looking forward to a leisurely weekend between the final exam for her summer course at Saint Joseph’s and the beginning of the fall semester. Then the phone rang. Hurricane Irene was set to besiege the East Coast. The Navy reservist and one-time helicopter pilot was told to be ready to mobilize within 72 hours to support recovery efforts.

So much for that leisurely interlude.

“It was my only free weekend before classes,” said Hogg, 48, who is pursuing an online master’s degree in homeland security.

Such is life for Hogg, a Navy captain in the U.S. Transportation Command Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, who could be called on a moment’s notice to deploy to disaster sites anywhere in the world, from a tsunami in Japan to an uprising in Libya to a hurricane in the United States.

And such is life for the increasing number of Saint Joseph’s students who are pursuing degrees while in the military, sometimes worlds and time zones away from Hawk Hill. Internet classes and post-9/11 veterans’ benefits have drawn many to academia, where balancing studies and military demands can be tricky.

After taking one SJU online class toward an M.B.A., for instance, Jay Cantimbuhan, 30, a U.S. Army intelligence analyst, had to temporarily halt his studies. He’s being deployed to Afghanistan in February and had to prepare for a month-long training exercise at Fort Irwin in California.
“As of right now, my plans for my master’s degree are on hold until I get back from Afghanistan,” he wrote in an e-mail.

But such disruptions don’t discourage military students, whose numbers have dramatically increased in the past few years. There are 289 military personnel enrolled in classes at SJU, both online and in person, nearly four times more than the 75 who were registered in 2009, according to Carold Boyer-Yancy, director of the Student Service Center. “I’ve never seen a program move as quickly as this one,” she says.

Part of the rapid growth in military students is due to the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, which pays tuition and housing subsidies at public in-state universities for 9/11-era veterans. The Yellow Ribbon program expanded the act’s provisions to include private schools such as Saint Joseph’s, with the VA matching financial aid provided by the University. In the past two years, Saint Joseph’s has contributed $18,935 to students through the Yellow Ribbon program, according to Boyer-Yancy. Another $9,000 has been contributed in tuition discounts for active-duty military who are taking online classes.

Some armed forces members are as close as the next seat in a Barbelin classroom. Some are as remote as Kenya, where U.S. Navy Capt. Kevin Bertelsen is taking online classes for his master’s degree in organizational development and leadership while serving as detachment commander for the Commander, Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa.

The 51-year-old California native joined the Navy after graduating from Ohio State University and has done all of his Saint Joseph’s work while deployed overseas. “It’s not easy at times,” he says, but the SJU online staff “have been exceptionally understanding of my situation and have been very supportive when I need additional time or assistance.”

The number of armed forces members, active or retired, who attend classes on campus has grown as well, and Saint Joseph’s is exploring how to best meet their needs. The University is considering, for example, whether to create a center on campus where members of the military can gather to socialize or establish a chapter of Student Vets of America, according to Nancy Komada, Ph.D., senior director of adult student life, and Liz Woodward, director of admissions for the College of Professional and Liberal Studies. “Dr. Komada and I are currently developing a survey for military students and veterans so that we can better identify their needs and interests,” she says. “We hope to be able to add or modify support services to better serve them and to attract increasing numbers of service members to our programs in the future.”

Accommodations are already made for combat veterans who have adjustment issues or other stress-related symptoms and may want time extensions for assignments or to withdraw from a class. “People believe they are beyond the stress of past experiences but later have some issues while the semester is under way,” says Komada.

Online student and Navy Capt. Elaine Hogg (right) is joined by Air Force Col. Steve Jones at an all-hands training event for the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command in June 2010 at Fort Eustis in Virginia.

Navy Capt. Kevin Bertelsen, in front of the East African Stand-By Force headquarters in Nairobi last summer, is taking online classes toward a master’s degree in organizational development and leadership.
ne thing school officials don’t have to worry about is the kind of hostile, anti-war campus environment Vietnam veterans faced when they returned home. “For vets returning home, rather than being ostracized, now they have police-escorted parades through the town,” said Jeremiah Thomas, a retired Marine corporal infantry squad leader who was deployed to Iraq in 2003. Thomas is now a national account manager at Herr’s, the food company founded by his grandfather, Jim Herr, and is pursuing his master’s degree in food marketing.

“There’s a sense of pride among the people,” Thomas says. “Society has done a good job in instilling that in my generation as opposed to previous generations.”

Still, the transition from war and military structure to school and campus life can be very difficult. The adjustment is challenging for many who have gone through a set of circumstances their peers haven’t.

Shawn Butler ’11 (B.S.) agrees. The Army Master Sergeant served 22 years in the military. He was in Iraq twice and lost 11 friends in his unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Deployed to Germany and Hawaii, he traveled extensively. He was awarded two Bronze stars.

“I was quite concerned coming into the civilian world, which I was a little unprepared for,” says Butler, 45. “The day I took off my uniform for the last time, that was a very tough day,” he says. “In the military, who you are, you wear on your chest every day — your rank, your skills, your unit, your combat experience. I knew I had just turned into an invisible person.”

Butler said the compassionate reception he received from Saint Joseph’s professors and advisors — and fellow students — helped him make a successful transition to civilian life. He completed his undergraduate degree in professional and liberal studies in December and immediately began working toward his master’s degree in homeland security.

And while it’s true that some military veterans may have adjustment issues, they also have advantages over some of their teenage peers. “They’re definitely focused,” affirms Woodward. “They really want to get done and move forward.”

Take Christopher Shovlin ’11 (B.S.), 30, for example. Shovlin took an astonishing 85 college credits between January 2010 and the summer of 2011, while he was also a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He got his bachelor’s degree in accounting in the spring, graduating with a 4.0, and immediately started taking accelerated Certified Public Accountant classes in the summer, where he maintained his perfect grade point average.

“I spent 12 years in the military,” he says. “I want to move on.”

So does Elaine Hogg, who’s retiring from the military in December — and who, as it turns out, wasn’t deployed to a disaster site during Hurricane Irene.

After spending their careers protecting our freedoms, these individuals are looking for a little freedom of their own, and pursuing their college degrees is helping them do just that. ♦

Jill Porter, a freelance writer, last wrote about student leaders in the Summer 2011 issue of SJU Magazine.

Enrollment Tips for Military Students at SJU

1. Attend a campus or virtual admissions event to learn more about a degree program.
2. Complete and submit an online application and required application documents.
3. Receive an admissions decision letter.
4. Obtain a letter or Certificate of Eligibility from Veterans Affairs.
5. Register for courses.
6. Submit letter or Certificate of Eligibility to the Student Service Center.
7. Certification of benefits, enrollment, and processing is completed by the Student Service Center.
Dear Fellow Hawks,

It’s hard to believe that this is the last letter I will write to you as president of the Alumni Association. The reality of the end of my term, however, afforded me the opportunity to look back and review what we, as an Association, have accomplished.

When I took office two years ago, we had an ambitious agenda for further developing the Alumni Association, not the least of which was working to integrate an almost entirely new Alumni Relations staff. But that’s exactly what we did, and I would like to thank our staff for working to make our goals a reality.

For my part, I had two leading goals for the National Alumni Board (NAB) — to better integrate our alumni with current students and to bring an awareness of the mission of Saint Joseph’s University to the forefront of how we conduct ourselves as NAB leaders and role models for all alumni.

To these ends, I am pleased to note we have two students serving on the NAB and have formed a Student-Alumni Association which has 15 student leaders working with young alumni leaders to establish joint programming, including social gatherings, mentoring and career development.

As for bringing awareness of SJU’s mission to our consciousness, rather than simply talking about it, the members of the NAB demonstrate the mission in the way we carry out our roles and responsibilities in service of our fellow alumni and in our daily lives. As alumni, our commitment to be “men and women for others” did not end when we graduated. As the University’s mission statement reminds us, “For the University’s defining institutional ideals to matter at the regional, the national or the international level, they need to be realized and expressed within an inclusive environment marked by trust and enriched by a diversity of ideas, cultures and religious commitments.”

This is who we are as alumni of Saint Joseph’s University — this is the community we built and have helped shape, and it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your president these past two years. I am humbled by the support you have given me. Know that this is not the end of my service to you, only a transition; we’ve just scratched the surface of how great our Alumni Association can be.

With sincere thanks,

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

MEDICAL ALUMNI HONOR SUTULA, VON ESCHENBACH ’63

The SJU Medical Alumni recognized Thomas P. Sutula, M.D., Ph.D., with the Rev. Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J., Award, and Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D. ’63, with the Edward C. Bradley, S.J., M.D. ’51, Medical Alumni Award at the chapter’s annual awards dinner in September.

Neurology department chair at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Sutula was recognized for his service and outstanding achievement in the medical profession. His work in neural plasticity and epilepsy has attracted international attention. A Philadelphia native, he is the son of longtime SJU accounting professor Edward Sutula ’91 (H.D.).

Von Eschenbach is president of Samaritan Health Initiatives, Inc., a consultant at the Center for Health Transformation and an adjunct professor at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He received the Bradley Award in recognition of his embodiment of the qualities of Ignatian spirituality and high degree of loyalty and dedication to Saint Joseph’s mission through outstanding service to others, scholarship and research. SJU’s 2008 Shield of Loyola Award recipient, von Eschenbach previously served as commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and director of the National Cancer Institute.

LOYOLA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRS NAMED

Joseph and Jeanne Looney, parents of Katherine ’13, have been named the new chairs of the Loyola Society Executive Council. Natives of Armonk, N.Y., Joe is chief operating officer/chief financial officer of Propper Manufacturing, and Jeanne works in the real estate industry.

The Loyola Society Executive Council is instrumental in cultivating and strengthening relationships between parent leaders and the University. Members play a key role in assisting the University in creating networking opportunities for the parent community as well as identifying and offering opportunities for students’ professional and intellectual development. They are philanthropic leaders and serve in an advisory capacity.

For more information on the Loyola Society or the Loyola Society Executive Council, contact Caroline Sayres at 610-660-3466 or csayres@sju.edu.
SJU CELEBRATES WOMEN AT INAUGURAL SHEUNITED CONFERENCE

A capacity crowd of more than 350 female students, alumnae, parents, faculty, staff and friends turned out on October 2 for SheUnited, Saint Joseph’s first-ever daylong networking and educational women’s conference. Initiated as a celebration of 40 years of coeducation in the day school, the event provided opportunities to network, to be inspired by the successes of women throughout the SJU community, to learn about mentoring opportunities with current students and to explore additional ways that women can become involved at the University.

Mary Lou (Finlayson) Quinlan ’75 (B.A.), founder and CEO of Just Ask a Woman, served as master of ceremonies for the program, which kicked off with Mass in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial, followed by a luncheon featuring a keynote address by Anne Welsh McNulty. Co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners and former managing director of Goldman Sachs, McNulty founded the John P. McNulty Scholars Program for Excellence in Science and Math at Saint Joseph’s University, which seeks to inspire young women to strive for leadership roles in those fields.

After lunch, the program continued with a series of panel discussions, including Women in Athletics, Women in Business and Entrepreneurship, Women in Education, Women in Science and Medicine and Women in Service and Civic Leadership. The afternoon concluded with a networking session and showcase highlighting student programming. Proceeds generated from SheUnited were matched by the Charlotte Newcombe Foundation and benefited women’s scholarships at Saint Joseph’s.

To learn more about the event or how to get involved with future women’s programming, visit www.sju.edu/sheunited.

“The day was exhilarating, energizing and lots of fun! It was amazing to see over 300 women gathered together to celebrate with one another and share their stories of courage, tenacity and success. I can’t wait for the next SheUnited event.”

— Gerianne Tringali DiPiano ’92 (M.B.A.)
This fall, more than 1,500 alumni and their families returned to campus for Hawktoberfest 2011, October 14-16. Not just a reunion, it was a Homecoming Weekend, featuring events and activities for alumni and friends from all class years.

Among the weekend’s events were the Alumni Gala on Friday night (see next page); Kristin’s Krusade 5K Run/Walk; Open Basketball Practices with the men’s and women’s teams; the inaugural Alumni Tailgate around Finnesey Field; the Hawk Forum with James Martin, S.J., who delivered his unique take on “Jesuit Education, Catholicism and Spirituality”; Reunion Class Parties for graduates of the Classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and a special Alumni Mass and Brunch on Sunday, which included a renewal of vows ceremony for HawkMates. In addition, the Alumni Association unveiled its newly redesigned website and online community and the 2012 Hawk “T.”

For more photos, visit alumni.sju.edu/hawktoberfest.

1) Associate Vice President and Athletic Director Don DiJulia ’67, Annie Harkins ’05, Chet Stachitas ’06 and Vince Papale ’68 proudly wear the 2012 Hawk “T,” which was unveiled during the Alumni Tailgate.

2) Interim President John Smithson ’68, ’82 is presented with a check for $3,345,675 from the Reunion Class Gift Drive by Anne Pucci ’86, Rich Brennan ’81, Pat Mahoney ’76 and Tom Sack ’66.

3) Francis Kelly ’65 enjoys the weekend festivities.

4) The men’s soccer team hosts a youth clinic prior to its alumni game on Finnesey Field.

5) More than 250 alumni and friends came to hear James Martin, S.J., at the Hawk Forum.

6) Theresa Stolarczyk is among dozens of children who enjoyed the family-friendly activities during Hawktoberfest, including crafts, face painting and moon bounces.

7) Alumni and their families enjoy a variety of Philadelphia foods and beverages at the inaugural Alumni Tailgate.

8) Members of the class of 1996 pose for a photo during their Reunion Class Celebration at the Manayunk Brew Pub.
The SJU Alumni Association presented Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.) with its most prestigious honor, the Shield of Loyola Award, at the Alumni Gala on October 14 at the Hyatt at the Bellevue in Philadelphia. Duperreault is president and chief executive officer of the Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., the world’s leading insurance broker and risk adviser.

The Shield of Loyola is presented annually to a Saint Joseph’s graduate who has distinguished accomplishments in his or her chosen field, demonstrated loyalty to the alma mater and whose life reflects the values of St. Ignatius Loyola.

“I am deeply honored and truly humbled to receive this award,” said Duperreault. “But more importantly, I am gratified to know that proceeds from this event will directly benefit scholarships that go to deserving students.”

Recently named the eighth most influential person in the insurance and reinsurance industry over the past 30 years by Reactions magazine, Duperreault has a professional career spanning nearly four decades. Before joining Marsh & McLennan, he spent 13 years at ACE Limited, where he served as chairman and CEO. Prior to that, he spent more than 20 years at American International Group, Inc. (AIG).

A member of the University’s Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2007, Duperreault played a vital role in shaping Saint Joseph’s over the past decade, providing leadership for the launch of SJU’s historic comprehensive campaign With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University and serving on the Presidential Search Committee, which elected the University’s 26th president, Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.

“We are so pleased to honor Brian Duperreault with this award,” said Interim President John W. Smithson ’68 (B.A.), ‘82 (M.B.A.). “His loyalty and dedication to the University have influenced Saint Joseph’s progress in many ways, and his professional achievements are outstanding.”

Duperreault, born in Bermuda and raised in Trenton, N.J., and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of three sons. Among Saint Joseph’s most generous benefactors, the couple made a $10 million gift to support the acquisition of the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus in 2007. In addition, they were inaugural members of the Magis Society and received honorary doctoral degrees from Saint Joseph’s in 2008. Brian was inducted into SJU’s Haub School of Business Hall of Fame in 2002.

KELLY ’59 AND SANFORD ’97 RECEIVE HOGAN AND IGNATIUS AWARDS

The Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association presented Dick Kelly ’59 (B.S.) with the Rev. Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award and Seán Patrick Sanford ’97 (B.S.) with the Ignatius Award in recognition of their dedication and service.

“Dick and Seán are truly ‘men for others,’” stated Gina Mazzulla ’91 (B.S.), president of the Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association. “They have embraced the Jesuit ideal of service and have used it to impact the lives of countless individuals both at Saint Joseph’s and particularly in South Jersey.”

Kelly was presented with the Hogan Award, bestowed annually upon an individual who exemplifies Christian principles and outstanding loyal service to the University, for his dedicated volunteer work at Saint Joseph’s and with several nonprofit organizations that provide housing for underserved populations in New Jersey. He spent nearly 20 years as a member of SJU’s Alumni Board of Governors and later on the National Alumni Board, serving as president of the Alumni Association from 2001 through 2003.

Sanford received the Ignatius Award, given yearly to an alumnus/a from the last 20 years who has devoted efforts in the service and promotion of Saint Joseph’s and lived a life of “service for others” consistent with the principles of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He is founder and president of the Center for Faith Justice in Lawrenceville, N.J., which creates transformative experiences of “faith in action” and educates individuals and communities by facilitating programs that integrate spirituality, community service and social justice.

To view full recipient bios, photos and video from the Alumni Gala, visit alumni.sju.edu/gala.
William H. Hemp (B.S.) and wife Maggie have retired to Bainbridge Island, Wash., a ferryboat ride from Seattle. He does pen-and-ink sketches of local landmarks to be featured in a guidebook published by the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum.

1965
Ernie Koschineg (B.S.) and wife Edie welcomed their fifth grandchild, Shelby Anne Stefan, in May.

1968
Joseph T. Murphy (B.A.) retired after 42 years of teaching social studies at Reading (Pa.) Central Catholic High School, where he was department chair and taught government and business law. Murphy was also the varsity baseball coach for 36 years (1969-2005) and served as athletic director and assistant football coach.

1969
John J. McPhilemy, D.O. (B.S.), was elected president of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society last May. He is professor, chair and course director of orthopedic surgery at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and team physician and orthopedic surgeon for the Philadelphia 76ers.

1970
Hon. Thomas M. Del Ricci (B.A.) was elected president of the Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges. The Conference consists of all Common Pleas judges serving in Pennsylvania and promotes the administration and delivery of justice to the state’s citizens. Del Ricci is a trial judge in Montgomery County where he lives with his wife of 25 years, Carol, and his two daughters. He is a member of the SIU Law Alumni Board.

1971
Jim Diamond (B.S.) spent a year working at the National Institute for Nanoscience and Technology, Beijing, one of the institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He joined the Beijing International Festival Chorus and the Deutscher Chor Peking and sang in the Forbidden City Concert Hall twice. While living in Beijing, Diamond learned basic Mandarin, became a voice for a Korean mobile phone company, appeared in three commercials and was cast as Victor Hugo in a two-hour CCTV drama. His scientific collaboration resulted in three publications and presentations.

1972
Kevin W. Wildes, S.J. (B.A.), president of Loyola University of New Orleans and an SIU Board of Trustees member, was approved as a member of the Civil Service Commission for the City of New Orleans.

1977
Judy J. Maginnis (B.S.), managing partner of KPMG LLP’s Philadelphia office, was named the 31st recipient of the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of several local nonprofit boards, including the SIU Haub School of Business Board of Visitors and the St. Joseph’s Preparatory School Board of Trustees. Maginnis is active in raising funds for a variety of Philadelphia-area charities, including the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation and the American Diabetes Association, which named him a 2010 “Father of the Year.”

1982
James Honigman (B.S.) is president of human resources for inTune, a consulting firm specializing in helping clients achieve their goals through human resource services.

1989
John LaRatta, D.O. (B.S.), was elected vice president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is a family practice physician in Berlin, N.J.

1990
Thomas G. Francesconi (B.S.) celebrated 18 years with SYSCO Philadelphia, where he spent 12 years as a marketing associate, three years as district sales manager and the last three years as business review manager, overseeing the top 200 accounts.

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On October 14, 1960, then-Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to contribute two years of their lives to service in developing countries. Three weeks later in San Francisco, he introduced his plan for a national “peace corps of talented young men and women” to travel abroad and strengthen U.S. foreign diplomacy. His idea became the Peace Corps, officially established on March 1, 1961, now celebrating its 50th anniversary.

In 1962, at Saint Joseph's College, Matthew J. Sullivan, S.J., the academic dean, told Anthony Cauterucci ’62 (B.A.) that the young president's new Peace Corps could be something special. Convinced, Cauterucci became one of the first SJU alumni to become a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV).

“If you go into this type of program honestly and seriously, you grow,” says Cauterucci, who pursued a career in embassies with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) after his time in the Peace Corps. “There's a deep satisfaction from sharing a privileged existence with people less blessed than yourself.”

While Cauterucci was establishing community action committees in Cúcuta, Columbia, in 1963, back at Saint Joseph's, David Miron, Ed.D. ’62 (B.S.), and his girlfriend, Bernadette Cupcak ’63 (B.S.), had just graduated. Miron started a master's program in Latin American Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and looked to the Peace Corps as a way to combine academics with his desire to have an impact.

Cupcak applied with him, despite resistance from her family. “The feminist movement was really just starting in 1963,” she says. “It was a dramatic change for me to go.”

Cupcak sought advice from the Jesuits at SJU, who advised her to seize the opportunity. At the same time, David contacted Joseph T. English, M.D. ’54 (B.A.), a colleague who had moved to Washington, D.C., to become the Peace Corps’ first chief psychiatrist. With English’s help, Miron and Cupcak were placed together in Colombia — David in Ibagué, Bernadette in Bogotá, where they worked on an educational television program and trained teachers.

Six months before their return to the U.S., Bernadette and David married in Ibagué. David returned to Georgetown to finish his master's degree and became head of planning for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., while Bernadette took a teaching job in the city. They have remained active in the Peace Corps and SJU communities, starting a First Coast Returned Peace Corps Volunteers group in Jacksonville, Fla., and acting as benefactors for the new curriculum library on SJU's Maguire Campus.

“If we hadn’t been at SJU, we might not have had such a strong orientation toward service,” says David. “That Jesuit education had a huge impact on us.”

In its early years, the Peace Corps saw tremendous participation, and 38 countries have hosted 55 Hawks. Many SJU volunteers, like Michael Parmly ’73 (B.S.), credit the faculty with motivating them to apply.

“What I learned was a belief in myself combined with a desire to listen to and learn from the way others think,” Parmly says. “That respect for others is key to success in the Peace Corps, and the education I got at SJU had a lot to do with my ability to connect with others.”

Parmly, who served in Bucaramanga, Santander, Colombia, in 1973-75, went on to become chief of mission in Havana, worked 33 years with the U.S. Department of State, took a position as a public affairs counselor for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, and served as the senior diplomatic advisor to USAID.

Today’s Peace Corps is smaller and more selective — with 8,655 volunteers abroad, compared to nearly 13,000 in 1965 — but reaches more countries in more vocations. And, since 1985, the number of women joining the program has risen. Now, more women than men serve as PCVs.

In 2006, Sofia Carreno ’06 (B.S.), an interdisciplinary health services major, entered the Peace Corps to gain a global perspective on health education. She served in a community health program in South Africa, where she worked in HIV/AIDS outreach and educated young girls on making empowered decisions. While there, she established a girls’ youth club for ages 10-22 that still exists today.

“I learned more about where I fit as a modern American by wrapping my head around the history and perspective of South Africa — where racism is comparable to America’s in the ’50s and ’60s — than I could anywhere else,” she says.

Carreno took part in the Bolivia academic immersion experience during spring break in 2006, which she believes showed her the importance of expanding her own horizons. Currently a nursing student at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, she returned to the U.S. after the Peace Corps to work for an HIV NGO before going back to school.

As the Peace Corps celebrates its 50th anniversary, the newest SJU-alum-turned-PCV, Colleen Smith ’11 (B.A.), has begun two years of teaching English in Ukraine. While there, she will also promote HIV/AIDS prevention to combat its recent epidemic status.

“I think it is an interesting time to be in Ukraine,” says Smith. “After receiving their independence in the early ’90s, Ukraine is still a country in transition, moving forward from being a Soviet satellite. I hope my service there will make a difference.”

— Nicole Katze ’11 (M.A.)

For more on Smith:
IN MEMORY

Kathy Antonicello, daughter of Peg Malone, former student placement coordinator in the Academy of Food Marketing
George Bonsall, husband of Joanne, pharmaceutical and healthcare marketing department
Gilda “Jill” Ciaudelli, mother of Ralph, Center for Food Marketing
Dominic R. Falgiatore, father of Donna, assistant professor of marketing
Helen Fox, mother of Nancy, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of economics
J. Richard Houston, Ph.D., professor emeritus of physics
Rev. Gregory R. O’Brien Jr., father of Patrick, associate dean of the Haub School of Business
Ira Yermish, Ph.D., associate professor of decision and system sciences
Gennaro A. Cardelia ‘33
Thomas Schreyer ‘33
Francis X. Schad ‘41
Msgr. Francis X. Meehan, brother of John J., M.D. ‘43 (deceased), and Rev. Joseph J. ‘55
John J. Burns ‘49
Richard C. Carroll ‘49
Frederick Homann, S.J. ‘49, former professor of mathematics and brother of Alfred J. ‘55
Albert Bundonis ‘50
William Howe Jr. ‘50, father of Martin ‘84 and Theresa ‘86
Joseph Mackin ‘50
Joseph C. Donnelly Jr., M.D. ‘51
Robert K. Doyle ‘51
James A. Rowan ‘51
Michael Stack, Esq. ‘51, husband of the Hon. Felice (Rowley) ‘75 and father of Eileen Mirsch ‘87
Matthew P. Verdi ‘51, father of Thomas ‘81
Marjorie C. Callahan, sister of Frederick Floyd, M.D. ‘54 (deceased), and Michael Floyd, Esq. ‘61
Joseph M. Hentz ‘54, brother of Otto Hentz, S.J. “Mike” Maloney ’54
Joseph F. McHugh ‘54
George Forde ‘55
Robert E. Geisel ‘55
Maryann A. Glowacki, wife of Stanley ‘57
Lee F. Britt ‘60
James V. O’Grady ‘60
Margaret Anne Paris, wife of John J. Jr. ‘60 and mother of John J. III ‘89
Anthony C. Capaldi Sr. ‘61
James R. Gallagher ‘61
Robert E. Lee ‘64
Theodore J. Skowronski, M.D. ‘64
Ward J. Childs ‘65
Joseph McGrath ‘65
John “Jack” J. Colbridge ‘67
Barbara J. Keenan ‘67
Charles T. Lauletta ‘67
Sylvia Brickman ‘69
Shirley Firak ‘69
Brigid Brooks, wife of John “Jack,” M.D. ‘70
Rev. Ralph J. Mehle ‘70
Vaughn J. Slater ‘70
P. Michael Bradley ‘71
Vincent J. Cozzone ‘71
Mary A. Kaiser, Ph.D. ‘72
Lawrence J. McGlynn III ‘73
Mary E. Colgan ‘74
Gloria R. Colanari, formerly of the treasurer’s office and Drexel Library, mother of Rita M., Ph.D. ‘76
Marie T. Weeks, mother of Thomas ‘77
Eileen T. Barry, mother of Karen ‘78 and Susan Boyle ‘80
Mark J. McManus ‘78, brother of Michael ‘86 and John Jr. ‘70
Dolores J. Cadden, mother of June Rowe ‘82 and Marilyn Tarves ‘86
David J. Pogue Jr., father of David III ‘84
Nancy W. Pusey ‘84
Neil Glavin ‘87
Thomas J. Holt Sr., father of Melissa Fluehr ‘87
Robert G. Koch Sr., father of Robert ‘95
Hugh and Pauline Scott, parents of Dennis ‘95
Thomas J. Kohler Sr., father of Kathleen ‘98
Elicia A. Graveley ‘99
Victor J. Zarrilli, father of Victor ‘99
Deborah Pepe Scafidi ‘00, daughter of Alexander ‘56 (deceased)
Craig T. Birmingham ‘02, husband of Kerry (Cheshire) ‘02
Matthew (James) DiGiacomo ‘04, brother of Jenna (James) Radcliffe ‘00 and Bill (James) DiGiacomo ‘02
David F. Daley, father of Rebecca ‘10
Stanley Guzowski ‘10
Maureen Ann Pugliese, mother of Nichole ‘10, ’11
Kristina Chabrier ‘13
Edward F. Lawlor Jr., father of Michael ‘13
Kristina Chabrier ‘13
Maureen Gallen, mother of Connor ‘15

SJU MOURNS BELOVED PROFESSORS

J. RICHARD HOUSTON, PH.D. ‘57

J. Richard Houston, Ph.D. ‘57 (B.S.), professor emeritus of physics, passed away on August 11 at the age of 76. The recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Houston retired in 2007 after 54 years but continued to teach in the Department of Physics until last February.

Houston earned a bachelor’s degree in physics and began his teaching career at “the College” in 1957. He also received a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960 and a doctorate from Bryn Mawr College in 1968.

As a co-op student at the Burroughs Corporation, now Unisys, he participated in the design and construction of the Apollo computer, which guided NASA astronauts to the moon. Houston had special interests in astronomy, the formation and evolution of galaxies, mathematical physics and some fundamental questions in quantum theory. He also enjoyed playing piano and classical guitar.

Paul J. Angiolillo, Ph.D. ’78 (B.S.), associate professor and chair of physics at Saint Joseph’s, remembers “JR” fondly, both as his student and colleague. “He was among the last of a breed, a true Renaissance individual,” Angiolillo said. “I never gave Dick a problem he couldn’t solve. He was a consummate professor of physics.”

Donations in his memory may be made to the Houston-O’Connor Award for Achievement in Physics at Saint Joseph’s University.

— Patricia Allen

IRA YERMISH, PH.D.

Ira Yermish, Ph.D., associate professor of decision and system sciences, passed away suddenly on July 23 at the age of 64. Yermish, who was a marathon and triathlon enthusiast, had been a professor at Saint Joseph’s for 27 years.

“Ira was a wonderful colleague and a dedicated faculty member,” said Joseph DiAngeolo, Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), dean of the Haub School of Business.

Colleague Ginny Miori, Ph.D., assistant professor of decision and system sciences, added, “I admired Ira immensely; he was the core of our department. Not only was he intelligent and knowledgeable, but he had a kindliness of spirit that was extraordinary.”

In addition to the positive influence he had on the Saint Joseph’s community, Yermish inspired athletes around the globe through his blog. In an entry on Sept. 7, 2005, Yermish shared his perspective on the fleeting nature of life after a personal health scare.

“I am fortunate to have a wonderful career, a beautiful and growing family, good health, a modicum of talent and an awareness of the richness of color, in no small measure,” he wrote. “I bike and run by schools where children play ... by fields of gazin grain ... I cannot stop for Death, but I know one day he will kindly stop for me.”

— Carolyn Steigleman ’10 (M.A.)
When coach Herb Magee ’69 (M.S.) surpassed Bob Knight as the all-time wins leader in NCAA basketball history after recording his 903rd victory, he wasn’t standing on the court of Duke or Kentucky, or any of the other so-called “decorated” basketball programs. Instead, he was on the sidelines at Philadelphia University, a small Division II school brought to basketball prominence during Magee’s 44-year tenure. And now, the all-time wins leader, National Coach of the Year recipient and College Division National Champion has been inaugurated into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the highest honor in basketball. 1992 Hall of Famer and beloved former Saint Joseph’s coach Jack Ramsay, Ph.D. ’49 (B.A.), was his presenter during the August ceremony.

Throughout his career, Magee has had opportunities to leave Philadelphia University for the bigger name programs, but he opted to stick with his school in the city that he loves. “I’ve never been tempted to go anywhere,” says Magee. “I did have offers, quite a few early on in my career, but most of them were outside of the city, and I had already made the decision to stay here. This is where I wanted to be, because, quite simply, it’s my home.”

Magee has lived in Philadelphia his entire life. His mother died when he was 12, his father soon after. When foster care threatened to split him and his three brothers, his uncle, Rev. Edwin Gallagher, then-pastor at Saint Michael’s Church in North Philadelphia, took them in and became their legal guardian.

Magee turned all of his energy toward basketball. “I would go to the gym at Saint Francis de Sales in Southwest Philadelphia or to playgrounds throughout the city to find an open basket with a buddy, and we would just shoot,” says Magee. “I shot every single day, as much as 500 times a day.”

The daily practice paid off, as Magee became known as one of the best shooters in the city, earning him a spot on the highly touted West Catholic High School basketball team. During his senior year, college coaches began to show up. The dream of every West Catholic player was to play for coach Ramsay at Saint Joseph’s. Because of roster limitations, however, Ramsay only recruited Magee’s teammates and longtime friends, Jim Lynam ’63 (B.S.) and the late Jim Boyle ’64 (B.S.) and not him — a decision Ramsay would later regret.

Magee decided to attend Philadelphia Textile Institute (now Philadelphia University), where he was recruited by coach Bucky Harris. Magee excelled on the court, becoming a two-time All-American and the all-time leading scorer at the school with 2,235 points — a record he would hold until 1992, largely due to the fact that, Magee jokes, “a little while later they [Philadelphia University] named me the coach, and anytime anyone got close to my record, I’d put his rear-end on the bench.”

After graduation in 1963, the Boston Celtics selected Magee with the 62nd pick in the NBA draft; however, he opted for a career in coaching and joined Harris’s staff as an assistant and a member of the physical education department faculty.

Magee realized that he needed to return to school to get a graduate degree and followed in the footsteps of many of his friends to Saint Joseph’s University. During that time, he became the head coach at Philadelphia University and guided the Rams to three straight 20-win seasons. In 1970, a year after he earned an SJU master’s degree with a concentration in education, Magee led the Rams to a College Division National Championship.

“The interesting part about it was that through our study groups, I found out why Herb was such a good coach,” says friend and master’s program classmate Robert Palestini, Ph.D. ’63 (B.S.), ’67 (M.S.), and an SJU associate professor of education. “It was because he was so intelligent. Besides knowing how to play the game and especially shoot the ball, he had just an inherent and basic intelligence that would have led him, I think, to be successful in any field he chose to pursue.”

Magee, widely regarded as the game’s best shooting instructor, has proved that to be true. Known as the “Shot Doctor,” he teaches students of every level, including the NBA, the art of shooting, an art crafted after one particular shooting style — his very own.

— Bill Wells ’12
Daniel Haggerty, Ph.D. (B.A.), associate professor of philosophy at the University of Scranton, received the 2011 Alpha Sigma Nu Teacher of the Year Award, the school’s oldest teaching award. He became the first non-Jesuit director of the university’s Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program in 2010, and this fall is publishing The Unholy Alliance of Science and Analytical Epistemology: A Turn to Virtue in Contemporary Analytical Philosophy (Nova Science Publishers). Haggerty and wife Rebecca Dennis-Haggerty ’90 (B.A.) reside in Clarks Green, Pa., with daughters Zoe, Charlotte and Lilly-Jane.

Christopher G. Torchia (B.A., M.B.A. ’98) has a new position within Wells Fargo as vice president, senior human resources business partner–Northeast business banking.

Russ Procopio (B.S.) was promoted to group vice president, sales, at AmersourceBergen Corp. and became an adjunct professor of strategic marketing at the Haub School of Business, Executive MBA program, at SJU.

Richard Grungo Jr. (B.S.) was named to the “40 Under 40” list of New Jersey’s top young lawyers by the New Jersey Law Journal (August 15), the statewide legal weekly. A trial attorney and partner with Archer & Greiner, P.C., headquartered in Haddonfield, N.J., he concentrates his practice on personal injury litigation. Grungo’s strategies have resulted in more than $50 million in jury verdicts and settlements since 2006. He is a New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Civil Trial Attorney and resides in Shamong, N.J.

Judith Hall Laughlin (M.B.A.) was one of 25 of Philadelphia’s top female business leaders recognized with the SmartCEO Braval 2011 Women’s Business Achievement Award. A registered nurse, she is executive director of Comprehensive Cancer and Hematology Specialists, which has offices in Voorhees, Sewell and Woodbury, N.J.

Joseph Cavallaro III, D.O. (B.S.), was voted one of South Jersey Magazine’s “Top Docs” in Family Medicine for the third consecutive year. He opened Cavallaro Family Practice in Voorhees, N.J., in November 2011.

Barbara “Babs” Brilliantine (B.S.) earned a master of arts in leadership and organization with honors from Columbia University and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Kate (Koch) Spanich (B.S.) was selected as a contestant on Jeopardy!, and the show aired on June 22. She is a project manager at AstraZeneca and lives in West Deptford, N.J., with husband Mike and sons Ben and Matthew.

Joyce (Lagas) McDermott (B.A.) is vice president of corporate communications at MasterCard Worldwide.

Patrick M. McKenna (B.A.) was named a “Rising Star” for the third time by the publishers of Super Lawyers, which recognizes top attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or have been practicing for 10 years or less. An attorney at Gawthrop Greenwood, P.C., in West Chester, Pa., he focuses his practice on municipal law, land use, zoning, real estate, tax assessment appeals and business litigation. In 2010 he was named president of the Board of Directors for Safe Harbor of Chester County, Pa., a shelter for single homeless men and women.

Kevin Davidson (B.A.) is a senior vice president at WCG, a global communications agency in New York City, where he says he uses his fine arts degree from SJU on a daily basis. He has lived and worked in New York City for 10 years. He and partner Anthony reside in the DUMBO section of Brooklyn with their dog Henry.

Chris Janis (M.B.A.), a C.P.A., joined PwC US as a managing director in the risk assurance practice in Philadelphia. The Haddon Township, N.J., resident has more than 23 years of experience in professional services and private industry financial operations.

Kim Murphy Bradley (M.B.A.) was named senior director, influenza portfolio strategy, at GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia. She is also a new member of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Pa., where she leads the marketing committee.

Nikki Johnson-Houston, Esq. (B.S.), assistant city solicitor in the major tax unit of the City of Philadelphia, was named a 2012 Eisenhower Fellow. The fellowship engages leaders from around the world to enhance their professional capabilities, broaden their contacts, deepen their perspectives and unite them in a diverse, global community. Eight to 10 high-achieving, mid-career U.S. citizens are selected to participate in intensive, individually designed programs in the country of their choice. Johnson-Houston will spend four-to-six weeks in India in 2012.
From Shoji to Steel

At a time when his Haub School of Business classmates were looking for jobs, Chris Wheeler ’95 (B.S.), a marketing major, took a different approach, one that would lead him around the globe and put him in some very rare company.

Growing up in Philadelphia, Wheeler had always been interested in the arts, an interest he continued during his time at Saint Joseph’s. “I remember every weekend going down to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for pay-what-you-can Sundays,” he recalls.

Wheeler wanted to see the world after graduation, so instead of sending out resumés, he took trips to Europe for months at a time, immersing himself in the creativity of some of the finest museums and art galleries in the world.

“I think St. Joe's gave me the confidence I needed to get out and travel,” he says, “to find myself.”

He moved to Seattle for a time, painting and sculpting in a small studio. Eventually, his travels led him to Taiwan. During his five years there, he discovered two life loves: his future wife, Nha Vuu, a painter, and the traditional paper art of Southeast Asia.

Wheeler learned to mount scrolls and shoji, traditional Asian paper screens that serve as both artworks and room dividers. Handling and mounting these screens, made of thin paper and ornately decorated, is no easy task, yet Wheeler is passionate about the art form. “I just love the organic quality of paper,” he says. “It’s such a versatile thing to work with.”

When he returned to Seattle in 2005, his finely honed skills put him in high demand in the United States. Not only was he one of just a handful of artists working with shoji screens stateside, his talent made him a sought-after expert by museums and collectors for restoring aging pieces.

Restoration poses some unique challenges, even for an accomplished artist. The process of manipulating the delicate paper requires extreme concentration and may involve up to 1,500 hours of work on a single piece.

“Restoration can be more difficult and stressful than creating art,” Wheeler says. “You’re handling a 200-year-old piece of paper, something you’ve never handled before — sometimes, something no one has touched in a hundred years. It’s intense.”

Wheeler’s original work features modern, intriguing designs on the traditional screens. He’s participated in exclusive juried art expositions, including the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington, D.C., where he was one of about a hundred artists featured out of thousands of applicants.

Wheeler owns two studios, Wheeler Contemporary Design and Nha Vuu Studio and Design — the perfect marriage of his business background and art. “The business degree has helped me in art,” Wheeler says. “These days, you have to have some business savvy, or you’re just sunk.”

Next up, he and his wife will open Pergamena, an art gallery and studio in Austin, Tex., where they now live, by year’s end. And, after years of handling paper works, Wheeler is moving on to a new art form — outdoor steel sculptures. “It’s the logical next step,” he says. “I often feel like I’m designing sculptures with my paper works.”

— David King ’08
Become involved in your local alumni chapters or an affinity group that sparks your interest! These groups serve as a link between SJU and you — alumni, students and friends.

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**BIRTHS**

**2001**

Greg Santarisi (B.A.) is the writer, producer and director of the film *Ice Grill*, USA. The Atlantic City-based independent film is now available on streaming online pay-per-view, DVD and Blue-Ray at www.IceGrillUSA.com.

**2002**

Anthony J. Attanasio (B.A.) was appointed assistant commissioner of transportation for government and community relations at the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Megan Howe (B.B.A.) was promoted to account manager at DMW Direct in Philadelphia, where she has worked for five years.

**2003**

Kevin D. Birkhead, Esq. (B.S.), joined the Huntingdon Valley, Pa., firm Baratta, Russell & Baratta as an associate. He practices in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, business law and taxation.

Camilo Torres-Ayala (B.S.) enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Virginia Beach, Va.

**2005**

Marc T. Chianese, D.C. (B.S.), a chiropractor, says he “works with the intelligence of the body and its full expression is his goal.”

Bridgette (Kennedy) Diederich (B.S.) and husband Chris reside in Downingtown, Pa.

Michael J. Maslayak (Ed.D.) was selected to develop and conduct a series of nationwide symposiums investigating how digital content and technology are driving district online learning programs. The symposiums are presented by the Center for Digital Education and sponsored by Intel and the Technology Leadership Network.

**2006**

Brian J. Blair, D.O. (B.S.), earned a doctorate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. He will continue his medical training in internal medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/Kennedy Health System in Stratford, N.J.

Brayden Joseph to Megan (Kelly, B.S. ’99) and Gregory Morace (B.S. ’99)

Emily Helene to Jessica (McCabe, B.S. ’99) and Sean Gresh, Esq. (B.S. ’99)

Cullen Patrick to Arianne (Goodman, B.S. ’01) and Kevin Kline (B.A. ’98)

Addison Grace to Erin (Lester, B.S. ’01, M.B.A. ’11) and Kevin Fulmer

Charlotte Jeanne to Kellie (MacCready, B.A. ’01) and Matthew Garson

Sean to Ann (Smithson, B.B.A. ’01) and Dan Callaghan (B.S. ’98)

Jennifer Harper to Laura (Fick, B.S. ’02, M.A. ’04) and Dan Reilly (B.A. ’04)

Barbara Carissa to Gracy Lee (Korzyczkowski, B.A. ’02, M.B.A. ’07) and Elias Kokkalis

Porter Thomas and Holden James to Meghan (Rowe, B.S. ’02) and Nathan Smith

Norah Mae to Anna (Schoenthal, B.S. ’02) and Brett Steelman

Nola Marie and Lucy Jane to Lauren (Sumser, B.S. ’02, M.S. ’04) and Leo Dugan

McKenzie Grace to Michelle (Bruno, B.S. ’03) and Joseph Sanborn

Andrew Joseph to Lisa (DeFeo, B.S. ’03) and Charles Lammert (B.S. ’03)

Gregory Michael III to Tyler (Miele, B.S. ’04) and Greg DeSantis (B.S. ’03)

John “Jack” Keane and Daniel David to Natalie (Schafer, B.A. ’04 and Matthew Ryan (B.B.A. ’03)

Giuliana Christine to Jennifer (Barth, B.S. ’05) and Ryan DePenna (B.S. ’04)

Amelia Rose to Meredith (Glanzmann, B.A. ’05) and Christopher Poli
Protecting a Pristine Preserve

Mariana Bergerson ’04 (M.S.) has come a long way from being a child who was afraid of little creatures and didn’t like playing outside. Now, as a visitor services specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum in Philadelphia, she’s comfortable with all of the flora and fauna inhabiting the pristine preserve nesting on 1,000 acres along I-95 in Delaware County.

The Philadelphia native credits grade-school nature programs and retreats for moving her past her initial dislike of the great outdoors. “The retreats got me curious about the natural world,” she says, “and I grew to love being outside.”

It’s clear that Bergerson also loves her job at the refuge. While leading a tour of Pennsylvania’s largest freshwater marsh, a small group of large herons hunting for food in the distance catches her eye. Peering through field glasses, she smiles broadly and identifies the long-legged white birds as great egrets who have stopped by the preserve on their trek north to find food and nesting places. “In Pennsylvania, they’re listed as an endangered species due to habitat loss and water pollution,” she says.

Bergerson, who majored in biology and environmental science at Ursinus College, received a master of science in biology at SJU, where she studied with biology professor Scott McRobert, Ph.D., in his Biodiversity Lab. “In the lab, I learned a lot about animal behavior from Dr. McRobert, but in the classroom, he’s a wonderful storyteller,” she says. “From observing him, I saw the importance of being an effective communicator, which I use in 100 percent of my job.”

She also picked up valuable experience as a National Science Foundation GK-12 Graduate Fellow for GeoKids LINKS, SJU’s partnership program with the Wagner Free Institute of Science, which brings hands-on science education to Philadelphia schools. After graduating, she continued to work with GeoKids as its program manager.

“The refuge hosts between 11,500-130,000 visitors annually, many of whom come from urban environments,” Bergerson notes. “Among them are large numbers of school students. There’s no question that my GeoKids background helps me do my job.”

Before taking her post at John Heinz, Bergerson worked as the visitor services manager at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Ilwaco, Wash. She also participated in a Department of the Interior Technical Assistance Program that took her to remote villages in Tanzania where she helped design and build directional and interpretive signs for wildlife management areas.

“The dedication of the local villagers who manage the conservation lands exceeded our expectations,” Bergerson says. “Many worked on the signage late into the night by the glow of a single light bulb. While my new partners in Tanzania and I may be many miles apart and face different conservation issues, it’s comforting to know that they’re on the other side of the world working to protect natural and wild places.”

It’s all in a day’s work for Bergerson, who can point out where bald eagles fledge and discuss the perils of kayaking to those unaware of the tides of Darby Creek, which meanders through the refuge. “You’ll end up on the mudflats,” she teases, “and will have to wait for the next high tide to paddle back.”

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Imagine my surprise this summer when I received the following e-mail:

Hello Dr. Lisa A. Baglione

I am Reza….. I am Iranian. I studied Political Science and graduated (MA) in … University in Iran. I and my Teacher … (PHD) have translated your useful and practical Book Writing a Research Paper in Political Science. Before translation, we tried to contact you for getting permission, but we could not… given to cool relationship of Iran-United State and severe control in my country… I hope this translation does not increase coolness of the relation.

Please excuse us….

My English Writing is very bad, please forgive me, but be sure my translation is very better.

I later learned that my textbook, Writing a Research Paper in Political Science, when translated into Farsi, had sold 800 copies, and these two enterprising political scientists were planning on issuing another printing. They wanted me to write a special foreword and to help them better transliterate my last name (pronounced Bal – YO – nay).

On the one hand, this news was a bit disappointing because those who translated the book violated copyright provisions (and claimed to be exempt from them). I didn’t want to be associated with the “anyone-can-copy-anything-she-wants” principle that underpins the vast enterprises of intellectual piracy and plagiarism. On the other hand, I was incredibly flattered and excited. Political science students in Iran were using my book to learn to write a social science research paper and become acquainted with social science methodology!

My approach divides the research process and paper into distinct parts and tasks that map into the different sections of the finished product. The idea is to break down the research project into manageable parts and show students how to perform scholarly research, assert claims, and evaluate those contentions systematically and fairly. By promoting the careful examination of arguments by subjecting them to evidence, could I be doing something in a very small way to promote subversion in that country?

My children — Jack, 12, and Maria, 10 — who have always been disappointed that their mother is neither a famous politician nor a great novelist, were impressed but nervous when they heard this news. “If they invite you to go to Iran, you can’t,” Jack said. “We don’t want anything happening to you.”

While I don’t believe I’ll be buying a ticket to Tehran any time in the near future, I do hope that my book promotes anti-regime activism. You see, as my colleague, Dr. Susan P. Liebell, assistant professor of political science, contends, science education is essential for democracy. Science expects practitioners to make assertions (what we might call hypotheses, theses or arguments) and then evaluate the validity of those claims based on evidence. When the facts show that our arguments can’t be sustained, then we admit that our assertions aren’t true. In authoritarian regimes, however, the leadership has a monopoly on the truth and doesn’t want to be bothered with something as silly as evidence.

As more Iranians are trained to make claims, gather information and subject their hypotheses to careful scrutiny, then perhaps the regime can be further weakened. While we in the United States haven’t heard much about Iran during the wave of unrest in the Muslim world this year, advocates for political change in that country were important precursors to the recent “Arab Spring.” During the Persian summer of 2009, thousands of people protested the stealing of the Iranian presidential election and then suffered the consequences. Scores, however, continued their struggle through the fall and the winter, and while the brutality of the regime may have quelled public activism, the dissatisfaction with the leadership remains.

Many knowledgeable observers wonder when the next popular challenge will come.

I do hope that the revolution or at least serious reform will not be far off and that some Iranians will protest because of things they have learned from conducting research on and evaluating claims the regime has made. Citizens’ (and students’) careful engagement with the evidence and arguments can help them reach exciting conclusions.

While knowledge isn’t enough to bring down a tyrannical system — especially one that is committed to brutality — it is an important step forward. I am hoping that my little yellow book can help contribute to the end of the repressive state that has governed Iran for more than 30 years and give Iranians the responsible and rights-respecting government that all humans deserve.

— Lisa A. Baglione, Ph.D.

Baglione is a professor and chair of political science. Her scholarly interests include political developments in post-Communist Russia, the challenge of post-conflict peace building and nuclear weapons proliferation.
Field Hockey Plays on Maguire Campus’s First Varsity Field

The first varsity field installed on Maguire Campus was named for Ellen Ryan, who retired as associate athletic director of varsity sports after 37 years at Saint Joseph’s. Present for the dedication ceremony on October 7 were the Hawk, head field hockey coach Michelle Finegan, Interim President John W. Smithson ’68, ’82, Ryan, and Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics Don DiJulia ’67.

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