Mark C. Reed, Ed.D.
Named SJU’s 28th President

Alumnus Links Philadelphia to World Meeting of Families

SJU Graduates Take Office in Panama

St. Ignatius Inspires Leadership Program
The 27th president of Saint Joseph’s University, C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, a consummate Jesuit priest and gifted academic, will conclude his term on July 1, 2015. He has guided the University for three years with a deep appreciation for leadership in the Ignatian tradition of personal and communal discernment.

Saint Joseph’s reached significant milestones during Fr. Gillespie’s tenure. The University launched the magis branding campaign that has elevated SJU’s profile and contributed to the enrollment of more than 1,300 freshmen last year. Fr. Gillespie also created the President’s Magis Scholarship Initiative, which has provided 44 new scholarships and nearly $13 million in scholarship support.

One of the University’s most notable achievements under Fr. Gillespie’s leadership was the acquisition of the 8.9-acre property at 5800 City Avenue, the former Cardinal’s Residence, now home to Enrollment Management and Admissions.

The catalyst for broad campus collaboration focused on reimagining SJU’s mission and vision statements, Fr. Gillespie also “brought the sacraments” to campus. In 2014, the University was granted permission to host weddings and the baptisms of students in the RCIA program in the Chapel of Saint Joseph–Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial.

Whether his work took him to international destinations to visit with alumni, across the country to develop University partnerships or around Hawk Hill to spend time with students, Fr. Gillespie was and is a man for others, the true embodiment of cura personalis. His commitment to and vision for his alma mater are ever present, and his influence will benefit all who love this University — past, present and future.

Clockwise from center: 1) Fr. Gillespie, an avid gardener and ardent supporter of the University’s sustainability efforts, works in the SJU Community Garden; 2) Fr. Gillespie presides over the marriage of Brittney McKeon ’08 and Sean McLaughlin ’07, the first wedding held on campus in the Chapel of St. Joseph–Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial; 3) Fr. Gillespie enjoys a moment with students from the Honors class he taught this past spring; and 4) 5800 City Avenue, the former Cardinal’s Residence, was acquired during Fr. Gillespie’s tenure.
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From the Editor

When it was confirmed that I would be interviewing the Rev. William G. Donovan '81 — the Archbishop of Philadelphia’s Liaison to the Pontifical Council for Family for the 2015 World Meeting of Families (WMOF) — for this issue of SJU Magazine, I knew I had to be well prepared. I was eager and a little anxious to speak with the man who had been selected to play such a significant part in this historic event for the Roman Catholic Church.

Fr. Donovan was traveling from Rome to Philadelphia this past March as part of his WMOF activities, and although he would be in the city for only two short, whirlwind weeks before his return to the Vatican, he fit me into his schedule. I expected our conversation to be succinct and formal. My uneasiness quickly faded in the presence of Fr. Donovan’s gracious, friendly, grateful and humble nature. He answered each of my questions with thoughtfulness and eloquence.

Looking forward to the WMOF Philadelphia this September, and to welcoming the first Jesuit pontiff on his inaugural visit to the United States, the cover story of this magazine highlights the impact of the first Jesuits in Philadelphia and their influence on the history of Catholics in America. Their heritage at Old Saint Joseph’s Church, the first urban Catholic church in the British Colonies, is deeply intertwined with the founding of Saint Joseph’s College by the church’s pastor at the time, Felix Barbelin, S.J., the first president, in 1851.

Since then, 27 members of the Society of Jesus have held the leadership of Saint Joseph’s College or Saint Joseph’s University. But now, as C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ‘72, ends his term as president (see the inside front cover), SJU welcomes its first lay president, Mark C. Reed, Ed.D. (Page 3). Future term as president (see the inside front cover), SJU welcomes the leadership of Saint Joseph’s College or Saint Joseph’s University.

Dr. Reed shares Fr. Donovan’s belief in the value of the family, and many SJU alumni and friends of the University have become involved with the World Meeting of Families. If you would like to volunteer, please visit alumni.sju.edu/wmof.

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On the Calendar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Fall 2015 semester, traditional day students:
• First day of classes, Aug. 24.
• Last day of classes, Dec. 7.
• Final exams, Dec. 9-15.

ACADEMIC EVENTS
Family Business and Entrepreneurship:
• “Succession and Beyond: Creating a Successful Transition and Living a Purpose-Driven Life after Succession,” Sept. 15 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.).
• “Sustaining Wealth Through the Generations,” Nov. 10 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Contact: 610-660-2218, rfe@sju.edu. sjufamilybiz.com

McNulty Scholars Program Annual Lecture, “Biochemical Sensors for Pain Measurement and Nanosensors for Rapid Detection of Food Pathogens,” Oct. 21, Science Center (3:35 p.m.). Speaker: Omowunmi A. Sadik, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and director of the Center for Advanced Sensors and Environmental Systems, State University of New York at Binghamton. Contact: Shani Nuckols, 610-660-1825, knuckols@sju.edu. www.sju.edu/mcnultylecture

ADMISSIONS
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Graduate Student Welcome, Aug. 20, Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Student Center. Contact: Kate McConnell, 610-660-1281, gradsuccess@sju.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
SJU Summer View, July 26.
SJU @Twilight, presentation and tour, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and 10.
SJU Fall Views, Oct. 4 and 25.

Contact: Undergraduate Admissions, 610-660-1300, admitt@sju.edu. sju.edu/visit

ALUMNI
Hawkfest, Sept. 18-20. Contact: 610-660-2015, hawkfest@sju.edu. (See inside back cover for details).
Hawk2Hawk, College of Arts & Sciences: “Vatican Splendors” exhibit, Franklin Institute, Oct. 5 (6-8 p.m.). Contact: Shaniqqua Rudd, 610-660-3201, srudd@sju.edu.
Hogan and Ignatius Awards Reception, Oct. 16, Campion Student Center (6 p.m.). Contact: Emma McCreight, 610-660-1040, emmcgre@sju.edu.
Alumni Day of Learning, Oct. 24, Merion Hall (9 a.m.-2 p.m.). Contact: Laura Dietz, 610-660-2301, liddietz@sju.edu.
“Gratitude, Grit and Grace: Formula for Social Change,” featuring Sr. Mary Scullion ’76, a Main Line Chamber of Commerce/Society of Professional Women Series event, Nov. 12, Philadelphia Country Club (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). Contact: Jeanne Montgomery, 610-660-1226, jmontgom@sju.edu.
35th Annual Alumni Gala, Nov. 14, Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia (6:30-10 p.m.). Shield of Loyola honoree: Anthony A. Nicholas Sr. ’67. Contact: Emma McCreight, 610-660-1040, emmcgre@sju.edu.
Law Alumni Awards, Nov. 18, the Union League of Philadelphia (6-8 p.m.). Contact: Shaniqqua Rudd, 610-660-3201, srudd@sju.edu.
Real Estate & Construction Chapter Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 2, The Union League of Philadelphia (noon-3 p.m.). Contact: Shaniqqua Rudd, 610-660-3201, srudd@sju.edu.
Alumni Christmas Mass and Brunch, Dec. 6, Campion Student Center. Contact: Lynn Langnas, 610-660-3467, lilangnas@sju.edu.

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

ATHLETICS
Cindy Griffin Basketball Camps, Hagan Arena:
• CYOMiddle School/AAU Team Camp, boys and girls, grades 5-8, July 13-16 (9 a.m.-noon).
• Day Camp II, girls, ages 7-14, July 14-18 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.).
• August Half-Day Clinic, girls, ages 5-13, Aug. 24-27 (8:30-11:30 a.m.).
Contact: Kathy MacDonald, 610-660-1710, kmacdon@sju.edu.

Baseball Reunion and Golf Outing, Sept. 21, Bala Golf Club, Philadelphia (registration, 11 a.m.; shotgun start, 12:30 p.m.).


Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame Induction, Oct. 17, Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Center (6 p.m.).

Women’s Basketball Mass and Brunch, Oct. 18, Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Student Center (Mass, 11 a.m.; brunch, noon).

For information on the events above, contact: Becky Hemphill, 610-660-3280, rhemphil@sju.edu.

KINNEY CENTER FOR AUTISM EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Kinney Walk/Run for Autism, Sept. 19, the Maguire Campus (8:30-10:30 a.m.). Contact: Abigail Large, 610-660-2177, alarge@sju.edu. kinneyautism.sju.edu/5k

MINISTRY, FAITH AND SERVICE

Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial during the fall semester:
• Sundays (11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.).
• Weekdays (12:20 p.m.).
• Mass of the Holy Spirit, Sept. 22 (11 a.m.).

MUSIC, THEATRE AND FILM DEPARTMENT

University Singers Concert, Oct. 25, Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial (3 p.m.).

Jazz Band Concert, Dec. 3, Bluett Theatre, Post Hall (8 p.m.).

Student Voice Recital, Dec. 7, Chapel of St. Joseph (7 p.m.).

Student Guitar Recital, Dec. 10, Chapel of St. Joseph (7:30 p.m.). Contact: Kelly Gomez-Zimmer, 610-660-2277, kgomezzi@sju.edu.

SJTU THEATRE COMPANY

“Assassins,” Bluett Theatre, Oct. 21-24 (8 p.m.); Oct. 25 (7 p.m.).
Tickets: 610-660-1181. www.sju.edu/theatre

UNIVERSITY GALLERY

Photography, Vaughn Wassowich, June-Aug. 1.
Paintings, Aug. 17-Sept. 18.
Paintings, Bruce Pollock, Nov. 9-Dec. 5.

Contact: Jeanne Brady, 610-660-1845, jbrady@sju.edu. www.sju.edu/gallery
On April 22, the Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees elected Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., as the Jesuit institution’s 28th — and first lay — president in its 164-year history. Dr. Reed currently serves as senior vice president and chief of staff at Fairfield University, in Fairfield, Conn., which, along with Saint Joseph’s, is one of the nation’s 28 Jesuit colleges and universities.

“The Board of Trustees made history in electing Mark C. Reed as the first lay president of Saint Joseph’s University,” says Edward W. Moneypenny ’64, chair of SJU’s Board of Trustees. “Dr. Reed’s lifelong commitment to Jesuit values and mission, and his outstanding record as a leader in Catholic higher education, make him the perfect choice to lead Saint Joseph’s into the future.”

On July 1, Dr. Reed will succeed current University President C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, who announced last August that he would step down at the end of his three-year term. (Please see this magazine’s inside front cover for highlights of Fr. Gillespie’s term.)

An inauguration ceremony for Dr. Reed will be held in the fall.

“On behalf of the Maryland Province, I am pleased to endorse Dr. Mark C. Reed as the president-elect of Saint Joseph’s University,” says Provincial Robert M. Hussey, S.J., of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. “Given Dr. Reed’s dedication to Jesuit education and Ignatian values, I have the utmost confidence in his ability to lead the mission of Saint Joseph’s with great wisdom, strength and vision.”

“I am honored and humbled to be chosen as Saint Joseph’s University’s first lay president,” says Dr. Reed. “As a Philadelphia-area native, I have known and cared about Saint Joseph’s all of my life. I am deeply inspired by its Jesuit, Catholic heritage, its reputation for academic excellence, and its dedication to serving the surrounding community and the world beyond its borders. I look forward to working with the University’s outstanding faculty and staff to help fully realize its mission.”

A 1992 graduate of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School in Philadelphia, Dr. Reed received a B.S. in mathematics from Fairfield University in 1996, a master of education in secondary educational administration from Boston College in 1999, an MBA from Fairfield in 2002, and a doctorate of education in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania in 2008.

During his 15-year career at Fairfield and prior to his current position as senior vice president and chief of staff, Dr. Reed served as the institution’s interim vice president for university advancement; vice president for administration and student affairs; vice president for student affairs; associate vice president and dean of students; and dean of students. He is a past president of the Jesuit Student Affairs Association, and also taught mathematics as an adjunct faculty member. He recently received Fairfield’s Distinguished Faculty/Administrator Award.

“The presidential search committee was charged to find a visionary leader to champion its mission through a time of growth and change,” says Robert J. Bowman ’81, vice chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the presidential search committee. “After conducting an open, nationwide search, Dr. Reed emerged as the top candidate among an impressive field of highly qualified applicants — both lay and Jesuit.”

Dr. Reed, his wife, Kate, and their two young daughters relocated to the Philadelphia area this summer.

Presidential search committee member Lynn McKee ’83; search committee chair Robert Bowman ’81; Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., president-elect; Board of Trustees Chair Ed Moneypenny ’64 and Board Vice Chair Daniel Hilferty ’78.
COMMENCEMENT 2015

On Saturday, May 16, nearly 2,400 students from Saint Joseph's University’s undergraduate and graduate programs became alumni, as the 164-year-old institution celebrated a weekend of commencement ceremonies.

The Honorable Michael A. Nutter, in his second term as Mayor of Philadelphia, gave an address at the undergraduate ceremony. Educated at Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School, which shares its Jesuit heritage with SJU, Mayor Nutter has devoted his life’s work to Philadelphia, his hometown.

Frances M. Visco, J.D. ’80 (B.A.), the first president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) and a breast cancer survivor, spoke at the graduate ceremony. Visco was a partner at a Philadelphia law firm before leaving to focus on NBCC’s work.

Saint Joseph’s University granted each honoree a Doctor of Public Service degree, honoris causa.

Commencement weekend photos and video: www.sju.edu/gradrecap

JOHN R. POST ’60 SCULPTURE NAMED THROUGH CAMPUS CONTEST

Nestled on the lawn between the John and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons and Wolfington Hall is a recent campus addition — a sculpture created by John R. Post ’60. In addition to the Learning Commons, the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center and Post Hall are also named for the longtime SJU benefactor and philanthropist.

The sculpture, “Crimson Cubes,” was named through a contest open to faculty, staff, students and their parents, and alumni during Hawktoberfest + Family Weekend 2014. Jeanne Riddagh of University Advancement submitted the winning entry, which Post selected.

Post is the founder and president of Post Precision Casting, a custom manufacturer of investment castings. For the past 35 years, he has fabricated detailed metal sculptures inspired by his worldwide travels and personal interests.

In addition to Crimson Cubes, Post has donated an armillary sphere located in Kelly Academic Plaza and “Bicycles,” a sculpture outside Mandeville Hall.

PRESIDENT’S HIGHER EDUCATION HONOR ROLL HIGHLIGHTS SJU FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

SJU has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the eighth consecutive year. Since 2006, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has recognized colleges and universities that are highly committed to volunteering and community service.

“Service is the hallmark of a Saint Joseph’s education,” says University President C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72. “Our students have a deep commitment to acting as men and women with and for others.”
FOR THE RECORD

The Professional and Liberal Studies (PLS) and Haub Degree Completion (HDC) programs have signed a dual admissions partnership with the Community College of Philadelphia. PLS and HDC are tailored to nontraditional and adult undergraduates.

JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY PROGRAM FOR DIGITAL MEDIA AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

A new program in the communication studies department will further the ability of its students and faculty to respond to the rapid technological and paradigm shifts in the world.

The John Cardinal Foley Program for Digital Media and Civic Engagement has been made possible with an anonymous gift to the University. Through this program, students and faculty will share in the promotion of communication as a vehicle for globally connecting citizens of the world as Cardinal Foley did throughout his lifetime.

Cardinal Foley ’57 was the University’s first graduate to be named a cardinal. Known as the “Dean of Catholic Communicators,” he enjoyed a more than 40-year career in the print and broadcast news media. The 1997 recipient of the Shield of Loyola, the SJU Alumni Association’s most prestigious award, Cardinal Foley passed away in 2011.

The Beautiful Social Research Collaborative, an initiative funded through the Cardinal Foley Program, gives students the unique opportunity to combine practical and experiential learning by providing pro bono digital media consultation to local nonprofit organizations.

HAUB SCHOOL AND ACCOUNTING RECEIVE AACSB REACCREDITATION

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business has extended accreditation to the Haub School of Business for the third time and repeated an additional specialized accreditation of its accounting program.

AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. Only 719 of the 13,000 business programs across the globe, or less than five percent, have earned this endorsement from AACSB, and only 182 have received accreditation for their accounting programs.

CLASS OF 2014 — CAREER DESTINATIONS: SURVEY OF UNDERGRADUATE DAY STUDENTS

96.5% of respondents were employed, in full-time volunteer programs or the military, and/or pursuing additional education.

95% reported having participated in at least one semester-long experiential education program (e.g., internships, cooperative education and study abroad).

On-Campus Interviews, Employment Listings and Experiential Education

299 recruiting organizations through Career Fairs and on-campus interviews

3,153 full-time employment postings on SJUcareers

1,051 internship postings on SJUcareers

1,483 employers providing postings on SJUcareers

2,191 on-campus interviews

18% more interviews than in 2013

Data obtained through a Career Development Center survey, July-November 2014. Responses reflect 74.6% of total graduates from the Class of 2014.
NATIONAL AGENCIES AWARD GRANTS TO SJU

- SJU has received a $299,552 National Science Foundation (NSF) competitive grant from the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program to conduct research with the goal of influencing teacher retention rates in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The grant’s co-principal investigators are Sandra Fillebrown, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and director of graduate math education, and Stacy Olitsky, Ph.D., assistant professor of education. The three-year project was announced by U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.), lead appropriator for the NSF and the country’s science agencies.

- The computer science program was awarded a $102,875 NSF grant to fund a collaborative research project with undergraduate students and faculty from Bryn Mawr College and Rutgers-Camden. The three-year collaboration in computational geometry and the modeling of three-dimensional surfaces, titled “Quadilateral Surface Meshes with Provable Quality Guarantees,” is developing algorithms for quadrilateral meshes for various surface representations. F. Betul Atalay, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science, is the principal investigator.

- Jason Powell, D.Phil., associate professor of English, has received a $50,400 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to complete the second of a two-volume project on the poetry and prose of Sir Thomas Wyatt. He received an NEH Fellowship of the same amount in 2008, which allowed him to complete the first volume, The Complete Works of Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder, published by Oxford University Press.

LECTURE SERIES FEATURES JIM MCTAGUE ’71

The Haub School of Business and Dean’s Leadership Program presented the 2015 Carfagno Lecture Series, featuring Jim McTague ’71, the Washington, D.C., editor of Barron’s, Dow Jones Business and Financial Weekly, in April.

Titled “What’s on the Traffic Cam at the Intersection of Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue,” McTague’s presentation offered an economic state of the union from Capitol Hill, touching on the impact of bipartisan politics on the economy and how artificial intelligence has come to dominate the structure of the stock market.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jim McTague back to campus,” said Haub School Dean Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70, at the event. “His experience and expertise is relevant to all of our students — both in the business school and the College of Arts and Sciences.”


INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC BIOETHICS BRINGS EYEGLASSES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Frames to Go, a program begun two years ago by Kathleen Logan ’16, Lauren Kozlowski ‘15 and Theresa O’Doherty ‘09 (M.S.), administrator for the Institute of Catholic Bioethics, has amassed 1,500-plus pairs of used eyeglasses to send to eye hospitals and free clinics in Nicaragua, Uganda or Sierra Leone.

With funds received from an SJU Diversity Grant, O’Doherty purchased a professional lensmeter with which she, Logan, Kozlowski and a cadre of bioethics fellows and mentees read each lens and note the prescription. Each pair of glasses is packed in individual cases with a lens cloth. Missie Eriksson, an optician from Cherry Hill, N.J., trained the team to work with the lensmeter.

“Frames to Go has helped some of the most vulnerable members of society in these developing countries,” says Peter Clark, S.J. ’75, the Institute director and professor of theology and health services. “Having delivered 150 pairs of glasses to a clinic in a barrio of Managua [Nicaragua], the evidence was clear on the optometrist’s face when she saw the number and types of glasses we were able to provide. She explained that eye care is not a priority in developing countries, and as a result, many children will do poorly in school because they cannot see properly. This simple but unique program is making a real difference in the lives of these individuals.”

For information on how to donate used glasses to Frames to Go, contact O’Doherty at todohter@sju.edu or at 610-660-3425.
HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
DAVID ALLAN, PH.D. ’99 (MBA)
Professor, Marketing

Music has long been a secret weapon for companies to distinguish their brands and attract consumers in advertising campaigns.

David Allan, Ph.D. ’99 (MBA), marketing department chair and professor, is well-known for his expertise in audio branding — using music to enhance a brand’s distinct identity — from its application in prime-time TV advertising to Super Bowl ads.

Allan recently partnered with Coca-Cola to develop a case study of the company’s musical choices for its 2010 and 2014 World Cup global advertising campaigns. “We looked at their past strategies and outcomes to come up with a music recommendation for 2018,” he says.

His new book, This Note’s For You: Popular Music + Advertising = Marketing Excellence (Business Expert Press, 2015), examines some of the most significant ads of all time and the music they feature, from Coca-Cola’s historic use of “Teach the World to Sing” in 1971 to Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” for Chrysler in 2011.

As a 2012 recipient of a Michael J. Morris Grant for Scholarly Research, Allan, along with Stephanie Tryce, J.D., assistant professor of marketing, examined the evolution of popular music in Super Bowl commercials over a decade.

Allan worked in radio for 20 years before turning to academia, where he found his niche in music marketing. “I’m always trying to give my students a real-world perspective within the realm of my experience and what I’m interested in,” he says. “It helps that I’m often interested in the same things they are.” Allan created and serves as advisor for 1851 Records and Radio 1851.

— Marisa (Fulton) Benjamin ’03

ARRUPE CENTER OFFERS NETWORK FOR RISING BUSINESS LEADERS

The Arrupe Rising Business Leaders Network is giving young professionals a new forum for like-minded peers to consider ethical issues in their careers and the business world. Begun in 2014, the group is open to SJU juniors, seniors and graduate students, as well as alumni who have graduated within the last decade. It is part of the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics in the Haub School.

Each semester, Rising Business Leaders offers networking events, community service and discussions with experts in the field of ethics. “The [Rising Business Leaders] network connected me with a young alumnus who, in the midst of my job search, was able to offer me great advice and an open conversation about business ethics,” says Rich Viebrock ’15. “It’s encouraging to talk with people who have been successful while remaining dedicated to business ethics.”
The relaxation of U.S. foreign policy toward Cuba in the past few years has allowed both countries to interact more freely. Because of this political shift, Richard Gioioso, Ph.D. ’98, assistant professor of political science, was able to take students in his Contemporary Cuban Politics and Cultures course on a study tour to Cuba in the spring of 2014. The tour gave students a rare opportunity to immerse themselves in the Cuban culture.

“This was a transformative experience for the students,” says Gioioso, an expert in Cuban migration and Cuban youth, who is planning a second tour for May 2016. “Cubans are now much more willing and able to express their thoughts about life and political and economic changes on the island, and our students were able to engage and speak openly with them.”

Gioioso was part of a panel discussion about Cuba at the Union League in Philadelphia in March. The event was sponsored by the Pan American Association of Philadelphia and facilitated by alumnus Gabriel Marcella, Ph.D. ’64, a retired professor at the U.S. Army War College.

Gioioso says he is optimistic about the current process of normalization, or “thaw,” between the United States and Cuba since the announcement by U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuba President Raúl Castro in December 2014.

“The Cuban government has agreed to allow more transfer of information through increased Internet access and more opportunities for travel,” he says. “Promotional tourism has increased, and reform to the economy has enabled some private enterprise and increased entrepreneurship after a lack of private property ownership.

“The Cuban people don’t have any ill will toward Americans. They are hopeful that more openness between the two countries will have a positive effect on them.”

— Marisa (Fulton) Benjamin ’03

RCIA CANDIDATES RECEIVE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION IN CAMPUS CHAPEL

For the first time ever, Saint Joseph’s students who participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at the University received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion in the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., on campus. The holy rite occurred during this year’s Easter Vigil Mass, which is the traditional occasion for adults to be accepted for full communion into the Church. University President C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, and Brian Frain, S.J. ’86, celebrated the Mass.

From left: Abraham, Diaz, Williams, Kenney, Street and Oliver ’07

SAINT JOSEPH’S HOSTS FOX 29 MAYORAL DEBATE

Saint Joseph’s hosted a debate in the Wolfington Teletorium of Mandeville Hall for the Democratic Primary of the Philadelphia mayoral race in April. Moderated by Lucy Noland and hosted by Iain Page, FOX 29 news anchors, the debate featured a round of questions asked by SJU students. Peter Born, a sophomore political science major and SJU Student Senate member, asked the candidates how they would incentivize outside companies to help bolster Philadelphia’s economy. Kristen Harper ’15, also a political science major and then president of the College Democrats, queried the panel on the most effective way to create jobs in Philadelphia.

Democratic hopefuls Lynne Abraham, Nelson Diaz, Jim Kenney, Doug Oliver ’07 (MBA), Milton Street and Anthony Williams appeared at the event. The candidates also took questions from panelists Bill Anderson (FOX 29), Solomon Jones (WURD Radio), Max Marin (AL DÍA News) and Shannon McDonald (BillyPenn).
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW MEMBERS
The Saint Joseph’s University Board of Trustees welcomes the following members, elected in 2015:

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Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, Main Line Health System
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Maryland Province
(2008-2014)

SJU JOINS ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOTCAMP FOR VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV), an entrepreneurial and small business education program founded in 2007 at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University and operated by the school’s Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), has announced the expansion of its consortium of schools to include Saint Joseph’s University. The program will be offered through the Office of Veterans Services in the Haub School of Business.

The EBV is widely acclaimed as the nation’s premier veterans entrepreneurship training program, and is recognized as a national best practice by the Department of the Army and one of the 10 best entrepreneurship programs in the United States according to Inc. magazine.

“The passion that St. Joe’s has for veterans’ support initiatives will complement the EBV National Program tremendously,” says Mike Haynie, Ph.D., EBV founder and executive director of the IVMF at Syracuse University.

U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 list of “Best Colleges for Veterans” ranked SJU No. 2 among colleges and universities in the North for helping veterans and active-duty service members apply to, pay for and complete their degrees. Recognized as a 2015 Military Friendly® School by MilitaryFriendly.com, SJU also launched a smaller-scale entrepreneurial program for veterans in 2015. www.sju.edu/veterans

JESUIT ETHICIST SERVES AS MACLEAN CHAIR
T. Michael McNulty, S.J., associate professor emeritus of philosophy at Marquette University, served as the Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair for the 2014-15 academic year. The MacLean Chair is held by members of the Society of Jesus who are accomplished teachers and scholars in the arts and sciences.

Fr. McNulty has been a visiting professor at the Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) in San Salvador, El Salvador, and the justice and peace director at the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, an association of religious and apostolic leaders, in Silver Spring, Md.

Widely published and the editor of several publications, Fr. McNulty focuses his research on contemporary ethical problems, especially those concerning human rights. During the fall semester, he taught Topics in Political Philosophy, exploring current issues that are part of the public debate in U.S. politics, and he offered the lecture “El Salvador: Martyrdom and the Humanitarian Crisis on the Border.”

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KINNEY CENTER MARKS FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
On a chilly April day, more than 600 faculty, staff, alumni and friends turned out to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support by forming a human “K” on the St. Mary’s Lawn.

Since its inception, the Kinney Center’s mission has been to educate trained professionals in the field of autism studies and research, while supporting families through programming.

DID YOU KNOW?
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SJU INDUCTS 13TH HALL OF FAME CLASS

Saint Joseph’s University added six more standouts to its Hall of Fame at the 13th Athletics Hall of Fame Celebration this past November (from left): Jay Crawford ’61 (men's soccer, men's track), Angela Zampella ’00 (women's basketball), Bob Lojewski ’85 (men's basketball), Christine Kane O’Connell ’01 (women's cross country, women's track), Dom Lamberto ’82 (baseball) and Billy Stewart ‘06 (golf).
Old Saint Joseph’s Church, Philadelphia

CATHOLIC PHILADELPHIA

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As the birthplace of America — and the home of Saint Joseph’s University — prepares to welcome the first Jesuit pope, SJU Magazine offers three examples of the Society of Jesus’s influence on the city and the University.

A Documentary:
The Story of Catholic Philadelphia
By Kristen A. Graham

From the earliest days of this country, the Jesuit order of priests was central to both the Catholic and the Philadelphia stories.

Less than a century after St. Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1534, the Jesuits first brought their faith to North America from Europe. In 1611, French Jesuits arrived in Maine, and, soon after, English Jesuits established a mission in Maryland. By the start of the 18th century, suppression of Catholicism in Maryland caused the Jesuits to expand their mission work to William Penn’s Quaker colony, where religious freedom ruled. In 1729, Joseph Greaton, S.J., arrived in Philadelphia, founding what was to become the first urban Catholic church in the British colonies and the first public Catholic worship site in Pennsylvania — Old Saint Joseph’s.

“The Jesuits,” says Katie Oxx, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology and religious studies at Saint Joseph’s, “were the foundation of Philadelphia Catholic history.”

That history will be front and center in September, when the world’s eyes turn to Philadelphia for the 2015 World Meeting of Families and the first visit to the United States by Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pontiff. In the days leading up to the World Meeting of Families, a documentary produced by Oxx — “Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia” — will be broadcast locally on 6ABC. Oxx came to the project through Sam Katz, the municipal finance expert and three-time mayoral candidate with whom she worked on the “Philadelphia: The Great Experiment” film series.

Katz called Oxx at about 10 p.m. on New Year’s Eve in 2012, she remembers, excited about a thought that had occurred to him. “He said, ‘What do you think if we were to do a film about the religious history of Philadelphia?’” she recalls.

Oxx says she was “speechless” and eager to share with audiences the rich history she studies, teaches and lives as a Saint Joseph’s University faculty member.

The University was founded in 1851 at Old Saint Joseph’s Church, at what is now 321 Willings Alley in Old City, with Felix Joseph Barbelin, S.J., as its first president. But the church was established more than a century before that,
at a time of challenge for Catholics, who endured hostility and persecution for their beliefs. Old Saint Joseph’s founder, Fr. Greaton, imagined the church as a safe space for them to celebrate their faith, and the congregation endured.

A worldwide suppression of the Society of Jesus by Pope Clement XIV in 1773 quieted public Jesuit action temporarily, but the order was reinstated in 1814, soon reinvigorating the struggling church in a country that was becoming more diverse, urban and industrialized. Fr. Barbelin helped Catholic schools take root in Philadelphia, especially after the fierce, frightening “Nativist Riots,” also called the “Bible Riots,” of the 1840s. Several Catholic churches were burned in the riots, caused in part by a request that Catholic children attending public schools be allowed to read from the Catholic Bible. As St. Ignatius had intended, the Jesuits did not withdraw from difficult events challenging the faith, but became involved in them — and throughout the city’s history, they have persisted — running parishes, schools, sports leagues and medical facilities.

Sam Katz and Katie Oxx, Ph.D., visit Old Saint Joseph’s Church in preparation for their documentary on Catholic history in Philadelphia.

The documentary will reflect a change in how people study religion in American life, says the film’s lead scholar Randall Miller, Ph.D., SJU professor of history and holder of the William Dirk Warren ’50 Sesquicentennial Chair. Forty years ago, religious historical works tended to be an examination of bishops and other church leaders. “Now, it’s a major shift, looking at things from the pew up,” Miller says. “This is a story of people, not just the story of a church. It’s going to be honest, and it’s going to be interesting.”

Oxx is hopeful. “There are going to be a lot of things that Philadelphians and even Catholic Philadelphians don’t know,” she says. “Catholics fundamentally shaped Philadelphia, and Philadelphia has fundamentally shaped Catholics.”

Katz was dimly aware of the Catholic character of the city growing up in Wynnewood, near Saint Joseph’s campus. As a young boy, he knew little beyond his Jewish neighborhood, but was
intrigued by the college nearby, and the cardinal’s house a little farther south on City Avenue. But now he is immersed in it. “I didn’t understand it, but it was very much a Catholic place, a city of parishes,” he says.

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A Class: The Urban Lab

Before earning a Saint Joseph’s diploma, students must complete “Faith, Justice and the Catholic Tradition,” a theology course designed to introduce them to the beliefs and values that have shaped the University and its Jesuit mission of social justice, and which Pope Francis exemplifies in his devotion to the poor. Faculty members Jim Caccamo, Ph.D., and Katie Oxx, Ph.D., had an idea — what if they tweaked the class a bit, offering an option that gave students the opportunity to not just read and discuss the important ideals, but to experience them firsthand?

“We wanted to take classroom experiences outside classroom walls,” says Caccamo, associate professor and chair of theology and religious studies. Dubbed “Urban Lab,” this new approach to a Signature Core course in the General Education Program is part traditional classroom time and part off-campus, community-based engagement in Philadelphia and Camden, N.J. It introduces students to the intersections of religion with race, class and injustice.

The Urban Lab approach is designed to “take students out in the world to learn about how these concepts — who God is, what it means to be a human being — play out in real life,” Caccamo says. “We want to get them in touch with what Catholics believe and what Catholics do, not in a theoretical sense, but in the sense of the lived reality of the people in this region.”

As part of an Urban Lab weekend immersion, (from left) Jay Wadyka ’18 and Nick Luciani ’18 work with Jeff Petrosky ’03 and Jim Caccamo at a Habitat for Humanity warehouse in Camden, N.J.
Caccamo and Oxx co-taught the first Urban Lab in the spring 2015 semester, with a mix of young people who already had a taste for experiential learning, and some who were new to it.

“Some students spend their whole four years on campus and never come into the city,” Oxx says. “We wanted to light a fire under some of them, in a way.”

A key component of the course is weekend-long immersions at Camden’s Romero Center Ministries, a place for urban education and retreats rooted in Catholic social teaching. As the course was being designed, faculty reached out to Jeffrey Petrosky ’03, Romero’s associate director, who helped design these experiences — two days of volunteer work and early morning tours of neighborhoods, delving into the world of the marginalized.

“We challenge students to reflect on the things they have learned, to think about what resonates with them,” Petrosky says. For the students, one of the most memorable activities is often when they’re broken up into “families” and allocated a budget based on what people enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — food stamps — receive. The families must then exist for a day on the food they can buy with their meager budgets.

Lauren Schwartz ’18 of Manalapan, N.J., already had the fire Oxx hopes to instill in her students — she had volunteered in a homeless shelter and tutored children in an after-school program in a tough Camden neighborhood prior to signing up for the Urban Lab. Even so, the class has been transformative, she says. Schwartz’s family of four grappled with food allergies and had a scant $12 to pay for meals for the day. Existing on tortillas, eggs, cold cuts, rice and four bananas for three meals — no snacks — “just made everything so real,” she says. Later, when they worked in a soup kitchen, “I felt this powerful solidarity,” says Schwartz. “We dealt with what they live with every day.”

The class, she says, “embodies Saint Joseph’s mission — caring for the whole person, being men and women for others,” she says. “It’s been phenomenal.”

That delights Caccamo, who sees great promise in the Urban Lab approach to the course. “Jesuit universities are trying to help students become capable in their fields — good chemists, businessmen, mathematicians,” he says. “But we also want to help them learn to be of service to the faith, if they’re of the faith, and whomever they are, to work to promote justice in their communities.”

Kristen Graham is a Philadelphia-based freelance writer and frequent contributor to SJU Magazine.

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Although Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia in September will be his first, a shared connection to Jesuit education inextricably links him to the city.

By Daniel R.J. Joyce, S.J. ’88

Pope Francis may pass through Hawk Hill during his visit to Philadelphia, but he need not emerge from the car to know the full experience of what happens in the classrooms of Saint Joseph’s University. The expert communication skills he employs are well used here, where the intellectual atmosphere captivates the unbridled curiosity of the young and the natural skepticism of the advancing learner.

The Pope believes in engaging and delighting students with the beauty of examining God’s world and offering them as much informed learning as they can muster to know. Regarded as one of the most effective communicators of our age, Jorge Mario Bergolio, S.J., may have honed this ability in the classroom — not unlike others have throughout the history of Jesuit education, and today, in our very own City of Brotherly Love.

As a young priest, Pope Francis was missioned regularly by his Jesuit superiors into classrooms of all sorts. As a Jesuit regent, while in studies for ordination to the priesthood, the young Argentinean was sent to teach high school boys in the heart of Buenos Aires, and later, to instruct graduate students in theology. His teaching skills then translated into less structured, more public roles. As a novice master to young Jesuits preparing to take their vows in the Society of Jesus, he taught them the basics of the spiritual life. His most unusual role as an educator began when he was ordained a bishop and took on the “teaching office” within the Church to instruct and care for the faithful under his leadership.

During his educational sojourn, the Pope seems to have received the classic Jesuit instruction that, in preaching and teaching, one should always take to heart the advice of Cicero’s “de Oratore”; good communicators first delight their audience, then inform them, so as to move them into action for the good. Because the Holy Father first formed his rhetorical skills in the Jesuit classroom, teaching literature to 15-year-olds, he may well owe his outstanding communication skills to the obtuse nature of adolescent learners, not known for their attentiveness.

Philadelphia’s Jesuit classrooms still echo with the same nurturing of eloquencia perfecta — elegance and erudition in learning and communication, whether in public speaking or writing, that the Holy Father employed and that was begun nearly three centuries ago. In 1734, Joseph Greaton, S.J., and Robert Harding, S.J., established themselves in a rented building on Chestnut Street where the U.S. Customs House now stands. It is believed they opened a Jesuit-sponsored school, most likely staffed by lay teachers who took on the same challenging task to engage students, inform them of...
the basic knowledge of each discipline, and move them to use that learning for the sake of God’s world. Jesuit education created a more permanent set of classroom experiences in 1782 when Robert Molyneux, S.J., established the first parochial school in the United States. This small school, now named Saint Mary Interparochial, in the heart of the city’s historic district, persists as a powerful example of the quality and lasting value of Catholic education, having some of the highest test scores among Philadelphia Catholic schools.

The very formation in the art of teaching and effective communication that the Pope received in his Jesuit education became a permanent offering in Philadelphia with the creation of Saint Joseph’s College, the foundation of both Saint Joseph’s University and St. Joseph’s Preparatory School, known affectionately as “The Prep.” Felix Barbelin, S.J., founded these schools in 1851, making the pedagogy inspired by St. Ignatius a fixture of the civic life in one of the nation’s fastest-growing cities. Generations of teachers, both lay and Jesuit, have come to enjoy the opportunity and challenge of the classroom, from Saint Joseph’s beginnings in Society Hill, to North Philadelphia, and then to City Line Avenue in Wynnewfield and Lower Merion.

The Holy Father would fully understand the opportunity to inspire a student’s use of that knowledge for the greater good. This may be why those of us who have been through the Jesuit classroom can easily see him as a most effective teacher for instructing and inspiring all to that greater good — the magis.

Fr. Joyce is executive director of mission programs and director of the ACESJU Education Fellows Program at Saint Joseph’s University. He is also a senior fellow at the Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society at the University of Pennsylvania.

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The Rev. William G. Donovan, Ph.D. ’81, is the Archbishop of Philadelphia’s Liaison to the Pontifical Council for Family for the 2015 World Meeting of Families. Since January 2014, the Havertown, Pa., native has spent most of his time in Rome, working as a bridge between the Vatican and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Fr. Donovan was in Philadelphia this past March, hosting various dignitaries from the Vatican for a tour of the city and further preparation for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF). He took some time out of his full schedule to talk with SJU Magazine.

**SJUM:** How did you come to serve as the Archbishop of Philadelphia’s liaison to the Pontifical Council for the Family?

**WGD:** Until recently, I was a professor of philosophy at our Archdiocesan seminary of Saint Charles (for the past 10 years) and also helped on the weekends at St. John Vianney in Gladwyne. Then Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput asked me to go to Rome for this special two-year assignment.

Since I had completed my graduate studies in Rome, I was familiar with the city and the Italian language.

I join Archbishop Chaput in his enthusiasm to host the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis in Philadelphia. Archbishop Chaput is convinced that the WMOF will be a tremendous international gathering, which can have a wonderfully transformative effect on the life of the Church and for the people of the great Commonwealth. I’m grateful to him for entrusting me with this important work. I am joyful about being a small part of the WMOF team serving the Archdiocese.

**SJUM:** What does it mean for the Roman Catholic Church that the Meeting of Families is being held, for the first time, in the United States, a country that’s not predominantly Catholic?

**WGD:** The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1994. This triennial event welcomes representatives from every country of the world to celebrate the nature, dignity and importance of the family. The three principal events of WMOF are: the Congress, the Festival of Families and the Papal Mass.

This WMOF, which is the eighth one, is the first time in which the WMOF will be held in a country without a Catholic majority. Roman Catholics represent 23 percent of the USA.
Consequently, there will be unique features to this year’s WMOF, including a broader outreach encompassing interfaith and ecumenical dimensions.

We have had extraordinary support from our brothers and sisters of different faith traditions, in particular from our generous brothers and sisters of the Jewish community. This has been one of the many beautiful aspects of our work.

Many recognize that we can all share in common a love for the family, an indispensable gift from God for the health and well being of society.

**SJUM:** Have you spent time with Pope Francis?

**WGD:** I have had the privilege of accompanying Archbishop Chaput to his private audience with the Holy Father.

I have also had the particular joy to greet the Holy Father about a dozen times in this past year. He is always smiling, gently and warmly receiving guests. He strikes me as very serene. On one or two occasions, he has exhibited a lively and warm sense of humor.

**SJUM:** As the fifth of eight children in your own family, what does it mean to you personally to be a part of the World Meeting of Families?

**WGD:** My mother and father have both gone back to God. While naturally we miss them, I, along with my brothers and sisters, have felt particularly graced to have had such wonderful loving, caring and faithful parents. Now all my brothers and sisters are married and have children. Some have grandchildren. So, the family has been a central touchstone for all of us.

After serving a decade in the wonderful ministry of preparing young men to serve God and His people as priests, I look upon this new ministry in service of the family with great joy. It’s a real blessing to be able to serve the family in this unique way.

Perhaps outside the sacramental economy of God’s grace, the family, after life itself, is God’s great gift to humanity. After giving us life with our intellect and will, God desired for us to be loved, valued, respected, protected and nourished. I think perhaps the family is the best place where God’s gift to us of life — our own life — is best loved, valued, respected, protected and nourished.

My ministry serves to raise our esteem for God’s gift to us of the family.

**SJUM:** How did you decide to become a priest?

**WGD:** I suppose that I have never known a time in my life when this idea did not present itself. But I was reluctant at first as I thought it might be a lonely life. I came from a big and busy family where family life was attractive.

I was fortunate to attend Saint Joseph’s University on a full academic scholarship (another blessing to parents with eight children). At Saint Joseph’s, I met friends for life, and I double majored in philosophy and accounting.

After graduation, I accepted a position with the international accounting firm of Arthur Anderson (now KPMG in Philadelphia), and again, I had a fantastic experience of learning and working with great people.

But in the back of my mind, the thought of becoming a priest kept presenting itself. In time, I came to accept that this was God’s will for me.

As I look back on my time at St. Joe’s, nearly every Jesuit I had in class asked me if I wanted to be a priest. I think I was the last one to see it in any clear sense.

When I finally decided to enter the seminary, my brothers asked, “What took you so long? We all knew you were going to become a priest.”

**SJUM:** Would you share some reflections on your time at Saint Joseph’s?

**WGD:** It was a wonderful experience, with great friends.

We had great Jesuits led by the president at that time, Fr. Donald MacLean [1976-86]. One of the things that struck me was his gentleness, his warm smile when he greeted students and his holiness.

I also had really good professors, among them Fr. Jenemann, Fr. Koehler, Fr. Godfrey, Fr. Genovesi, Fr. Lombardi and others. Fr. Godfrey taught me logic, and I have, in turn, taught logic to the next generation of priests at Saint Charles Seminary.

I was privileged to go to St. Joe’s, and I feel that I received a wonderful liberal arts education with a specialty in philosophy, and at the same time, was able to undertake all the practical courses for a career in accounting. I highly value the education I received there, and I treasure the people I came to know. There is really something special about a Jesuit education. ✝️
LEADING LIKE IGNUATIUS

By Marisa (Fulton) Benjamin ’03 (B.A.)

“St. Ignatius was essentially the CEO of a multinational corporation — he was inhibited by the lack of communications technology but driven by a very strong guiding principle. He was a thoughtful leader making an impact. This is what we want in our leaders today.”

Ron Dufresne, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Management
Recognizing St. Ignatius as an innovative leader is nothing new, but combining his spirituality with the theories of modern leadership practice is. Ron Dufresne has done just that, creating the Ignatian Leadership Model (below, right) for his students, in collaboration with Karin Botto ’00 (M.S.), executive director of organizational development and Ignatian leadership, and E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., associate provost for mission.

The model has extended from the classroom to the workplace, forming the backbone of the SJU Ignatian Leadership Program (ILP), the first and only program of its kind, as it successfully integrates Ignatian ideals with traditional leadership development for employees. The result? A multidisciplinary program drawing national attention among Jesuit colleges and universities that are interested in adapting it for their own employees.

Botto first established the ILP in 2008 and developed it further in partnership with Steele. The longstanding Ignatian principles of self-awareness, discernment, continuous learning and concern for the common good easily lend themselves to modern leadership practices. “A faith-based leadership model is effective because it puts people in touch with not only the deepest parts of themselves, but also others, as well,” says Steele.

The ILP is currently offered to two groups, administrators and faculty, who meet monthly during the academic year. Both cohorts participate in facilitated learning, discussion and reflection, to expand their leadership capacity. Each group has a different overall focus based on their unique professional needs. While the administrative cohort learns how to lead more effectively, the faculty group examines teaching, research and scholarship from the Ignatian perspective.

“The goal of the ILP is to develop authentic leaders on campus who really understand the Jesuit mission and feel empowered to carry it forward,” says Botto. “We work to create a community of leaders committed to a common purpose.”

Each member of the administrative cohort receives anonymous feedback on their leadership style from their colleagues across campus through a 360-degree feedback process. Participants can then see how their perception of themselves aligns or conflicts with how others view them, and based on the results, form a personal leadership development plan. “Maybe the feedback shows the participant isn’t very empathetic in their leadership style,” says Botto, “so we work to develop these skills.”

ILP participants are also enthusiastic about its effectiveness in helping them find value in their work. “It’s important to find meaning in what I’m doing each day,” says Aimee Terosky, Ph.D., assistant professor of educational leadership, who completed the program in 2013. “It helps my vitality at SJU and as a professor.”

Peer colleagues and universities have taken note of the ILP’s success at SJU and are interested in adapting the program for their own employees. Botto and her team are frequently asked to present their model at conferences across the country, and will host an annual sold-out conference at Saint Joseph’s on July 31, the feast day of St. Ignatius. This summer, Botto will be a featured speaker at the Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators (JASPA), an Association for Jesuit Colleges and University’s (AJCU) conference for student life employees, representing all 28 Jesuit schools, and at AJCU’s Higher Education Leadership Seminar at Loyola University Chicago. The team also presented in 2013 and 2014 at the Ignatian Colleagues Program.

“I can’t overstate the value of this model of leadership — one characterized by reflection and communal discernment in a very practical way,” says Jeanne Lord, director of the AJCU Higher Education Leadership Seminar, and Georgetown University’s associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

In June 2015, an academic paper on the Ignatian Leadership Model authored by Dufresne, Botto and Steele was published in the Journal of Jesuit Business Education. Sharing the new model through the paper, says Botto, is a first step in helping other organizations adopt it. The SJU team will then be able to collect data from other schools and develop an evaluation system to determine the model’s effectiveness.

“Right now, we believe that the program enhances employee retention, engagement and support of mission,” says Botto. “We are ready to share it with other schools, and get feedback on how it might work for them.”

Increasing external interest in the leadership model has also encouraged the team to examine ways it could be easily customized for a variety of audiences with different leadership needs. “We hope to develop a workbook model that would be generic enough to be used for high schools, business organizations or any group that seeks to train leaders through Ignatian leadership,” says Steele.

Botto believes that people respond strongly and positively to the ILP and model because each allows them to reflect on all aspects of their lives — “from their work experience to their personal life to their connection with the divine,” she says. “All aspects of a person’s life are relevant to how he or she leads and affects others.”

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IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP MODEL

THE POWER OF
From Hawk Hill

Isabel Saint Malo de Alvarado ’89 (seated) and Luis Miguel Hincapié ’97

Photo: La Prensa, www.prensa.com
Wearing a chic short-sleeved white dress and a bright smile, a triumphant Isabel Saint Malo de Alvarado ’89 stepped into the hot Panama sun and onto a soccer field this past July to accept a role bestowed on her by 1.9 million voters. Later, the newly elected vice president of the republic — along with its new president, Juan Carlos Varela — joined a procession to the Palacio de las Garzas, the presidential palace.

Once there, they officially designated their cabinet of ministers and deputy ministers, including Luis Miguel Hincapié ’97, deputy foreign minister. Aside from their commitment to the Varela agenda, Saint Malo and Hincapié were initially brought together by their mutual connection to Saint Joseph’s.

“We were chatting at an event and I mentioned that I had just returned from a college basketball game,” Hincapié recalls. “It didn’t take long for us to discover that we had both attended the same University.”

That two alumni have reached such elevated positions in Panama might seem unusual, but as Hincapié says, “We are a very small country.”

The first woman in Panama’s history to be elected vice president, Saint Malo has, for the most part, hovered in the margins of a political career since graduating from Saint Joseph’s with a major in international relations. From the late-’80s onward, she held a variety of embassy positions (including ambassador of Panama to the United Nations) and nongovernmental office roles that emphasized consensus-building and state modernization. In 2008, the married mother of three entered the private sector as a business consultant and earned recognition as “Outstanding Woman of the Year” from the Panamanian Business Executive Association.

“She began developing a very good reputation in the business community,” says Mario Luis De Diego ’09, a senior consultant at Ernst & Young in Panama City and an acquaintance of Saint Malo. “There’s a sense of, when issues arrive ... you call Isabel. She can put herself in the middle and identify with each side and encourage those sides to identify with each other.

“That’s definitely a Saint Joseph’s value — to look beyond the numbers and to consider the needs of the people.”

De Diego observes that, “since some of the most famous private schools in Panama were founded by Jesuits and Augustinians, it was probably natural for our parents to continue developing our educational backgrounds with familiar religious philosophies.”

Over the years, De Diego has enjoyed a more direct relationship with Hincapié — they regularly play basketball together, and their fathers work at the same Panama City law firm, Morgan & Morgan. “When Luis Miguel came back to Panama, he became very involved with the country and helping its citizens,” De Diego says. “I think that’s something he and Isabel share. They both had a vision for a new government that puts people first.”
Similar to Saint Malo, Hincapié, the father of three young children, has also dipped in and out of the political arena. After studying marketing at SJU, he returned to Panama to attend law school, then joined Morgan & Morgan. In 2010, Hincapié took a leave of absence when he was invited by the administration of then-President Ricardo Martinelli (2009-2014) to assume the post of deputy minister of the interior, and later, deputy minister of labor. Although he doesn’t like to call himself a politician — “I’m a technician who sometimes works for the government” — Hincapié has been happy to sideline his law career to serve his country. “I think if people with good intentions don’t [enter office], we will have the same issues we always have,” he says. “It’s easy to complain and criticize from the outside, but young people with new ideas must try to help their country.”

Through his governmental positions, Hincapié came to know Varela, Martinelli’s vice president at the time. When the alliance between Martinelli’s Democratic Change and Varela’s Panameñista parties broke — “for so many reasons that it would take three interviews to explain,” says Hincapié — Martinelli fired Varela from his concurrent position of minister of foreign affairs and Hincapié found himself back at Morgan & Morgan, where he remains a partner today.

“But we kept working with Varela,” Hincapié says. “We all wanted to help him become president.” It was a narrow, hard-fought victory. Varela was at one point dead last in the polls; he eventually won with just 39 percent of the vote. The new leader has indicated that he wants to make transparency and reducing corruption a priority, starting with the sentencing of the former president of the country’s Supreme Court to five years in prison and extending to investigations of Martinelli and 71 Congress members who served during his administration.

Corruption aside, the Varela administration inherited a democracy in fairly good shape. Boasting one of the strongest economies in Latin America, Panama regularly reports unemployment rates under five percent and enjoys the benefit of continued foreign investment. In recent years, the country has developed into a tourist destination and its robust service sector is rich in ongoing infrastructure improvements, notably a $5.3 billion expansion to the Panama Canal that’s due to be completed this year and a $1.2 billion metro system under construction in the capital city.

Nevertheless, about 25 percent of its citizens live in poverty, and Saint Malo has her work cut out. “Panama is a country with sustained economic growth,” she says, “and we need to work on having this wealth reach the entire population.” Despite improvements in GDP and macroeconomic indicators, deep inequalities persist, especially in the indigenous population.

Her diplomacy will lie at the heart of what she looks to tackle during her five-year term as vice president of this tiny nation of an estimated 3.9 million people. Many of those issues have to do with the strategic position of the country, an isthmus that connects North and South America in the middle of the conflicts that continue to roil Central America.

Take the relationships of two of the region’s hot spots — Cuba and Venezuela — with America. The United States imposed sanctions on several Venezuelan officials this past spring and has faced some frustrating kinks in normalizing ties with Cuba. As Panama attempts to restore its own relations with Venezuela, Saint Malo is in a delicate position. “It is important that we look to — through dialogue — ways to ease tensions,” she told MSNBC in March. “It is not my regard to support or not support [the U.S. sanctions]. This is a situation between two countries, and we want to assist [in] the solution.”

### Republic of Panama

**CAPITAL:** Panama City  
**RELIGION:** 85% Roman Catholic  
15% Protestant  
**LANGUAGE:** 86% Spanish  
14% English  
**LITERACY:** 94.1%  
**INDUSTRY:** Food processing, textiles, chemicals machinery and metal products  
**EXPORTS:** Coffee, shrimp, lobster, cotton, tobacco, bananas

Source: travel.nationalgeographic.com
Both Saint Malo and Hincapié were entrusted with keeping feathers unruffled this past April as Panama hosted the Seventh Summit of the Americas, a triennial event that, in this iteration, marked the first time leaders from all 35 countries in the western hemisphere — including Cuba — were in attendance. The last time the presidents of the United States and Cuba were together at any summit was in 1956, coincidentally, in Panama. In reflecting on this summit, Saint Malo says, “We were the center and facilitator of a frank and open dialogue, that did not seek a unanimous consensus, but rather helped to lay bridges between diverse positions, and focus on what unites the region rather than what divides it.”

Hincapié seems especially proud of Panama’s real and symbolic role in facilitating that goal. “Panama has always been a country that builds bridges,” he says, “and this was a great opportunity to confirm that. We’ve emerged with a statement that mandates actions to address the many issues — education, health, migration — that we, as a continent, share.”

Of the three ministerial positions Hincapié has held in Panama, this one excites him the most. As the republic’s key representative in bilateral organizations, he’s traveled all over the region and met leaders from every country. “When I visited Venezuela to work on renewing diplomatic relations, it was the first time I met a foreign leader,” he says. “Now, I am quite used to it!”

Being present for the historic meeting between Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro, though, certainly took on added significance, he says, as did an earlier encounter with Pope Francis: “He’s from our region. He’s a Jesuit. It was a special experience.”

The pull of Hincapié’s religious background remains strong. “I’m a Catholic, I went to a Jesuit high school, and Saint Joseph’s was a big part of my life,” he says. “Treating people with respect is a central focus of the way I was brought up. The Jesuit motto I learned is ‘men and women in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.’ I try to live up to that in whatever I do.”

Greco is a freelance journalist.

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**PANAMA FACTS**

- The Panama Canal was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1904 and 1914.
- Panama is the only place in the world where you can see the sun rise on the Pacific and set on the Atlantic.
- The U.S. dollar is the official currency and is used for bills, but the national currency is called Balboa.
- Panama has the lowest population in the Central America. Around 70% of the population is a mixture of Europeans and Native Americans.
- Famous Panamanian athletes include the former world light and welter-weight boxing champion Roberto Durán (b. 1951) and the former baseball star Rod (Rodney) Carew (b. 1945).

*Source: truenomads.com*
Dear Hawks,

Philadelphians, Catholics, Jesuits and Saint Joseph’s University alumni are on the cusp of a historic occasion. This September, His Holiness Pope Francis, the Jesuit pontiff, will lead millions — Catholics and non-Catholics — on a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families (WMOF), September 22-27, in the City of Brotherly Love.

As this momentous occasion approaches, I’m energized and proud to be the leader of the Catholic, Jesuit Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association and eager for the opportunity to stand up and be counted. Whether you live in San Francisco, Chicago or Cherry Hill, find a way to show your SJU pride.

More than a chance to shout from the mountaintops (or Barbelin Tower) about our pride in being alumni of the city’s Jesuit university, the WMOF helps me reflect on the incredible change being driven by Pope Francis. Through his example, we can be inspired to examine how we’re living our lives and how we’re affecting those around us.

In much the same way Pope Francis challenges us to consider what it means to be Catholic, let’s reflect on how we are living as men and women with and for others. Consider taking the intervening months until the WMOF to transform your life — even if it’s through simple things you do with your family, at work or in the community. Think about the model that Pope Francis is giving us and try to rise above the stale mantra, “That’s the way we’ve always done it.”

Perhaps this examination will inspire you to participate in the WMOF, which is looking for 10,000 volunteers. For more information, visit alumni.sju.edu/wmof or contact your parish directly.

I look forward to Philadelphia and Saint Joseph’s University being at the center of such an important occasion.

Gratefully,

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

Five Years of the Hagan Arena and Ramsay Basketball Center

When the Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena and Ramsay Basketball Center were dedicated five years ago, the SJU community had high hopes. These facilities were more than buildings. They were places where dreams would come true.

“We now offer our student-athletes and coaches amazing practice facilities, locker rooms and a theater space to interact with the media — more room to be themselves — while providing a much more fan-friendly experience,” says Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Don DiJulia ’67.

The 4,200-seat capacity Hagan Arena and its upper-level concourse, along with the two-story 20,000-square-foot Ramsay Basketball Center and additional amenities added up to a new “wow” factor in promoting Saint Joseph’s comprehensive Division I athletics program.

“These changes have aided us in attracting student-athletes, while allowing fans to enjoy them on the court,” says Associate Vice President for Athletic Development Katie Shields ’87. “They’ve also been part of a domino effect on campus in which all sports have benefited from additional space.”

Lead benefactors Michael J. Hagan ’85 and his wife, Joyce, are pleased with the results. “Our student-athletes have so much to offer and this arena becomes a small part of enabling them to do what they’ve come here to do,” says Michael. “For many of them, basketball will be a stepping stone. They’ll leave Saint Joseph’s with some amazing relationships and a diploma in their back pocket.”

The sweeping infrastructure improvements have affected all varsity and intramural sports programs, according to DiJulia.

“Hagan Arena, Ramsay Center and the renovated Athletics Center have been great for the campus community,” he says. “The additions of the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus fields and Michael A. O’Pake, Esq. ’61, Recreation Center have impacted other sports and the recreation community as well, with the Ellen Ryan Field for field hockey, the John W. Smithson Field for baseball, a softball field and tennis courts.”

Between games, practices and meetings, the facilities host numerous campus organization-sponsored events.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, SJU and surrounding communities celebrated at Hagan Arena before student-athletes and service leaders left campus to take part in a day of service. This year’s Hand-in-Hand carnival, the 39th annual, featured SJU and local high school students pairing with special needs guests for an afternoon of fun in the Athletics Center. And each spring, local high schools hold their commencements at the Arena.

For the Hagans, the five-year anniversary of the Hagan Arena and Ramsay Basketball Center is a bittersweet yet fitting time to remember the life of Jack Ramsay, Ed.D. ’49.

“The life he led reflects positively on Saint Joseph’s University,” Hagan says. “And now his name is here forever.”
Hawk Happenings

Kowey ’71 and Maginnis ’77 Honored at 58th Philly Heart Ball

SJU Trustee and Medical Alumni Chapter member Peter Kowey, M.D. ’71 (left), and Haub School Board of Visitors member Jerry Maginnis ’77 were honored at February’s 58th annual Philadelphia Heart Ball of the American Heart Association. Dr. Kowey was presented with the Edward S. Cooper, M.D., Award for his many outstanding contributions to the Philadelphia community exemplifying the best of humankind. Maginnis received the Heart of Philadelphia Award, presented to a local community leader who is passionate about public health issues, dedicated to serving the greater Philadelphia community and exemplifies the true “heart” of the city.

Puerto Rico Accepted Students Reception

Nearly 75 alumni, accepted students and their families gathered for a reception in Puerto Rico at the home of and Mari and Delfin Bernal ’81. From left: Miguel (Poncho) Matos ’98, Ricardo Morales Feliciano ’98, Carlos Chaves ’98 and Angel Cintron ’99 were among the 20 alumni who shared their Hawk Hill stories and benefits of their SJU education with admitted students.

Talk with Hawks

The Alumni Association partnered with the Career Development Center for the career exploration “Talk with Hawks” program. The more than 75 alumni in attendance represented fields ranging from accounting and banking, to communications and marketing, to law and technology. Nearly 100 students participated in the program, which included discussions and exercises about elevator speeches, etiquette and networking.

flapitude Week

During the week of February 23, SJU students and the rest of the campus community showed their “attitude of gratitude” by telling the world how much they love their University and its benefactors during flapitude week. At the John R. Post ’60 Academic Center, the Student Alumni Association sponsored “I Heart SJU Day,” during which more than 150 students wrote why they loved SJU on whiteboards. Two days later, more than 100 students wrote thank you notes to benefactors during “Thank a Donor Day.”

President’s Scholarship Celebration

Student gratitude was on full display at this year’s annual President’s Scholarship Celebration in March. The event brought together 58 scholarship students and 76 benefactors who support them to have conversations and build connections. 1) Connelly Foundation Chair and President Josephine C. Mandeville chats with John F. Connelly Scholarship recipient Nicholas Abate ’16. 2) Sharon Ramsay O’Brien ’76 (right), her husband Jim O’Brien ’74, and their daughter, Caitlyn O’Brien, pose with Morgan Falvey ’18 (left), the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Jack Ramsay ’49 Scholarship.

A10 Tournament Pre-Game Reception

Thomas Smith ’15, Derek Stuflet ’15 and Mark McShane ’15 were among the Hawk alumni, families, friends and students who gathered at Woodland in Brooklyn for a reception prior to the Hawks first round game of the Atlantic 10 Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament.
Each year, Saint Joseph’s University honors alumni and friends with awards for service, achievement, loyalty and longevity. We asked this year’s award winners, “How has SJU impacted your life?” Here’s what they said.

Saint Joseph’s University | Shield of Loyola
Joseph J. Oakes III ’64, President and Founder, Acorn Financial Services
“I had great instructors who taught me life lessons which I credit for my success. I learned mantras like ‘There is no right way to do a wrong thing,’ ‘Like things, love people,’ and ‘Live not only for yourself but for those around you.’ Those refrains from my Jesuit education orient my personal and professional compass and have led me to on a journey that overwhelms me with gratitude.”

SJU Alumni Association | Reverend Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award
Linda Lelii, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, Saint Joseph’s University
“For 28 years, Saint Joseph’s has given me the opportunity to support my family through work which is challenging and meaningful. It has been hugely satisfying to make a difference in the lives of students and staff and to be changed by them in the process.”

Medical Alumni Chapter | Edward C. Bradley, S.J., M.D. ’51, Award
Bartholomew Tortella, M.D. ’75, Medical Affairs Product Lead, Hematology & Transplantation, Pfizer
“The handcrafted Jesuit educational tradition of being a ‘person for others’ forged my path, which has included a graduate degree in ethics at the Harvard Divinity School and a medical degree from the Harvard Medical School to pursue surgical care of the underserved at East Coast trauma centers. The magis sustains my ‘Day at the Hahnemann Trauma Center,’ which has offered firsthand medical observational experiences to more than 50 SJU students.”

Law Alumni Chapter | The Brother Bartholomew A. Sheehan, S.J. ’27, Award
C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, President, Saint Joseph’s University
“As an undergraduate, Saint Joseph’s College provided me with many opportunities to be transformed in mind, body and spirit. As an administrator in the SJU Peace Studies program, I learned what Jesuits mean by the axiom ‘to live in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.’ As a proud alumnus, I am grateful for the classmates and colleagues I have come to know since my freshman days in 1968. As a Jesuit priest and a six-year member of the Board of Trustees, I rejoiced as I participated in the broadening and deepening of the University’s capacity to form men and women for others. As president, I have had the honor to lead and to learn from this great University as it moves toward new levels of excellence.”

SJU Alumni Association | Ignatius Award
Kristin Prinn ’04, Executive Director, L.U.C.Y. Outreach
“The Saint Joseph’s community instilled in me the importance of looking beyond myself and what it means to be a woman — not just with others but for them. This has helped me to build meaningful and lasting relationships in my work and personal life. Thanks to the University, my life is filled with great purpose and joy. For that, I am eternally grateful.”

Real Estate and Construction Alumni Chapter | Timonthy R. Lannon, S.J., Leader of the Year Award
Dennis M. Durkin ’74, Senior Vice President, CBRE
“Saint Joseph’s University affected my life by challenging me to be the best I could be. The community was small and caring. I always felt welcomed and that I belonged. This foundation has helped me to live my life with a focus on family, friends and community.”

Law Alumni Chapter | The Honorable Francis X. McClanaghan ’27 Award
Francis Graham Lee, Ph.D., Political Science Professor Emeritus, Saint Joseph’s University
“The greatest impact for me from Saint Joseph’s has been in terms of friends — friends from the faculty, from the staff and from the administration, and friends that I have made among my former students.”

Law Alumni Chapter | GEM Award
Denise Vicario ’93, Special Courts Deputy Administrator, Montgomery County, Pa.
“The treasured friendships, fine education and solid values forged on Hawk Hill have enriched my life — and help me make thoughtful decisions every day. The amazing SJU Law Alumni Chapter has allowed me to stay connected to the people and school I cherish.”

Ervan K. Haub School of Business | Hall of Fame Award
Mike Jackson ’71, Chairman, CEO and President, AutoNation, Inc.
“My professors inspired me to see learning as a lifelong quest ... and to spend every day determined to be smarter than the day before.”
Mike Jackson ’71, chairman, CEO and president of AutoNation, Inc., was honored with the Erivan K. Haub School of Business (HSB) Hall of Fame Award during a dinner in his honor on April 16.

Jackson, who has been called one of his generation’s “most influential and effective leaders in the automotive industry,” joined AutoNation in 1999 and was named chairman in 2002. Under his leadership, the company has established itself as America’s largest automotive retailer, the only one to sell more than nine million vehicles. FORTUNE magazine has named AutoNation “America’s Most Admired Automotive Retailer” five times, with Jackson listed as No. 37 on its Global Business Leaders of the Year list in 2011.

Upon accepting his Hall of Fame award, Jackson recalled how Saint Joseph’s Political Science Professor Elwyn Chase, Ph.D., now deceased, “spent an inordinate amount of time working with me. He said, ‘Don’t think of this education as a finish line.’

“To this day, I approach life with that attitude. Every day, I continue to learn and grow and be just a little smarter than I was the day before. There’s no finish line to learning.”

Jackson credited Saint Joseph’s University with bestowing upon him a deep sense of ethics, orienting his moral compass and developing an intellectual curiosity, all traits that would pay great dividends as an entrepreneur.

“Mike calls himself the ‘Chief Risk Officer,’” says University President C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72. “It’s a moniker that gives a clear view into Mike’s business philosophy. Mike has taken courageous, calculated risks to transform the industry and position AutoNation to better serve its customers. He has reinvented the retail automotive industry.”

Jackson has accomplished this feat through innovative marketing tactics and a customer-focused, transparent and contemporary business model. All the while, he makes time for the students at his alma mater.

“Haub School students and faculty have benefitted from Mike’s sound wisdom,” says Haub School Dean Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., Ed.D. ’70. “He speaks to our students about leadership and life strategies like hard work and humility, and he shares his motto, ‘Never give up. Just persevere.’ He sets a tremendous example for everyone who meets him.”

For event photos, visit alumni.sju.edu/jackson.

Celebrating 25 Years of Hall of Fame Awardees

1958
James J. Maguire Sr. (B.S.), founder and chairman emeritus of Philadelphia Insurance Companies and president of the Maguire Foundation, received the 2015 Horatio Alger Award, which honors achievements of outstanding individuals and encourages youth to pursue their dreams through higher education. Since its establishment in 1947, the award is annually bestowed upon renowned leaders who have succeeded despite facing adversity and who are committed to philanthropy and higher education.

1959

1961
George J. Flavin (B.S.) and wife Dee Dee celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. He is a retired accountant, and they reside in Houston, Texas.

1962
Joseph Sosnowski (B.S.), CEO of Neutronics in Exton, Pa., has spent his career designing technical products and managing companies in the defense, aerospace and commercial markets. He and his wife of 50 years, Dolores, reside in Blue Bell, Pa.

1965
Francis Burke (B.S.) and seven classmates who were members of the Institute of Latin American Studies and spent a semester together in Mexico City reunited on SJU’s campus to become reacquainted and share memories.

1969
Joseph J. Bosick, Esq. (B.A.), a founding partner of the law firm Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, has been named an AV Preeminent-Rated Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell as well as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer and a Corporate Counsel Super Lawyer in Civil Litigation.

Robert C. Gallo, M.D. (B.S.), a sleep medicine specialist, joined the Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health, which has offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, to begin a sleep medicine program.

Paul J. Roshka Sr., Esq. (B.S.), a commercial litigator, joined the national law firm Polsinelli, in the Phoenix, Ariz., office. He serves on the boards of Xavier College Preparatory School and Southwest Human Development.

1970
Denis J. Lawler, Esq. (B.A.) joined Archer & Greiner’s Estate and Trust Litigation Group as a partner in the firm’s Philadelphia office. He previously practiced commercial litigation, with a focus on trust and estate cases, at Blank Rome.

1971
Peter Kowey, M.D. (B.S.), system chief for the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at Main Line Health, received the Edward S. Cooper, M.D., Award from the American Heart Association.

1974
Steve D. Kamajian, D.O. (B.S.), co-founder of the Westminster Free Clinic, was awarded a grant from the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation’s Connections for Cardiovascular Health program. The funds will support the organization’s Healthy Hearts for My Family program that works to improve cardiovascular health within the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, Calif.

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Three years prior to his passing in 2012, John Paul Leofsky ’78 designated his alma mater as the beneficiary of his individual retirement account. Because of that decision, his family was able to establish the John Paul ’78 and Joan Robertson Leofsky Scholarship fund, named for him and his wife who passed away a number of years prior. Another portion of his gift went toward funding the University’s purchase of the Heritage Edition of the handwritten and illuminated Saint John’s Bible.

“[John] saw the scholarship as a way to help others in need,” said Leona Leofsky, John Paul’s mother. “There are a multitude of young men and women who don’t have a chance for a higher education unless someone comes along to help. Everyone needs someone at some point.”

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Tony Honors for Excellence

In 2014, when Joseph P. Benincasa ’72, received one of the highest forms of recognition in his field — the Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theater — it highlighted a career devoted to two of his driving passions: the performing arts and service to others.

Yet, there was a time when the thought of Benincasa receiving a venerable award in theater would have been surprising, even to him. After his first performance on stage, as Philip Berrigan in the “The Trial of the Catonsville Nine” at Saint Joseph’s, he received some career advice.

“Bro. Rick Curry pulled me aside and gently told me that my theater career might be better spent backstage or doing something else entirely,” Benincasa recalls with a laugh.

After graduation, the English major had stints working for the United Way and the New York Blood Center, but in 1989, he was able to put the advice of the now-Father Curry, S.J. ’68, into practice. He joined The Actors Fund, a charitable organization that supports 17,000 creative professionals nationwide.

The ability to help an often underserved and at-risk group enticed Benincasa.

“Actors are independent business people, and their currency is their talent,” he says. “But it’s a very risky business. There’s a great deal of uncertainty.”

The Actors Fund was dealing with its own uncertainty at the time Benincasa joined. On the brink of bankruptcy, it consisted of just two programs.

Now, 26 years later, Benincasa is its president and CEO and has led the Fund through tremendous growth. The organization supports 26 individual programs, including one that provides affordable housing in high-rent areas where actors need it the most, such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The organization also helps creative professionals obtain health insurance — a crucial service for a group uninsured at twice the national rate.

He’s quick to credit others for their contributions to the Fund’s success.

“We have more than 100,000 people who support this organization at all levels,” says Benincasa, a New Brunswick, N.J., native. “Saint Joseph’s helped develop Benincasa’s passion for service and helping others. As part of his minor in Latin American Studies, he spent almost two months living in a Jesuit mission outside of Medellin, Colombia, along with a group that included C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ’72, the 27th president of Saint Joseph’s University.

“We all say this was one of the most powerful transformative experiences of our lives,” says Fr. Gillespie.

The group frequently ventured through the jungle terrain to serve communities, barrios, in the area. It wasn’t always easy work, but it was rewarding.

“The Jesuits put you in some really challenging situations,” says Benincasa of his time in South America. “But the trip was life-changing. It really made me think differently about the world.”

Fr. Gillespie says that he and Benincasa connected during their time there. “Joe has a gentle kindness of presence that embodies humility and exudes humor with hope,” he says. “That’s who he is: a man of hope. I’m honored to be his classmate.”

— David King ’08

1975

Michael J. Goff, Ph.D. (B.A.), was named president and CEO of Northeast-Midwest Institute, a private nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization working to promote economic vitality, environmental quality and regional equity for 18 Northeastern and Midwestern states.

1976

Steven Szmutko (B.A.) is the board of trustees president at the Ewing Public Education Foundation, located in Ewing, N.J., and employer relations manager for Drexel University LeBow College of Business Office of MBA Career Services. He is also a permanent deacon at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in West Trenton, N.J.

1977

Jerry Maginnis (B.S.), an office managing partner at KPMG, was honored at the American Heart Association’s Heart Ball with the “Heart of Philadelphia Award” for his leadership and dedication to the community.

Daniel J. Waters, D.O. (B.S.), was named the Mason City Clinic.Emeritus of the Year and received the Paul S. MacGregor Award for Excellence. The award recognizes a physician who epitomizes the highest levels of clinical achievement, personal integrity, compassion and service to the community. Waters practices cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa where he is the medical director for cardiac surgery, cardiac perfusion and extracorporeal life support services. He and wife Pamela have three children and reside in Clear Lake, Iowa.
IN MEMORY

Bernice Aspan, mother of Paul, Ph.D., associate provost, Faculty and Academic Support
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Miguel A. Deyne Jr., father of Miguel, Public Safety
Margaret Essaf, former administrative assistant, Administrative Services
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Margaret M. McCullough, sister of Michael ’71 (deceased) and Maureen Galeone ’79
Francis R. Roman ’72, husband of Eve ’66
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1978

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Samuel M. Lemon, Ed.D. (B.A.), published Go Stand Upon the Rock, a novel about how his ancestors escaped from slavery during the Civil War and made their way north to Pennsylvania and freedom (Buckhorn Press, 2014).

Michael A. Thomas (B.S.) was inducted into the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame.

1979

James Kaiser (B.S.) was named PricewaterhouseCoopers’ global chief methodology leader in Philadelphia. He had served previously as the Industrial Products Sector Leader. Kaiser is married and has three children.

Stephen J. Porth, Ph.D. (B.S.), associate dean and executive director of SJU’s graduate programs, Haub School of Business, was named president of the Country Day School of Sacred Heart Board, and executive director of SJU’s graduate programs, (B.S.), associate dean Stephen J. Porth, Ph.D. 1980

1980


1981


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1983

Maria Frizelle Roberts (B.S.) is president and CEO of MFR Consultants, a consulting firm in Philadelphia that specializes in information technology and business advisory services. The January/February issue of SmartCEO Magazine ranked her company as one of the Ten Emerging Growth companies in the Philadelphia Region.

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1984

Mark McLoone (MBA) was named CEO of Pottstown (Pa.) Memorial Medical Center. He previously served as CEO for the Methodist Children’s Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Col. John McMullen (B.S.) was promoted to vice president of business development and sales at MILSPRAY Military Technologies, which provides products, systems and services to the Department of Defense.

Joseph Tumolo (B.S.) earned his Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) certification at the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

1985

Dianne C. DiGiamb-Deal, Esq. (B.S.), was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army with more than 25 years of active and reserve service. She was also selected to be a military judge, presiding in the 4th Circuit. After retiring as a prosecutor from the Division of Criminal Justice (New Jersey Attorney General’s Office) in 2012, DiGiamb-Deal is currently an administrative law attorney at Fort Dix, N.J.

1986

Guy Ciarrocchi, Esq. (B.S.), president and CEO of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry, was appointed to the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority by the Pennsylvania Senate.

1987

Linda Martin, Esq. (B.S.), was included in the 2015 Best Lawyers in America, a peer-review publication. She is an attorney at Willig, Williams & Davidson, one of the largest union-side labor law firms in the United States.

Ann Mohamadi (B.S.), managing director of health advisory-life sciences at PwC, was named one of the most inspiring leaders in healthcare by Pharmavoice for 2013.

1988

Steven Shilling (MBA) was named chief financial officer for Metcam, an advanced metal fabricator located in Alpharetta, Ga., and received his CPA designation from the state of Georgia.

1989

Kimberly (Stanton) Miller (B.S.) completed her B.S. in nursing from Jacksonville University, graduating with high honors.
Pa. Governor Names McGinty ’85 to a Top Post

Katie McGinty ’85, a contender for the Democratic nomination for Pennsylvania governor this past year, may not have won the ticket, but she ended up in the governor’s mansion, after all. In January, just days before he was sworn in as governor, Tom Wolf named McGinty chief of staff, arguably the second-most influential member of the administration.

The post is a natural fit for McGinty, a longtime leader in clean energy, who doesn’t shy away from a challenge. The first woman to lead the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, McGinty also served as deputy assistant to U.S. President Bill Clinton and chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the first woman to lead that office.

Throughout her career, she has always made time for her alma mater. The former chemistry major returned to campus twice in the past several months.

In March, she was the keynote speaker at an interactive forum for educators from local institutions to brainstorm ideas to help better prepare students for success in higher education. Sponsored by SJU and hosted by William Madges, Ph.D., professor of theology and religious studies, the event was organized by the Peace Islands Institute. In November, McGinty spoke on campus about Pennsylvania politics and the importance of leadership. Co-sponsored by the SJU Women’s Leadership Initiative, College Republicans and Democrats, and the political science department, the event was organized by political science major Kristin Harper ’15.

— Molly Harty

William C. Regli III, Ph.D. (B.S.), professor and senior associate dean for research in Drexel University’s College of Computing and Informatics, was appointed deputy director of the Defense Sciences Office. The DSO identifies and pursues high-risk, high-payoff research initiatives across a broad spectrum of science and engineering disciplines and transforms these initiatives into radically new, game-changing technologies for U.S. national security.

1990

Chris Bucolo (MBA) was named senior manager of partner relations for security and compliance practice at Skich, a leading professional services firm in Naperville, Ill., that specializes in accounting, technology, investment banking and advisory services.

1991

Lisa (Skomorucha) Weese (B.S.) was promoted to manager of product marketing for Canon Solutions America, Production Printing Systems. She and her family have relocated to Boca Raton, Fla.

1992

Thomas L. Schmidt (B.S.) is a colonel in the United States Air Force, assigned to HQ U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Previously he served for two years as vice commander, 17th Training Wing, at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas.

1993

Eileen (Murphy) Vice (B.A.) was named high school principal of the 21st Century Cyber Charter School, located in Downingtown, Pa. She, her husband and their five daughters live in Broomall, Pa.

Craig K. Carra (B.S.) was appointed chief financial officer of Trice Medical, a private diagnostics company in King of Prussia, Pa., focused on microinvasive technologies.

1994

Vincent T. Cieslik, Esq. (B.S.), was named chair of the 2015 Gloucester County (N.J.) March of Dimes March for Babies by the organization’s New Jersey chapter. He is a litigator at Capehart Scatchard law firm and a resident of Gloucester Township.


1996

Toni Pergolin (M.S.) was elected to the board of directors of The Forum of Executive Women, a membership organization of more than 400 influential women representing diverse businesses in the Greater Philadelphia region. She is president and CEO of Bancroft in Camden County, N.J., and is responsible for overseeing all of the nonprofit organization’s programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Marissa (Cowley) Deitch (B.S.) joined Arcadia University as director of career education. She also serves as vice president of career counseling with Crest Counseling and Educational Services.

1997

James A. Walter (MBA) earned his Ph.D. in organization and management, specializing in leadership, from Capella University.
1999

Christine Cahill (B.S.) was promoted to director of academic support for student-athletes at La Salle University. She previously served as the academic advisor for the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

T.J. Gray II, D.O. (MBA), was honored by the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation with its Rising Star Award at the Founders’ Gala & Awards Evening in Seattle, Wash. The award is presented to a physician who has made an impact on the osteopathic profession and the community.

2002

Thomas Dooley (B.A.) published a collection of poems, Trespass (Harper Collins, 2014), that is a 2013 National Poetry Series Selection. This past fall, he discussed the book with SJU students on campus.

Dennis McGee Jr. (B.S.) published his first novel, Covered in Delco (Outskirts Press, 2014).

Maria Beeman-Rygalski (M.S.) received a Doctor of Educational Leadership from Rowan University.

2003

Joseph Kelleher (B.S.) became a partner at the law firm Stradley Ronan. He is a litigator in the firm’s Cherry Hill, N.J., office and represents a broad spectrum of clients.

Kathy (Kinslow) Leckey (MBA) was named vice president and head of strategy for retirement solutions distribution at Lincoln Financial Distributors, in Radnor, Pa. She drives business development and advanced sales strategies, having previously served as senior vice president for business development at Realty Capital Securities in New York.

2007

Jason V. Madden (B.S.) is a mortgage loan originator with the Lincoln Mortgage Co. in Wayne, Pa.

Kathleen Vaccaro (B.A.) received the Juror’s Award at the 74th Annual Members’ Show of the Cheltenham Center for the Arts for her artwork, “Til Death.”

Robert Wolff (MBA) published his first children’s book, You Look Great! (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2014) about a variety of animals with physical differences that accept one another and develop deep friendships.

2008

Roberta Aldrich (MBA) was named chief marketing officer for Franklin Square, an investment management firm in Philadelphia. She had worked at Vanguard for the past 10 years in marketing strategy and planning.

2012

Lori Goldson (M.S.) released her first novel, The Life and Times (Tate Publishing, 2015) about a young woman’s journey beginning college. She is employed at the Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security, teaching Spanish, and also works with SquashSmarts in Philadelphia.
A Salty Success

Great mustaches aren’t born. They’re bread.

Or so goes the slogan for Mustache Pretzels, a tasty, twisty, mouthwatering business venture begun by Greg Golden ’10.

It all started as a joke he made while stuck inside during a snowstorm with then-girlfriend, Amanda Burd ’10, a marketing major, in his senior year at Saint Joseph’s.

“I got a laugh by suggesting I could sell pretzels shaped like mustaches,” Golden recalls.

The finance major liked the idea of starting his own business, especially one that involved selling pretzels shaped like mustaches. But he didn’t know the first thing about making pretzels or even baking, and he was ready to embark on a career in Washington, D.C., with PwC.

Still, he occasionally shared the concept for Mustache Pretzels with his colleagues, and they liked it. Soon it became more than just a doughy dream.

Golden and Burd relocated to Phoenix, Ariz., in 2013, and within a year, he left his job and used his savings to purchase and outfit a food truck.

“It’s obviously a financial risk to leave a stable job,” says Golden. “But I was ready for a change, and starting my own business is something I always wanted to do.”

There were obstacles, to be sure. The baking, for example. He spent weekends tinkering with recipes, trying to replicate the Amish-style pretzels he grew up enjoying at farmers’ markets in Williamstown, N.J.

He kept at it, and with help from the local food truck community and careful research, Mustache Pretzels hit the road, rapidly gaining popularity — especially on Instagram (#mustachepretzels), where patrons began to share photos sporting goofy, baked mustaches with friends. Double-booked on most days in the Phoenix area, Mustache Pretzels is in demand.

Today, Mustache Pretzels is the official pretzel of the Oakland Athletics spring training stadium.

“I was amazed at how quickly people became fans,” Golden says. “I think there’s something inherently whimsical about the mustache shape that draws them to it.”

Much has changed in the last five years. Golden went from making a joke during an East Coast snowstorm to fashioning soft, mustache-shaped pretzels in a stainless steel truck with two ovens in the Arizona desert.

And he and Burd married last September.

The next step? A move back to Philadelphia — for Amanda’s job. She has accepted a position as a customer account manager in the Wholesale Foods Division of General Mills. The couple will have returned to the Philadelphia area by the time this magazine is published. Golden says the truck will stay in Phoenix, and he’s planning to expand operations to the East Coast this fall.

In the meantime, he’s focused on savoring the sweet and salty success that’s come from a wild idea that turned out to not be so crazy after all.

— David King ’08
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The magazine’s policy is to print as many Alum Notes in each issue as space and timeliness permit. Submissions may be edited for length and content.
SERVICE MEMBERS ARE TOUGH. Many have endured the horrific sights, smells and sounds of war or military combat.

SERVICE MEMBERS ARE RESILIENT. They face demanding, hostile situations, day after day, for the duration of their tour or deployment.

SERVICE MEMBERS ARE HUMAN. When they return to the world they once knew, they are changed by their military experience. The adrenaline rush, camaraderie and sense of purpose ends abruptly. As they readapt, they deal with issues related to their time in uniform that may affect their emotional state.

Finding a job can be a challenging transition for a veteran on his or her return home. Both the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs offer assistance, but they require the former service member to make a serious commitment and take action.

The key to successful reintegration, including career direction, is to intercept veterans as soon as possible. Getting them on a clear path, with one-on-one counseling, is essential. A focus on potential careers and not just quick job placement is extremely important.

But a conundrum persists: While veterans want to work, employers are increasingly sensitive to hiring them, often because of problems they may encounter in adjusting to the civilian workplace. Both parties must share equally in the responsibility to ensure a successful match.

Challenges for veterans:
★ Adapting to the civilian world — its structure and behaviors
★ Translating military/combat skills into meaningful civilian attributes
★ Learning to reestablish themselves into a marketplace where they may feel left behind

Challenges for employers:
★ Writing job descriptions that target the veteran population
★ Establishing and formalizing mentorship programs
★ Understanding the nuances of rank, terminology and one-off skills

Much of the burden — and opportunity — falls on veterans. Businesses and HR professionals can become more sensitive to the nuances of recruiting, hiring, training and mentoring veterans. But veterans must also be able to “sell” themselves — the unique qualities they possess because of the demands of military life, their personalities, their marketability and their fit. Studies have shown that the ability of veterans to lead teams and work in dynamic environments, along with their dependable work ethic and loyalty, can make them an excellent addition to the civilian workplace.

U.S. employers should try to hire veterans and develop their career potential. We can do no less than our best when it comes to our veterans. Our mission is clear, our duty is sound, and our commitment is firm.

— Ralph Galati ’70 and Andrew Colket

Both combat veterans, Galati is director of veterans services at SJU and Colket is the program administrator.

The Saint Joseph’s University Office of Veterans Services participates in a regional consortium of military-friendly employers who are committed to increasing their ranks with veterans. The office staff meets with human resource organizations to help veterans with career searches, and local firms have offered to provide pro bono services to student-veterans. The SJU Chapter of Student Veterans of America also helps the office prioritize needs and determine ongoing program requirements. www.sju.edu/veterans
In May 2012, I sat in Mónica’s home, with the sun peeking through the sugarcane walls while children played soccer on the dusty road outside. As she told me about her life in Ecuador, it became clear that this mother of five had an unshakable faith in God. At only five feet tall, she was a paragon of courage, strength and resilience, that I, a scared freshman feeling in need of compassion and care in this strange new place, latched onto.

To meet Mónica and the others in her rural community, I traveled to Monte Sinaí, a small area outside of Guayaquil, Ecuador, with 12 other students in SJU’s Summer Immersion Program. Our goal was to become immersed in the reality of these people and learn about their daily lives.

Mónica taught me what it means to be in solidarity with another person. She told her story — of motherhood, of God and of love. I saw a lot of my own mother and her values in Mónica, and we bonded over our dedication to family and faith in God. Mónica appreciated building relationships with my group; she said sharing our stories with each other made her feel fulfilled.

Nearly three years later, as a senior and the leader of 10 SJU students on the same voyage to the equator, I prepared to enter Mónica’s home again. Since our last meeting, I had deepened my commitment to serving others and strengthened my Spanish language skills, studied language and culture across Latin America, worked with the Philadelphia Latino community as a teacher of English as a second language, and cemented my post-graduate plans to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. My original trip to Ecuador was the impetus for these other ventures. The time spent with Mónica had been the most powerful part of my experience — my first encounter with solidarity in the real world — and thinking about returning to her home made me nervous and excited and terrified that our visits had meant more to me than they did to her.

Yet, once we arrived in Monte Sinaí, I couldn’t wait to walk the dirt roads toward the only house I remembered. Mónica’s husband, David, covered in dust and sweat, opened the wooden fence door for us and shook our hands as we entered. “Welcome to our home,” he said. “I’m sorry for the mess.”

“We’re building.”

I didn’t notice Mónica, as I scanned the hammocks and sugarcane walls of my memory, now partially transformed into a cement and cinderblock wonderland. Her home, enlarged and only half finished, reached two stories high, the tallest on the block.

Oftentimes in my service work in college, I saw only the micro level — the stories of joys and struggles, the relationships formed, the moments of solidarity. But viewing the transformation of Mónica’s home in less than three years was truly an “aha moment” for me. I was witnessing the way a large aid project — in this case, Hogar de Cristo, which provided the materials for Mónica’s home — could make a crucial difference in people’s lives.

Though a service of presence that involves listening to and empathizing with people in the moment is important work, I learned that building relationships is not enough. Rather, I needed to let my connection with Mónica motivate me to do more for her, for her community and for the millions of others across the world with beautiful souls and scarce resources. In bringing students to her home again, I was inspiring them to take up Mónica’s cause and work for justice. I realized that I could not truly be a responsible Catholic if I weren’t concerned for the long-term welfare of this community.

Tears filled my eyes as I stood on Mónica’s land, one foot in her cane house and one foot on cement floor, feeling proud and excited and overwhelmed. I felt a light touch on my shoulder. “Is something wrong, amor?” Mónica asked.

“I know you!” she said. “You came three years ago. You had glasses then. Me, I have not changed one bit!”

Mónica’s humility had persisted since our first meeting three years ago, although much of her life and home had changed. Because of my experience with Mónica and her community, my life had changed, too, in the ways that really matter — deep in my soul.

— Katie Smith ’15

Smith is the 2015 recipient of Student Life’s Servant Leadership Focused on Social Justice Award. In August, she will begin a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Austin, Texas.
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Recent grad Brian Lafferty ’15 is always on the go. Running with Philadelphia’s Back on My Feet program, he’s helped the homeless. He’s also dedicated countless hours to fellow students as an RA, orientation volunteer and IGNITE leader, and has served in Appalachia — all while inspiring SJU players and fans as one of the nation’s best college mascots, the Hawk.

Learn more about Brian and what he plans to do next. Visit sju.edu/mymagis