Achieving a First: Doneene Damon '89

SJU's Personal Connections to Rebuilding Haiti

Professor and Students Feed the Hungry

Women Enroll As Full-Time Undergrads

40th Anniversary
A little more than five years ago, Saint Joseph’s University embarked on Plan 2010: The Path to Preeminence, an ambitious strategic plan that would enable us to be recognized as the Northeast’s preeminent Catholic comprehensive university. Now, with so many of Plan 2010’s initiatives accomplished, we look forward to the coming decade from a position of academic and financial strength.

Our academic position has been affirmed by the tremendous achievements of our talented faculty and students. U.S. News & World Report recently ranked the Erivan K. Haub School of Business Executive MBA program 20th in the nation. Additionally, over the past two years, four graduating seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences were awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, among other prestigious scholarships.

There is also wonderful news about graduates enrolled in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). Saint Joseph’s tied with Gonzaga University for having the highest number of alumni participants in the JVC. I am immensely proud that 16 alumni have committed to one year of living and working for others.

Our successes do not mean that we will rest on our laurels, however. Saint Joseph’s is blessed with a robust planning culture, and after more than a year of intensive data gathering and planning, a framework for Plan 2020: Gateway to the Future has crystallized. The bold steps we take as we continue to expand our goals will focus on Plan 2020’s five initiatives: academic distinction and a transformative student experience; mission and diversity; global and community engagement; alumni involvement; and financial health. This framework will become the foundation on which we build our future.

The stories in this issue of SJU Magazine highlight Saint Joseph’s faculty, students, administrators, staff and alumni whose work reflects the timeliness and power of Plan 2020’s initiatives.

You will read about three exceptional people — Professor of English Father Patrick Samway, S.J., student Tina Cerin ’11 and Director of Student Services Ms. Carold Boyer-Yancy — who, besides a connection to SJU, have one thing in common. Each has personal connections to Haiti and was affected deeply by the earthquake that struck Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince, in January. Each has found ways to help — individually and working with Saint Joseph’s for the long term — and so Father Samway, Tina and Carold strengthen our mission in the world.

Likewise, the indignities of poverty and hunger weigh heavily on Associate Professor of Food Marketing Martin Meloche, Ph.D. I hope you enjoy reading about the special alchemy that occurred when Professor Meloche brought students into his work with Philabundance, a local hunger relief organization. Where else but at Saint Joseph’s does academic distinction partner so successfully with the community and helping others?

The cover story celebrates an important milestone for Saint Joseph’s. Forty years ago this fall, we admitted the first class including women to the undergraduate day division. Since then, there have been many enhancements to our academic environment, but when you read about the achievements of these successful Saint Joseph’s women, one thing will be clear: a Catholic, Jesuit education deriving from a rich, liberal arts tradition allows students — from the past, present and into the future — to explore exciting intellectual horizons and take their places among leaders.

But for me, a true measure of our success, and one to which I look forward each May, is the unbridled excitement and promise I witness at Commencement. This year, we conferred undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees on more than 2,000 students. While it is possible to quantify many things about these graduates, I also know that this 159th class will make immeasurable contributions to the greater glory of God.

God’s blessings,

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.
President

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Platform shoes, “feathered” hair, pet rocks and disco music were signs of this “far out” time. Can you dig? Nixon was our president; IBM introduced the floppy disk; the Beatles went their separate ways; Garry Trudeau’s comic strip Doonesbury debuted in newspapers, and the Vietnam War raged on. 1970 was a pivotal time in history, and so, too, it was for Saint Joseph’s, as women were first admitted to take full-time classes during the day. While women had been a fixture on campus since the evening school began in 1843, commencing with the fall semester of 1970, they pervaded the classrooms and library in greater numbers, and began to make their presence known in the residence halls, the dining hall, the former Fieldhouse and most areas of campus life. Our cover story celebrates this milestone and some of these groundbreaking women.

Doneene Damon’s time on campus came nearly two decades later, but it was no less significant. Read about the 1989 SJU graduate on pages 18 and 19, as she forged new territory in Delaware when she became the first African American woman to make partner in a law firm.

In this issue, you will see that Saint Joseph’s students continue to achieve notable firsts. As food marketing professor Marty Meloche brought his commitment to ending hunger into the classroom, students followed his lead and helped create Philadelphia’s first Community Food Center. The center was developed in partnership with Philabundance to provide an alternative and more dignified way to feed the hungry.

Dignity and self-respect are terms you hear often when listening to Fr. Patrick Samway, professor of English, speak about Haiti. His many visits there to teach its people. His many visits there to teach its

— Molly Crossan Hart
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ON THE CALENDAR

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Fall semester day classes begin, Mon., Aug. 30.
Fall Break, Mon., Oct. 18–Tue., Oct. 19.
Last day of classes, Sat., Dec. 11.

ACADEMIC EVENTS
6th Annual Study Abroad Fair, Thu., Sept. 16, outside Campion (10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.). Meet Center for International Programs staff, program representatives, study tour faculty and returned students. Contact: 610-660-1835 or sju.edu/upsip.
Fall Career Fair, Thu., Sept. 23, Athletics Center (10 a.m.–2 p.m.). Employers will be recruiting alumni and students for full- and part-time positions, internships, co-ops and volunteer opportunities. Contact: 610-660-3100 or careerfair@sju.edu. sju.edu/careers

ADMISSIONS
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
ERVIN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
For information about graduate programs, contact: Graduate Admissions, 888-SJU-GRAD or graduate@sju.edu. sju.edu/graduate_programs.html or sju.edu/sjulinfosession.html
Professional MBA program information sessions:
• Tuesdays, Aug. 10 and Oct. 19, Mandeville Hall 6 (6 p.m.).
• Thursdays, Aug. 12 and Oct. 21, Pfahler Hall, Ursinus College (5:30 p.m.).
Contact: 610-660-1690. sju.edu/academicshbmbalopenhouse.html
GMAT Prep Workshops, Two Saturdays, Aug. 21 and 28, or Oct. 9 and 16 (9 a.m.–5 p.m.). Cost: $225. sju.edu/gmat
Graduate Business Night at the Phillies, Fri., Sept. 17, Citizens Bank Park (7:05 p.m.). Cost: $25 per person; family and friends welcome. First come, first served. Tickets: tinyurl.com/yesq2ze.
Professional MBA referral program. Refer a friend, family member or colleague through the spring 2011 application period and receive an exclusive, limited-edition SJU hooded sweatshirt for every student who enrolls. Referral forms and program rules: sju.edu/gmbareferral.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
Open Houses: Sat., June 27 and Sun., July 11.
Contact: Undergraduate Admissions, 610-660-1300 or admit@sju.edu.

ALUMNI
Cost: $400 per person. Contact: alumni@sju.edu.
Jack Gallagher ’63 Memorial Alumni Golf Outing, Mon., July 19, Huntington Valley Country Club, 2295 Country Club Dr., Huntington Valley, Pa. (11 a.m.). Contact: Megan Wagner, 610-660-3213 or mwagner@sju.edu. sju.edu/alumnioutgolf
Soar to the Shore beach event, Sat., Aug. 21, La Costa, 4000 Lands Ave., Sea Isle City, N.J. Contact: Becky Annechini, 610-660-3467 or rannech@sju.edu.
Ignatian Circle Mass and Brunch, Sun., Sept. 12, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (11 a.m.). Contact: Amy Holvey, 610-660-3099 or aholvey@sju.edu.

Reunion Weekend 2010, Sept. 24–Sept. 26, on campus. Alumni from class years ending in 5 or 0 and all Golden Hawks are invited. See inside back cover for more information. Contact: Becky Annechini, 610-660-3467 or rannech@sju.edu. sju.edu/alumni/reunion
President’s Cup Golf Invitational, Tue., Oct. 5. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern, Pa. Contact: Becky Jurich, 610-660-3228 or Jurich@sju.edu.
New York Council Cocktail Reception, Tue., Oct. 26, Le Parker Meridien, 119 West 56th Street, New York, N.Y. Contact: Becky Jurich, 610-660-3228 or Jurich@sju.edu.
Alumni Gala, Fri., Nov. 5. Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Shield of Loyola Award recipient: the Honorable Michael A. O’Pake ’61. See page 30 for more information. Contact: Megan Wagner, 610-660-3213 or mwagner@sju.edu. sju.edu/alumni/gala

CAP AND BELLS
Hair, Wed., Oct. 27–Sat., Oct. 30 (8 p.m.) and Sun., Oct. 31 (2 p.m.), Bluet Theater, Post Hall. Tickets: 610-660-1181. www.sju.edu/capandbells/season.php

MINISTRY, FAITH AND SERVICE
The summer schedule for the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial is as follows:
• Sundays, 11 a.m., 8 and 10 p.m.
• Mon.–Fri., 12:05 p.m.
• Mon.–Wed., 9:15 p.m.

STUDENT LIFE
Class of 2014 Freshman Orientation, Wed., July 14–Wed., July 21 and Sun., Aug. 29. Contact: orientation@sju.edu. sju.edu/orientation

KINNEY CENTER FOR AUTISM EDUCATION AND SUPPORT
College-bound Retreat for Students with Autism, Tue., July 27 and Wed., July 28 (10 a.m.–3 p.m.). Two-day program to provide potential college-bound students with a comprehensive overview of college life. Registration fee: $20.
After School Social Skills, Mon.–Thu., June 28–July 29 (Tues. and Weds. evenings for one hour based on age group.) Helps kids affected by ASD, ages 3–14, with communication and social skills. Offered in fall, winter and spring. Registration fee: $20; cost: $160.
Contact: 610-660-2170 or kinneyautism@sju.edu. kinneyautism.sju.edu/services
Since 1988, the Erivan K. Haub family has supported business education at Saint Joseph’s University. The family’s generosity has given Saint Joseph’s access to resources for dramatic improvements to the business curriculum as well as physical expansion. On April 29, Saint Joseph’s Erivan K. Haub School of Business (HSB) expressed the University’s gratitude to the Haub family by recognizing Erivan, Helga, Karl-Erivan, Georg and Christian with the 20th annual Hall of Fame award. More than 500 guests attended the event held at the Philadelphia Marriott. This is the first time the Haub School has celebrated a family with this honor.

The annual Hall of Fame award recognizes business leaders who exemplify the characteristics of excellence the school of business seeks to foster in its students. As recipients of this award, the Haub family is acknowledged for their dedication to the advancement of global communication, international trade, education, historic preservation and environmental protection.

“The Haub family’s generosity has been transformational for Saint Joseph’s,” says University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. “The entire Saint Joseph’s community is deeply grateful to the Haubs for their longtime support and friendship.”

The most notable change in business education at Saint Joseph’s came in 1997 when the College of Business and Administration received a gift from the Haub family to name the school. The Erivan K. Haub School of Business quickly grew to be the largest undergraduate Jesuit business school in the United States as well as one of the leading providers of graduate business education in Philadelphia.

“I am extremely fortunate to have a family whose dedication to education has always been uppermost in their minds, not only as a cornerstone of our social responsibility but as a key element of building and sustaining a successful business model,” said Christian, executive chairman of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

In 1999, HSB earned AACSB accreditation through the expansion of programs and soon ranked both locally and nationally as a leader in business education. AACSB has recently extended accreditation to the Haub School, noting its “commitment to ethics, justice and social responsibility while experiencing rapid growth.”

“We have experienced dynamic change over the past decade, enhancing the Haub School’s reputation as a leader in quality business education,” said Dean Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.). “We are grateful to the Haub family’s support and partnership for making this growth possible.”

The Erivan K. Haub family owns the Tengelmann Group, one of Germany’s largest food retailers, and A&P, a Montvale, N.J.-based supermarket chain. At the helm of the family, Erivan and Helga have received international recognition for their achievements. In 1992, Saint Joseph’s awarded them honorary degrees. Most recently, Erivan was chosen as the first recipient of the International Earth Day Award for his environmental and sustainable development work. In 2004, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross 1st Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his work as an entrepreneur and for engaging in an exceptional way for his fellow-beings, culture, charity and above all for the protection of the environment.

In recognition of Helga Haub and the Tengelmann Group’s longstanding efforts to provide support for American troops stationed abroad, she was honored with the “Spirit of Hope” award at the USO’s 60th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC. Helga Haub is a member of the USO World Board.
NEW ALUMNI FACE POSITIVE POST-GRADUATION OUTLOOK

The job outlook for Saint Joseph’s Class of 2010 is positive despite the nation’s economic conditions and unemployment rate, if last year is any indication. The unemployment rate for new graduates decreased from 2008 to 2009 and holds steady at about half of the national rate at five percent; 95 percent of undergraduate degree holders either committed to employment, continued their education, enrolled in volunteer programs or other endeavors prior to 2010. For nontraditional students graduating from the College of Professional and Liberal Studies, the average salary rose more than $10,000 from 2008. The positive trends are expected to continue this year, though more people are expected to enroll in post-graduate year-of-service programs or graduate school. “Compared to last year, the class of 2010 is going to face a slightly more challenging job market as economists are referring to this as a “job-less” recovery,” said Matthew Brink, director of the Career Services Center. “Still, I have no doubt this class of students is not only well prepared but also extremely motivated to put in the work needed for a successful transition.”

SAINT JOSEPH’S CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT

Saint Joseph’s celebrated its 159th Commencement ceremonies on May 15, awarding 955 undergraduate degrees, 902 master’s degrees and 12 doctoral degrees, and 170 degrees through the College of Professional and Liberal Studies.

At the undergraduate ceremony, the University granted an honorary doctorate in commercial science to John E. Pepper Jr., chairman of the board for the Walt Disney Company and retired chairman and CEO of Procter & Gamble Company. During the graduate proceedings, Saint Joseph’s awarded an honorary doctorate of public service to Arnold L. Mitchem, president of the nonprofit Council for Opportunity in Education. Mitchem has dedicated his career to furthering the expansion of educational opportunities for low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities.

Several faculty were also presented with awards at the undergraduate ceremony, including:

- John McCall, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and management and director of the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics, received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Respected by his peers and students alike, McCall earned this once-in-a-lifetime award for his teaching at the undergraduate, graduate and executive levels, with a focus on his dedication to teaching ethics in innovative, meaningful ways.

- The 2010 Tengelmann Award for Distinguished Teaching and Research was presented to Karen Snetselaar, Ph.D., professor and chair of biology, and director of the GeoKids LINKS program for K-5 science educational outreach in urban schools. The award recognizes Dr. Snetselaar’s research on fungal plant diseases, her dedication to providing service-learning opportunities to the biology department and her ongoing involvement of students in her work.

- Catherine Murray, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and Gender Studies program chair, earned the Lifetime Service Award. Her dedication to work in her department and Saint Joseph’s overall has made a lasting impact on the University. She has influenced the academic experience of each student through her work as the 2009-10 Faculty Senate president.

To meet a few of Saint Joseph’s newest alumni, please see page 38.
HAUB HONOR SOCIETY GARNERS THE GOLD

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), the national honor society for AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — named the Erivan K. Haub School of Business as its 2010 Gold Chapter Award winner.

“This is an honor that reflects on the entire HSB team — students, faculty, staff and administration,” said Joseph DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), Haub School dean.

The prestigious award is given to a chapter that encourages and honors academic achievement and fosters personal and professional excellence among its members. As a Gold Chapter, BGS will provide one Saint Joseph’s student member with a $1,500 scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year.

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Stemming from this assumption, her research focuses on the pivotal question, “How are telomeres maintained so that we can understand how they are involved in cell aging and cancer?”

The grant provides funding for equipment and supplies, as well as two Summer Scholars’ participation in the research. Danielle Tietleman ’11 and Lynsey Daniels ’11, a Barbelin Scholar, are working with Lee this summer.

“I hope to learn a lot about techniques of research,” said Tietleman, “and I am curious to see how the protein interactions at the telomere affect cell life and longevity.”

FOOD MARKETING PROFESSOR NAMED TO USDA BOARD

Nancy Childs, Ph.D., was appointed to serve as the national representative for food retailing and marketing for the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board. She will help oversee the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s top priorities, policies and multi-billion dollar funding for the nation’s research and education in food at land grant colleges and other educational and research institutions. A Saint Joseph’s professor of food marketing, Childs is serving a three-year term.

The board contributes to federal agricultural research, education, and education programs through broad stakeholder feedback and sound science. It also serves as an advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture, while consulting with appropriate agricultural committees of the U.S. Congress.

A marketing and consumer researcher, Childs believes the board’s interests are now more in line with consumer behavior than in the past. The Obama administration has reorganized the USDA to reflect a shift in focus from just a ‘more food at lowest cost’ model to one more focused on health and sustainability in agricultural production, according to Childs.

“This administration is thinking about food in a more sophisticated way than ever before,” she said, sharing the USDA’s five priority areas moving forward: global food security and hunger, climate change, sustainable energy, childhood obesity, and food safety.

Childs also serves on Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell’s Food Safety Advisory Board and has past committee appointments with the Food and Drug Administration and the National Academy of Sciences.

AUTHOR, HUMORIST RETURNS TO CAMPUS

Joe Queenan ’72 (B.A.), author, culture critic and humorist, presented “Why Europe Still Matters — At Least to My Family,” on campus in February. He shared stories about his life abroad after graduation and his return to the United States to pursue a writing career. One of Saint Joseph’s first Honors Program participants, Queenan has authored nine books and has been a contributing writer for the New York Times, GQ and Rolling Stone.

GRANT SUPPORTS PROFESSOR’S CANCER RESEARCH

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), one of the 27 centers and institutes that make up the National Institutes of Health (NIH), awarded a $163,000 grant to Julia Lee, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, to pursue a research initiative into the science of cancer and aging. Lee’s research concentration examines telomeres, or DNA sequences that cap the ends of chromosomes. Telomeres shorten with cell replication. When they become so eroded that they are unable to protect the end of the chromosome, the cell may die.

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HAUB SCHOOL OFFERS NEW FINANCE MAJORS

Many believe that business graduates with double majors have a compelling edge over their peers in an uncertain job market. Karen Hogan, Ph.D., chair and professor of finance at Saint Joseph’s, agrees. “In this market, it absolutely makes sense to have a double major,” she said. This is why Hogan and Erivan K. Haub School of Business (HSB) administrators spearheaded an effort to branch the finance department into three majors: general finance, financial planning and risk management and insurance.

HSB Dean Joseph DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70 (B.S.), says Saint Joseph’s program provides a critical niche in the marketplace, with only Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania offering degrees in the insurance field.

“The risk management and insurance program was designed in accordance with the business school’s unique approach to ethical management, academic excellence and industry-focused programs,” said DiAngelo. “Students will receive the skill sets necessary for successful careers in this growing field.” A double major or minor in risk management and insurance can also be beneficial for College of Arts and Sciences students studying actuarial science and criminal justice.

Vi-Zanne Ho ’11 has always been drawn to working with numbers and is excited about the new offerings. “It’s great that finance and actuarial science allow me to combine my studies together with my passion,” she said. “Having a second major is extremely useful; hopefully, I will be able to present myself as a better candidate for employment.”

VIVIAN STRINGER SPEAKS ON CAMPUS

C. Vivian Stringer and her Rutgers team gained national attention in 2007 for their grace and poise in dealing with disparaging on-air comments made by shock jock Don Imus. In April, she came to Saint Joseph’s to share lessons learned and stories of perseverance with her lecture titled “Standing Tall, Breaking Barriers.” The address, part of the Diversity Lecture Series sponsored by the University’s Office of Multicultural Life, followed her journey in women’s basketball and the challenges and adversities she has overcome along the way.

KINNEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Since opening its doors last October, the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support (kinneyautism.sju.edu) has brought Saint Joseph’s students new experiential learning opportunities. Foremost among them is the Kinney SCHOLARS, Students Committed to Helping Others Learn about Autism Research and Support, who engage youths living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in different programs.

The first class of SCHOLARS comprises 16 Saint Joseph’s undergraduates with majors in special education, psychology and interdisciplinary health services. Psychology major Danny Cahalin ’12 said, “Becoming a Kinney SCHOLAR is such an amazing opportunity for me. I’m so thankful and excited for the chance to make a difference in a child’s life.”

Under the supervision of a licensed psychologist and a certified behavior analyst last spring, SCHOLARS worked with youngsters with ASD to build social skills in a fun and relaxed small group setting during an after-school program. “We have designed the social skills sessions to give every child the individual attention and step-by-step approach to skill-building so that they can be successful,” said Michelle Rowe, Ph.D., executive director of the Kinney Center and professor of health services.

For five weeks this summer, several SCHOLARS will continue their Kinney Center work as counselors for a day camp open to both neurotypical children as well as those living with ASD.

MANY NEW GRADS CHOOSING JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

Saint Joseph’s tied with Gonzaga for having the highest number of alumni from any college or university committing to serve in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (jesuitvolunteers.org) this year. Largely focused on social service and education, Jesuit Volunteers aim to help the most vulnerable members of society, acting as men and women for others. Last year, the group saw a 10 percent increase in overall participation, with the highest number from Saint Joseph’s since 2001.

SJU’s 16 volunteers are working to support local organizations in the United States, with service sites also in Chile, Belize, Nicaragua, Peru, Micronesia and Tanzania.
MacLean Chair Channels Cross-Cultural Experiences

The journey of Dudley Mendonça, S.J., began half a world away in Mumbai, India. Fr. Mendonça, who holds a master’s degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola University in Chicago, and a doctorate in the same from Loyola University in Maryland, has stayed connected to his Indian roots throughout his career.

Last semester’s Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair, Fr. Mendonça offered a lecture on the similarities of the Hindu beliefs in the four Aramas, or life stages, with Carl Jung’s theories. He continued to pull from his cross-cultural experiences for the psychology course he taught, adding new views of lifespan development as he covered the perspectives of Sigmund Freud, Erik Erikson, Jung and James Fowler. The latter two lend themselves to ideas of psycho-spirituality, according to Fr. Mendonça, meaning that “God is inside all of us, and we must deal with the psyche to access the spirit.”

His service ended in May, when he returned to the Sadhana Institute in Pune, India, to practice clinical therapy and teach in the Institute’s master’s-level program.

Service Site Has Students Running for Shelter

Saint Joseph’s students hit the ground running in January with a new weekly service site at Our Brother’s Place (OBP) shelter in Philadelphia. Before the sun is up, and only a few hours after many college students have gone to bed, a University van heads into the city in time for a 5:30 a.m. run. Men from OBP, alongside volunteers, participate in the Back on My Feet (BOMF) program, which helps promote the self-sufficiency of the homeless by building confidence and self-esteem through running. BOMF has several locations in the Philadelphia area where shelter residents and volunteers gather three mornings a week to run.

Rachel Beckley, a BOMF volunteer and leader of the OBP team, noted how important the SJU presence has been. “The students from St. Joe’s bring a tremendous amount to OBP,” she said. “They are some of our most consistent and dedicated volunteers.”

It’s not just about running. Students participate in weekend social events with the residents, such as bowling, pizza parties and movie nights. “The goal is to build relationships,” says Alie Muolo ’10, OBP site coordinator for SJU volunteers. “We support each other, and everyone — residents and volunteers alike — benefits from that.”

Founded in Philadelphia two years ago, BOMF expanded to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and launched in Boston in May. For more information, visit backonmyfeet.org.

State, Local Politicians Contribute to Government Class

Joe Powers ’71 (B.S.) thinks outside the textbook. As an adjunct professor of political science, he took a unique approach to his state and local government course, inviting guest speakers with hands-on experience in public service to engage his class. “I want my students to see that public service can be a very fulfilling career, and enhance their interest in being involved with it,” he said. “There are ways you can teach that in a classroom, but there is also merit in letting students see it, or hear about it, firsthand.”

Among the speakers were political commentator Buzz Bissinger, best known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning political journalism and his book, Friday Night Lights. Additional speakers included Pa. Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger, Pa. Budget Treasurer Rob McCord, Pa. Budget Secretary Mary Sorderberg, and State Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, Esq. ’79 (B.A.), also an SJU trustee.

Powers himself has more than 37 years of experience working in state government, from tracking legislation for the Pa. Legislative Reference Bureau to his most recent post as executive deputy secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, from which he retired in 2009.
John J. Tudor, Ph.D., appreciates the little things in life. The really, really little things.

A professor of biology, Tudor studies *Bdellovibrio bacteriovorus*. “In my opinion, this is one of the coolest organisms on earth,” said Tudor. “It swims with lightning speed and attacks and devours many other types of bacteria, including pathogens like *Salmonella, E. coli, Pseudomonas* and *Shigella*.”

But microbes are not the only infectious aspects of Tudor’s work. He has been teaching microbiology to undergraduates for 40 years, and his work has not gone unnoticed. In January, he was named the 2010 Carski Foundation Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award Laureate. Bestowed by the American Society for Microbiology, the award honors an educator for outstanding teaching of microbiology to undergraduate students and for encouraging them to subsequent achievement.

Tudor has spent 33 years of his teaching career at Saint Joseph’s, developing and teaching coursework in a variety of areas for both biology and non-science majors. He has inspired more than half of his estimated 1,000 students in microbiology to complete advanced degrees in the biomedical sciences.

“Tudor is a man who has a passion for life, a passion for teaching, and a passion for passing on his love for biology to his students,” said McCann. “I know firsthand that he has made a positive impact on my life.”

John Griffin Jr. ’78 (left) and Bill Phillips ’02 accept their awards at the annual Men’s Basketball Awards Banquet in April.
**FATHER AND DAUGHTER SHARE ACHIEVEMENTS ON HAWK HILL**

Stephen Porth, Ph.D. ’80 (B.S.), associate dean for academic affairs and executive director of graduate programs, Erivan K. Haub School of Business, and wife (Mary Kearney) Porth ’81 (B.A.), both alumni, insist it was “never a foregone conclusion” that daughter Molly ‘10 (B.A.) or son Leo ‘14 would go to SJU. Molly may have followed her dad, a management professor, to Hawk Hill, but she didn’t try to fill his wing tips — sliding into a pair of kelly green Keds is more her style.

The Porths often worked collaboratively at Saint Joseph’s during the past four years, supporting each other’s interests. In May, they went to El Hongo and Tijuana, Mexico, as part of the Summer Immersion program. Molly, an English-Spanish double major, was the student leader, and Steve was the faculty facilitator. Molly also served as a Summer Scholar multiple times, contributing to her father’s research on the media’s portrayal of the pharmaceutical industry.

This year marks further accomplishments for both, as father celebrates a career milestone and daughter launches her career with an award already in hand.

**ERIVAN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**STEPHEN PORTH, PH.D. ’80, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT**

**ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Stephen Porth was recognized with the Bene Merenti medal at Commencement, a celebration of 25 years of service at Saint Joseph’s. Porth has a long perspective on the business school, which he entered as a freshman in 1976. Now, as associate dean for academic affairs and executive director of graduate programs of the Erivan K. Haub School of Business, he manages the graduate business programs, which enroll more than 1,000 students in Executive MBA, MBA and MS degree programs. He is president of the University’s chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students. Under his leadership, Saint Joseph’s won the 2010 Gold Chapter Award and the Haub School has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its excellence in many areas. (See page five.)

Porth was also one of the professors who created the Business Policy course and competition. A true capstone course, Business Policy allows students to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired during their four years at SJU. Students divide into teams of four or five, delve into challenges faced by various businesses and organizations, and help them develop strategic plans. Teams with the best plans from each of the course’s seven sections advance to the Business Policy competition, a showcase event held in front of a standing-room-only crowd of hundreds of students, faculty and parents, where they are judged by senior industry executives on plan content and the quality of the presentations.

“The competition has added to the academic culture at Saint Joseph’s,” said Porth, “and has even landed some students jobs with impressed judges.”

Besides teaching business policy, leadership and strategy courses, Porth conducts pharmaceutical industry research. For the past six years, along with George Sillup, Ph.D., assistant professor and chair of pharmaceutical marketing, Porth has investigated the media’s portrayal of the pharmaceutical industry.

“I wanted to explore the tension between the mission of pharmaceutical companies to improve the quality of life, and the many ethical questions raised by the media about this industry,” he said.

Porth says he’s always felt that his personal values were aligned with the Jesuit values of the University.

“What has kept me here,” said Porth, “is that I’ve always been happy with the type of work I do and the people I’ve worked with.”

**MOLLY PORTH ’10 RECEIVES FULBRIGHT ASSISTANTSHIP**

Molly Porth’s list of activities and achievements as an undergraduate is long. She participated in the Honors and Summer Scholars programs as well as the Harambee African Awareness organization; was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society; and managed the basketball team for four years. And now, she has earned a greater accomplishment — a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

An English and Spanish double major, Molly first considered applying for the Fulbright when studying abroad in Santiago, Chile, her junior year. She was nearing the end of her time there and wasn’t ready to leave. Her father, Stephen Porth ‘80, was visiting and suggested the Fulbright as a way to continue immersing herself in the Spanish language after graduation. With the prestigious assistantship, she will teach English in Mexico next year.

Molly’s passion for teaching first took hold in the spring ’09 semester. As a full-time student, she taught Spanish to high school students at her alma mater, Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

“I enjoy working with high school students,” she said. “My age offers me a unique opportunity to serve as a mentor as well as a teacher, and relate to them in a more direct way, like their peers would.”

After returning from Mexico, Molly hopes to pursue either more teaching opportunities abroad or a graduate degree in ethnography, focusing on travel writing and sociological research.

— Rachel Mattos ’10
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: CUE THE GOLDFISH!

Birds of a feather flock together, they say, but what about fish of the same fin? Scott McRobert, Ph.D., professor of biology, is asking this question about goldfish, specifically, Carassius auratus, and their grouping behavior, known as shoaling. He has published research on shoaling in other kinds of fish, but he’s using a new technique to study the brightly colored goldfish: Fish Cam (sju.edu/academics/cas/biology/resources/biodiversity/fishcam).

Fish Cam constantly films a 20-gallon segmented tank via a wireless Internet camera, so that students in different locations can view the experiment live. Students at Friends Central School in Wynnewood, Pa., and Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., were the first to set their eyes on the tank.

“It is an exciting and creative way to teach science to schoolchildren,” said McRobert, who hopes that eventually Fish Cam will become a regular resource for teaching science around the world.

One experiment compares how much time a single fish, isolated by a transparent wall, spends next to a neighboring shoal of several goldfish versus the empty adjacent chamber. Both children and researchers monitor the fish each day with different test fish over a two-week period.

In a collaborative effort between SJU’s National Science Foundation GeoKids LINKS (Learning Involving Neighborhoods, Kids and Science) program and the Wagner Free Institute of Science, McRobert hopes Fish Cam will soon involve many other Philadelphia-area schools. “Fish Cam is a nice use of technology that is not just a gimmick,” said Karen Snetselaar, Ph.D., chair and professor of biology and director of SJU’s LINKS program. “It enables children to do real science — the same research that Saint Joseph’s students are doing.”

CHRIS DJULIA WINS AWARD FOR SERVICE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Youth Organization presented Chris DiJulia with the Tom Gola Award in March for his faith, courage, spirit and support of others through sports. DiJulia, who has cerebral palsy, is an honorary assistant men’s and women’s basketball coach at SJU. He has also served as an assistant CYO basketball coach at St. Denis Parish in Havertown, Pa., and an assistant hockey coach at Cardinal O’Hara High School in Springfield, Pa. His father is Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), associate vice president and director of athletics.

SJU REMEMBERS THE HOLOCAUST

Saint Joseph’s University hosted several events to remember and promote discussion about the Holocaust and its impact on society, ethics and history.

In March, Saint Joseph’s hosted the Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., served as the 2010 honorary chair. The international conference is dedicated to teaching, learning and remembering the lessons of the Holocaust while examining churches’ struggles and failures to confront Nazi anti-Semitism and “the Final Solution.” This year’s conference also focused on memorializing its late founder, Franklin H. Littell, a renowned Holocaust expert who passed away in 2009.

Scholars from Australia, Belarus, England, France, Germany, Israel, Japan and Russia attended the conference. John McCall, Ph.D., director of SJU’s Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics and professor of management and philosophy, led a plenary session about the ethics lessons learned from Auschwitz. During the conference, Saint Joseph’s also offered two public programs — a memorial service for Littell and an address by Rabbi Dr. Irving Greenburg about the Holocaust.

Saint Joseph’s Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations also offered a panel discussion, “Why Christians Must Remember the Shoah,” in April. “The building of the new relationship between Jews and Catholics can only advance if together we honestly confront the dark chapters of our history,” observed Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., professor of theology and Institute director.
ALUMNUS, KIXX STAR TO COACH SOCCER

Professional and collegiate soccer standout Don D’Ambra ’94 (B.S.) is returning to Saint Joseph’s as head men’s soccer coach after a successful career as both a coach and player for the Major Indoor Soccer League’s Philadelphia KiXX. He brings 16 seasons of professional playing experience and eight years of coaching experience to the Hawks. As a four-time All-Star and an all-time leading scorer for the KiXX, he has brought the team to two championships both as a player and a coach.

“Don’s passion and commitment to excel will encourage the success of our student-athletes and the soccer program from its solid foundation built by his predecessors,” said Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), associate vice president and director of athletics. “He brings energy and a vision for the future of the Hawk soccer program. Don made us proud during his playing days here and no doubt will make us even more proud during his tenure as our head coach.”

“It’s an honor and the fulfillment of a long-time goal to be named the head coach at my alma mater,” said D’Ambra. “The level of education and new facilities here at Saint Joseph’s are top-rate, and I hope to bring the soccer program up to that same standard of excellence. I’m looking forward to the challenge of establishing a soccer program that will attract top-quality players from not only this region, but nationally and beyond. I’m thrilled to be back.”

He replaces Tom Turner, who retired after 26 seasons as the Hawks head coach. D’Ambra was an assistant coach for Turner’s staff during 1996-99.

Don DiJulia ’67, soccer coach Don D’Ambra ’94 and Hawk players: Timothy Brennan ’13, Sean Caravas ’12, Tom Smart ’12 and Travis Gast ’10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FACULTY EMERITI AND BENE MERENTI RECIPIENTS

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

George Prendergast, Ph.D., ’55 (B.S.), former department chair and professor of economics, served 54 years as a Saint Joseph’s faculty member.

Michael Morris ’56 (left) and Don DiJulia ’67, associate vice president and director of athletics (right), congratulate Prendergast ’55 (center) on his retirement during an event attended by alumni, students, faculty and staff at the University’s Robert M. Gillin Jr. Boathouse in April. The student Economics Society honored Prendergast with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

PROFESSOR EMERITA

Dagmar Wienroeder-Skinner, Ph.D., associate professor of German and faculty advisor for German majors and minors, retired after 18 years at the University.

Wienroeder-Skinner

Bene Merenti medals were bestowed upon the following faculty for 25 years of teaching:

Jonathan Hodgson, Ph.D., Computer Science
Donald Leitner, Ph.D., Psychology
Stephen Porth, Ph.D. ’80 (B.S.), Management and Dean’s Office
Robert Shannon, Ph.D., Foreign Languages & Literatures
David Sorensen, D. Phil., English
A.J. Stagliano, Ph.D., Accounting
Ahmet Tezel, Ph.D., Finance

SJU PROFESSOR MAKES ‘JEOPARDY!’ CLUE BOARD

Tom Coyne, visiting instructor of English, made his mark on pop culture history on Feb. 15, when he was the subject of a clue on ABC’s Jeopardy! The answer was the $400 clue in the category “Nonfiction.”

None of the contestants rang in to give the response, “What is Tiger?”

THE TITLE OF TOM COYNE’S GOLF MEMOIR, “PAPER THIS, PAYS HOMAGE TO GEORGE PLIMPTON’S “PAPER LION”

News Contributors: Patricia Allen, Jennifer Burrini ’10 (B.A.), Tom Clark ’10 (B.A.), Harriet Goodheart, Nicole Katze, Jeffrey Martin ’04 (B.A.), ’05 (M.A.), Rachel Mattos ’10 (B.A.), Brooke Neifert, Carolyn Steigleman ’10 (M.A.), Marie Wozniak.
Women on Hawk Hill

By Marisa Fulton '03 (B.A.)
As a freshman, Michelle Pionkowski arrived on Hawk Hill for move-in day, she was well-prepared and excited, though more than a little bit anxious. With her family by her side and belongings in hand, the Cherry Hill, N.J., native approached the new residence she would call home, nervous and eager to open a new chapter in her life.

Pionkowski's first day at college sounds like that of many others — she would meet a roommate, wave a tearful good-bye to her parents and attempt to navigate a maze of buildings to find the elusive dining hall. In one very important way, however, her experience as an incoming freshman was unique. It was 1971, and Pionkowski was one student in only the second class of women admitted as full-time undergraduates to Saint Joseph’s College.
According to Saint Joseph’s: Philadelphia’s Jesuit University 150 Years, several factors contributed to this groundbreaking decision, including the belief that coeducation would help “widen the applicant pool of potential applicants … allowing the college to raise admissions standards as well as increase total enrollment.”

“It was inevitable that we would allow women in as undergraduates,” says Fr. Toland, who last year celebrated his 70th jubilee as a Jesuit. “We already had women attending the evening college, which was huge those days at Saint Joseph’s. Women were on campus at 4, 5 p.m. each day. To see women on campus was not unusual.”

James Moore, S.J., who was director of admissions from 1963 to 1978 and retired from Saint Joseph’s in 2008, recalls the decision as a logical step in keeping with other institutions. “Many schools, including the Ivy Leagues and other Jesuit universities like Georgetown University, had already made the move to coeducation in the late 1960s, and it seemed to be about the right time to be doing so,” he says.

The first coeds applied to Saint Joseph’s for varied reasons. Some, like Pionkowski ’75 (B.A.), now a prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, had received a substantial academic scholarship and were also looking to attend a Jesuit college. Some had already attended a coed Catholic high school and wanted a similar college experience, like Mary Lou (Finlayson) Quinlan ’75 (B.A.), a graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia. Mary Scullion, R.S.M. ’76 (B.S.), who had joined the Sisters of Mercy in Merion, says it was because “Saint Joseph’s was close and had a strong psychology program.” Others had a familiarity with the college, with a sibling or friends already attending, as was the case for Patricia (McElwee) Mahoney ’76 (B.S.).

While a poll conducted by the Study Group on Coeducation indicated the majority of students, faculty and alumni were agreeable or strongly in favor of coeducation, there were mixed emotions. For many, coeducation was a natural next step for the growing commuter school. Fr. Toland looks back on the move as uneventful. “The decision was made, and women were admitted — there was nothing dramatic about it,” he says.

Some faculty members recall the events slightly differently. Associate Professor of Psychology Catherine Murray, Ph.D., who joined the faculty in 1965, observed some opposition from the administration. “I remember the decision was very controversial and that some people were opposed to it — especially some of the Jesuits, who felt women would detract from the academic quality of Saint Joseph’s,” Murray says. “It wasn’t consistent with their tradition. It was very hard for them to do this. Ultimately, what decided it was the feeling that financially it was a practical necessity.”

Professor of French Thomas Donahue, Ph.D. ’64 (B.A.), who became a faculty member the year following his SJC graduation, also noted the tension. “I don’t think it was the easiest decision,” he says. “There was some opposition from the older Jesuits, I think.”

The faculty may have been more in agreement with the College’s decision to admit...
women to the day program. “In the English department, they were ready for it,” says Eileen Cohen, Ph.D., professor emerita of English. She believes one of the reasons she was hired in 1968 was to increase the number of female faculty members in preparation for the integration. According to a guide published by the Women’s Center in 1995-96, nine of the 134 faculty were female in 1970 and that number grew to 22 of 158 by 1988.

O
nce women were at Saint Joseph’s full-time, the campus seemed to adjust quickly. Both male and female students were housed together, in fact, in the newly built LaFarge Residence Hall and Greaton Hall (now known as Tara Hall). Dominic Roberti, Ph.D., who chaired the Study Group on Coeducation, was quoted in *Saint Joseph’s College: A Family Portrait, 1851-1976*, as saying, “Just having women on campus is not enough. We have to have them here in the same status as men, equal in opportunity and facilities.”

Although Pionkowski’s father was initially concerned about the coed living arrangements, she says the situation was amicable. “The male students at the other end of the hall treated us like sisters since they saw us (and vice versa) all the time with pink robes on and curlers in our hair,” she says, “as we talked on the only two pay phones available on the entire floor, located at opposite ends of the hall.”

“The first day we arrived, the guys from the dorm helped us unload our cars,” says Josephine (Grisoglio) Kulbick ’74 (B.A.). “We were definitely a novelty!” Their newness was on the women’s minds when they named their halls in the dormitory, too. Kulbick says one end of the third floor became “Hawkins,” derived from Hawk Hens.

Women also found their place in athletics. Ellen Ryan, associate athletics director, was hired by Athletic Director Michael Blee, S.J., for a part-time position to coach the first Division I women’s basketball team in 1973. Facility use was already maximized by the men, so “we just took what we got,” she says. They practiced in the evening and posted an impressive 9-2 record their first year. “We had a pretty decent team,” says Ryan. It included Muffett (O’Brien) McGraw ’77 (B.S.), now Notre Dame’s head coach of women’s basketball. In 1975, Ryan was hired as the first administrator for women’s athletics, responsible for introducing additional women’s sports.

Other women found their niche on stage. “I was very involved with the Student Union Musical Theatre program, and I was immediately cast in ‘The Roar of the Greasepaint’… and fell in love with someone, too!” Quinlan says. “I was later cast as the lead in ‘Miss Julie.’ My closest friends — male and female — were with me in Bluett Theatre.”

As an undergraduate, Sr. Scullion was heavily involved with Campus Ministry’s
The women were competitive.

To get into Saint Joseph’s, you had to be brilliant and work hard.

Peace Justice Action Team, which addressed the issue of hunger under the direction of Ed Brady, S.J., director of the Peace Studies Center and later founder of the Faith-Justice Institute. Sr. Scullion would go on to become the co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., a nationally recognized non-profit organization devoted to housing advocacy in Philadelphia. She says her experiences doing community service at Saint Joseph’s opened her eyes to the issues to which she would later devote her life’s work.

In the classroom, the addition of women was generally viewed as beneficial to both the faculty and the students. Quinlan says, “The guys were great, and the faculty was wonderful. Sometimes I’d realize, ‘Hey, I’m the only girl in this class!’ Like I’d forgotten!

“They respected us,” she adds. “They made us feel 100 percent Hawk, 100 percent Jesuit.”

Biology professor emerita Kay Nash, hired in 1948 as the first female faculty member, believes that “the male students resented the admission of women a bit. The women were competitive. To get into Saint Joseph’s, you had to be brilliant and work hard.”

Murray explains, “The addition of women enhanced, not detracted, from the quality of students. Some of the best students I have ever had at Saint Joseph’s were students who came in the 1970s. Having female students changed the whole classroom and teaching dynamic.”

Donahue’s reflections on women in the classroom are similar. “The students that arrived in the 1970s were some of the best I have ever taught,” he says. “The boys were forced to become men and were much less rowdy. This decision completely transformed the institution for the better.”

The late 1960s and early 1970s were times of great change, not only for Saint Joseph’s, but also for the entire country. Civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968. The Vietnam War led to a divided and emotionally charged nation. In March 1970, the tragic Kent State shootings occurred, killing four students there and wounding nine others.

While “the overall mood of the country at the time was very stressed out and tense,” remembers Fr. Toland, it appears that Saint Joseph’s students opposed — or supported — the war quietly.

“To this day, I still remember Kent State and the Vietnam War — many of my friends, my brother included, drawing a low draft number,” says Mahoney.

For women in particular, the late 1960s and early 1970s were pivotal. The women's
The rights movement had sparked an awareness and activism across the country. On campus, women in these first coeducational classes began to form support groups, including a Women’s Center on campus.

Quinlan, founder and CEO of Just Ask a Woman, a leading women’s marketing company, tells of her experience with the women’s movement during her time at Saint Joseph’s. “I had started to join consciousness-raising groups and figured I’d get the St. Joe’s women all riled up, too,” she says. “But honestly, there were only a few women really into that. Most seemed confident in themselves, happy in their lives.”

It wasn’t until 1991 that a formal Women’s Studies minor was created at Saint Joseph’s, guided by Concha Alborg, Ph.D., professor emerita of Spanish. Today, the program is thriving. “Our goal is for students to learn feminist theory in their own disciplines and apply it to other courses as well,” says Alborg.

Saint Joseph’s named its first female vice president, Linda Lelii, Ph.D., in 1993. She was chosen to lead student life, after serving as an assistant vice president for academic affairs since 1987. “Initially, I found some puzzlement about who I was on campus,” she says, as she learned the norms of the mostly male group on the President’s Cabinet while working to retain her identity as a woman. “It was a bit of a balancing act.”

Lelii, now a psychologist in the Counseling Center and psychology faculty member, wrote the University’s first sexual harassment policy in 1993. She has noticed that female students have become more vocal about sexual harassment through the years and says, “The faculty have to be complimented, because many of them have been very supportive of the policy and of students who experienced harassment on campus.”

The number of female faculty has grown over time, to 39 percent as of fall 2009. The ratio of women in the student body has grown more quickly, with females accounting for over half of traditional day school enrollment. That growth has translated into a comfortable campus environment for women today. Holly Pronko ’09 (B.B.A.), who was student body president and is a founding member of National Community Day, says, “I’ve never noticed a difference in how males and females are treated at Saint Joseph’s.”

Gina Mazzulla ’91, a former Student Government Association president and currently president of the SJU Alumni Association, concurs. “I simply took advantage of the opportunities that were available to me and pursued what I enjoyed.”

In addition to full participation in campus activities, women at Saint Joseph’s now have several other resources and means of support, including the student-run Women’s Group, which creates discussion around current issues facing women today, and the Women’s Leadership Council, a group of key alumnae offering networking and career development opportunities for current female students.

Today, members of those first ground-breaking classes of women are still pleased with their decision to attend Saint Joseph’s 40 years ago, and many have stayed involved with their alma mater. “SJU was very high energy, had lots of interesting students and a great faculty,” says Sr. Scullion, a former Trustee. “My experience there was an important part of my development as a person, for my faith and my commitment to social justice.”

Mahoney, who served as acting president and president of the Alumni Association during 2003-07 says, “I can truly say that Saint Joseph’s University helped to make me the person I am today. From my four years as a student to the 30-plus years since graduation, I continue to experience the Jesuit principle of being a person for others.”

A former Saint Joseph’s Trustee, Quinlan whole-heartedly agrees. “I am eternally grateful I chose St. Joe’s,” she says. “I have loved it ever since. The experience has helped me demand performance and generosity from myself. It’s the best of brains and heart. Since my career has been all about advancing women, the coeducation pioneer spirit still lives.”

Marisa Fulton graduated with a minor in Gender Studies from Saint Joseph’s in 2003.
In the First State, a First

By Samantha Hansell

Twenty years after graduation, a Saint Joseph's alumna finds herself living in and loving Delaware, where she became the first African American to make partner in a major law firm.
framed print named “The Closing” adorns a wall in the Wilmington, Del., office of Doneene (Keemer) Damon ’89 (B.S.) and depicts a tense, crowded room of men and women closing a large deal.

While the picture may reflect moments in Damon’s professional life as a commercial transaction attorney, it lacks one thing — there are no minorities in the room of negotiating lawyers.

Damon was the first African American to make partner in a major Delaware law firm, which she did at Richards, Layton & Finger in 1999. From her corner office overlooking the dignified structures of the Hotel du Pont, the old city courthouse and the Wilmington Public Library, Damon admits that yes, she has experienced challenges in her field because of her race and gender.

A transaction closing in New York with some Japanese businessmen, for example, had some awkward moments, but taught her the importance of learning the business mores of different cultures.

She recalls a more potentially damaging interaction as a young associate, during a deal closing with a man who had “certain preconceived notions.” Thinking she was a messenger or paralegal and not the attorney with whom he would negotiate, he made it clear he didn’t want to work with her.

But they did work together. And seven years later, when Damon made partner, she received quite a surprise — a handwritten note of congratulations from him. She says she likes to think that his experience working with her may have changed some of his “notions.”

Making History

When she became a partner, Damon says she didn’t realize she made history until a coworker informed her about it.

“What it told me was that I had a lot of responsibilities, and Delaware had a lot of work to do,” she says.

Damon now serves as chair of her firm’s diversity committee, which advocates for and promotes racial, ethnic, gender, disability and sexual orientation diversity.

Even though Delaware law firms have been committed to diversity initiatives, the problem they face is that it’s difficult to attract minority law students there, Damon says.

Wilmington does not necessarily have a competitive edge on the more bustling and attractive major metropolitan areas along the East Coast, the native Philadelphian notes. But knowing that she wanted to practice corporate law, after graduating from Temple Law School in 1992, she headed to Delaware, which is called “the corporation capital of the world.”

“Delaware has been a good fit for me and my family,” she says.

She lives there with her husband Heyward, who owns an executive event planning business, and their 14-year-old son Christopher. Even her parents eventually followed her to the state, helping to care for her son when he was younger.

Getting the Deal Done

In her office, which swaddles visitors in red and gold fabrics, buttery yellow walls and warm-colored wood, nothing seems out of place.

On her mahogany desk, piles of papers are impeccably separated into rows and clipped by colored and black clips. Still more packs of paper burst from a leather briefcase on the floor. Most of her days are spent reviewing and negotiating deal documents, she says.

“Organization is key” to doing her job because she can be working on 10 deals at once, she says. It also takes dedication, time and good communication skills.

“No two deals are exactly alike,” she says of her practice, which, while tense at times, lacks the kind of combat found in other areas of law.

“Everyone’s working toward the same goal,” she says. “Everyone wants the deal to close.”

The transactions she negotiates take place between and among different kinds of corporate entities, including banks and health care clients.

Never a Bystander

As a Saint Joseph’s University undergraduate, Damon was an accounting major in the school of business.

“I received an excellent education and had a great experience at St. Joe’s,” she says. “It’s a beautiful campus. It always has been.”

She did not live on campus but was there “all of the time,” attending basketball games and never missing a party, she says.

“I knew I wanted to go there. I applied early decision. It was a good choice for me.”

Her undergraduate studies helped propel Damon on a path that would eventually take her to Delaware, where she would make history. “My accounting degree has helped me tremendously in the worlds of business and financial transactions.”

When she is not working on negotiating a deal, traveling or spending time with her family, Damon is a member of numerous associations and boards.

“I’m a firm believer that if you live in a community you need to be involved,” says Damon, who sits on the boards of trustees of the Delaware Art Museum, Christiana Care Health System and her son’s school, to name a few of the many.

“It’s time-consuming, but you know you make a difference.”

What’s Next?

Every lawyer hopes to make partner in a firm, but once that peak is reached, what’s the next goal?

To continue to make a difference in her practice and field overall and from a diversity perspective, Damon says. She wants to help law firms maintain diversity as a priority and attract more talented minority students to Delaware, and make sure women associates keep climbing the legal ladder.

Most of all, she wants to stay true to herself.

“I still love the practice today as much as I did when I started,” she says. “I always want to love what I do.”

Samantha Hansell is a freelance writer.
Linked in a legacy of tragedy and hope, three individuals at SJU work to ensure Haiti’s future.

WORKING TO REBUILD HAITI

By Kristen A. Graham
Haiti, a Caribbean nation of about nine million people, was thrust into the world spotlight on Jan. 12, when a massive earthquake struck, killing between 200,000 and 300,000 people, and injuring approximately 100,000. Now, 600,000 people are living in tent cities. Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital, and neighboring Carrefour and Léogane are almost unrecognizable as the cities they once were.

The relief efforts began almost immediately, with help pouring in from around the world. Saint Joseph’s University, too, mobilized quickly with assistance, both short- and long-term. At the heart of the work are three Hawks with strong personal ties to Haiti: a student, a staff member, and a Jesuit professor. Their backgrounds are vastly different. But their stories — and their love of Haiti — are deeply intertwined.

SO GOOD TO BE USEFUL

The day before she was to return to Philadelphia for the spring semester at Saint Joseph’s, junior Lunise “Tina” Cerin was eating dinner at home when the magnitude 7.0 quake struck. She and a friend ran to safety. From the second floor of the house outside Port-au-Prince, Cerin’s father, Jean-Claude, managed to climb down a wall while others crumbled. Her sister, Nathalie, was also able to escape. Her mother, Lunise, was moments away from entering a supermarket that collapsed, killing most of those inside. A cousin spent a full day looking for her baby amid the rubble — and finally found the child, sleeping and unharmed, under debris.

Luckily, three of her four siblings, including Marie, Melodie ’07 (B.S.) and Jean Bernard ’08 (B.S.), were out of the country.

“There was a lot of chaos and panicking,” Cerin remembers of the aftermath. “It was a miracle that none of us were hurt. We were blessed.”

Cerin, who speaks fluent French, Creole and English, extended her stay in Haiti, translating for doctors and lending a hand with simple medical tasks. Seeing the devastation firsthand was difficult, but she was glad to be able to help. “It was just so good to be useful,” she says.

When Cerin, who is president of the SJU Caribbean Student Association, returned to the United States and campus, she continued to help. She co-chairs Hawks for Haiti, overseeing panel discussions and fundraisers, which have raised $5,000 so far. Affixed to her backpack is a ribbon in red and blue — the colors of the Haitian flag — symbolizing her ongoing commitment to the country’s future.

Cerin is looking forward to seeing her country rebuilt.

“I hope that, with all the aid, we can rebuild in a way that we can handle another earthquake,” says Cerin, her hand on her heart. Though she’s “terrified” of another natural disaster, she’s more scared that people will stop caring. “I hope that somehow, out of all this, Haiti can become better,” she says.

THERE’S SO MUCH OF ME THAT’S STILL THERE

Many Americans dream of large houses, lavish vacations and plenty of discretionary income.

“The Haitian dream is to know where their meals are going to come from every day,” says Carold Boyer-Yancy. “That’s a big difference.”

Boyer-Yancy, SJU’s director of student services, was born in Haiti and lived there until she was 12, when her father brought her and her siblings to the United States. She rebelled at first, but devoted herself to absorbing American culture and perfected her English. While she rarely sought out the larger Haitian community, she served as a key contact for the many Haitian relatives who settled in America. Still, she never lost her melodious accent nor her love of Haiti. For the past 20 years, she’s been traveling back to her homeland, doing volunteer work and visiting relatives, including her father and brother, who moved back to Haiti after years in America. She purchased property with the intention of retiring to her native land someday.
Like Cerin’s relatives, Boyer-Yancy’s family was lucky to have escaped major physical harm from the earthquake. One cousin was hospitalized after being hit by a piece of rubble; another cousin broke his arm. Some still live in a city of so-called “tents” — they are, in fact, sheets propped up like teepees — in a very dangerous section of Port-au-Prince. After the earthquake hit, she and her American-born husband, Matthew Yancy, raised funds. Yancy made another trip to the island a week after the quake; he and his wife’s sister, former Saint Joseph’s employee Jenny Bonner, returned in March. Among Yancy’s key points of contact were the Cerins, all of whom have grown close to each other over the years.

“The Cerin family never leaves our hearts,” says Boyer-Yancy. Boyer-Yancy joined her husband in Haiti in April. Part of her mission was to visit and investigate the needs at two of the three Haitian schools the University plans to partner with long-term as a way to help Haiti. “My job is to observe, to see what their needs are,” Boyer-Yancy says. “I asked, ‘How much does it cost for one child to go to school for one year?’ Is there a lunch program? How do we get uniforms?”

Since the earthquake, Boyer-Yancy’s efforts for Haiti have felt like another full-time job, she says. But it’s a labor of love. “I miss so much about my country,” she says. “There’s so much of me that’s still there.”

While some believe that Haitians will only recover if they leave their homeland, Boyer-Yancy feels differently. “Haiti will be better served if Haitians can remain in their own country, make a living and live in peace without worrying about the government,” she says. “We fought for that, and we shouldn’t lose it.”

WE HAVE TO DO THIS FOR THE LONG-TERM

Patrick Samway, S.J., professor of English, first traveled to Haiti more than 25 years ago to learn Creole. He found himself discovering much more than a language.

“They are my teachers,” he says of the Haitian people, with whom he has forged a profound union. He admires their deep connections to family and their faith. He notes, too, that he enjoys the way Haitians pass on their theological and philosophical insights through almost inscrutable proverbs.

Fr. Samway has returned to Haiti every year for weeks at a time, working in parishes, orphanages and hospitals, sometimes bringing Yancy, Boyer-Yancy and Saint Joseph’s students. (See David Hession ’09 in sidebar on next page.) Fr. Samway teaches English to Haitian teachers at the Collège Saint Ignace and once interviewed Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a non-functioning Catholic priest and the first democratically elected president of Haiti. Back in Philadelphia, he concelebrates a weekly Mass in French and Creole at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church for the Haitian population in West Philadelphia.

When the earthquake struck, University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., turned to Fr. Samway, who had left Haiti only six days before the disaster, for guidance. What could Saint Joseph’s do to help? Fr. Samway urged the University community to think about the big picture. “Our students will be here for a few years and move on after graduation,” he told Fr. Lannon. “But when the faculty, administrators and staff met to discuss support for Haiti, we agreed that we have to do this for the long-term.”

The key element in rebuilding Haiti, Fr. Samway believes, is education. His hope is to educate young Haitians to be intelligent and discerning individuals. Saint Joseph’s will concentrate efforts on three Jesuit schools there, helping to build up a new, Jesuit-run educational network called Lafwa ak kò kontan, which translated from Creole means “faith and joy.” Fr. Samway says, “As an academic institution, Saint Joseph’s can provide a great service to our Haitian confreres.”

The needs are great, and Fr. Samway envisions Saint Joseph’s helping to train teachers for these schools. Also, the University
intends to obtain textbooks in French, as well as uniforms and other necessities. Someday, the local Haitian Jesuits may start an institution of higher learning, and Saint Joseph’s could certainly aid in that, Fr. Samway says.

In the short-term, there are funds to be raised and local victims to aid. Fr. Samway meets with the mothers of four children, victims of the earthquake who are being treated at the Shriners Hospital. He is accompanied by several Saint Joseph’s students. These children are coping with amputated limbs, uncomfortable casts and skin grafts. All of it is worthy work, Fr. Samway maintains. “We have to educate our students to realize that we do live in the global village, that we have to help our neighbors,” he says.

The larger goal is clear: “We are to empower people to build a better Haiti,” says Fr. Samway, speaking for the group. “Imagination is going to save Haiti. If Haitians find the resources and support to use their own God-given talents, they can build up a wonderful country.”

*Kristen Graham is a frequent contributor to SJU Magazine.*

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HAITI: A TUMULTUOUS HISTORY

Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean Sea. Most of its nearly nine million inhabitants, all of whom speak Creole and for the most part French, descend from African slaves. Modern Haiti was born in the early 19th century, when a slave revolt in 1801 changed the face of what had been a wealthy French colony. Haiti officially declared independence in 1804 and became the world’s first black republic. Since its inception, Haiti has had frequent changes in governmental structure. The United States even occupied Haiti from 1915 through 1934.

Huge inequalities plague the country, as roughly one percent of the population owns nearly half of its wealth. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti has long grappled with natural disasters. Almost all the hurricanes that have devastated the southern part of the United States have previously wreaked havoc on an already deforested Haiti, whose land mass has few trees. In addition, the effects of the January earthquake have radically altered the landscape and mindscape of a country desperately seeking to rebuild itself.

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PEOPLE CAN’T FORGET

To Olivier Perodin ’09 (B.B.A.), Saint Joseph’s — and the world’s — response to a massive earthquake in his homeland was remarkable. “To see everyone helping out, doing whatever they can … that was very touching,” says Perodin, a native of Port-au-Prince whose relatives still live there. His immediate family was spared harm, but his aunt’s sister and her son were killed when a house collapsed on them. A school owned by his family was destroyed, but classes have resumed — in tents.

Perodin was disappointed by the Haitian government’s reaction but is hopeful that, out of the destruction, a strong foundation for a new Haiti will be laid.

When David Hession ’09 (B.S.) was an SJU senior, he traveled to Haiti on winter break with Patrick Samway, S.J., and picked up a little Creole to add to the French he already spoke. Hession came away with a deep affection for the country where he worked in an orphanage and a hospital, doing what he could for people in need. “It was a place unlike anywhere I’d ever been — rampant poverty, trash piled up everywhere,” he says. “It gave me a very different perspective on a lot of things.”

The plight of the Haitians moved him then, and more so when the earthquake struck. Particularly troublesome was word that the Pwoje Espwa orphanage in Les Cayes where he worked, though not affected much physically by the quake, had difficulty getting supplies. Still, Hession sees a better path for Haiti. “There needs to be a firm, reliable, accountable government in place,” he says, “but it’s not hopeless.” It’s important, he says, that Haiti not fade from the public consciousness. “It can’t be just a fad. People can’t forget about Haiti.”

Pamela Taffera, O.D. ’05 (M.B.A.), spent more than a week in Haiti just a few days after the earthquake hit. It was not her first trip there — she had traveled to Haiti previously as part of a group of physicians and students from the University of Scranton, where she earned her undergraduate degree. But it was a trip that will long stay with her.

“Our hearts ached as we cared for septic and amputated patients, some of whom were the only surviving members of their families,” Taffera wrote in a Scranton newsletter. “Multiple times daily throughout the corridors of the hospital you could hear Haitian chants and wails as families keened and mourned the death of a loved one. Contrastingly, the Haitian spirit of prayer and song filled the air every day.”

Taffera, too, believes it’s crucial that the spirit of generosity, common in the days and weeks after the earthquake, continues if Haiti is to rise from the ashes of the disaster.

— K.G.
A professor and his students give dignity to the downtrodden.

By Carolyn Steigleman ’10 (M.A.)

A whopping 307,000 people are currently at risk of hunger in Philadelphia.

– Philabundance

Nearly 1.5 million Pennsylvania residents were food insecure in 2008, meaning they were often unsure of how they would provide for their next meal.

– Pa. Hunger Action Center

A staggering 49 million people in America have inadequate access to food.


The statistics on hunger in America have reached nearly epidemic levels, yet the problem has historically floated in and out of American consciousness like the tide. The harsh realities of the recent economic recession have magnified the numbers of those going hungry. What happens to these people and their families?

The cure to this epidemic is clear to Martin Meloche, Ph.D., associate professor of food marketing at Saint Joseph’s. There is a vaccine for hunger in America: food.

The growth of hunger in Philadelphia and across America weighs heavily on Meloche, who has long worked with Philabundance, the Philadelphia region’s largest hunger-relief organization, to develop improved food distribution systems.
He decided to bring his work with the organization into the academic arena and involve the undergraduate students in a Service-Learning class he teaches every spring, Food and the Poor. In 2009, Philabundance called on Meloche’s students to develop a food-service model to better meet the needs of Philadelphia’s hungry. For years, Philabundance has distributed food in pantries, often in church basements or large closets throughout the city, where they would be handed a box of food packed with whatever was available at the time. For many families, this experience was accompanied by the feeling of embarrassment or shame associated with having to accept a handout.

During the semester, Meloche and his students worked together to develop a realistic, practical solution that would offer a more dignified experience as people obtained the food they so desperately needed. They conducted research, visited pantries, consulted with Philabundance officials and pantry clients. A new initiative was born: the Community Food Center (CFC).

Housed in the basement of the Lillian Marrero Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia at 601 W. Lehigh Ave., the CFC opened its doors last November. When clients enter the building, they walk into a black-and-white tiled 1,200-square-foot room that looks more like a small grocery store than a food pantry. Shopping carts, nested together in a corner, have replaced the pantry’s cardboard boxes. After registering as customers, shoppers wheel their carts down two aisles and make their selections from shelves stocked with canned goods, pasta, salad dressing, cereal and baby food, among other necessities. They may even choose their meats and dairy products from a frozen food section.

Meloche sees the CFC as a benefit to the community and an embodiment of Saint Joseph’s goals. “The idea behind the University’s mission, being a person for others, understanding those in need, having a social platform, being a person of justice — all of these reflect the Ignatian attitude of Saint Joseph’s,” says Meloche. “I think the community will benefit greatly from our efforts.”

“We are excited to be partnering with the City and Saint Joseph’s University on what we hope will be the model for the next generation of food cupboards,” said Bill Clark, Philabundance’s president and executive director, in a press release. “This choice food cupboard operates more like a grocery store, with higher community visibility, more hours of operation and, of course, a large degree of client choice in what food they receive.”

Christy Allen ’09 (B.B.A.), a food marketing major, was part of the class that developed the new model. “We would do research in class and then visit Philabundance, where we were able to actually see the faces behind the numbers,” she says. “We drew parallels between the two and worked on a model that we believed served the hungry in an appropriate and dignified way.”

Now a leadership development associate with Acosta, a food brokerage company in northern New Jersey, Allen says working with CFC has helped as she begins her career. She actively contributes to a number of corporate fundraising events including Shop to End Hunger, a program that brings together grocery retailers, manufacturers and consumers in a united effort to raise funds for local food banks.

Students in Meloche’s Food and the Poor class last spring also devoted attention to the CFC. Angel Piazza ’10, who now runs Plymouth Produce, a family business in Georgetown, Del., says she gained a new perspective on the hungry in America through her experience with the CFC.

“I didn’t realize how many of the working poor are struggling to buy food for their family,” says the former food marketing major. “It’s been eye-opening to hear how these people have coped and how they have been treated along the way.”

Piazza and her classmates surveyed clients from the CFC to gauge whether the center is accomplishing its original objective.

“We wanted honest feedback, but no one had anything negative to say,” says Thomas Willson ’10 (B.S.), a food marketing major who now works for Wegmans. “Everyone was just so appreciative that the CFC arrived in the neighborhood.”

At the time of this magazine’s printing, the CFC had 900 registered families and was distributing more than 10 tons of food each week — yet it still wasn’t enough to meet the demand. The waiting list was 1,100 people deep.

“While the CFC has made strong gains in improving the food distribution model, there’s so much more that needs to be done,” says Meloche, who continues to search for solutions. “Hunger relief needs to be recognized as a critical issue by the American public and more support is needed.”

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AUTONATION CEO JACKSON ’71 DISCUSSES ECONOMY AND AUTO INDUSTRY AT NEW YORK COUNCIL DINNER

Mike Jackson ’71 (B.S.), chairman and CEO of AutoNation, presented “The Transformation” at the 2010 New York Council Dinner on April 27 at The Harvard Club in Manhattan. One of the nation’s foremost experts on energy, the auto industry and economics, he previously served as president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz USA. This third annual event brought together more than 130 alumni, parents and friends from the New York City area to hear Jackson’s presentation and an update from University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.

In his remarks, Jackson detailed the changes, progression and goals of the automotive industry over the years. He emphasized the tremendous impact the industry has on the nation’s economy.

Jackson sees his Saint Joseph’s education as a guiding force. “A Jesuit education shapes you personally and professionally,” he said. “Saint Joseph’s was a place where discussion and debates were encouraged, and that has been a huge advantage to me professionally.”

The New York Council seeks to raise the profile of the University in New York City. Among its goals are to create networking opportunities for professional peers and to advance business opportunities and career development for alumni and parents; provide career development opportunities for current students; and to enhance the University and its mission through individual and corporate philanthropy.

NEW NAB EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ELECTED, BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is pleased to announce the election of Rich Brennan ’81 (B.S.), executive vice president, Dave Dorsey ’54 (B.S.), vice president, and Eileen Dougherty ’76 (B.S.), secretary, as the National Alumni Board’s new executive officers. Serving two-year terms, the trio joins Gina Mazzulla ’91 (B.S.), NAB president since January.

Dear Fellow Hawks,

As I write this message, my thoughts are focused on new life and growth, as spring leads into summer. After all, the flowers are in bloom, and the sun is shining brightly. And those ideas seem to be an appropriate frame and theme to highlight several important events for our alumni.

In April, we hosted the third annual National Community Day. I was proud to witness firsthand how this event helped revitalize communities, renewed our commitment to “men and women for others” and rekindled our own personal growth.

Of course, Commencement was another highly anticipated springtime event for the Saint Joseph’s community. This day represents growth most poignantly, not only for the graduates, but also for our Alumni Association. Yes, we grow in number — but we also grow in spirit, passion and purpose. I believe we find renewed pride in being alumni of Saint Joseph’s, a renewed energy to be an active participant and contributor in our community, and a renewed purpose to share a bit of ourselves with each other. Events like these allow us to display our common bond across generations, across geography and over time.

Recently, I had the opportunity to hear Fr. Lannon speak to a group of alumni in Washington, D.C., and he used a word that captured the essence of what I hope to communicate here: “transformation.” As you go forth through the summer and into the months ahead, I ask you to think about your own transformation and the role Saint Joseph’s played in it. I challenge you to actively participate with us to help transform the lives of others in the way that only a Hawk can.

Sincerely,

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

NEW YORK COUNCIL Co-Chairs John Hart ’83, Bob Canuso ’91 and Ken Dutcher ’79 (far right) with Fr. Lannon and Mike Jackson ’71

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NEW STAFF FOCUS ON ALUMNI AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Three new staff members joined the Development and Alumni Relations team during the spring, enhancing the University’s focus on alumni and parent engagement: Megan Wagner, associate executive director of alumni relations, Becky Annechini, associate director of class programs, and Caroline Sayres, director of parents programs.

Wagner, who will assist in the implementation and management of all alumni relations programming and strategies, comes to SJU from Temple University, where she served as associate director of alumni relations. She previously spent time at American University, Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania. Wagner received her undergraduate degree from Penn State University and her master’s from Temple.

Annechini, who will be instrumental in the coordination of Reunion and class-specific programs, most recently served as development events manager for The Franklin Institute Science Museum. She is a graduate of Duquesne University.

Sayres brings 12 years of non-profit leadership experience to Saint Joseph’s, most recently serving as assistant director of the Parents Fund and Family Programs at Bucknell University. Her focus is development and oversight of programs for Saint Joseph’s parents to engage and support the University, with a particular focus on management of the Loyola Society Executive Council. She is a graduate of Elizabethtown College.

NEW SAINT JOSEPH’S FUND CHAIR AIMS TO INCREASE ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

Possessing a strong dedication to Saint Joseph’s University and an enthusiastic and generous spirit, Mike Nesspor ’80 (B.S.) has been named chair of the Saint Joseph’s Fund. He will play a key role in cultivating broader alumni participation in annual giving as the University seeks to complete its most ambitious comprehensive campaign, With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University.

Managing director of business consulting for iNautix (USA), an affiliate of Pershing, LLC, Nesspor is an active member of SJU’s New York Council, frequently hosts accepted student receptions and participates in student-alumni networking events.

In his new role as the Saint Joseph’s Fund chair, the longtime Barbelin Society member would like to increase the percentage of alumni who give back to the University. “Regardless of the amount given, a contribution to the University, of either money or time, sends a message of support and gratitude to SJU,” he says.

Read more about Mike at campaign.sju.edu/profiles.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS REUNITE IN NAPLES FOR DESTINATION WEEKEND

Saint Joseph’s alumni, parents and friends enjoyed a unique opportunity to socialize and relax at the fourth annual Destination Weekend in Naples, Fla., February 18-21. Among those in attendance with University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. (center), were members of the Class of 1960 and their wives who generously sponsored the weekend’s Saturday evening cocktail reception, including (from left) Nick and Joanne Bozzi, John and Maryanne Post, George and Judy Porreca, Mike Slawek, Wendell Young, and Bob and Eileen McNeill.
MEDICAL ALUMNI HONOR PHILADELPHIA PHYSICIANS WITH SHAFFREY AND BRADLEY AWARDS

Saint Joseph’s University honored two of Philadelphia’s distinguished physicians at its annual Medical Alumni Awards ceremony on April 18.

John M. Daly, M.D., dean of the Temple University School of Medicine, was presented with the Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J., Award and Richard D. Lackman, M.D. ’73 (B.S.), who works at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania as associate director of patient and family services and director of the Sarcoma Center of Excellence, received the Edward C. Bradley, S.J., M.D. ’51 Award.

An internationally renowned oncologic surgeon, author, researcher and scholar, Daly has been dean of Temple’s medical school since 2002. He has appeared in two dozen “best” lists through the years such as Best Doctors in Philadelphia, Best Doctors in America, Best Doctors in New York, Top Cancer Doctors in New York City and the 318 Top Cancer Specialists for Women.

Lackman has been named to Philadelphia Magazine’s Top Docs list in every issue since its inception and has received numerous teaching awards. In 2008, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education bestowed on him the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award, presented annually to 10 residency program directors nationally. He is only the second orthopaedic surgeon in the United States to receive this award.

SOPHY ’82 PRESENTS STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING MOTHER-DAUGHTER COMMUNICATION

The mother-daughter relationship is a dynamic force in any household. Nationally renowned psychiatrist, author and Saint Joseph’s University alumnus Charles Sophy, D.O. ’82 (B.S.), returned to his alma mater to discuss his strategy for keeping that relationship healthy in a presentation inspired by his book, Side by Side: The Revolutionary Mother-Daughter Program for Conflict-Free Communication, on March 7.

Medical Director for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, the largest child welfare system in the country, and owner of a private practice that primarily deals with celebrity clients, Sophy has dedicated his life to the physical and mental well-being of children and families from all walks of life. He was inspired to research and discuss the topic of mother-daughter communication by the commonalities he saw in his patients’ conflicts, regardless of socioeconomic class or familial structure.

Co-sponsored by the Women’s Leadership Council and the Loyola Society Executive Council, the event was part of Saint Joseph’s Executive Lecture series and included a book signing.

Log in to MySJU (sju.edu) to watch the lecture online.

MOYER ’85 RETURNS TO CAMPUS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SJU BASEBALL

More than 300 guests turned out for the first annual Saint Joseph’s Baseball Lead-Off Dinner on February 13, which also celebrated 100 years of varsity baseball. Former Hawk pitcher and current Philadelphia Phillies lefthander Jamie Moyer ’85 (front row, center) gave the keynote address and was honored with the rest of the 1982 baseball team, which has the best single-season record in the history of SJU baseball.

BLACK ALUMNI CHAPTER HOSTS ADMISSIONS RECEPTION

The Black Alumni Chapter partnered with the Office of Admissions to host a reception in the Perch for prospective students and their parents prior to the men’s basketball game against La Salle on March 6. National Alumni Board member Mike Lomax ’73 speaks with Jillian Keith, James Keith and prospective student Lili Diaz-Keith.

SJU CELEBRATES FIRST WOMEN’S BASKETBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAM

Members of the 1984-85 women’s basketball team visited Hagan Arena on February 28 to celebrate 25 years since earning SJU’s first NCAA Tournament bid. Among those in attendance were (from left) Barb (Black) Poli ’86, Allison Witterholt Cradler ’86, Ellen (Clark) Masonius ’87, Janet Fonda ’85, Jill Rooney ’87, Trish Brown-Lutter ’85, Teresa Carmichael-Dodd ’87, then-head coach Jim Foster, Debbie Black ’88, Stephanie Hughes ’88, Jessi Dunne ’85 and Terri Mohr-McMorrow ’86.

To view photos from these and other alumni events, visit sju.edu/alumni/photogalleries.
WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HELPS FEMALE STUDENTS, ALUMS BREAK PROFESSIONAL BARRIERS

Forty years after traditional undergraduate coeducation began at Saint Joseph’s University, successful alumnae are steadily cracking the glass ceiling in the business world. Through the launch of a new campus organization, they can hope to break it once and for all. The Women’s Leadership Council (WLC), founded just two years ago, was established with the mission of providing advice, mentorship and hands-on programming for current female students as they prepare to enter the corporate world. The Council comprises high-ranking professional women who are company leaders, entrepreneurs or small business owners, and have ties to Saint Joseph’s University.

Among the impressive and growing list of alumnae and parent members are CEOs, founders, presidents and vice presidents of companies, organizations, and small businesses; law firm partners and attorneys; directors and executives in marketing, accounting, finance, consumer products and investor relations; and educational institution trustees. Despite their varying fields and experiences, Council members have one thing in common — a desire to see the women of Saint Joseph’s realize their potential and succeed in their fields of interest.

Eileen Cardile ’87 (B.S.), ’91 (M.S.), president and CEO of Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, N.J., and WLC founding member and co-chair, feels a responsibility to be a mentor and role model for future women leaders. “I strongly encourage each woman to challenge herself in her career, take assignments readily and learn from each of them,” says Cardile.

To further their mission of providing assistance and support for female students at Saint Joseph’s, the Council includes two student members. These students serve as liaisons between alumnae and students, helping to maintain a strong WLC presence on campus while identifying areas of interest and need among female students.

Samantha Peruto ’11 is excited to be a part of this new endeavor. “I’m hoping that female students at SJU will view the WLC as an opportunity for them to follow in the footsteps of successful women, and find opportunities for internships, mentors and general guidance as they begin their careers.”

Joining Peruto on the WLC is her mother, Lori (Nicoletti) Peruto, Esq. ’83 (B.S.), vice president of Peruto and Peruto in Philadelphia and WLC co-chair. Peruto became involved with the WLC as a way to combat the backward trend she sees in the image of women and in their own perceptions of what they need to do to be successful.


In March, the Council also held its second annual panel “How to Get a Job and Keep It.” The event followed a speed dating format, with students making the rounds to various stations such as “Resume Writing,” “Networking,” “Interviewing,” and “Dress for Success!” The night also included tips on dressing on a budget and professional makeup application.

“Events like this give us the opportunity to talk with students about the opportunities that are out there and how to make the most of them,” says SC-ID Mobile Productivity President and WLC Co-Chair Marianne McKeown-O’Brien ’79 (B.S.). “We hope these young women can learn from our experiences in the working world — both our mistakes and our successes — and be encouraged by them.”

The WLC is working closely with the Career Development Center to continue offering internships and job shadowing opportunities for interested students. This past academic year, Council member Kathy Carr ’77 (B.S.), first vice president of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., brought two scholarship opportunities and one full-time job opportunity to Saint Joseph’s female students through Career Services.

Lisa Tarantino ’10, who serves as a WLC student liaison alongside Samantha Peruto, recognizes the capabilities of the female student body.

“The women here are so motivated and accomplished in student organizations,” says Tarantino, “and it’s important to be able to carry that into our careers after we leave St. Joe’s.”

— Megan Larrisey ’10 with Colleen DeFruscio ’11
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1950
William H. Hemp (B.S.) and wife Margaret Collins Hemp have donated a relic of St. Francis Xavier and its reliquary to SJU. The relic came to the Collins family in the 1800s through the generosity of Blessed Brother André, founder of the oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, Canada, who is scheduled for canonization in October.

1951

Louis Duffy (B.S.) was honored by the American Bar Association (ABA) in February for “his ongoing contributions and efforts to the issues of human rights and world peace through law throughout the world.” He is the first non-lawyer to be honored by the ABA. Duffy spent 50 years as an executive with Martindale-Hubbell, the peer-reviewed rating directory for lawyers that was later acquired by LexisNexis. After retiring as senior vice president of LexisNexis in 1998, he continued to work for the company as an international consultant and delegate to the ABA and other bar associations.

1960 Reunion Weekend! September 24-26
James P. Henry (B.S.) is self-employed and resides with wife Barbara in Bennington, Vt.

1961

1962
James F. McNamara, Ph.D. (B.S.), was awarded professor emeritus upon retirement from Texas A&M University on January 31. His career included professorships at the University of Oregon and at Columbia University. He was also an Advanced Study Center fellow at Ohio State University and a visiting scholar at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

1964
Thomas J. Lyons II (B.S.) published You Can’t Get to Heaven on the Frankford El (Magis Press, tomogmagispress@hotmail.com) in early June.

1968
Enrico Adriano (B.S.), a classically trained baritone opera singer, performed in a sacred concert with the Main Line Opera Guild last December in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial on campus. The performance was his way of making a contribution to SJU for the help he received as a student, including a loan from the then-College.
Breaking an arm can be a painful, even traumatic, experience for a 12-year-old. But for Raymond Washington Jr., M.D. ’91 (B.S.), receiving that injury during a baseball game proved to be a defining moment in his life.

Washington’s arm was treated by Albert Green, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and friend of Washington’s father. Fascinated by Green’s work, Washington knew then that he wanted to be a surgeon.

“I’d spend summers shadowing [Green] at his office, and that really laid the framework for my future in medicine,” he says.

After graduating from Saint Joseph’s University, Washington attended the Medical College of Virginia and completed his residency at the Christiana Health Care System in Delaware. In 2001, he took his current position at Pinehurst Surgical Clinic in North Carolina, where he specializes in general and bariatric procedures.

“Before becoming a bariatric surgeon as an opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives,” Washington says, “to help them lose weight and gain the ability to do things they couldn’t do before, like play with their kids, sleep at night and avoid injuries.”

There are challenges.

“The toughest part is dealing with the sorrow and tragedy when people have cancer and having to inform patients that it’s inoperable and can’t be treated,” he says. “The end-of-life issues make it very difficult. But to know that every day you’ve tried to make an impact on somebody’s life, and to see people get better after having surgical procedures, makes it all worth it.”

Before becoming a surgeon, Washington operated on the basketball court as the Hawks’ team captain and point guard. Balancing Division 1 basketball and a rigorous course load as a pre-med biology major would be difficult for any student-athlete, but Washington was up to the challenge. After anatomy lab sessions dissecting small animals, Washington would join his team to dissect game tapes of their next opponent.

“One semester, Coach [Jim] Boyle [’64] let me come late to practice two days a week so I could put in my lab hours,” Washington recalls. “I don’t know many other schools that would not only allow that, but encourage it.”

Head Coach Phil Martelli, then an assistant, remembers Washington’s drive to succeed both on and off the court.

“He measures excellence by his own standards and was taught to pursue it at a young age by his parents,” Martelli says. “The class and dignity Ray carries himself with today were evident when I first met him when he was just 17- or 18-years-old.”

Recently, Washington has represented Saint Joseph’s in a multimedia marketing campaign. A University trustee, he has appeared on billboards and television and radio commercials as part of the campaign. Washington also dedicates his efforts to the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills, N.C., where he serves as the club’s chairman.

Despite his busy schedule, Washington always makes time to attend the basketball and baseball games of his children, Jackson (8) and Mia (6), with his wife, Toni.

— Tom Clark ’10
IN MEMORY

Judy Millonde Apiyo, sister of Jack Millonde, athletics ticket office
John Candelori Sr., father of John, facilities management carpenter
Alfred L. Citino, father of Alfred L. Jr., public safety
Michael DeKonty, father of Mary DeKonty
Applegate, Ed.D., professor of education
Joseph J. George, father of Richard J., professor of food marketing
Albert H. Jenemann, S.J. (See obituary.)
Paula Kaczmar, mother of Christine Kaczmar-Russo, master of international marketing degree program
Geraldine Mahoney, mother of Garcia, public safety officer
Frank A. Maresa, father of Nancy Childs, Ph.D., professor of food marketing
Michael Sheehan, brother of Julia Sheehan Harty, facilities management
Mark Williams, father of Elizabeth Norberg, Faith-Justice Institute
Hugh Boyle ’41, father of Francis ’67
Francis X. Daily Jr. ’42
David J. Lafia ’43
Jean Ramsay, wife of Jack ‘49, former men’s basketball coach
James "Murt" O’Hara ’50

SJJ REMEMBERS LONGTIME PROFESSOR, JESUIT

The Saint Joseph’s University community is mourning the loss of Albert Jenemann, S.J., a professor and member of the Jesuit community at the University for the past 36 years. He passed away on March 16 at the age of 82.

A Philadelphia native, Fr. Jenemann joined the Society of Jesus in 1947 and was ordained in 1960. After teaching philosophy at Loyola College in Baltimore and Wheeling Jesuit College (now University) in West Virginia, he was appointed chair of the philosophy department at what was then Saint Joseph’s College in 1974. He continued to teach until a health crisis forced him to be admitted to the Jesuit infirmary in Manresa Hall in the spring of 2009. During his tenure at Saint Joseph’s, Fr. Jenemann served as vice president for student life, a faculty resident in several residence halls and the faculty advisor for the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

“Fr. Jenemann was chair of the philosophy department when I arrived at Saint Joseph’s,” remembered Joseph Godfrey, S.J., associate professor of philosophy. “He was encouraging, firm and fair. He always had great interest in what his fellow faculty were doing academically. He was also a caring advisor of students.”

Fr. Jenemann is survived by his sisters, Maryanne (B.S.) and Joan Dawson (M.S.’06), and brother of James P. Jr. ’85.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi held a special meeting on the night of Fr. Jenemann’s death to honor his memory, and several alumni returned to campus to attend the meeting. “Nothing could have made Fr. Jenemann’s impact more clear to the younger brothers and associate members than to have people who are working full-time jobs come back to SJU to remember him on a Tuesday night,” said Stephen Dolan ’12, current chapter president. “He took a genuine interest in the brothers’ social and academic lives. All the way until the end, he stayed in contact with Pi Kappa Phi.”

Fr. Jenemann is survived by his sisters, Maryanne Cornell of Media, Pa., and Barbara Mack of Naples, Fla.

— Jeffrey Martin ’04 (B.A.), ’05 (M.A.)

1971

Raymond Leneweaver (M.A.) is preparing for the publication of the Career of General William Wallace Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 1925-35, which is expected to be published in 2011. His research at the Hagley Museum-Soda House, University of Delaware, Military Museum at Carlisle and the Pa. State Archives continues weekly. Contact him at cbwprr@aol.com with information.

John Lubicky, M.D. (B.S.) made his final career move to West Virginia University School of Medicine to head the section of pediatric orthopedic surgery at WVU Children’s Hospital. He is the only pediatric orthopedic surgeon in the state. Lubicky’s four children are grown and live throughout the country.

1972

Loretta (Britten) Wysocki (B.S.) retired from Sandmeyer Steel Co. as an inside sales representative after 46 years of service. She joined the company as a clerk-typist for the sales department and advanced throughout the years. Wysocki is an active member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Women in the Metal Industries (AWMI), currently serving as international mentoring chair. She was recognized as AWMI International Member of the Year in 2002.

Jean Ruttenberg (B.S.) has been executive director of The Center for Autism in Philadelphia since 1985 and is the key spokesperson for the Center on the state and local levels, actively providing consultation and training services to children, adults and families affected by autism; to school districts; and to county programs throughout the Delaware Valley. Last December, she discussed the Pennsylvania autism census with Kerri-Lee Halkett on FOX 29 Philadelphia.

1974

John A. Szczepanski, O.D. (B.S.), and wife Dorina celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on March 22 and reside in Laurel Springs, N.J. They have three children who attended SJU: John A. Szczepanski, O.D. (B.S.) and Joan Dawson McConnk, co-founders of Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia, are featured in Jon Bon Jovi’s music video, “Superman Tonight,” which premiered in February. Bon Jovi’s Soul Foundation is a Project H.O.M.E. benefactor.

1976

Mary Scullion, R.S.M. (B.S.) and Joan Dawson McConnk, co-founders of Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia, are featured in Jon Bon Jovi’s music video, “Superman Tonight,” which premiered in February. Bon Jovi’s Soul Foundation is a Project H.O.M.E. benefactor.
Patrick J. Swanick (B.S., M.B.A. ’82) retired as CEO of a nationwide receivables management firm in Austin, Texas, after accumulating more than 30 years of executive experience in the financial services industry. He is currently focused on corporate board work, assisting companies within financial services and technology sectors as an independent board member.

Gail (DeVecchis) Wygant (M.S.) joined Bristol-Myers Squibb in Lawrenceville, N.J., as director, global health economics and outcomes research. She works in cardiovascular and metabolic disease.

Margaret McCausland, Esq. (B.S.), reports that daughter Patricia McCausland has joined her law firm, now called McCausland and McCausland, in Conshohocken, Pa.

Maryann Cusimano-Love, Ph.D. (B.A.), is an associate professor of international relations at the Catholic University of America. In February, she delivered a lecture at SJU titled “U.S. Foreign Policy in Light of Catholic Social Teaching” as part of the 2009-10 Catholic Intellectual Series.

Karl Mayro (B.A.) was elected president of the Episcopal Academy Alumni Board of Managers and a member of the school’s board of trustees. He has been selling residential real estate in the Philadelphia area with Prudential Fox and Roach for more than 20 years.

Brian P. Morley, D.O. (B.S.), joined the law firm Burns, White & Hickton in its Philadelphia office, where he focuses on the defense of long-term care facilities. He spent several years as a field surgeon in the U.S. Army and as a family practitioner in a number of hospitals in Missouri before receiving his law degree from Saint Louis University in 2009.


Kevin Ingham (B.S.) is general counsel and vice president of human resources with Insight Global, an Atlanta-based IT staffing firm. Kevin and wife Michelle (Gothie, B.S. 90) reside in Atlanta with their four children.

Michelle Butterworth (B.S.), a foot and ankle surgeon with Pee Dee Foot Center in Kingstree, S.C., was installed as the secretary-treasurer of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons at its Annual Scientific Conference last February in Las Vegas, Nev.

Kate DeLosso (B.S.) was named one of the Top 25 Travel Advisors in the United States by Travel Agent magazine (September 8, 2009 issue).

David Dudick (M.S.) has been with General Mills for more than 30 years and is currently a member of its executive management team, serving as a senior vice president. He is a recognized industry leader in consumer packaged goods and has received many awards and recognitions. He and wife Kim, who currently live in Minneapolis, Minn., have eight children and one grandchild.

Phil Giunta (B.S.) published his first novel, Testing the Prisoner (Firebringer Press, 2009), a paranormal mystery. He is currently working on a second novel as well as two separate collections of short stories.

Kelly (McCann) Kratz (B.S.) facilitates workshops at the college level for the Positive Coaching Alliance, a nonprofit organization that aims to transform the culture of youth sports. She and husband Rob have four daughters.

Vincent Cieslik (B.S.) was named a shareholder of Conrad O’Brien in Philadelphia. He represents professionals, corporations and financial institutions in complex commercial litigation. Cieslik is a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Camden County Bar Association.

Ron Johnson (M.B.A.) was promoted to executive vice president at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N.J. He will assume the duties of president and CEO by the end of 2011, after being nominated successor by current president and CEO Albert L. Gutierrez ’86 (M.B.A.).

Gary Brever (B.A.) graduated from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn., with a psychology degree. He moved to Washington state to manage a Catholic worker farm, grew food to feed the homeless and learned how to maintain a community-supported agriculture (CSA) model. In 2002, Brever and wife Jenn moved to Alexandria, Minn., where their young family and CSA thrive on 160 acres of farmland.

Len E. Clark (M.S.) earned a doctor of public administration degree from the University of Baltimore. His dissertation, The Implementation of the National Incident Management System in New Jersey, is awaiting publication.
1998

Marti (Harrison) McGoldrick (B.S.) is director of the category advisory team at Del Monte in Bentonville, Ark.

Wayne M. Smith (M.A.) was promoted to police captain of the Millville (N.J.) Police Department last May. He is also an adjunct professor at Cumberland County (N.J.) College.

2001

Kathleen (Doory) Brannan (B.A.) and husband Patrick live in Baltimore, Md., and are enjoying daughter Lucy. Brannan is a prosecutor in the Baltimore County State Attorney’s office.

Francesca (Malatesta) Moran (B.S.) is a computer validation associate at Merck. She is pursuing an M.B.A. with an international perspective from Arcadia University and traveled to China in January with the program.

Shannon (Patton) Huffman (B.S.) works as an outpatient therapist in Phoenixville, Pa. She and husband Michael live in Chester County with daughter Meghan Rose and their dog.

Greg Santarsiero (B.A.) is the writer, director and executive producer for the 2009 film “Ice Grill, USA” (IGU, www.icegrillusa.com), which has been called “a vivid yet stark examination of the pursuit of the American Dream” set in the multicultural landscape of Atlantic City, N.J. It won six awards during last fall’s premiere season and has been featured on Philly2Philly.com.

2002

Ryanne Bigelli (B.S.) earned a master’s degree in educational administration from the University of Scranton in December 2007, and currently serves as the administrator of an instruction and child study team in a K-8 school district in New Jersey.

Diana (DePrince) Lewitt (B.S.) completed her pediatric residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., in June 2009. She joined a group practice in South Jersey in April.

Susan Moran (B.B.A., M.B.A. ’07), assistant coach of SJU women’s basketball, was inducted into the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame in February. The Tullamore, Ireland, native is the only player in Hawks history to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in four consecutive seasons. Moran finished with 2,340 career points after ranking fourth in the nation in scoring (23.3 per game) as a senior.

2003

Sean Cassel (B.A.) graduated from Delaware Valley College with a master’s degree in educational leadership.

2004

Diana Mark, Esq. (B.S.), joined White and Williams as an associate in the subrogation department. She specializes in the field of workers’ compensation subrogation and handles matters concerning products liability, premise liability and negligence.

2005

Reunion Weekend! September 24-26

Mary Lloyd (B.S. ’08) and Andrew Wallin (B.A. ’07) celebrate their wedding day with fellow Hawks. University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. (back row, second from right), officiated the ceremony.

Yvonne Fulchiron (B.A. ’98) and Brian Schmidt
Francesca Malatesta (B.S. ’01) and Shawn Moran
Gregory Schmidt (B.S. ’03) and Katie Griffiths
Jennifer Somers (B.S. ’04) and Christian Watkins
Katherine Del Balzo (B.A. ’05, M.A. ’07) and Daniel Coble (B.A. ’06, M.A. ’09)
Leah Spoto (B.S. ’05) and Matthew Naccarelli (B.S. ’05)
Nicole Morrison (B.S. ’06) and Matthew Welding (B.S. ’06)
Julia Fox ’07 (B.S.) and Joseph Gerlach
Mary Lloyd (B.S. ’08) and Andrew Wallin (B.A. ’07)

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A Family Tradition

When U.S. Air Force Capt. Karoline Scott ‘05 of Lorton, Va., was a high school senior, she faced a decision not unlike the rest of her graduating class: what to do with the life ahead of her. Like many of her classmates, her options included entering the workforce, enrolling at a university or joining the military. But for Scott, the third of six children in a family that can trace its active military service for 130 consecutive years, the decision was just shy of simple. She had watched her older brother and sister matriculate at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and knew that their experiences there satisfied them, yet she knew that somehow, she wanted to do things differently.

“I wanted to stay committed to my family’s military tradition, but I also wanted to have the normal college experience that many of my peers were choosing,” Scott says.

Her desire to balance a “normal” college experience with military commitment led her to Saint Joseph’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), from which she’d received a scholarship. It also distinguished her within her own family: in their long military history, she became the first and only Scott to serve in a branch other than the Army. Despite the uncertainty she felt as she entered the program her freshman year, Scott excelled at — and fell in love with — the AFROTC program.

“After the first year, I knew I loved it,” Scott says. “The leadership opportunities presented to me and the camaraderie I found in our group can’t really be matched.”

Four years later, in 2005, Scott commissioned with 14 other cadets and held the title of cadet wing commander, an experience she says “proved that success can come from just diving in head first.”

Today, Scott is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where she works for the Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency as a public affairs officer, a field she chose because it allows her to engage with people on a daily basis.

Just a few months ago, her public affairs skills were put to use in Baghdad, where she served as the strategic communications planner for U.S. Forces-Iraq at the U.S. Embassy. For her six-month deployment, Scott worked to communicate plans on a national and international level.

“IT really was an incredible experience,” she says. “Every day, every challenge was new. It was a constant kind of anticipation.”

Back in San Antonio, Scott says that the people she knew and the experiences she had in the AFROTC program at SJU still manage to support her five years after graduation.

“My whole experience at SJU challenged me and made me realize who I am,” Scott says. “It made me a better person and a better officer, and if you’re going into a war zone, you really need the confidence that comes from knowing who you are and what you stand for.”

— Nicole Katze
BIRTHS

Josephine, daughter of Natalie (Schafer) ’04 and Matthew Ryan ’03

Justin Michael to Antonella (Argentieri, B.S. ’89) and Brian Brown (B.S. ’89, M.S. ’09)
Dylan Kenneth to Angela (Scola, B.S. ’90) and Ken Goldbach
Samantha Grace to Debra (Snyder, B.S. ’93) and Thomas Lawrence
Sophia Marie to Karoline (B.S. ’95, M.B.A. ’01) and Nick Prosperi
Sloan Anne to Erin (Stouges, B.S. ’95) and Theodore Barry (B.S. ’94)
Vincent Francis to Lauren (Cawley, B.S. ’96) and Joseph Termini (B.S. ’96)
Liam Kenneth to Shannon and Dan Byerly (B.A. ’97)
Olivia Ann to Maura and Michael Lott (B.S. ’97, M.S. ’03)
Gavin Michael to Rachael and Michael Sposato (B.S. ’98)
Brooke Avery to Kelly (Stidham, B.S. ’99) and Christopher O’Connor
John “Jack” Thomas to Shannon (Walker, B.S. ’99) and John Williams
Gregory Michael and Sean Michael to Karen (Maiorino, B.S. ’00) and Michael Winters
Abigail Nellie to Lauren (Penn, B.S. ’00, M.B.A. ’02) and Brian Adams (B.S. ’00, M.B.A. ’06)
Shezan “Gabriel” to Regina (DiMasi, M.B.A. ’01) and Saqib Alladin
Dylan Michael to Lisa (Glavey, B.S. ’01) and Jason Clarke
Nolan Patrick to Mary (Gunn, B.B.A. ’01) and James McCafferty
Kristen Van Leeuwen (B.S.) earned her M.B.A. in accounting from William Paterson University in December 2009.
2007
Joshua Reda (B.A.) earned his master’s degree in college student personnel administration from Seton Hall University in 2009. In January, he joined Gannon University in Erie, Pa., as assistant director of student living/resident director.

2009
Beth Jenkins (B.A.) is a virtuoso travel consultant at McCabe World Travel.
Lauren Stavis (B.S.) joined Saxbys Coffee Worldwide in January 2010 as the sole marketing coordinator. She works closely with individual franchises across the country and helped the fast-growing company reopen a Saxbys Coffee on Main Street in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia.
MEET OUR NEW ALUMNI!

Congratulations to Saint Joseph’s latest graduates, the Class of 2010. Here are some of their stories. To read more about these individuals and other new alumni, visit sju.edu/news/commencement.

1. OVERCOMING STRUGGLES:
   Michael Mungai
   Michael Mungai was just 14 years old when he left home and took to the streets of Dagoretti, Kenya to ease the financial burden on his mother, a single parent, and his three siblings. While a street kid, he met Christof Putzel, an American filming “Left Behind,” a documentary about African AIDS orphans and street children. Mungai worked as a guide and translator for Putzel and appeared in the film.
   His time on the streets inspired him to co-found Dagoretti4kids, an educational outreach program for homeless Dagoretti youths, in 2003. On a service trip to Africa, Mark Ors ’03 (B.S.) sought out Mungai and helped facilitate his admission to Saint Joseph’s. At the University, the economics and philosophy major created Harambee, a student-run group promoting awareness of African culture. Mungai plans to pursue a career in social justice.

2. MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
   Vincent Ajuk
   Vincent Ajuk, a Uganda native, is a busy man. In addition to providing for his extended family in Africa, this new graduate of Saint Joseph’s College of Professional and Liberal Studies is actively involved in charities and nonprofit organizations.
   Ajuk worked with UNICEF in refugee camps in the Sudan before moving to the United States in 2001. Since then, he has been working for Catholic Charities in Camden, N.J., as the director of the Welfare to Work program, helping current welfare recipients become self-sustaining.
   In 2007, he founded the American Friends of Northern Uganda, a nonprofit organization that supplies clean water, emergency food and medical treatment, and the sponsoring of educational resources to communities in Northern Uganda. “I want to know that I’ve made a difference,” he said.

3. GLOBETROTTING PHYSICIST:
   Michele Mestrino
   Italian native Michele Mestrino moved a long way from home when he traded his European lifestyle to come to Saint Joseph’s as a physics major. But the move was well worth it.
   A former senior fellow in the SJU Institute for Catholic Bioethics, Mestrino graduated with a 3.9 GPA. He served as chapter president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and was awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Student Research grant in 2008 and 2009.
   Mestrino has been accepted to Harvard Business School’s Two Plus Two program, geared toward non-business majors, but has deferred acceptance for two years to work as an analyst for a consulting company in the pharmaceutical and biotechnical industry in London.

4. MEDICINE AND MISSION:
   Emma Harmon
   Emma Harmon can’t remember exactly when she decided she wanted to be a doctor. “It’s just something I’ve always known about myself,” she said.
   The interdisciplinary health services major with a minor in health care ethics and biology has been an EMT since her junior year of high school. While at SJU, she volunteered with the local Narberth EMS and as a patient care technician at Bryn Mawr Hospital’s emergency room. On campus, she also served as a teaching assistant, vice president of the Jesuit honor society Alpha Sigma Nu and as a Hawk Host.
   Harmon’s post-graduation life may include medical school or a research assistantship, but she’s most looking forward to revisiting Haiti, where she’s traveled three times before on mission trips.

5. DESTINATION GRADUATION:
   Annie Shin
   The daughter of Korean immigrants, Annie Shin has always believed in the value of higher learning. Her journey to receive a degree may have taken a detour and made a few stops, but this year, she finally reached her destination — SJU graduation.
   After attending the University of the Arts in Philadelphia for a period of time beginning in 2002, Shin reevaluated her goals and took a job instead. While serving as a concierge at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia during Plastination’s Body Worlds exhibit, she says the experience “reinvigorated my love for science and academia.” She enrolled in a one-year honors program at the Community College of Philadelphia and transferred to SJU’s College of Professional and Liberal Studies where she earned a philosophy degree this year.

6. MAPPING THE BRAIN:
   Hadi Sauma
   Hadi Sauma has always been fascinated by neuroscience. When James Watrous, Ph.D., professor of biology, suggested Sauma’s 2009 Summer Scholar project focus on mapping sections of the hippocampus, part of the brain that regulates memory and emotion, the chemical biology major was instantly intrigued. To make the research even more interesting, the hippocampal networks Sauma mapped would enable him to model and simulate many aspects of epilepsy, a neurological disorder.
   His hard work paid off. Of 120 research posters entered in Thomas Jefferson University’s chapter of the Sigma Xi Student Research Poster Competition, Sauma was one of four undergraduate students — in a field of M.S., M.D.-Ph.D. and Ph.D. researchers — to win the Certificate of Award. He hopes to become a physician specializing in neurology.
Tell Us Your News...

Have you moved to a new home? Changed jobs? Married? Do you have a new baby?

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Endangered Species: The American Heartland

Kentucky poet-farmer Wendell Berry observes how the purpose of education today is to prepare young people to leave home. And there is no place in America better at raising their offspring to be successes someplace else than the American heartland. Small towns from the northern plains to the Texas Panhandle have gotten so efficient at shipping off their best and brightest that young people, not wheat or corn, are rural America’s most valuable export commodity. At the core of the heartland’s uncertain future is how young people have become the region’s most precious declining resource.

As part of the MacArthur Foundation’s Research Network on the Transitions to Adulthood, sociologist Patrick Carr and I travelled to northeastern Iowa (surveying nearly 300 young people and conducting in-depth interviews with more than 100 of them) to tell the story of how the young people of the pseudonymous town “Ellis” were faring compared to their peers in New York City, the Twin Cities and San Diego.

During our year and a half of living in Ellis and travelling around the nation, we found that forces we had witnessed in our work in inner-city Chicago and Philadelphia were at work in the countryside — global market shifts, deindustrialization, joblessness, the spread of an illegal underground economy. The greatest difference in urban vs. rural decline was just how quickly the crises took hold. The urban collapse of the 1970s and ’80s was a tidal wave taking out Detroit and Baltimore in just a few years, while the rural downturn was a seeping, creeping infestation eating away at the region’s economic infrastructure over a span of decades. The inhabitants of the nation’s rural regions were lulled into inaction by the Norman Rockwell appearance of their Main Streets, clapboard farmhouses and gracious Victorians. They were playing by 20th century rules in a 21st century world.

The central paradox of life in the countryside comes to light in the choices young rural Americans make about staying or leaving their communities. Through their own best intentions, the inhabitants of rural America are slowly committing suicide. The unexamined assumption that true success is only possible in the big city means that teachers, parents and other adults funnel their brightest young people to college and to careers there.

Meanwhile, neglect befalls their less-gifted peers, who are condemned to blue-collar jobs, with stagnant wages, or to poverty. In the young people’s varying pathways, we see the mechanism of rural decline. Teachers encourage able elite students, who leave town, rarely to return. The less educated but more locally invested stay, or leave for a short while before they return, filling the low-wage jobs that remain in diminishing economies. Only a very few professionals are lured back, not enough to keep their communities going. About 20 percent of Americans live in rural areas, but only nine percent of doctors practice there. As the cycle continues, fewer people remain in small towns, fewer still with the training and support to attempt revitalization. In a post-industrial economy that prizes education, the process will eventually turn rural communities into impoverished ghost towns where the young people who remain, in the words of Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Richard Russo, “are hanging on to hope, hanging on to pride and hanging on by a thread.”

The process is not new. For more than a century, shaking the dust off rural life in search of big city success has been a natural and expected part of life. What is different now is that, in a post-industrial economy that values workers with credentials, the rural youth exodus has fed the regional educational gap. From 1980 to 2000, 700 rural counties reported losing 10 percent or more of their population. And today, one of two rural counties has more deaths than births. Rural dwellers are more likely to be poor, uninsured and work for minimum wage than their suburban and urban peers.

Why should we care about rural America? Though Darwinian-style economics suggest that the decline of the heartland may simply be viewed as a kind of natural selection, we contend it would be a tragic mistake to write off the region. Nearly 60 million people, one out of six Americans, live in small towns and rural communities. This region produces the nation’s food and is widely expected to play a part in the coming sustainable food and green energy revolutions. Additionally, most of the young people fighting and dying in Afghanistan and Iraq hail from the countryside.

Rural America’s decline would mean that huge swaths of the nation would be forgotten ghost towns. We have an economic interest, moral obligation and political responsibility to re-imagine the nation’s countryside.

— Maria Kefalas, Ph.D.

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