Philadelphia’s Jesuit University Welcomes 

POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph’s Inaugurates First Lay President

Statue Celebrates Journey of Friendship Between Jews and Catholics

Former Cardinal’s Residence Is Now SJU’s Front Door
FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I was a kid, my dad — a proud Hawk from the Class of 1962 — would take me to the Palestra for basketball games. I’d wander the arena, circle the concourse and attempt to get as close to the court as possible. One time, I got close enough to quickly, and very nervously, pluck a feather from the Hawk mascot. I kept it prominently on display in my bedroom for many years. Never in my wildest childhood dreams could I have imagined I would someday be president of this great University, at this historic and exciting time.

How humbling it was for me to watch history unfold on the plaza outside our beloved Chapel of St. Joseph when Pope Francis visited in September. How affirming it was to watch His Holiness bow in prayer next to the new statue, “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time.” Erected as an enduring symbol of the relationship between the Jewish and Catholic faiths transformed by the Vatican II document Nostra Aetate 50 years ago, the statue signifies Saint Joseph’s commitment for nearly as long to the union and collaboration of the two faiths.

Just one week before the Pope’s visit, the University celebrated my inauguration. It was an occasion unmatched in my professional life. I was touched and inspired by the gracious greetings from political and religious leaders, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Their thoughtfully crafted remarks conveyed a common theme of great admiration for this University and reverence for its mission. Perhaps most meaningful for me was sharing the stage with three distinguished Jesuits who preceded me as president: Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J., Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72. As the University’s first lay president, I look to these great leaders and stewards of Ignatian ideals and spirituality to guide me on the journey.

And I’ll continue to look to Pope Francis’ example of leadership. He has captivated the world with his refreshing approachability and modesty, his compassion and tolerance for all humanity, his concern for nature and his thoughtfulness. Those of us who have been Jesuit educated readily appreciate these characteristics and understand them as fundamental — to spirituality, to education and to a life well-lived.

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Mark C. Reed, Ed.D.
President

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Before Pope Francis graced Philadelphia with his presence in September, the last time the City of Brotherly Love received a papal visitor was in 1979. Pope St. John Paul II’s short trip included an overnight stay at the famed Cardinal’s Residence at 5800 City Avenue. The current pontiff didn’t have that option, though, because Philadelphia’s Archbishop Charles Chaput had chosen to reside instead at St. Charles Seminary, just a bit farther south on City Avenue, when he was installed in 2011.

The cardinal’s property became available for Saint Joseph’s to purchase the next year, and after renovations, updates and technological enhancements, the University transformed the historic and opulent home into a beautiful and spacious place of reception and hospitality for prospective students and families visiting campus.

The Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center, as it’s called, carries the names of two friends whose deep generosity to SJU and Catholic philanthropy is long-established and well-known: James J. Maguire ’58 and J. Eustace Wolfington ’56. Although Archbishop Chaput doesn’t live as close to the University as his predecessors, he did come to campus recently. He joined the many dignitaries, former SJU presidents, alumni and others who traveled to the Hagan Arena to witness the inauguration of Saint Joseph’s 28th president on September 18. The Jesuit-educated Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., is SJU’s first lay president. His term began July 1.

On the day prior to inauguration, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, the traditional unofficial start to the academic year, doubled as the inaugural Mass. Guests streaming along the paths into the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial may have noticed the rectangular structure wrapped tightly in a tarps in the Chapel lawn. The covering concealed and protected the foundation of what was to come the following week — the placement and unveiling of a bronze sculpted statue, “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time,” celebrating the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a Vatican II document opening the Jewish and Catholic faiths to a positive relationship.

Read more about Saint Joseph’s latest additions — a symbolic sculpture, a center of welcome and a new leader — in this issue of SJU Magazine.

From the Editor

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On the Calendar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Last day of classes, Dec. 7.
First day of classes, Jan. 14.
Spring Break, March 7-11.
Last day of classes, May 2.
Final exams, May 4-10.
Commencement, James J. Maguire ’58 Campus:
• Baccalaureate Mass, May 13 (5:15 p.m.).
• Graduate and doctoral programs, College of Professional and Liberal Studies, and Haub Degree Completion, May 14 (9 a.m.).
• Undergraduate day school, May 14 (3 p.m.).

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations:
• “The Wandering Jew in the Jewish and Christian Imagination,” Dec. 1, Haub Executive Center, McShain Hall (7-8:30 p.m.). Speaker: Galit Hasan-Rokem, Ph.D., distinguished professor of folklore and Hebrew literature, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Contact: Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., Institute director, 610-660-1863, pcunning@sju.edu.
• “Shark Tank” Competition, Family Business and Entrepreneurship major, Dec. 1, Cardinal John Foley Campus Center, James J. Maguire ’58 Campus. Reception (4:45 p.m.), competition (5:15 p.m.). Contact: Stella Jacobs, 610-660-1630, sjacobs@sju.edu.

Business Policy Competition, Dec. 11, May 6, Wolfinson Teletorium, Mandeville Hall (3:30 p.m.). Contact: Jacque Panto, 610-660-3236, jpanto@sju.edu.

Catholic Intellectual Series:
• “Catholic Schools as Partner or Bystander in Future of Urban Education,” Jan. 27, Wolfinson Teletorium, Mandeville Hall (7 p.m.).

• “A Catholic Life of an American Master: Retelling the Living Impact of Flannery O’Connor in Film,” March 22, Wolfinson Teletorium (7 p.m.). Speaker: Mark Bosco, S.J., director, The Joan and Bill Hakn Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University of Chicago.

Contact: Office for Mission and Identity, 610-660-3290, mryanatk@sju.edu.

“Courts in Democracies: Their Novelty and Vulnerability,” Jan. 28, Large Maguire Room, Mandeville Hall (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.). Speaker: Judith Resnik, Ph.D., professor of English, 610-660-1884, jresnik@sju.edu.

Sister Thea Bowman Distinguished Lecture Series,

• “All Hits and One Miss May Still Constitute a Loss,” sculpture, Drew Ippoliti, Dec. 14-16, 22-23 (8 p.m.), April 14-16, 22-23 (8 p.m.), April 24 (2 p.m.), Bluettt Theatre, Post Hall.

Third Annual Create Your Future Awards, management undergraduates, May 3, Wolfinson Teletorium Mandeville Hall (6:15-7:30 p.m.). Contact: Stella Jacobs, 610-660-1630, sjacobs@sju.edu.

MINISTRY, FAITH AND SERVICE

Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial during the academic year:
• Sundays (11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.).
• Weekdays (12:20 p.m.).

MUSIC, THEATRE AND FILM DEPARTMENT

Jazz Band Concert, Dec. 3, Bluettt Theatre, Post Hall (8 p.m.).
Student Piano and Chamber Music Recital, Dec. 4, Niccolotti Music Studio (7 p.m.).
Student Voice Recital, Dec. 7, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (7 p.m.).
Student Guitar Recital, Dec. 10, Chapel of St. Joseph (7:30 p.m.).
Contact: Kelly Gomez-Zimmer, 610-660-2277, kgomezzi@sju.edu.

SJU THEATRE COMPANY

“Into the Woods,” April 14-16, 22-23 (8 p.m.), April 24 (2 p.m.), Bluettt Theatre, Post Hall.

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

ADMISSIONS

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate Open House, March 9, Mandeville Hall (5 p.m.). Contact: Yufi Zewdu, yzewdu@sju.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Walk with a Hawk, Feb. 8, 17; March 23, 30; April 4, 18. Multicultural Admissions program, April 1-2.

Admitted Students’ Day, April 2-3.
SJU Spring View, May 1.
Registration: www.sju.edu/visit. Contact: Bryn Campbell, 610-660-1311, bcampbell@sju.edu.

ALUMNI

Real Estate & Construction Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 2, Union League of Philadelphia (11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.). Contact: Shanioua Rudd, 610-660-3201, srudd@sju.edu.
Annual Alumni Christmas Brunch, Dec. 6, Doyle Banquet Hall, Campus Student Center (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Contact: Lynn Langnas, 610-660-3467, llangnas@sju.edu.
Talk with Hawks, Jan. 27, Doyle Banquet Rooms/Presidents’ Lounge, Campus Student Center (6:30-8:15 p.m.). Contact: Laura Dietz, 610-660-2301, ldietz@sju.edu.

50th Reunion Weekend, Class of 1966, May 12-14.
Contact: Lynn Langnas, 610-660-3467, llangnas@sju.edu. alumni.sju.edu/goldenhawks

For information on all alumni events, visit alumni.sju.edu.

KINNEY CENTER FOR AUTISM EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Sensory Santa, Dec. 5, Kinney Center, James J. Maguire ’58 Campus (10 a.m.-3 p.m.).
Autism Week, April 17-23, various campus locations.
Autism Awareness Fashion Show, April 22, Annonitor Golf Club, Newtown Square, Pa.
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HOLY FATHER VISITS SJU CAMPUS

Onlookers gathered in front of the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial and watched joyfully as Pope Francis waved to them during an unscheduled stop at Saint Joseph’s University on Sept. 27. The pontiff, who was in Philadelphia following the World Meeting of Families Congress, blessed SJU’s newly dedicated statue, “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time.” For more on the sculpture, see Pages 18-21.
PAPAL VISIT INVOLVES SJU SCHOLARS, ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND MORE

- **Volunteers**: More than 400 SJU volunteers welcomed the many visitors to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF), and 200 students assisted at the Papal Mass. Alumni, staff, faculty, friends and students worked together to:
  - Create welcome kits for WMOF attendees
  - Provide support for volunteers from a call center on campus
  - Assist guests during Pope Francis’ address at Independence Hall
  - Offer help to visitors near the Benjamin Franklin Parkway during the Festival of Families and the Papal Mass

“I was honored to join our alumni, students and the entire Saint Joseph’s community in welcoming Pope Francis to Philadelphia,” says Tom Monaghan, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations, who coordinated the University’s partnership with the WMOF. “Hundreds of SJU volunteers worked together to show the world that we are Philadelphia’s Jesuit University.”

- **Lectures**: SJU faculty offered a four-part lecture series on contemporary issues in family life. The series brought together scholars who presented their research on issues related to the definition of a family, economic stress, conflict and modes of communication. A member of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies concluded each session with reflections on the theological implications of the topic as well as connections to Pope Francis and recent Catholic thought. For more information, visit www.sju.edu/mag/WMOF.

- **Vatican Exhibit at Franklin Institute**: SJU alumni enjoyed a special evening at the Franklin Institute’s “Vatican Splendors” exhibition, which featured over 200 works of art that detailed the Church’s impact on history and culture.

- **Jesuit Student Camp**: Under the supervision of Student Life and Campus Ministry, 135 students and their chaperones from five U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities — Canisius College, Creighton University, Georgetown University, John Carroll University and Marquette University — stayed on the SJU campus while participating in a weekend of papal activities.

- **“Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia”**: “Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia,” a documentary that tells the story of Philadelphia’s Catholic history, premiered locally on 6ABC in the days before the World Meeting of Families. To read about the documentary, which was produced by Katie Oxx, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology and religious studies, in the Summer 2015 issue of SJU Magazine, visit www.sju.edu/mag/CatholicPhilly.

To see videos or read about topics related to Pope Francis or the Jesuits, visit www.sju.edu/mag/PapalExperts.
CHILDRREN UNTIE KNOTS TO PRAY FOR PETITIONS

In honor of Pope Francis’ visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF), artist Meg Saligman created a portable grotto dedicated to those in need of prayers. Her artistic team brought it to the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial in July and involved 38 children from the Holy Name summer camp in Camden, N.J., with their SJU student counselors.

The project, known as “Mary, Undoer of Knots,” was inspired by Pope Francis’ favorite Marian devotion, depicted in a painting that shows the Blessed Mother untying a knotted rope that symbolizes her intercession on behalf of humanity’s suffering and struggles. Philadelphia’s version of the devotion was an interactive public art installation at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

The Holy Name campers and SJU participants were invited to contribute by writing a desired prayer request onto a ribbon, which was then tied onto the installation. In exchange, each participant untied someone else’s knot and committed to praying for their petition.

“Saint Joseph’s participated in creating Philadelphia’s grotto to promote these kinds of encounters among our students, faculty and staff, as well as children from Camden,” says Daniel Joyce, S.J. ‘88 (B.A.), executive director of mission programs.

Saint Joseph’s held other “Untying the Knots” events, involving high school students through the Alliance of Catholic Education (ACE) at SJU and Acing High School summer program, and with incoming freshmen in the Philadelphia Service Immersion Program (PSIP).

SCHOLARS SHOW DEDICATION TO JEWISH-CATHOLIC RELATIONS

Faculty Meet Pope Francis During International Conference

Philip Cunningham, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at SJU (IJCR) and president of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), led a delegation of Saint Joseph’s professors and 262 other leaders in interreligious relations at the ICCJ’s annual conference.

During the meeting, which was held in Rome last summer, Cunningham, Adam Gregerman, Ph.D., assistant professor of Jewish Studies and IJCR assistant director, and William Madges, Ph.D., professor of theology, enjoyed a private audience with Pope Francis. Also present was the pope’s longtime friend, Rabbi Abraham Skorka of Argentina.

Cunningham presented the pontiff with a bronze miniature of “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time,” a statue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vatican II document Nostra Aetate. Latin for “In Our Time,” Nostra Aetate is the 1965 document that changed the relationship between the Jewish and Catholic faiths. Concurrently, Gregerman presented a bronze miniature to Rabbi Skorka.

“The sculpture portrays our goals for the next 50 years of Jewish-Christian relations,” says Cunningham, “in which both faiths are partners in conversation.”

Saint Joseph’s dedicated a full-size statue of “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time,” on campus on Sept. 25. See Pages 18-21 for more on SJU’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate with the Philadelphia Jewish community and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Vatican Museum Displays Professor’s Exhibit

An award-winning exhibit celebrating the connection between Pope John Paul II and the Jewish people and co-created by William Madges, Ph.D., professor of theology, was on display at the Vatican this past summer through September.

The 2,500-square-foot interactive collection of photos and artifacts, “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People,” takes viewers from the Pope’s childhood, through WWII and his early ministry, to his papacy, with special attention to his relationship with his closest lifelong friend, Jerzy Kluger, who was Jewish.

“It is a rare privilege to be permitted to display our work at one of the Vatican Museums,” says Madges.

“A Blessing to One Another” has toured the United States throughout the past nine years at 18 different venues, including the Kimmel Center in 2007, which was sponsored by Saint Joseph’s. The exhibit’s trip to the Vatican came at a unique moment, as the Catholic Church was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Vatican II document Nostra Aetate.
U.S. NEWS PLACES SJU IN TOP 15, BUSINESS RANKINGS RISE

Saint Joseph’s University remains in the top 15 among 193 master’s universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 edition of “Best Colleges.” With a No. 15 ranking, SJU has placed in the top tier in its region for the 18th consecutive year.

In addition, the University’s Haub School of Business was ranked in the top 100 for undergraduate business programs and had three programs place in their disciplines. Insurance jumped from No. 9 to No. 3, marketing (entertainment, food, international, pharmaceutical & healthcare, sports) moved from No. 12 to No. 10, and accounting rose from No. 24 to No. 21.

“Saint Joseph’s strives to maintain an academic portfolio that contains rigorous, engaging and relevant programs,” says University President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D. “Our graduates continue to perform well, in both graduate and professional school and in the job market. Above all, Saint Joseph’s students learn to be active citizens who make positive contributions in their families, workplaces, communities and beyond.”

“The Haub School prides itself on developing a curriculum for our students that is industry-focused and outcomes-driven,” says Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. “These rankings affirm our innovation, the quality of the classroom experience and the caliber of our faculty.”

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT REMAINS STRONG

With the entrance of the Class of 2019, SJU’s total undergraduate day enrollment has reached 4,528, the second highest number in the last 10 years. Returning student enrollment has risen to its highest point in the last 10 fall semesters.

The academic profile of incoming students continues to rise:

- Average high school GPA: 3.51
- Average SAT: 1138
- Honors/AP experience: 84%
- Admit rate: 3 percentage points lower than last year

The new class reflects progress on mission initiatives in the last year:

- Pell recipients: 3.5% growth
- Students of color: 1.9% increase
- First-generation students: 3.8% rise

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MAY GRADUATE RECEIVES WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

Leigh Anne Tiffany ’15 was one of 18 women selected last April to receive the highly competitive New York Women in Communications Scholarship, and one of two chosen to receive support for graduate school.

An honors student and a biology major with minors in journalism and animal studies, Tiffany was awarded $5,000 to pursue a master’s degree in journalism with a concentration in science reporting before she graduated from SJU in May. She now attends Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

“The work ethic Leigh Anne exemplified in her research will positively translate in her future endeavors at Columbia and as a science journalist,” says Scott McRobert, Ph.D., professor of biology and Tiffany’s academic mentor at Saint Joseph’s.

In addition to writing for The Hawk student newspaper at SJU, she has been a contributing writer for USA Today College; a correspondent for College Media Matters; a freelance science reporter for “The Pulse,” a program on WHYY-FM, Philadelphia’s NPR affiliate; and the founder and president emeritus of Hawks for Heroes, a student organization that supports first responders, those in the uniformed services, and military veterans and their families.
SAINT JOSEPH’S HOSTS
IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

The University held its second annual Ignatian Leadership Conference in July. The conference explored leadership through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. His leadership approach, centered on being a contemplative in action, has been adopted in numerous leadership contexts over the past 500 years.

Jesuit-educated Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., Saint Joseph’s president, was the keynote speaker.

“This conference, the speakers, the exercises you’ll be engaging in, and the people sitting next to you and across from you offer opportunities to nurture your leadership skills,” said Dr. Reed in his opening remarks. “Keep an open mind and a willing heart.”

Participants engaged in and reflected on a unique Ignatian leadership model, designed by Saint Joseph’s faculty and administrators, which merges the gifts of Ignatian spirituality with proven leadership theory.

For more information, visit www.sju.edu/mag/ILP.

SJU DEDICATES CHAIR TO HONOR MISSING SOLDIERS

The University dedicated a POW/MIA Chair of Honor in September through a national program to recognize the more than 92,000 American soldiers unaccounted for since World War I.

Now, in the Michael J. Hagan '85 Arena, as in more than 100 stadiums, arenas, cities and towns across the country, a single black chair is displayed between the American flag and POW/MIA flag and held unoccupied in honor of the sacrifice made by the missing soldiers.

“Saint Joseph’s has a long history of supporting veterans, and this memorial shows that tradition in a very visible way,” says SJU Veterans Services Director Ralph Galati '70 (B.S.) (USAF), a Silver Star recipient and former Vietnam prisoner of war. “The placement of the Chair of Honor in Hagan Arena reinforces the building’s history of remembering veterans, back to when it was called Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse.”

HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
BENJAMIN CUMMINGS, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Finance

While the role of personal financial advisors increases across the nation, many people continue to take on their own fiscal planning to avoid the daunting task of finding a reliable and trustworthy advisor. Benjamin Cummings, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance and Certified Financial Planner, has found that little is known about how older adults seek financial advice.

“Many older adults hold a considerable amount of wealth, and research suggests that often these individuals may not have the ability to properly manage their resources,” he says.

Cummings was selected as the 2015 Journal Article Award Winner from the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education for his article “Factors Associated with Getting and Dropping Financial Advisors Among Older Adults: Evidence from Longitudinal Data,” Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning (2014). He co-authored the article with Russell James, Ph.D., professor and CH Foundation Chair in Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University.

In his research, Cummings has discovered that individuals of all ages may benefit from a financial advisor before significant life events occur. Medical issues and changes in willingness to seek help for financial situations provide a catalyst for consumers to reevaluate the financial and psychological costs and benefits of seeking and using professional financial advice.

“Increasing our understanding about when older adults decide to begin using a financial advisor can help us better recognize when they may need additional guidance on how to select a quality financial advisor,” says Cummings.

— Sarah Panetta ’16
College of Arts and Sciences

Catalina Arango Pinedo, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Biology

During her first post-doctoral appointment in environmental engineering, Catalina Arango Pinedo, Ph.D., found her true calling. The Colombian native was examining gene transfer and regulation in the lab and quickly realized she wanted to fully pursue the area — “I thought it was the most amazing thing in the world,” says the assistant professor of biology — which meant changing her field of study from engineering to microbiology.

Arango Pinedo focuses her research on catabolite repression: how certain bacteria control their genes in order to use the most efficient food source first before seeking out whatever else is available. They do so by shutting off the gene required to use the non-energetic food sources.

“Understanding how genes in bacteria are regulated helps us to see how genes in other organisms are also regulated,” she says.

Catabolite repression is a global system that not only controls the food source of bacteria, but many other processes in the cell.

“Many pathogens that make us sick have similar systems,” she says. “By understanding this process, we are able to learn how bacteria cause diseases and design therapeutic agents to help cure them.”

Arango Pinedo and her SJU biology department peers are helping to spearhead Micronet, a regional group of more than 50 microbiology educators who serve as a resource for each other and promote academic excellence.

“It’s a strong network of individuals committed to our field,” she says. The organization communicates on a range of topics, from pedagogy to research practices.

— Marisa (Fulton) Benjamin ’03

First Class of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educators Graduates

Saint Joseph’s recently established Pennsylvania Department of Education-approved master’s degree program for the preparation of teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing graduated its first cohort of students in May. SJU is one of 56 deaf education programs and one of only four universities in the country that offers a complete online program for deaf educators.

“We continue to push the envelope,” says Samuel B. Slike, D.Ed., director of Special Education Online Programs.

In summer 2014, the University offered its first fully accessible online course, which included live, synchronous Blackboard Collaborate sessions for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing college students. Currently, collaborative sessions in the capstone Deaf Education Student Teaching course include bimonthly, live video-streaming that allows students and professors to see each other, and communicate via sign language when necessary.

online.sju.edu/programs/deaf-education-masters

Scholarship Takes Student to Scotland

Finance and risk management double major Morgan Bui of Fairfax, Va., has received the Andrew Mutch Scholarship from the St. Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia, which was founded in 1958 to promote understanding between the United States and Scotland by awarding scholarships. With the $20,000 award, Bui, a junior, is studying at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland this year.

Bui’s scholarship marks the fifth consecutive year, and sixth overall, that the St. Andrew’s Society has recognized a student from Saint Joseph’s University.

A Board of Trustees Scholar, Bui is also a member of the Honors Program and Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity, and an orientation leader. She is the daughter of a Vietnamese immigrant and attributes her work ethic and desire to excel to her mother’s example as one who succeeded despite adversity.

“Professionally, I hope to make an impact in this world by helping others on a large scale,” says Bui, “and I think the best way to make that goal happen is through my education.”
STUDENTS EXAMINE KIDNEY DISEASE IN NICARAGUA

Ten students spent more than two weeks in Nicaragua last summer as part of Just Health Care in Developing Nations. Team-taught by Peter A. Clark, S.J. ’75 (B.A.), professor of theology and interdisciplinary health services and director of the Institute for Catholic Bioethics, and Jean Smolen, Ph.D., associate dean for natural sciences and associate professor of chemistry, the course examined one topic in depth: the epidemic of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) among Central American sugarcane workers.

“In order to understand the pervasive tragedy of CKD, our students needed to hear about it and see the cane fields firsthand — one of the advantages of studying in-country,” says Fr. Clark. “Choosing to immerse themselves in this reality and trying to understand the realities of public health in developing nations, this group embodied the Jesuit commitment to social justice.”

The class learned about the effects of CKD and the problems it causes for the health care system when they spoke with local health professionals and clinic workers.

“It was seeing the cane fields and meeting those who work there that made this project real,” says Nick Radigan ’16, a biology major from Canton, Mass.

careerTRACKER ADVISES STUDENTS FROM START TO FINISH

The careerTracker program, launched by the Career Development Center (CDC) last year with freshmen in the Class of 2018, is growing with the addition of this year’s freshmen. The program offers career and professional development skills to students throughout their four years at Saint Joseph’s.

Monthly careerTracker emails engage students in activities specific to their academic year and the time of the year, and align with CDC recruiting activities and resources. According to Trish Shafer, CDC executive director, developmentally appropriate action steps help students advance their competency in seven key areas — self-knowledge, professional presence, experiential education, workplace skills, industry knowledge, networking, and interviewing.

“These competencies translate into learning objectives in areas such as career planning, resume building and alumni networking,” she says.

To further support the student experience with careerTracker, the CDC also keeps the faculty, Advising Centers and Success Center apprised of its recommendations and activities.

HSB CURRICULUM EARN SUSTAINABILITY RECOGNITION

The Haub School of Business (HSB) earned an honorable mention in the 2014 Dr. Alfred N. and Lynn Manos Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula competition, presented by the University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business.

This award recognizes courses focused on sustainability leadership in several HSB departments, including management, marketing and finance.

“This recognition is significant for the Haub School because it demonstrates that students are being exposed to substantive discussions of sustainability throughout their curriculum,” says David Steingard, Ph.D., associate professor of management, associate director of the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics and one of the faculty team members who submitted the Page Prize application. “Educating for sustainability directly supports the Ignatian value of ‘men and women with and for others’ — responsibly stewarding the earth for generations to come.”

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MAJORS
- Chemistry-Secondary Education
- Environmental Science-Secondary Education

GRADUATE DEGREE
- Online MBA in Food Marketing
CAMP KINNEY ENCOURAGES SOCIAL GROWTH IN YOUTH WITH AUTISM

While children may believe learning ends on the last day of school, summertime offers invaluable opportunities to make friends, grow socially and learn a new skill or sport. For the sixth consecutive year, the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support at Saint Joseph’s University offered these experiences to youth on the autism spectrum and their neurotypical peers.

Campers were organized into age groups, ranging from 3 to 14 years. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., each day of the five-week camp is highly structured, but students can choose some of their activities, including swimming, cooking, dancing, sensory activities, crafts and gardening. An additional opportunity is given to older campers, ages 15 to 21, to serve in an auxiliary camper role, focused on transitional goals and independence. A record 115 SJU students were involved as camp counselors and support staff.

Program highlights this year were visits from the Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels, the Walnut Street Theatre’s Traveling Program, the Franklin Institute’s Traveling Science Show and Philadelphia Circus of Arts, as well as service animals and the Phillie Phanatic.

SJU PRESIDENT JOINS FRESHMEN FOR PSIP

The Philadelphia Service Immersion Program (PSIP) brought more than 100 incoming students to campus before classes began in August to experience four days of community service, intellectual discovery and urban exploration. Small groups of freshmen, paired with upper-class student coordinators, spent the mornings working at a service site and the afternoons at centers of culture in Philadelphia, led by a volunteer faculty member.

This year, Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., Saint Joseph’s president, joined students for service at the Broad Street Ministry and a tour of City Hall.

For a video of the students’ day with Dr. Reed, visit www.sju.edu/mag/PSIP.
COACHING LEGEND KEVIN QUINN ’62 RETIRES

Women’s track and field and cross country head coach Kevin Quinn ’62 (B.A.) has retired after a combined 49 years with the SJU’s men’s and women’s track and field and cross country programs.

Quinn served as head coach of the men’s cross country and track squads for 22 years, 1966-1988. The SJU Track and Athletics Hall of Famer added the women’s track and field and cross country programs to his head coaching duties in 1985 and wrapped up his 30th season with the women’s program in May.

“I have been greatly blessed,” says Quinn. “Thanks to my wife, Marie, my children, the University, and all of the athletes, men and women, for truly making it a wonderful life.”

In a total of 147 men’s and women’s cross country, indoor track and outdoor track seasons, Quinn coached 40 NCAA qualifiers, nine NCAA All-Americans and 10 ECAC/IC4A champions, as well as Saint Joseph’s NCAA champion, Donna Crumety ’93 (B.S.), who claimed the 1991 title in the triple jump.

As a student, Quinn was the first American to cross the finish line of the 1961 IC4A Cross Country Championships, earning third overall. He is a two-time MAC cross country individual champion, a two-time MAC mile champion and record holder, and a two-time NCAA qualifier in the mile. After graduating from Saint Joseph’s, he won the famed Berwick Marathon.

“Kevin has been a treasure on Hawk Hill, not just because of the quantity and quality of his student-athletes and alumni, but because of the quality of the man,” says Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), vice president and director of athletics.

NEW HAWK STATUE GREETS STUDENTS AND GUESTS OUTSIDE HAGAN ARENA

A new Hawk statue greets visitors to the Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena and the Ramsay Basketball Center. The bronze likeness was dedicated in honor of Victor C. Faralli Jr. ’49 (B.S.), who passed away in 2011, and was made possible through the generosity of the Faralli family.

“My father was and still is a Hawk, and he always had a dream for a statue like this on campus,” says Steve Faralli. “He wanted to create something that would become a rallying point, a place where students could meet, and a good luck charm. He would be very, very happy.”

A member of the men’s basketball team as a student, Victor Faralli was a longtime season ticket holder and athletics benefactor. He helped establish the President’s Cup Golf Outing, chaired the Alumni Golf Outing and received SJU’s Rev. Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award for his loyalty and dedication in 2001. The World War II veteran was founder and president of the Arthur Jackson Company in Philadelphia.

The statue was designed by Martin Linson, who also sculpted the Hawk statues that adorn the bleachers on Sweeney Field. The new Hawk weighs nearly 700 pounds and has an approximate wingspan of eight feet.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY WINS ATLANTIC 10 TITLE

The SJU men’s cross country team won the 2015 Atlantic 10 Championships 8K race with 77 total points in a field of 14 squads on October 31. Led by the All-Conference performances of graduate student Paul Szulewski (4th) and junior Jimmy Daniels of Somerdale, N.J. (5th), the Hawks defeated runner-up University of Massachusetts by 21 points.

“They went out from the very beginning,” says head coach Mike Glavin ’78 (B.S.), “and every time they would come back around, every mile, we were the team that was always there.”

The championship marks the fifth time in program history that Saint Joseph’s has won the league race (’09, ’00, ’98, ’92) as well as the fifth Atlantic 10 Cross Country Coach of the Year honor for Glavin.

For more on these stories and SJU Athletics, visit sjuhawks.com.
It has always been there — next to campus but nearly hidden from view. Surrounded by lush greenery, its beautifully landscaped grounds sweep from City to Overbrook Avenues and travel along Cardinal Avenue. Near the center of 8.3 acres stands a four-story, 23,350-square-foot stately mansion. With its stone façade, picturesque gabled roof, ornate windows and lofty turret, the former Philadelphia’s Cardinal’s Residence symbolizes the city’s enduring Catholic history.

With the University’s acquisition of the property in 2012, the building and its grounds — always so close yet just out of sight — have become as central to Saint Joseph’s as they were to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The addition of 5800 City Avenue creates a new gateway to campus, through which the University welcomes families and prospective students who are considering a Jesuit, Catholic education. The Maguire Wolftington Welcome Center bears the names of two friends and Catholic philanthropists — James J. Maguire ’58 (B.S.) and J. Eustace Wolftington ’56 (B.S.) — who met when they were Saint Joseph’s undergraduates. The building is situated on the spacious Marcy Dugan Wolftington Campus, named for Wolftington’s wife.

Since the Maguire Wolftington Welcome Center opened in November 2014, it has received more than 8,000 visitors.

“The Welcome Center gives a great impression of what Saint Joseph’s University is,” says Maureen Mathis, assistant provost for undergraduate enrollment, “and it shows our commitment to undergraduate enrollment and prospective students and their families.”

8,000+ VISITORS SINCE NOVEMBER ’14
Hawk Host Molly Seeber ’18 talks with a family in the Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center. An Andy Warhol self-portrait, a gift of David L. Wolfe ’60, hangs beside them.

The first floor’s many features include a comfortable reception space where guests may relax when they arrive for tours or talk with their Hawk Hosts afterwards, as well as a bright, window-filled admissions presentation area and an airy conference room. The behind-the-scenes work of admissions counselors, student financial services and enrollment systems and analytics happens on the top floors.

Part of a gift from David Wolfe ’60 (B.S.), an eclectic and unusual collection of art graces the Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center walls: notably, an Andy Warhol self-portrait (above) and a Christo Wrapped Bridge sketch (right). Wolfe, who purchased his first painting when he was a Saint Joseph’s undergraduate, also donated the artwork in the John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons. For more on Wolfe, see Page 17.

In addition to providing an interesting point of discussion for families, the art collection serves an educational purpose. Fine arts and service-learning classes come to the Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center to view and study the varied types of art.

“People always ask about the art and love to hear that it was donated,” says Alexandra Beauvais, a Hawk Host tour guide and senior food marketing major/economics minor from Reading, Pa. She says families also enjoy learning about the manse’s history.

“Everyone who works here feels the same way — lucky to have this building as a part of our University,” she says.

Hawk Host Dan Tumolo, a senior from Kennett Square, Pa., with an economics major and a political science minor says, “This building has a very warm, welcoming atmosphere. It reflects the experience you have at St. Joe’s.”

Harty is editor of SJU Magazine.
By Carolyn Vivaldi ’13 (M.S.)

They met nearly 60 years ago when Eustace Wolfington ’56 (B.S.) came upon his brother, (Joseph) Hayden ’59, now deceased, playing one-on-one basketball with James J. Maguire ’58 (B.S.) at their home. Both were Saint Joseph’s undergraduates at the time and didn’t know each other, but that chance encounter would mark the beginning of a lifelong personal and professional friendship.

“It was meant to be,” says Maguire.

The shared life experiences of these deeply religious, philanthropic and compassionate men run deep. Their wives, Frannie (McLaughlin) Maguire and Marcy (Dugan) Wolfington, were childhood friends. Both families have nine children, close in age. They have 54 grandchildren between them.

“Our kids played at each other’s houses,” says Maguire. “We always knew when one of them had gotten in trouble before they came home.”

Korean War Army veterans, they became entrepreneurs, following in the footsteps of fathers lost when they were young. Maguire reached out to new markets in insurance and reinsurance, founding Philadelphia Insurance Company (formerly the Maguire Insurance Agency, Inc.). Wolfington launched a new venture in the retail automobile and car leasing industry, creating Half-a-Car Group.

Influenced by their Jesuit education, both men changed their industries in profound ways — and they did it together, with the goal of benefiting consumers. Underinsured or uninsured people with hearing impairments were among the Maguire Insurance Agency’s first clients. Meanwhile, Wolfington developed an innovative concept — previously only offered to corporations — to enable individuals to lease automobiles. When Maguire provided the insurance for Wolfington’s brainchild, their professional legacies became intertwined.

“I realized that the man on the street could not afford to buy a car anymore,” recalls Wolfington, whose leasing concept paired perfectly with Maguire’s insurance expertise. Together, they created a model for consumers to combine their car insurance premium and payment.

In 1968, the duo flew to Chicago and successfully pitched their vision to the CEO of General Motors. Maguire was 32; Wolfington, 34.

For the next seven years, the friends commuted between Philadelphia and Chicago every week for business, pioneering a new era in the car leasing and insurance businesses, catapulting their careers and deepening their friendship.

“I think I know Jimmy better than he knows himself,” says Wolfington. “Ours is a friendship that began in our souls.”

The SJU connections of these former Trustees, Shield of Loyola honorees and generous benefactors have been as aligned as their careers. The James J. Maguire ’58 Campus, Wolfington Hall and Wolfington Teletorium™ are just a few of the most visible signs of their enduring commitment to the University.

Most recently, they partnered to support Saint Joseph’s by naming the Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center on the Marcy Dugan Wolfington Campus.

“I’d be honored to have my name on a plaque next to yours,” said Wolfington to Maguire.

Their friendship has come full circle as their names adorn a new gateway to the campus welcoming generations of students — and friends — to come.

“It’s a real tribute to our friendship,” says Maguire. “It fits together like a hand in glove.”

A strategic communications professional, Vivaldi has taught in the SJU organization development and leadership program.
By Carmen R. Croce ’71 (A.B.)

The American campus is a kind of city in microcosm, a laminate of various landscapes and building styles informed by institutional temper, planning, accidents of real estate and most importantly, the generosity of loyal alumni and friends. With the acquisition of the Maguire Wolftington Welcome Center and the Marcy Dugan Wolftington Campus, these forces combine to extraordinary, even singular effect, for few university sites in America can match its provenance, history and guest book.

Among the distinguished men and women of high office and service who visited the house are: Pope Saint John Paul II; Pope Pius XII; Blessed Pope Paul VI; President Gerald Ford and First Lady Betty; President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy; President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara; U.S. senators, governors and mayors; ambassadors to and from the United States; Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco and their children; Princess Caroline and Prince Albert II; and the first presidents of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges.

The land and the building function as a palimpsest on which traces of a storied past remain. Before it was sold by William Penn to Welsh Quakers in 1682, the land encompassing the Marcy Dugan Wolftington Campus was a favorite hunting ground for Native Americans (Lenape Peoples) that they called “The Grove of Tall Pines.”

This “Welsh Tract” or “Merion Tract” largely endured until the 19th century when a new generation of Quakers, gentlemen barons of industry and commerce, sought escape from the rigors of life in Center City Philadelphia — at least for the summer season. The large Victorian summer “cottages” they built became the suburban mansions of a newly rising merchant and professional class in the early years of the 20th century. But, within a single generation, these new arrivals, humbled by personal income taxes (1913) and the Great Depression (1929), were forced to cede their trophy homes. Those that escaped the wrecking ball found new life as signature buildings for institutional use.

And so it was for the Maguire Wolftington Welcome Center and the Marcy Dugan Wolftington Campus. The contours of the landscape, together with that of the Visitation Monastery, still reflect some of the pastoral quality that endeared it to successive owners: the Lenape Peoples; the Welsh Quakers; David and Edward Scull, the Quaker brothers who built the two 19th century Victorian mansions on the block; Richard J. Seltzer, head of the Urban Land Institute, who during his brief time as owner, added the beautiful
terraced gardens that stepped down to a natural pond; and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, whose large and elegant addition to the house lent the air of great dignity the mansion exudes today.

The Cardinal’s Residence, as it was known from 1935 until 2012, boasts an extraordinary legacy. Designed in 1882 by the eminent “Quaker Architect,” Addison Hutton, for Edward Scull, the house played a visible role, through the work of the Sculls, in the history of the Society of Friends (Quakers), the development of Haverford College and the founding of Bryn Mawr College — and therefore the history of women’s higher education in America. Richard J. Seltzer’s ownership in the 1920s is memorable for his important contributions to real estate development, urban land use and parking. From 1935, the house was home and often office to six archbishops of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and, as such, figures prominently in the national and international initiatives of the archbishops, their personal lives and the administrative history of the archdiocese.

Saint Joseph’s University is rightly honored to come into possession of a site that has served as a backdrop for more than 130 years of momentous and foundational undertakings in the political, social, educational and religious life of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Director of the Saint Joseph’s University Press, Croce is curator of the University’s art collection and a co-editor of Stained Glass in Catholic Philadelphia (2002).
A SYMBOL OF

Friendship,

IN OUR TIME

BY PATRICIA ALLEN ’13 (M.A.)
On an overcast September afternoon, the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church, Pope Francis, surprised hundreds of students when he made an unscheduled stop at Saint Joseph’s University to bless a newly dedicated statue.

The bronze sculpture of two seated, feminine figures, their heads crowned and bodies draped in graceful garments reminiscent of Renaissance style, was installed on the plaza in front of the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial just days before the papal visit on September 27. Secured atop a concrete foundation and granite plinth, the two women, based on the medieval allegorical figures Synagoga (Synagogue) and Ecclesia (Church), each hold documents representing their respective religions, Judaism and Catholicism: Synagoga cradles a partially opened Torah scroll, and Ecclesia clasps Scripture in an open Bible.

Its creator, Philadelphia sculptor Joshua Koffman, has captured a moment of quiet intensity. Synagoga glances at the New Testament as Ecclesia notices the Torah, their gazes shifting away from the solitary study of their own faiths in order to begin to fathom the tradition of the other. And though their eyes don’t quite meet, it seems clear that this moment is about the interaction of these two figures, now friends, embarking on this new study together.

These emblematic characters haven’t always been portrayed as friends.

“Medieval conceptions of the figures found on European churches and cathedrals portrayed Ecclesia as regal and triumphant, and Synagoga as vanquished and despised,” says Jewish-Catholic relations scholar Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., professor of theology and director of SJU’s Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations (IJCR). “Those early versions are artifacts of the reality of how some Church leaders have viewed the Jewish faith over time.”

SJU’s sculpture, called “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time,” evokes the modern relationship between Jews and Catholics, and was developed by Koffman in consultation with Cunningham, and Jewish studies scholar Adam Gregerman, Ph.D., an assistant professor and assistant director of the IJCR.

The statue was dedicated on September 25 to mark the 50th anniversary of the document that made the new relationship possible, which the Second Vatican Council released in the fall of 1965. Latin for “In Our Time,” Nostra Aetate — the Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions — encourages dialogue with all faiths. Saint Joseph’s and its IJCR celebrated the golden jubilee of this groundbreaking statement along with the Philadelphia Archdiocese, the World Meeting of Families and the combined leadership of Philadelphia’s Jewish community. The dedication drew more than 300 guests to the Chapel the day before Pope Francis arrived in Philadelphia, including his longtime friend, the prominent Buenos Aires rabbi, Abraham Skorka, with whom he co-authored On Heaven and Earth, a book about their interreligious dialogue. Rabbi Skorka delivered a keynote, titled “Fifty Years of Nostra Aetate: Past and Future.”

“The ultimate aim of Nostra Aetate was to create a new reality for Jews and Catholics — a new world in which they are not opposed but can actively study and learn together, and so enrich each other and assist each other in walking their covenantal lives with God,” said Skorka, who was also present when the pontiff offered his benediction on the sculpture two days later.

While the intent of Nostra Aetate was to open Catholicism to engage with other faiths, its most notable effect can be seen in the change in relations specifically between Jews and Catholics. “It [Nostra Aetate] transformed this relationship by reversing centuries of Christian claims that Jews were enemies of God whose covenantal life was obsolete,” says Cunningham, a noted author, scholar and leader in Jewish-Catholic relations.

“SYNAGOGA AND ECCLESIA IN OUR TIME”

“There exists a rich complementarity between the Church and the Jewish people that allows us to help one another mine the riches of God’s word.”

— POPE FRANCIS

Inscribed on the statue foundation
Gregerman, who studies Jewish-Christian relations, says “Nostra Aetate marks a break in a millennial-long estrangement [between Jews and Catholics] that begins to come to an end only in the last half century.

“I come at this study as a contemporary American Jew with an interest in that long history, and I see Nostra Aetate as a turning point — a remarkable U-turn, if you will — in that history.”

In commissioning the sculpture for the golden jubilee of Nostra Aetate, both men also wished to celebrate Saint Joseph’s long commitment to Jewish-Catholic relations.

“We’re proud that in founding the Institute in 1967, Saint Joseph’s responded almost immediately to the Second Vatican Council’s call by engaging in honest and open dialogue with our Jewish brothers and sisters,” says Cunningham, who began his Saint Joseph’s tenure as a professor and IJCR director in 2008. “The sculpture itself, in addition to commemorating Nostra Aetate in a meaningful way, recognizes that Saint Joseph’s has a unique place in realizing the vision of the document, and sets a new impetus for the future of the Jewish-Catholic relationship.”

Allen is director of communications at Saint Joseph’s University.

“Since his election, the Holy Father has inspired us in so many ways. His ministry and leadership style have been a topic of discussion and an example in our classrooms. He has reenergized and strengthened our student body in their Catholic faith. And he has reminded all of us of the power of humility and compassion.

— MARK C. REED, Ed.D.
President, Saint Joseph’s University

Students await the pontiff’s arrival with a homemade Argentinian flag that reads, Bienvenido, Papa Francisco. Welcome, Pope Francis!

Student body vice president Natalie Roche ’17 applauds as president Nicholas Chingas ’16 presents the pope with an SJU soccer jersey.

Pope Francis blesses the statue as Rev. William G. Donovan ’81 holds the holy water vessel. Sharing in the historic and holy moment were Jesuit community rector Brendan Lally, S.J. (far left) and (beginning third from right) Rabbi Skorka, Cunningham and Gregerman.
INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH-CATHOLIC RELATIONS

Saint Joseph’s was the first American college to found an organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and deepening understanding between Jews and Catholics. Known at its inception as the Jewish-Catholic Institute, Donald Clifford, S.J. ’51 (now deceased), was its director for 40 years.

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Signs in Villiger Hall windows greet the Holy Father.

Pope Francis embraces his friend, Rabbi Skorka, after the blessing.
“It is a privilege and blessing — truly a grace-filled moment in my life — to be standing here today as the president of this historic, proud and excellent Jesuit institution,” said Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., during his inauguration as the first lay president and the 28th chief executive of Saint Joseph’s University.

More than 1,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, elected officials and delegates from throughout higher education witnessed the ceremony at the Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena on Sept. 18. On the preceding day, the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated as the Inaugural Mass.

Previously senior vice president at Fairfield University in Connecticut, Dr. Reed traces his Jesuit roots to his days as a student at St. Joseph’s Preparatory School in Philadelphia.

The Very Rev. Robert M. Hussey, S.J., provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, missioned Dr. Reed in his new role.

“I charge you, Dr. Reed, as the 28th president and director of this Jesuit work, to shepherd well the Society’s apostolate, to remember always the Society’s commitment to the service of faith and the promotion of justice, and to sustain and enhance the Catholic and Jesuit identity of the University,” he said.

Ann E. Green, Ph.D., professor of English and president of the Faculty Senate, spoke on behalf of the Saint Joseph’s faculty.

“We do not achieve the Magis when we work for our own individual gains, but rather when we strive for the best option for our students, for the greater good, for the greater glory of God,” she said.


Student Body President Nicholas Chingas ’16 also spoke, leading five other students who shared common remarks in the language of their native countries: Gabriela Colindres ’16 (Honduras), Ali Altamimi ’15 (Saudi Arabia), Slesha Fadte ’15 (India), Xuyao Duan ’16 (China) and Harriet Kanneh ’17 (Liberia).

As he was invested by Board Chair Edward W. Moneypenny ’64 (B.S.), Dr. Reed was joined on stage by former Saint Joseph’s presidents Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J. (1986-2003), Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. (2003-2011), and C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72 (B.S.) (2012-15).

“We must think anew and act anew,” said Dr. Reed in his inaugural address, quoting Abraham Lincoln. “I have found a near universal desire on the part of members of the Saint Joseph’s community to model Lincoln’s wisdom.

“Together, we will move this excellent university forward. With optimism and aspiration. With realism and honesty. And always with steadfast focus on our Jesuit mission, academic excellence and student experience.”
Board Chair Edward W. Moneypenny ’64 delivers remarks before the investiture of Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., as president.

Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. (D-Pa.)

Faculty and students assemble for the inaugural procession.


Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., spent his first day as Saint Joseph’s president on July 1 reflecting on SJU’s mission and meeting faculty, staff and students.

1. Before going to campus, Dr. Reed began his day by visiting Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia, where Saint Joseph’s University was founded.
2. SJU community members enjoyed their morning cup of coffee at Starbucks with Dr. Reed.
3. The new president snapped a photo of the sign on Barbelin Hall proclaiming, “Welcome to Hawk Hill, Dr. Reed. THWIND!”
4. Orientation was in full swing when Dr. Reed stopped by to meet SJU’s other newest residents, members of the Class of 2019.
5. Dr. Reed celebrated with the “Red Shirts” at Regis Hall after the last orientation session.

1. Dr. Reed and wife Kate enjoy a moment with daughters Laney (left) and Maggie.
2. Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J., president, Fairfield University, and Dr. Reed.
3. From left: James J. ’58 and Frannie Maguire, Dr. Reed and Paul J. Hondros ’70.
Dear Hawks,

For nearly 40 years, it has been my pleasure to serve Saint Joseph’s alumni. Initially, I worked in the Alumni Office, and later, I became involved with the Alumni Association. I’ve encountered thousands of individuals who hold a stake in the University’s success. I’ve attended joyful gatherings with loyal alumni whose faces light up once the conversation turns to SJU. They recount their experiences with an engaging professor, a helpful administrator or a great classmate.

Parents I’ve met report “my child loves it at Saint Joseph’s.” Undergraduates with whom I’ve spoken proclaim, “I can’t understand why anyone would go somewhere else.” Alumni value our Hawk Hill experience, praise the University’s present-day accomplishments and hold high hopes for the future. The overwhelming, positive feedback is delightful and warranted.

I am proud to call Saint Joseph’s University my alma mater, and I demonstrate that pride with a gift to the Saint Joseph’s Fund each year. Last year, I was one of nearly 5,000 alumni who contributed. Together, we are advancing SJU’s Jesuit mission and touching the lives of students who will go on to transform the world.

SJU’s alumni community is more than 64,000 members strong. It’s easy to believe a classmates’ participation will make up for yours, but it will not. Today, I challenge you to consider the impact that we could have if more of us contributed annually. Imagine the increase in scholarship success. I’ve attended joyful gatherings with loyal alumni whose faces light up once the conversation turns to SJU. They recount their experiences with an engaging professor, a helpful administrator or a great classmate.

The Hawk Will Never Die!

David A. Dorsey ’54
President
Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association

Shield of Loyola Honors Nichols ’67

The chair and driving force behind the success of With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University and a leader in Philadelphia real estate for nearly 60 years, Anthony A. “Tony” Nichols Sr. ’67 received the Shield of Loyola at November’s 35th annual Alumni Gala.

Chairman emeritus of Brandywine Realty Trust, Nichols was recognized with the University’s highest honor for his professional success, a life reflective of the values of St. Ignatius Loyola and unparalleled dedication to the University.

Nichols’ real estate career began in 1958 at Philadelphia Savings Fund Society. From 1968 to 1982, he ran the commercial loan operation for Colonial Mortgage Service Company and was president of Colonial Advisors, the consultant to P.N.B. Mortgage and Realty Trust. In 1982, Nichols co-founded Chesco-Nichols (later renamed Nichols Company) and served as its president and chief executive officer through 1996. Nichols became chairman of Brandywine Realty Trust in 2004.

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One of the largest publicly traded, full-service, integrated real estate companies in the United States, the Radnor, Pa.-based Brandywine Realty Trust is an award-winning multi-billion dollar real estate investment trust, which owns, leases and manages an urban, town center and transit-oriented office portfolio comprising 281 properties and 33.2 million square feet as of June 30, 2015.

Nichols and his wife of more than 50 years, Barbara, have four children, Shannon Melini ’99, Anthony A. Nichols Jr. ’05 (MBA), Barbara Heath and Kevin Nichols. They reside in Berwyn, Pa., and have 13 grandchildren, including sisters Allison ‘15 and Caroline Heath ’20.
Wolfingtons Establish Campus Ministry Fund

Longtime University benefactors Marcy and J. Eustace Wolfington ’56 (B.S.) have established the Peggie O’Neill Campus Ministry Fund, named for Eustace’s sister (deceased), a woman of deep Catholic faith and enduring family values.

The Wolfingtons are longtime supporters of SJU’s Campus Ministry. In 1992, they made a leadership gift to name its on-campus home the Mary Margaret Wolfington Center for Ministry, Faith and Service, for Peggie and Eustace’s mother.

Wife, mother, businessperson, philanthropist, author, leader and friend, Peggie O’Neill lived her faith and dedicated her life to influencing others in meaningful ways. She strived for the magis by founding Birthright of Philadelphia, an advocacy group focused on helping women navigate unplanned pregnancies, as well as Prayer Power Society, which provides support for priests.

Through Campus Ministry, SJU students develop in their faith, explore their beliefs and use their gifts to serve others, just as O’Neill did before her 2011 passing at age 76. The fund enables Campus Ministry to grow its retreat, faith formation and outreach programs through which students participate in the social justice work central to the University’s mission. Because of these transformational mission-based experiences, many students strengthen their faith and develop a lifelong commitment to helping those less fortunate.

Alpha Sigma Nu Recognizes Alumnae with Magis Medals

As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the Jesuit Honor Society Alpha Sigma Nu paid tribute to its top 100 members who live Jesuit values in inspiring ways. Mary Scullion, R.S.M. ’76, Elisabeth Hagen, M.D. ’91 and Catherine Jones ’15 were among those honored with Magis Medals.

An Alpha Sigma Nu member since 2011, Sr. Scullion is president and executive director of Project HOME, a nationally recognized Philadelphia organization providing supportive housing, employment, education and health care to chronically homeless and low-income people. She also chaired the Hunger and Homelessness Committee for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September.

Hagen, a 1989 inductee and food safety senior advisor for the consulting firm Deloitte, served as the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s under-secretary for food safety from 2010 to 2013. In that role, the Harvard Medical School graduate advanced a science-based public health agenda, directed mission-critical outbreak and consumer complaint investigations, oversaw agency risk assessments and regulatory testing programs and led key policy development efforts for emerging public health issues.

Inducted in 2014, Jones co-founded the Wilmington, Del.-based Kind to Kids Foundation, which helps child victims of abuse, neglect and poverty by providing educational programs and new life experiences. Kind to Kids has sent more than 9,000 children to events through ticket donations worth more than $150,000 since its inception in 2008. Jones is the organization’s communications and community relations coordinator.

John Danihy, S.J., founded Alpha Sigma Nu at Marquette University in 1915. The organization has 30 chapters in North America and one in South Korea.
Online Advising Platform Premieres

The SJU Alumni Association is proud to announce the launch of SJU Connects, a powerful online career-advising platform that facilitates one-on-one career consultations among the SJU community. Through a secure connection, advisors (alumni, parents or friends) engage in career conversations, perform resume critiques and conduct mock interviews with advisees (students or alumni). By drawing on the vast experience of the Hawk network, advisees receive insight into their fields of interest, which helps them decide their next steps toward an internship or job.

“We wanted to give our students and alumni the opportunity to seek pertinent, real world-tested career advice and guidance in today’s ever-changing, fast-paced business world,” says Laura Dietz, associate director for alumni programs. “I’d like to see positive connections made between advisees and advisors that result in tangible outcomes, such as a well-written resume or an internship or job opportunity.”

Alumni Perspective

Food marketing graduate Jeremy Culp ’95 (B.S.) remembers what it was like trying to make career connections pre-Internet. “When I graduated, the web wasn’t helping connect people as it is today,” says Culp, a financial consultant. “We only had the ability to network in person. SJU Connects provides a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with and seek guidance from alumni who share common career goals.”

Culp’s reasons for becoming an advisor were twofold. He feels obligated as an alumnus to give back to the school that opened doors for him. Additionally, after helping a student, he says he feels “gratified, energized and inspired.” He sees SJU Connects as a “win-win.”

“The alumnus feels the benefit of having an impact on the student and University, and the student has found the experience beneficial to their future employment,” says Culp. “I’m proud to be associated with a great group of individuals about to join the alumni ranks.”

Student Perspective

Williamstown, N.J., native Kayla Carroll will graduate in December with degrees in managing human capital and business intelligence. She’s interested in a career in management consulting or human resources. As an SJU Connects tester, Carroll was immediately impressed with the program. “I thought it was a strong platform to search for potential connections from the first time I signed on,” she says. “The site is easy to navigate and provides students many tools for networking. Even students who haven’t networked before will feel comfortable having a career conversation or practicing an interview, all while building professional communication skills from their residence hall or apartment.”

Dietz looks forward to seeing results from the new advising platform as the network grows. “SJU Connects offers our alumni, parents and friends the opportunity to give back to the University with time and talent,” she says. “It’s a chance for them to make a real difference in a student or recent graduate’s outlook on professional life. Guidance given to someone who may feel lost is priceless.”
Hawk Happenings

Jack Gallagher '63 Alumni Golf Outing

More than 100 golfers took to the links at the eighth annual Jack Gallagher '63 Alumni Golf Outing at Scotland Run Golf Club in Williamstown, N.J., in June. The event raised more than $13,000 to benefit the Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship for Mature Students, which aids adult SJU students. The foursome (top photo, from left) of Bill Devlin '04, Patrick Devlin '11, Conal Devlin '06 and Brian Durkin '84 turned in the best score, while the Gallagher family (lower photo) continues to be the force behind the event they established to honor Jack Gallagher '63 (deceased), a loyal Hawk who was passionate about scholarship opportunities for students. Event supporters included Hawk sponsors Gallagher Tire, Solideal, U-S-A Incorporated and Titan International, as well as Crimson sponsors Alliance Tire Group and American Omni Trading.

“Welcome to the City” Receptions

The Alumni Association rolled out its new “Welcome to the City” series this past spring with receptions in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Baltimore, Hoboken, N.J., Brooklyn, N.Y., Washington, D.C., and Boston. Nearly 200 alumni enjoyed the opportunity to network with Hawks in the area, including (from left): (1) Heather and Jeremy Culp '95 (Baltimore); (2) Christine Burke '11, Sarah Wolk '09, Laurie Hurson '09 and Jill Perkins '15 (Brooklyn); (3) Carolyn Haggerty '12, Norma Jean DiCocco '13, Donald Carlino '13 and Kelly Devine '12 (Philadelphia).

HawkFest

More than 4,000 Hawks made September’s HawkFest an amazing success. The Taste of Philly – with its exclusive reunion area and food trucks – and the Kids Corner were wildly popular. Almost 400 Hawks attended the all-years reunion at Xfinity Live! and raised more than $1.03 million through their class gifts. HawkFest’s three official sponsors were Xfinity Live, Liberty Mutual Insurance and Horizon Services.
1956

Lawrence J. LaMaina Jr. (B.S.) is a retired CEO of Farmer's Bank and Trust of Hanover, Pa., as well as a retired commander in the U.S. Navy. He and wife Paula celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

James J. Shields Jr. (B.S.) conducted a two-week workshop with the City College of New York School of Education for a group of Japanese undergraduate students visiting from the Nagoya University of Foreign Affairs. He also works with CUNY and Teachers College, Columbia University.

1959

Robert F. Farrell Sr. (B.A.) retired from teaching 13 years ago. He and wife Anna celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in May and have four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1965

Harry E. Hearing (B.S.) was re-elected to the board of directors of Capital Bank of New Jersey. He also sits on the board of directors of the Inspira Health Network.

1969


1974

John DiAngelo (B.S.), president and CEO of Inspira Health Network, was included in the July 2015 South Jersey Biz list of the 50 most influential business people in South Jersey.


1975

Glenn R. Ortley, D.O. (B.S.), was re-elected to the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Hospital Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA). He is medical director of the Delaware County Memorial Hospital Home Care Services Program and an active staff member with the Crozer-Keystone Health System.

1976

Walter W. Borginis III (B.S., MBA ’84) is president and chief financial officer of the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia. He previously served as executive vice president of finance and administration and chief financial officer.

Donna Orem (B.A.), chief operating officer of the National Association of Independent Schools, was awarded one of Smart CEO’s 2015 Executive Management Awards for the Washington, D.C., area.

1978

Jim Grogan (B.S. ’78) was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Trenton in June. Fr. Grogan completed his studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in 2014 and is now the parochial vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, in Moorestown, N.J. A widower before pursuing the priesthood, he is the father of three adult sons.

1980

William Holland (B.A.) is a senior reporter for SNL Energy’s Washington, D.C., bureau where he covers issues related to North American natural gas.

1984

J. Mark McLoone (MBA) is CEO of St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and has more than 30 years of health care management experience. Previously he was vice president at Einstein Medical Center and chief operating officer at the DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del.

1985

Joseph W. Devine (MBA), president and CEO of South Jersey-based Kennedy Health, received the American College of Healthcare Executives Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent’s Award. He was also named as one of the 50 most influential business people in South Jersey in the July 2015 issue of South Jersey Biz.

Jamie Moyer, a former MLB pitcher and co-founder, with wife Karen, of the Moyer Foundation, was inducted into Seattle Mariners Hall of Fame in August. A standout pitcher for the Hawks as a student, he was part of the Philadelphia Phillies’ 2008 World Series-winning team.
Feeling the Heat

Imagine charging your smart phone once and having the battery last an entire week. Or having your laptop computer run more efficiently without overheating or losing energy too quickly when not plugged in.

It may be possible someday, due in part to a former Saint Joseph’s physics major. Eugene Mele, Ph.D. ’72 (B.S.), professor of astronomy and physics at the University of Pennsylvania, along with Penn colleague Charles Kane, Ph.D., are bringing these advances closer to reality. The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia awarded this pair of researchers, as well as Shoucheng Zhang, Ph.D., from Stanford University, its Benjamin Franklin Medal in Physics — previous recipients include Albert Einstein (1933) and Stephen Hawking (1981) — in April for their groundbreaking theoretical contributions leading to the discovery of a new class of materials called topological insulators. The potential applications for topological insulators could significantly change the daily use of technology.

Topological insulators act as electrical insulators on the inside but conduct electricity on the surface without creating much heat. In this way, these materials may prevent electronic devices from emitting — and wasting — too much energy. If computers, cell phones and car batteries can be constructed from topological insulators someday, they may become more energy efficient.

“People are especially interested in how to integrate topological insulators into small-scale electronics,” says Mele, who specializes in theoretical condensed matter physics. “The biggest implication is they can do things ordinary electronic materials can’t do.

“It’s a new platform and way of thinking about a host of modern materials, which is inspiring and informing a variety of fields right now.”

Mele and Kane’s initial interest in topological insulators goes back to the early 1980s when one of their graduate students was exploring the subject.

“At the time, the scientific community was not happy,” Mele says of the early research. “It was too mathematical and too abstract. So we backed off and started research in other areas. Had we followed this line further, we might have noticed this 30 years ago, but we didn’t have any incentive to do it.”

Mele, who was also the Leverhulme Visiting Professor at Loughborough University in the United Kingdom in 2014-15, earned his Ph.D. at MIT before joining Penn’s faculty in 1981.

“I explain to my graduate students that they should know if they’re working on a good research problem,” says Mele. “They should be confused half the time — but not to the extent where they are confused over their heads. You want to be always fighting your way through a problem. That’s what the research experience really is.”

— Marisa (Fulton) Benjamin ’03 (B.A.)
the app. Providers or by searching all organizations within Philadelphia, the app can also help those in need by serving people in need. Only released in Philadelphia and donate to nearby nonprofit organizations that Nikki Johnson-Huston (B.S.) has developed a smart app, advisor to The Hawk.

VetNet services from Capella University. Colleen (Durkin) Miller (B.S.) was named executive director of Child, Home and Community, a nonprofit social services agency in Doylestown, Pa., that educates and supports young parents and their babies. She has 15 years of human services experience, including direct care, casework and fundraising efforts. Miller resides in Quakertown, Pa., with her husband and two sons. Colleen (Durkin) Miller (B.S.) was named executive director of Child, Home and Community, a nonprofit social services agency in Doylestown, Pa., that educates and supports young parents and their babies. She has 15 years of human services experience, including direct care, casework and fundraising efforts. Miller resides in Quakertown, Pa., with her husband and two sons.
SJU Mourns Journalism Professor

Daniel R. Reimold, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, died unexpectedly on Aug. 20. He was 34.

Reimold joined the English department in 2013. He taught journalism and advised The Hawk student newspaper, which won a Pacemaker award for excellence in college media in 2014.

The 2003 graduate of Ursinus College received a master’s degree in journalism from Temple University in 2005 and a Ph.D. in journalism from Ohio University in 2008.

A national expert in college student media, he authored two books: *Sex and the University: Celebrity, Controversy, and a Student Journalism Revolution* (2010) and *Journalism of Ideas: Brainstorming, Developing, and Selling Stories in the Digital Age* (2013).

In addition to serving as the Campus Beat columnist for USA TODAY College and writing a monthly student press column for The Poynter Institute’s website, Reimold was best known for his influential blog College Media Matters. In one of his last posts, dated August 13, he takes up his “spirited rallying cry” for journalism. “Because in a world in which everyone can be journalists, or at least say they are, it will be those with the real journalistic training and knowledge who will rise above and be recognized,” he wrote.

Reimold ardently educated his students in and about journalism. “Dan lived more passionately and taught with more enthusiasm and knowledge than I have ever before experienced,” says Caitlyn Bouchard ’16 of Wilmington, Del.

At a memorial Mass on campus, The Hawk Editor-in-Chief Cat Coyle ’16 described the extent of Reimold’s influence. “He was the ultimate source for every journalist our age,” she said.

Reimold’s family has requested that donations be made to Saint Joseph’s University in his name.

— Jenny Spinner, Ph.D.

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As Stinson helps veterans adjust from the structure of the military to the freedom of civilian life, he extends particular assistance in translating military skills into jobs. The financial pressure can affect mental health, family life and overall stability, he says.

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He continues, “I am inspired by our clients’ humility and bravery. Each veteran wrote a blank check to our country that could include their lives, and it shows their total dedication to their work and their mission. I learn from their commitment and strive to put my whole heart into this work.”

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WEDDINGS

Alison McBride (B.S. ’04, M.S. ‘05) and Justin Recacho (B.A. ‘03)
Kristin Johnson (B.S. ‘09) and William F. Kiniry III (B.A. ‘08)
Michelle Lawson (B.S. ’09) and Steve Dorn (B.S. ‘11)
Tomiko Wolf (B.S. ’09, M.S. ’11) and Andrew McKenna (B.S. ’10)
Katie McDonald (B.A. ’12) and James Gregg (B.S. ’12)
Emily Labbe (B.S. ’13, M.S. ’14) and Thomas Minton (B.S. ’11, M.S. ’13)

Alison McBride ’04, ’05 and Justin Recacho ’03 sported crimson tread on their wedding day in tribute to SJU, which brought them together. They were married in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial on August 8.

2002
Kristin (Strong) Lindsay (B.S.) received an MBA with a concentration in marketing and entrepreneurship from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Matthew Windisch (MBA) was named the 2015 Outstanding Customer Service Representative of the Year in Pennsylvania by the National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research. He is an insurance risk manager for Toll Brothers.

2003
Lauren W. Taylor (B.A.) is a partner with the law firm Fox Rothschild in its real estate practice group, located in Warrington, Pa. Her practice focuses on a broad range of transactional real estate and corporate matters.
Camilo Torres-Ayala (B.S.) received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy and is now the brand network and talent recruitment manager for Silver Airways in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Diana Zinser (B.A.) appeared on an episode of the TV game show “Jeopardy!” in February 2015 and came in second place. She is an associate with the law firm Spector Roseman Kodroff & Willis in Philadelphia.

2004
Gavin F. Hurley (B.A.) earned his Ph.D. in English: Writing and Rhetoric, from the University of Rhode Island. He is an assistant professor of English in the Department of Humanities at Lasell College in Newton, Mass.
Diana O’Connell, Esq. (B.A.), was promoted from associate attorney to partner at the law firm Robb Leonard Mulvihill.
Samuel Porter (B.A.) is the director of business and legal affairs at D.C. United, a professional soccer team headquartered in Washington, D.C.

2007
Jason V. Madden (B.S.) is a mortgage consultant at Trident Mortgage Co. in Rosemont, Pa.
Christopher Sullivan (M.S.) is an attorney in the Philadelphia office of the law firm Ballard Spahr. His wife, Samantha (Freeman) ’08 (M.S.) teaches science at Paul VI High School in Haddonfield, N.J.

2008
Daniel Harris (B.S.) received the Future Leader Award from the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation at its annual Harbor Lights Gala.
Getting a Grip

By 2008, Frank “Oz” Osborne ’96 (B.S.) was desperate to find something — anything — to alleviate his pain. A skiing accident 11 years prior had him airlifted to a spinal trauma center with a broken wrist, arm, back and neck, and left him with severe nerve damage. After a decade of physical therapy and 30 surgeries, recovery eluded him.

Searching for a panacea, Osborne had reached the point where he was willing to try alternative treatments, even bee venom therapy. For a time, he would drive to Lancaster, Pa., to catch the insects and later have friends or family use them to sting him intentionally.

“I dabbled in alternative medicine, because when you’re desperate, you do whatever it takes,” says Osborne.

That treatment, like so many before, didn’t succeed.

But in March 2008, he found a new way to relieve his pain that would change his life. During a physical therapy session, the former pharmaceutical marketing major tried a soft-tissue approach in which metal tools are used to massage away pain and scar tissue. The effects were nearly instantaneous.

“Within minutes, I had more range of motion in my neck than I had in 11 years of doctors’ appointments, injections, physical therapy and other treatments,” Osborne says.

Hopeful and enthusiastic, he contacted the company that made the tools to acquire a set but was disappointed to find difficulty in accessing them. Frustrated, Osborne decided to take matters into his own hands. He decided to manufacture his own set of instruments with the singular goal of making the best product on the market.

“I’ve been an entrepreneur since the day I was born,” says Osborne, “but in a million years, I never thought I’d go into manufacturing. I literally started by Googling, ‘How to manufacture.’”

Going undercover as a patient to therapists who used rival products, he learned the tools were slippery and found that clinicians wanted a less complicated business model. Based on the feedback, Osborne designed his instruments with cross-hatch grips to make them easier to hold, and he simplified the purchase process.

“The quality of our instruments is top-notch, and we try to treat our customers like gold,” says Osborne. “Word of mouth is why we’ve been so successful in a short amount of time.”

He drew inspiration from his alma mater to name his product line, HawkGrips. His parents, Frank ’63 (B.S.) and Peggy Ann ’67 (B.S.), are also Saint Joseph’s alumni.

Located in Conshohocken, Pa., HawkGrips has grown from a small startup in 2010 to a company whose product is now used in every major physical therapy chain, renowned hospitals, the training rooms of all major league sports and on Hawk Hill. HawkGrips is expanding internationally, with sales in 22 countries. There’s even a set on Air Force One.

Not that the path to success has been easy.

“If I weren’t passionate about my personal recovery from the injury and motivated to help others, I would have quit long ago,” Osborne says.

His friend and former college roommate Sean MacNeal ’96 (B.S.) joined the company in 2013 after working in the field of finance.

“We’ve know each other for 20-plus years, and trust is a huge factor in our partnership,” says Osborne, who calls MacNeal a major partner in the company’s success.

“What the instruments did for Oz and can do for other patients is inspiring,” says MacNeal.

HawkGrips now offers continuing education courses for clinicians in physical therapy, athletic training, chiropractic care and other areas. The company recently completed courses for the Rockettes, the New York Yankees and Walter Reed Medical Hospital.

Although the physical effects of the accident that changed Osborne’s life are not readily apparent anymore, his recovery is ongoing. With the aid of his own product, he improves every day.

“It’s been an amazing transformation,” says MacNeal. “Seeing the instruments help him made me believe in this business and want to be a part of it.”

“I know firsthand that HawkGrips can literally change lives,” says Osborne, “and my mission is to make sure that every patient can experience the same level of success that I have.”

— David King ’08

Sadie Grace and Sarah Anne to Karen and Anthony Ziomek (B.A. ’93)
Eleanor Renee to Jenny and Maj. James Tobin (B.S. ’00)
William Edward and Samuel Timothy to Natalie (Schafer, B.S. ’04) and Matthew Ryan (B.S. ’03)
Stella Josephine to Kathleen (Bednarek, B.A. ’05) and Chase Cammarota
Devon Joseph to Kelly (Dougherty, B.S. ’05) and Joseph Wagner (B.S. ’04)
Gemma Alexandra to Alexandra (Trum, B.S. ’05) and Michael DelVescovo (B.S. ’05)
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James to Lauren (Kinslow, B.A. ’06) and James Finore (B.S. ’07)
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Lucy Elizabeth to Julia (Fox, B.S. ’07) and Joseph Gerlach
Benjamin Ryan to Samantha (Freeman, M.S. ’08) and Christopher Sullivan (M.S. ’07)
Michael to Catherine (Chezik, B.S. ’11) and David Moffa (B.A. ’10)
Ezra Alexander to Allison and Stephen Arvanis (M.S. ’14)

Valerie Owens (M.S.) has returned to John Robert Powers Modeling and Talent School in Philadelphia and is an advocate for seniors. She is the most senior person on the school’s new faces roster at age 57.

2009
Edwin Braxton (M.S.) is chief human resources officer at Lompoc Valley (Calif.) Medical Center and completed his term as the grand knight of the La Purisima Council of the Knights of Columbus. He was also elected board president for the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

2010
Chase Stewart (B.S.) teaches English and studies Mandarin in Nanjing, China, where he has lived for the past five years. Stewart is also attending the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for his master’s degree in international politics. The National Security Education Program awarded him a Boren Fellowship, a federal initiative designed to build a broader qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills.
Steve Paul (B.S.) became the first male officer appointed to the Philadelphia chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Courtney Hudson, D.O. (MBA), was one of 30 scholarship winners nationwide selected for the inaugural Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute, a yearlong leadership development program of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. She is a second-year family medicine resident at the Crozer-Keystone Family Medicine Residency Program in Springfield, Pa.

Lia (Torre) Littlewood (MBA), a senior retail client manager at American Express in New York City, co-launched the website, www.littlelist.com, a single destination for moms to learn about new products and services. She, husband Steve and daughter Reese reside in Ridgewood, N.J.

Michael Chorney, M.D. (B.S.), completed his medical degree at Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School. He accepted an internship in general surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and continues his residency in diagnostic radiology at the hospital's health system.

Dawn-Marie Hutchinson (MBA), chief information security officer of Comm Solutions, a technology solutions provider, was named to serve on the 2016 Cybersecurity Canon Induction Committee, a group created to help identify a list of must-read books for all cybersecurity professionals.

Kimberly Lowden (M.S.) was recognized by the International Society for Technology in Education with a 2015 Emerging Leader award in the Outstanding Young Educator award category. The awards recognize individuals who are transforming learning, teaching and leading in the digital age.
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On June 18, 2015, with the publication of his papacy’s first encyclical, *Laudato Si* [Praised Be], His Holiness Pope Francis solidified the Catholic Church’s social teaching on the environment and clarified the way humans should interact with the Earth, their only home. As a professor whose scholarly work examines the scientific consequences of climate change and as a person who wants to see a vibrant future for generations to come on our planet, I believe the papal document has the ability to motivate large swaths of people to act toward solving the problems that stem from climate change and environmental degradation.

The most important contribution of *Laudato Si* is the pope’s framing of the situation — not as a scientific, economic or political debate, but as an issue of social justice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines social justice as “... the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due ... .” With this definition in mind, the subject of the encyclical is undoubtedly a major social justice concern. His Holiness, in his call to action, reflects and affirms scholars of the natural sciences, humanities and business who say that “climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods.” In research my students and I have conducted, for example, we have found that human-induced climate change can have profound effects on the timing of plant life development and that these changes can alter the function of both natural and agricultural ecosystems over time. Pope Francis goes so far as to state that climate change “represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day,” and that its greatest impact will likely be felt by the world’s poor.

The Holy Father elevates “care for creation,” a key theme of Catholic teaching regarding social justice issues, by providing a historical context through the Church’s papal, conciliar and episcopal statements on the environment. This attention is severely needed in today’s world. As populations grow and resource use increases, we must be especially mindful of the consequences on the environment and its ability to provide clean air, clean water, food and shelter for all of humanity. Never before has environmental degradation threatened our livelihoods and those of future generations as it does today. Therefore, it is extremely timely that Pope Francis now advances these issues to the forefront of the minds of the planet’s more than one billion Catholics.

The encyclical also brings a fresh perspective to Church teaching on the relationship between humans and their natural surroundings, explicitly illustrating that the environment, especially the climate system, is a common good — in fact, “the commons,” where the life of every member of the global community takes place. Interestingly, the encyclical does not change Church teachings but hones them into a modern-day action plan to better manage the Earth’s resources, while considering the most vulnerable among us, the poor.

In the end, His Holiness exhorts the wealthy of the world to do more to ensure environmental sustainability for both themselves and the poor. Pope Francis masterfully accomplishes this by using the example of St. Francis, the inspiration for his papal name and the encyclical title. St. Francis was a conscientious consumer of the Earth’s resources and saw the splendor of creation in each of its beings. By weaving a Franciscan view of the natural world throughout the document, the Holy Father provides another example of his goal to return the Church to its mission of ministering to the poor and marginalized and, in this instance, advancing the cause of the environment for those who most depend on it. That’s a goal worthy of the papacy and all of us.

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