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# Faculty are the foundation of St. Bonaventure

**M**usic has always been an integral part of my life. I started playing the piano when I was about 4, studied the pipe organ under the cathedral organist when I was in high school at Bishop Timon, and was fortunate enough to use this talent to support my education and life while playing at church services around Buffalo, from my teens through my late 20s.

The night before my inauguration last November, I was overwhelmed by the talent of our students and faculty who performed an arts and music showcase in my honor at the Quick Center.

You heard some of that talent earlier this month when we emailed our video Christmas card to alumni. Members of our Chamber Ensemble did a beautiful, contemporary rendition of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

I stopped over to the Quick Center the day they videotaped the song to offer my holiday wishes for the final scene of the e-card. Two things struck me as I watched them record: the diligence of the students to get it just right (they did four takes), and the desire of vocal director Kathryn Black and pianist Laura Peterson to help them get there.

You mention St. Bonaventure to someone familiar with us, but someone who didn't go here, and you often hear the same things: a welcoming family atmosphere, passionate alumni, Franciscan values and, yes, our basketball history.

We don't talk enough about the quality of our faculty, 75 percent of whom have terminal degrees in their fields.

Kathy and Laura are just two examples of faculty committed not only to their scholarship, but to their students.

Flip through this edition of Bonaventure and you'll see plenty of examples: Sean Ryan in biology, Althea Need



Photo by Danny Bush

University President Dr. Dennis DePerro is pictured with 2018 Chamber Ensemble members (front row, from left) Laura Peterson, lecturer in music, Paul Boyd, '21, Jasmine Clasing, '19, Nicholas Youngs, '18, Anna Giglio, '21, Noelle Acaso, '19, Angelina Giglio, '20, Cameron Hurst, '19, Michelle Onofrio, '20, Jessica Matias, '21, and Kathryn A. Black, lecturer in music and director of the University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and (back row, from left) McKenzie Skroback, '19, Kathleen Garvey, '20, Nathan Apker, '20, and Landon Allison, '21.

Kaminske in psychology, Adam Brown in education, Kimberly Young and Heather Harris in communication.

Every academic school at this university has professors — *teaching* professors — doing important research, often involving students who gain invaluable experience that will serve them well in their careers.

A post on our alumni Facebook page Nov. 9 asked which professor or friar you'd like to give thanks to over Thanksgiving dinner. The heartfelt nature of the responses told you all you need to know about how much our faculty impact students' lives.

Toward the back of this magazine, you'll find our Honor Roll of Donors, whose an-

nual philanthropy makes our existence possible. One aspect of our upcoming fundraising campaign will focus on boosting not only our scholarships for students, but creating new opportunities to support the endowment of deans, department chairs and professorships.

Donors like to see their names on buildings and locker rooms and broadcast labs.

But you might consider donating in the name of a professor who changed your life in ways you never imagined. Buildings are swell, but the real foundation of St. Bonaventure is our faculty.

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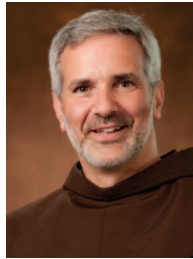
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# Lessons from the Wolf of Gubbio

By Fr. Francis Di Spigno, O.F.M.

On Oct. 27, our nation, once again, was faced with the brutal reality of what happens when one individual thinks he or she is right and has a total disregard for everyone else. The deaths of 11 men and women and the injury of another seven while praying their Shabbat prayers was motivated by anti-Semitism and based on some irrational fear that



the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society "likes to bring invaders in that kill our people."<sup>1</sup>

A week and half later, on Nov. 7, 13 people were killed and 12 were injured at a country-western bar in Thousand Oaks, California. This bar is often frequented by college students. It probably isn't that different than some of the local bars

around our campus.

Within a 12-month period, 135 people were killed and 564 people were injured in the six mass-shootings that were reported in the mainstream media: Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue, Pittsburgh; Borderline Bar & Grill, Thousand Oaks, California; Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida; Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, Texas; country music concert outside the Mandalay Bay Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada; and at a small rural church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

**WHEN I WAS GROWING UP** in the '70s, communist Russia was the big menace. Nuclear proliferation and how many times we could blow each other up was the talk that preoccupied those concerned with the societal ills of the day. The common nemeses in movies and books were often the Russians. They were our enemy.

Ironically, with the apparent victory of that Cold War, it seems that we are now simply killing ourselves.

At some of our fall open houses for prospective students and families, I had an opportunity to share with them the real story behind our university's mascot. The story of The Wolf of Gubbio is one of the stories found in the book "The Little Flowers of St. Francis."<sup>2</sup> It is a brief tale of the people of the small Umbrian town of Gubbio, Italy, and a wolf.

The wolf terrorized them, their livestock, and threatened their very lives and way of life. Up in arms, the townspeople were preparing to kill the wolf. When St. Francis heard this news, he intervened and pleaded with the people to let him speak with the wolf. After Francis' encounter with the wolf, an



In the wake of the horrific tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue in October, the university community gathered for an interfaith prayer for healing.

agreement was made that if the citizens of Gubbio would feed the wolf the creature would agree not to attack them or their livestock. The legend continues to say that the wolf would become greatly revered by the town and was eventually given an honorable burial in what would become the Church of Saint Francis of the Peace.<sup>3</sup>

*A simple tale, no doubt, but one whose message, I fear, we have not yet understood.*

St. Francis' wisdom was to abandon fear, anger and hatred, and seek relationship, reconciliation and understanding. Perhaps the childlike story could be easily dismissed as fantasy without us ever attempting to heed the sage advice of learning how to live with the other, even if they are perceived to be our enemy.

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR CULTURE**, our very own security is being held hostage by ourselves as we continue to demonize anyone who does not look like us, act like us, or even pray like us. St. Bonaventure received hate mail when we opened the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, despite the fact that St. Francis began that conversation in 1219 when he visited the Sultan in Damietta, Egypt. Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., director of the center, has been working with members of the international Franciscan family, as well as our own university community, to mark that 800th anniversary next year.

As we enter another holiday season, with the apex for those of us who are Christians being the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace, we must not count the cost of what we need to do to bring true peace into our lives, our families, our community, our country, and our world.

It is a high price to choose to talk to a foe. It is a lot of work to sit down with someone who has hurt us, and it is quite demanding to gain all the facts behind the reality in which we live, in our country and in our world.

Our faith in ourselves and in our God must be strong, and our desire to really want peace must never waver because it is too high a price. If we don't build a relationship with the wolf the price will be even higher.

*Fr. Francis Di Spigno, O.F.M., is executive director of University Ministries.*

<sup>1</sup> Levenson, Eric; Sanchez, Ray (October 27, ). "Mass shooting at Pittsburgh synagogue." CNN.

<sup>2</sup> Hudleston, Roger, ed. (1926). *The Little Flowers of Saint Francis*

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## U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

## SBU is No. 1 for value in New York, No. 2 in the North

St. Bonaventure was ranked No. 1 in New York and No. 2 in the North on U.S. News & World Report's 2019 list of best regional university values.

The U.S. News' "Great Schools, Great Prices" list of Best Regional Universities in the North includes colleges that offer a full range of master's degree programs. Last year, St. Bonaventure was ranked No. 2 in New York and No. 5 in the North.

St. Bonaventure also ranked 22nd out of 197 institutions on the magazine's all-criteria ranking of Best Regional Universities in the North.

"We've always done very well on the U.S. News value rankings, but our decision to enhance our academic scholarships last year has taken us to the top," said Dr. Dennis R. DePerro, now in his second year as university president.

"Welcoming the largest freshman class in a decade this fall affirms to me that people are taking notice that a St. Bonaventure education is a tremendous value, both professionally and personally," he said.

The magazine determined the value ranking using three figures from 2017-18: ratio of academic quality to price, percentage of undergraduates receiving need-based aid and average discount.

Prospective students can calculate their scholarship eligibility at [www.sbu.edu/calculator](http://www.sbu.edu/calculator).

Complete rankings of nearly 1,600 schools nationwide are available at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges).



### Admissions team makes it personal

There's not much that can make being accepted into college better — unless it's getting the news hand-delivered, and being able to share the exact moment with your family and friends! Carly Brainard, a senior at Lancaster (N.Y.) High School (above, center) received a personal visit by Dean Whitcomb, assistant director of Admissions, welcoming her to the Bona's family. The Admissions team made a number of personal visits like this throughout the fall; just another way we at St. Bonaventure University do more to let our students and families know this is the right place for them. Be sure to follow the university's social media accounts to see who we'll be surprising next!



## Alumni Fossaceca, Cleary join Board of Trustees

Alumni Michael Fossaceca (left) and Kevin Cleary have been named to the university's Board of Trustees.

Fossaceca, '88, is managing director and region head of Citi's Treasury and Trade Solutions business in North America. A business unit of Citi's Institutional Clients Group, Treasury and Trade Solutions provides integrated cash management and trade finance services to multinational corporations, financial institutions and public sector organizations across the globe. Fossaceca has been in this role since August 2014 and is based in New York.

Fossaceca sits on the Board of Directors for the National Automated Clearing House Association, Junior Achievement of New Jersey and Mt. Irenaeus. He was elected to a three-year term on the St. Bonaventure Board of Trustees.

Cleary, '02, has more than 16 years of sales and marketing experience in the consumer packaged goods industry, with a focus on the beverage category, while employed at Nestlé Waters North America and The Boston Beer Company.

He has been an active volunteer at his alma mater, including serving as president of the New York City Alumni Chapter and as a volunteer for the SHARE program and the Bonaventure Fund.

Cleary, who has been a member of the university's National Alumni Association Board since 2015, was appointed its president in June for a two-year term. Cleary also serves on the Board of Trustees of Mt. Irenaeus.

# \$300,000

The amount of a federal grant St. Bonaventure received to fortify its efforts to respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking (SADVDVS). The university, with guidance from a Coordinated Community Response team, will create an integrated, seamless, trauma-informed and culturally sensitive team to assist victims of SADVDVS.

**ENACTUS**

# Education team enhances teaching, leadership skills

For 15 years, the St. Bonaventure ENACTUS education team members have spread their love and passion for learning to teachers and children across the globe, their projects a collaboration between the university's schools of Business and Education.

Each January for 10 days they pack their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) kits and head to Grand Bahama Island, where they implement science-focused lessons in elementary schools.

This year, biology is their focus and the elementary students will have the opportunity to learn about habitats and the life cycles of plants and animals. The team works with 12 schools in the Bahamas and the students look forward to, and are grateful for, the opportunity to learn from aspiring teachers from the United States. The Bahamian teachers are also appreciative of the lesson plans that are left behind so that STEAM education can be continued when the team is gone.

The global work does not stop there.

Last summer, the education team was notified of the STEAM deficit in Monrovia, Liberia, and they began a global initiative to educate teachers about how to implement STEAM learning into their classrooms. The group hosted its first international STEAM conference in September and certified 15 Liberian educators who completed the conference.

The ENACTUS students faced many international barriers but were persistent to find solutions:

- They developed an effective multimodal presentation, which was used as a platform for the international conference.
- They created an easily accessible website for participants that included prerecorded videos and PowerPoint presentations.
- They created breakout sessions using WhatsApp.

They found these sessions to be the most useful because of the connec-



The education team held its first international STEAM conference in September for Liberian educators.

tions made between Liberian educators and the SBU education team. The Liberian educators were able to use the tools provided and pass them along to other teachers in their country.

The team also reached out to alumna Becca Goess, '16, who led the education team trainings. She brought her knowledge from South Korea, where she currently teaches, and provided the SBU students with resources to further their education so they can eventually pass it along globally.

The education team plans to host two more international conferences in the spring semester and will present their multimodal presentation to the Bahamian teachers when they visit the island in January.

~ Elizabeth Austin, '18, '19  
ENACTUS, Graduate Assistant

## School of Communication honors Kibbe, Bachman

Two outstanding graduates were honored in October at the 58th annual Mark Hellinger Awards Luncheon at Hearst Tower in Manhattan.

Hosted by the Jandoli School of Communication, the event celebrated Ethan I. Kibbe, 2018 Hellinger Award winner, and Brenner T. Bachman, runner-up.

Kibbe was a summa cum laude graduate, delivering the student address at the university's 2018 Commencement Exercises. After graduation, Kibbe joined Spectrum News in Buffalo, where he serves as a producer.

Bachman graduated in December of 2017 with a B.A. in Strategic Communication, earning minors in marketing, political science, international business and business administration. He is a publisher operations analyst for Undertone.

The luncheon's keynote speaker was Byron Pitts, co-anchor of ABC News' "Nightline," who addressed "Changing Attitudes in



Brenner T. Bachman (left) and Ethan I. Kibbe are pictured with university President Dr. Dennis R. DePerro.

Media."

The program also featured a panel discussion on "Changing Attitudes Toward Gender in Today's Media," featuring David Crary, national writer for the Associated Press; Ellen McCarthy, staff writer for the Washington Post; and Leah McGrath Goodman, '98, senior writer and finance editor for Newsweek.

# 270

The number of people who donated to the Franciscan Center for Social Concern for #GivingTuesday. Thank you for helping us shatter our goal and raise more than \$30,500 for five longstanding and mission-centric programs at the university!

**QUICK CENTER SPRING EXHIBITIONS**

*Quilts document sexual assault survivors; paintings depict life on Greek island Patmos*

Spring exhibitions at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts on campus will feature the works of fiber artist Ruta Marino and painter Abbey Ryan.

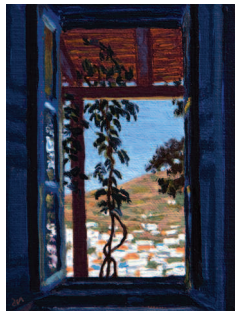
“Discomforters” is a series of eight art quilts created by Marino on the subject of sexual assault. The exhibit uses traditional quilts, usually a source of comfort and ease, as a contrasting framework to share victims’ memories of their shattering experiences. The impetus for the quilt series was “Project Unbreakable,” a web-based photography project documenting the stories told by sexual assault survivors.

The series offers viewers a way to consider and discuss the experiences of those who have suffered sexual abuse and how society, as well as family members, friends and colleagues of victims, can support victims and prevent further sexual assault.

The exhibition has been shown at John Carroll University and at the Ginkgo Gallery and Studio in Oberlin, Ohio. The exhibition runs from Jan. 29 through Feb. 11, 2019, in the Front Gallery of the Quick Center.

Ryan, an associate professor at Arcadia University in Philadelphia, is recognized for her practice of completing a painting every day.

“the light/the shade – One A Day Paintings by Abbey Ryan,” an exhibition of landscapes and still life in oil on linen, represents the culmination of a 2017 research excursion to the Greek island of Patmos. This remote destination, known for its pure light,



At left, Kastelli View of Skala, midday, 5” x 4”; at right, View of Agios Georgios, Kastelli, Patmos, Greece, afternoon, 6” x 4”.

harsh terrain, and lack of shade, served as the longtime home of the American poet Robert Lax (1915-2000), whose singular form of minimalist poetry and seemingly solitary existence inspired Ryan to start “the light / the shade” series in 2012.

Executed either during Ryan’s travels, or inspired by her related research, these post-card-sized images depict native fish and fruit as well as island views, some reflected in or framed by windows and doors. The paintings will be presented alongside passages from Lax’s book-length poem “the light / the shade” (1989).

The exhibition will be on display March 25 to June 2, 2019. Ryan will visit campus during the exhibition’s run for a gallery talk, during which she will continue her ritual of painting each day as a demonstration in the gallery.

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**Students Honor Veterans**

The campus Student Veterans of America chapter and Seneca Battalion cadets teamed up to visit veterans at the Bath VA Medical Center in November. Above, Ingred Bates, an SBU ROTC cadet from Pitt-Bradford, plays bingo and chats with a veteran.



The university's Visiting Scholars Committee hosted e-NABLE founder Dr. Jonathan Schull (left) in October to share details about the global network of passionate volunteers who use 3D printing technology to print prosthetic hands. The nonmedical grade prosthetics are then distributed free to children around the world who would otherwise not have access to prosthetics. St. Bonaventure students Hamaad Khan (center) and Noah Howard talk with Schull following his presentation. Learn more about e-NABLE's online community at [enablingthefuture.org](http://enablingthefuture.org); view a video of Schull's presentation at [www.youtube.com/user/lamBona/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/lamBona/videos).

IT'S ACADEMIC

History courses dive into gaming

Who says you can't change history? The Department of History has been adding some new wrinkles to an old program, including new, timely courses to the department's offerings. Next spring, Dr. Steven Pitt will be teaching History through Gaming and Environmental History.



History through Gaming looks at how history is depicted in video games. Pitt is building on an assignment from his class on piracy in which students examined depictions of piracy in *Assassin's Creed: Black Flag*. Dr. Lori Henning, who joined the department in the fall semester, will be teaching a seminar on cyber warfare for the first time this spring. Lecturer Christopher Dalton is organizing a summer course that includes a trip to Japan. [Learn more at [www.sbu.edu/studyingjapan](http://www.sbu.edu/studyingjapan)]

The department continues to prioritize research skills for its majors. In October, students Isaac Rys and Joe Aldridge joined department chair Dr. Phillip Payne and university archivist Dennis Frank to present "We Built an App: Exploring New Assignments in a History Class" at the Bucknell Digital Scholarship Conference.

Student pep band brought back to life in the RC

Tim Dyet's first practice as director for the return of St. Bonaventure's all-student pep band wasn't what he envisioned.

There was no amplifier for the electric drum kit, which meant the only sound erupting was slapping plastic, and not enough music stands, so the students used each other's backs to pin up the new notes they'd have to learn in just two short weeks.

"Baby steps," Dyet said. "That's what it takes to get to something big."

In the weeks since, things have changed dramatically — highlighted by an outpouring of support from the St. Bonaventure community.

In a fundraising campaign launched by the athletic department, the goal was to reach \$23,000 by the first game. Alumni and other university supporters answered the call, raising more than \$25,000 to be put toward paying a director, music, music stands, shirts for the band members, and most costly, transportation, lodging, and meals at

the Atlantic 10 men's basketball tournament in Brooklyn.

"It has been overwhelming the amount of support we've been getting from alumni and interested students in order to bring this pep band into fruition," Dyet said.

Alumnae Jess Pfohl and Danielle Burt helped get the ball rolling.

In addition, assistance came from Music Is Art, a nonprofit organization founded by Goo Goo Dolls bassist and Buffalo native Robby Takac,



dedicated to exploring and reshaping music's impact on the community.

But more than funds and support, Dyet has seen massive improvement from the students in the band.

"We're bringing more people in and hopefully we see the pep band grow and fill up the entire stands. I'm excited to see how much excitement that brings to The RC."

[See an expanded story and video at [gobonnies.com](http://gobonnies.com)]

> BONA Pride Day

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February 8, 2019

Wear your Bona gear  
and tag your photo with  
#BonaPrideDay2019  
on social media.



# Mind, body & spirit: In their own words ...

Triathlete Annette (Martiny) Snedaker's feet have swum, biked and run too many miles to count. In October, her blog entry about failing to finish a sprint triathlon engaged 22,000 visitors who celebrated the spirituality she finds in her sport. Mt. Irenaeus friar Br. Joe Kotula knows exactly how many miles he's hiked on the Appalachian Trail over 10 years and 16 vacations: 2,190. Regardless of ground covered, both have the same partner — their faith — when they lace up their shoes.



How does your faith factor into your sport? Drop us a note and a photo at [magazine@sbu.edu](mailto:magazine@sbu.edu) and we'll share your reflection on the magazine website, [www.SBUmagazine.com](http://www.SBUmagazine.com).

## ANNETTE (MARTINY) SNEDAKER, '03



Once a Bonnie, always a Bonnie. The Franciscan Brown runs deep, whether up on a mountain praying or on a triathlon course racing. I have come to forever treasure the values of humility, peace and justice instilled in me while I was a student at St. Bonaventure. Now, 15 years later, as a writer, speaker and triathlete, the Brown comes rushing through.


My spirituality is a part of any swim, bike or run, just like my watch and sneakers. I pray during workout sessions or listen to spiritual podcasts, sometimes tucking myself away in the corner of my gym.

Some have said, "Annette, you could be faster at this sport!" I respond with, "Yes, I know, but if I go faster, I might lose the point of doing it, which is to experience any run,

bike or swim as a gift from God. And who wants to rush through the opening of a gift and miss what is inside?"

I savor each workout and each race because even having a body and mind fit enough to begin is a gift I don't take lightly.

I'm a spiritual athlete, noticing the hue of the sunrise during an open water swim, the whisper of God's amazing grace on a long ride, or the joy of friendship on a morning jog. It is all a gift and even inside me, a triathlete, is a quest to see, listen and experience God's power all around me — through my own perseverance, the camaraderie I build with others, and the beauty of the great outdoors.



To read Snedaker's blog post "The Race I Didn't Finish" and find out why thousands were touched by her story, go to [onedisciplethoughts.blogspot.com](http://onedisciplethoughts.blogspot.com).

## BR. JOE KOTULA, O.F.M.

Long distance hiking is a powerful way to become aware of one's spiritual path in life. I like this definition of spirituality:

(spīr'ī-choo-āl'ī-tē) [ME.]

An awareness of the metaphysical, the religious, or the sublime. In practice, spirituality includes participation in organized religion, contemplation, meditation, prayer, reflection and activities fostering self-growth and connections with others and with nature.

Every year I needed to contemplate my journey: Who was willing to help me, who wanted to hike with me, and did I want to continue (especially as I am getting older)? Reflecting on many friends that helped was a motivation.

Long-distance hiking is difficult. The

weather can change in a minute from rain to sun to storm to high winds, and blisters or other physical difficulties can develop.

So why continue? Hiking has always given me a deep connection with God through creation, friends and others on the trail.

Thomas Merton says it in a way that resonates with me. "Recognize the primacy of the issue of the self. He exemplifies the advantages of spiritualities' method of staying close to experience in all explanations and testing past assumptions against one's critical reflection upon experience."

I learned many things about myself and my relationships with others and creation. I often assumed how I would act in certain situations and discovered that I did not act like I thought I would.

At the Mountain we practice a Franciscan way of Remember, Reflect and



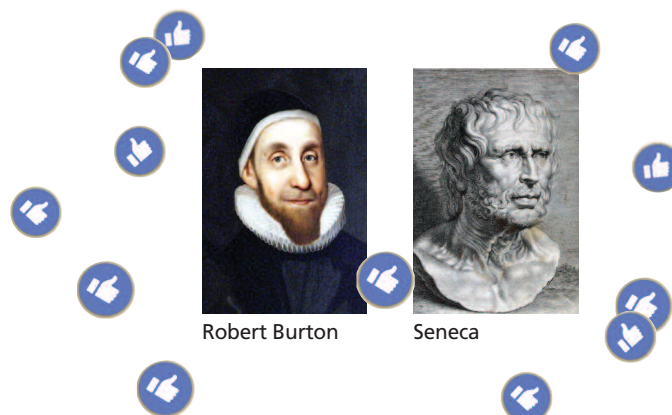
Respond. Try it out and see what effect it will have on your life.



Visit [www.mounti.com](http://www.mounti.com) to learn more about Fr. Joe's 10-year journey to complete the trail in an interview with alumna Amy Moritz.

# Our Undivided Attention





## Digital technology has fractured our focus in the classroom and the conference room

By TOM MISSEL

Overwhelmed by information? Join the club. Seneca is a member, posthumously. He's been dead since 65. Not 1965 — 65 A.D. *"The abundance of books is distraction,"* wrote the Roman philosopher.

English scholar Robert Burton expressed similar frustration in "The Anatomy of Melancholy" — 498 years ago.

*"What a glut of books! Who can read them (all)? As already, we shall have a vast Chaos and confusion of Books, we are oppressed with them, our eyes ache with reading, our fingers with turning,"* Burton wrote.

Sound familiar? Change "books" to "websites" and "turning" to "swiping."

Humans have always had difficulty adapting to revolutionary new modes of communication, at first embracing their novelty yet eventually cursing their existence. Social scientists and psychologists have bemoaned the mind-numbing influence of television since comedian Milton Berle was pulling in 80 percent of the audience on NBC in the early 1950s, causing some businesses to close for the hour his show aired.

The scientific voices reacting to the detrimental impact of the digital tsunami of the 21st century are just as loud, but they're also realistic. Google will continue to process 3.5 billion searches **every day** and Apple isn't stopping at the iPhone X.

"It's now our way of life. You can't put the genie back in the bottle," said Dr. Kimberly Young, director of St. Bonaventure's Strategic Leadership graduate program and one of the world's leading experts on internet addiction. "No doubt, it's changed us as a society. How could it not? Our phones are like appliances."

Young first recognized that the internet might be addictive in 1995, when the piercing screech of \$1.99-per-hour dial-up service to access America Online opened up a world few understood.

"I had a friend whose husband was spending 50 to 60 hours a week online, so there were financial problems and he was meeting women in

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Kimberly Young

AOL chatrooms and they ended up getting a divorce,” said Young, a licensed psychologist who soon after founded the Center for Internet Addiction. “The case made me wonder if people could get addicted to the internet the way they get addicted to drugs or alcohol or sex.”

Young posted a small survey online in “one of those old-fashioned news groups and, Boom! I was getting phone calls and emails from people saying, ‘This is me, or this is my son or this is my husband.’ I knew immediately I had tapped into something.”



Dr. Adam Brown and Dr. Althea Need Kaminske presented their research about cell phones and the impact they have on student learning at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in November.

The next year, at the 104th American Psychological Association Convention in Toronto, Young presented a paper titled “Internet addiction: the emergence of a new clinical disorder.”

“The PR department came down to hear my paper,” said Young, who has published more than 50 journal articles and four books on internet addiction. “And there was all this commotion from the media — the AP, the Canadian Broadcasting Company. ‘What? The internet is addictive?’ It was a sensation.”

More than 20 years later, Young’s voice is one of the first that researchers and media seek out. Her work has been cited by hundreds of media outlets, from The New York Times and Wall Street Journal to CNN and “Good Morning America.”

Young was among the first researchers to probe the dark side of the internet. At the time, concerns were focused on adults immersing themselves in the anonymity of online chat rooms. But the advent of more sophisticated video gaming, Wi-Fi and mobile technology not only accelerated the problem, it shifted the focus to the impact on children.

“The accessibility and the immediacy have been the biggest changes, along with this generational shift,” Young said. “You never used to see a 2- or 3-year-old playing on their mom’s iPad or smartphone in a restaurant. That’s the concern.”

Those concerns have spread to the classroom.

### CALM heads emerge at Bona’s

Last fall, Dr. Althea Need Kaminske and Dr. Adam Brown founded the Center for Attention, Learning and Memory (CALM) at St. Bonaventure, in part to study the impact that digital technology has had on student performance in the classroom.

The center’s goal is to offer workshops and training to support faculty development and to promote student/faculty research in the areas of attention and learning across departments and schools.

“This is an opportunity to work collaboratively with faculty to improve our teaching and our scholarship of teaching,” Kaminske said.

The chance to cross the academic aisle to work with a colleague in another school who shared similar interests was appealing.

“In the real world, cognitive psychologists, like Althea, and educational psychologists, like me, never get together, and it’s bull—,” said Brown, an associate professor in the School of Education since 2000. “Working together, we get so much more done.”

Kaminske, an assistant professor of psychology since 2013, explained the distinction.

“Educational psychology is more rooted within the classroom practices, dealing with the more messy day-to-day activity, like, *How do we teach in the classroom and deal with the realities of having 30 different people in a room?*”

“Cognitive psychology is more based on research and controlled settings; the two can complement each other nicely. We have similar research interests, but different backgrounds so it’s nice to be able to talk to somebody who understands the research you do. That’s incredibly valuable.”

The professors co-authored a book earlier this year debunking teaching and learning myths and presented their research about cell phones and the impact they have on student



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**Dr. Althea  
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*Assistant Professor of  
Psychology and Co-founder  
of the Center for Attention,  
Learning and Memory*

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learning at the 59th annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Nov. 15-18, in New Orleans.

“Cell phones in the classroom, or when they're studying, are killing kids,” Brown said. “They realize that maybe they're not a good thing, they just don't realize how bad they are. You waste a couple minutes here, a couple minutes there, big deal. But if you take a look and really calculate it, you just wasted an hour or more of your day. But since they're little tiny chunks at a time, it doesn't seem like it's a giant waste but it is.”

Adults aren't much better.

“Some companies are starting to ban laptops and cellphones in meetings because people will sit there texting and emailing, thinking they can multi-task but they are missing stuff, important stuff,” Brown said.

The notion that we can multi-task — do two things proficiently at once — is mythology.

“If you're doing a couple of really easy things, sure, you can switch back and forth and that cost for not doing either as well as you could is pretty low,” Kaminske said. “But that's very different than listening to a really difficult lecture and then, suddenly, your phone vibrates: ‘Did my friend just text me about that party?’

“That's all it takes is one split second to lose your place and that cost goes higher the more complicated or difficult a task is. It can cause breakdowns in cognitive processing at critical times in the learning and memory process.”

The urge to resist the siren song of the text alert or the Instagram emoji isn't easy for stu-

dents, some who've had a smartphone in their hands since elementary school.

“It hasn't rewired our brains, but it does exploit certain tendencies that we already have in terms of our reward mechanisms,”

Kaminske said. “We like when people like us and we like when people like our thing. So every time someone likes your picture or whatever, that's feeding into the reward structure that we already have because we like to engage with people. ...

“And because you're training yourself to look at this thing all the time — like Pavlov's dog, over and over again — that notification is the same thing as a bell. That social gratification is just like that food to a dog,” she said.

The majority of people “don't practice the skill of ignoring it,” Brown said.

“That whole inhibition piece is incredibly important ... (but) for most people these days, there's no filter anymore,” he said. “You hear that ding or feel that buzz and you don't care if you have the most important thing going on right here, you're going to try to check to see what's going on.”

Heather Harris, an assistant professor in the Jandoli School of Communication, said the fragmented attention span that a smartphone creates isn't the only issue in the classroom.

“They don't seem to ever open their field of vision when looking at a problem. They approach everything as a Google search and then choose the first or second thing that pops up,” she said. “The moment they see something, that's it and they never look any further.”

The relative ease of discovery that search engines have created results in frustration when the answers aren't so easily found. "I am always surprised how easily they will give up on anything when they run into a hiccup," Harris said.



Heather Harris

The erosion of persistence in students' problem-solving skills is troublesome, Brown said.

"I'll tell a student, 'If you just spent another three minutes trying to figure that out, you'd have figured it out,'" Brown said. "But think about it logically, from a kid's point of view: *Someone else has already figured out this problem. Why am I wasting my time? I can just go look it up in two seconds.*

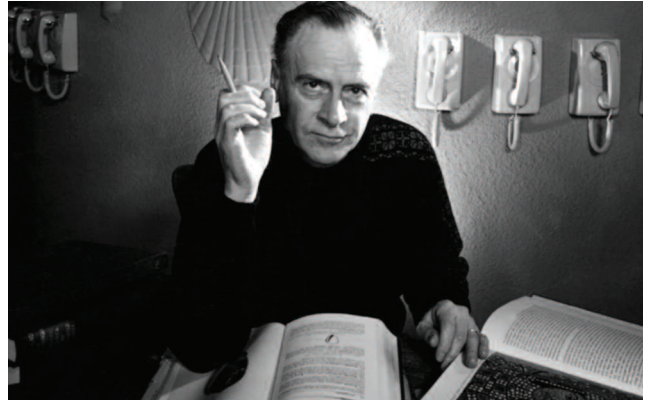
"But the underlying piece they don't understand is that the time you spend problem solving, figuring something out, has lasting effects. It's not just the answer that's the important part. It's the work to get there."

### But don't blame the medium ...

Renowned media theorist Marshall McLuhan, who prophesied more than 50 years ago the web technology we have today, once said: "To raise a moral complaint (about technology) is like cussing a buzz-saw for lopping off your fingers."

Kaminske agrees.

"I'm giving a workshop in January as part of The Learning Scientists, which is an opportunity I never would have had if it wasn't for social media and the internet. We've been collaborating together for a few years now from different parts of the globe," she said. "It's been incredibly beneficial. I don't like any stance that's anti-technology. It's



Marshall McLuhan

a tool and I think it only becomes a problem when it's using us and we're not using it.

"As long as you understand how this affects your ability to learn, to pay attention, and you set boundaries and control yourself, it's fine."

The challenge is to focus, but the research is encouraging.

"There are a lot of promising studies to show that it's not all downhill from here. We can gain control," Kaminske said. "We can train our ability to focus. We're going to do more research next semester looking more at selective attention and focus or, as a lot of people like to call it these days, mindfulness and meditation."

Put simply, selective attention is a commitment to "single-tasking," Kaminske said.

"Ignoring the distracting stuff and keeping your target on one piece of work," Brown said. "Just deciding, for example, 'I will ignore my phone for the next half hour' ... and actually doing it."

Young suggests something slightly more drastic to those whose lives and relationships have been damaged by their inability to untangle themselves from the web.

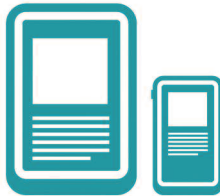
"Take a 48-hour digital detox," Young said. "Put the phone in the charger and don't touch it for two days and see how you feel. See what else you'd do. Maybe you'd actually sit and talk to your family. No technology, no DVDs, nothing. At the very least, make an effort to carve out some tech-free family time."



Tom Missel is interim vice president of University Relations at St. Bonaventure.

## Digital Overload

**Number of Websites:**  
2.4 million (1998)  
1.8 billion (2018)



**Bill Gates, former CEO of Microsoft, didn't allow his kids to have their own phones until they turned 14.**

**Daily Google Searches:**  
10,000 (1998)  
3.5 billion (2018)



**Number of Emojis:**  
1 (1999)  
2,823 (2018)

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The average age kids receive their first smartphone



- Mobile media time for zero-to-8-year-olds has tripled between 2013 and 2017, from an average of 15 minutes per day to 48 minutes per day.

- Tweens log an average of 4 hours and 36 minutes of screen time per day.

- Teens spend an average of 6 hours and 40 minutes on a screen.

**42%** of children 8 and younger now have their own tablet devices.

**15,220,700** texts are sent every minute of every day worldwide.



# Work hard, be kind

## IS THE MANTRA FOR BONA ALUMNA, TV PRODUCER KERRY BYRNES

By Emily Knitter

**T**en Olympic games. Traveling in an RV for three days with Bono, the lead singer of U2. The "TODAY" show. St. Bonaventure University.

What do these have in common? Kerry (Donovan) Byrnes.

A '93 journalism and mass communication graduate, Byrnes' lifelong love of storytelling has manifested into a life worthy of a story itself.

A producer for the "TODAY" show, her workday often starts on the 4:45 a.m. train from Connecticut to New York City. While most people are still sleeping, Byrnes is fielding emails based on the day's news and checking in with each department to ensure it is ready for the morning's guest or concert segment.

"It's all live, so hopefully things go according to plan," she said.

Although today Byrnes sits behind the scenes of the live show, she still remembers when she would sit by a television to watch it.



"I have been a loyal 'TODAY' show viewer since college," she said. "I always had 8:30 a.m. classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so I would start my day with Katie Couric and Bryant Gumble. I was attracted to the variety, news, human interest, entertainment; 'TODAY' had everything I was looking for."

Byrnes' career path has been the result of a childhood passion that

never dissipated.

"Ever since I was young, I have loved television," she said. "I was fascinated by the way it was put together, and the stories that shows told. The way to tell a great story is through writing and, for me, whether it's a script for a sitcom or a breaking news story, the way it's told is the way to connect with viewers. When I realized what I loved about television were the stories, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

Along with knowing her career path as a child, Byrnes also had an idea of where she wanted to attend college.

"My first words may have been 'Go Bona's!'" she said. "One of my father's best friends, Willie McNeece ('65), went to Bona's and from the time I was very young, talk always centered on the Bonnies."

It only took one visit over Spring Weekend when she was in high school for Byrnes to be sure St. Bonaventure was the university for her.

"I had a few friends from Wilton High School that were in their freshman year at Bonaventure at the time, so it was great to meet up with them and watch a girls lacrosse game and tour the campus," she said. "I was hooked!"

Byrnes' career has spanned myriad historical events and changes.

"We have had a president impeached; Columbine, the first of too many school shootings; 9/11; the first African-American president elected; so many historical events I can't even count," she said. "I have also been so lucky in my career to have been at the epicenter of incredible moments: I have covered 10 Olympics; spent three days in an RV through Nebraska with the lead singer of U2 while he



▲ "TODAY" show producer Kerry (Donovan) Byrnes, '93 (right), gives St. Bonaventure President Dr. Dennis DePerro and his wife, Sherry, a behind-the-scenes tour of the show.  
◀ DePerro meets anchor Hoda Kotb.

educated high school students about the AIDS epidemic in Africa; covered presidential conventions, concerts, celebrity interviews, and so many heartbreaking stories, but many more joyful ones."

Before working for "TODAY," Byrnes was a White House producer for NBC News in Washington, D.C.

"After spending a couple years traveling with President Clinton, I felt I needed a change," she said. "I started exploring options in New York and 'TODAY' was at the top of my list."

Ask Byrnes for advice for high school or college students, and her response exemplifies the lessons she has learned over a lifetime of experience.

Her first suggestion is to "find something you love then figure out how to get paid for doing it."

As she rides the train back to Connecticut after a long, successful day at "TODAY," the rest of her advice echoes the trajectory of her career.

"Don't be afraid to work hard," she said. "People look for the ones that put in the time, the ones who don't mind logging the extra hours, working weekends, late nights, holidays. Advocate for yourself and don't expect someone to hand a job to you, you have to earn it."

But most importantly?

"Good things happen to good people. Be aggressive, but be kind," she said.



Emily Knitter is an SBU student and U.S. Army veteran.

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# GRATITUDE and a guardian angel

By Susan Anderson

**S**hannon Keller will tell you she is blessed to be a student at St. Bonaventure.

A senior biology and health science double major with a biomedical concentration, Keller aspires to become a physician assistant. She credits the unwavering support of her parents and family and the “awesome” mentors she has had in her life for helping her become a first generation medical student.

One of those mentors was Dr. John Stubenbord of her hometown of East Aurora, N.Y. Stubenbord served the community for more than three decades as an internal and family medicine physician and before that served in the U.S. Air Force.

Keller worked with him for five years as a medical assistant, loving the family-like atmosphere of his office and his compassion with his patients. But in the fall of her junior year, she received the devastating news that he had unexpectedly passed away.

“That was a very hard thing for me to get over,” she said. “He wanted to see me reach my dreams of being a neurologist or surgeon.”

Keller’s interests lean toward neurology and mental health.

“For the future of healthcare, I would like to see more attentiveness to mental issues as well as physical issues. I think mental health is overlooked in this country,” she said. “I’ve been raised to treat everybody as an individual. I’ve always been very, very passionate about treating everybody from the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical aspects because I think there are that many parts to a person.”

**ST. BONAVENTURE’S** Franciscan tenets of building loving relationships and helping improve humanity are important to Keller, so she appreciates when her instructors bring that to life in a scientific sense.

“My brain works mathematically, so letting me express creativity in my



Senior Shannon Keller and Dr. Sean Ryan are pictured researching zebrafish.

papers is a crucial part of my education here,” she said. She especially enjoyed the Franciscan-Catholic heritage class taught by Fr. Ross Chamberland, O.F.M., as well as the Intellectual Journey course with Fr. Kyle Haden, O.F.M.

She works with Dr. Sean Ryan in his zebrafish lab in De La Roche Hall as an undergraduate research assistant, studying how certain chemicals affect this freshwater fish species, and also helping to ensure that the lab runs efficiently.

“The great thing about Shannon is that she comes in willing to learn,” said Ryan, an assistant professor of biology who began establishing

the lab three years ago when he joined Bona’s faculty.

“Shannon is good at applying knowledge in a hands-on situation. I depend on her to show other students what to do, as she has more experience in the lab.”

On average, Keller spends about 100 hours per semester in the lab — this is on top of the 21 credit hours of classes this semester.

“What students eventually learn is that science doesn’t happen in a block of time,” said Ryan. “They must take it from start to finish.”

Additionally, Keller attended three conferences under Ryan’s tutelage. They traveled to St. John Fisher College for the Rochester

Academy of Sciences conference last fall, and prior to that Keller presented research posters during conferences at SUNY Upstate Medical University and Syracuse University.

Zebrafish researchers from across New York state and Toronto attended the latter conference.

“Students find it enriching,” said Ryan. “They have a chance to network and see a broader scope of research and techniques.”

**KELLER IS ALSO** involved with the Olean General Hospital Experience in Clinical Medicine program, where she rotates through various departments of the hospital every Tuesday.

“It’s been a great opportunity,” she said. “Just this morning I was in the operating room with an ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeon, and before that watched several cataract surgeries being performed by an ophthalmologist.”

On a day-to-day basis, though, it is the late Dr. Stubenbord who is with her every time she steps into the lab or shadows a physician on rounds at the hospital. And it is he who will be with her in spirit as she walks across the stage in the Reilly Center next May to accept her degrees and prepares for graduate work in physician assistant studies, and beyond.

“He’s my motivation for realizing my dreams,” Keller said. “He’s my guardian angel.”



Susan Anderson is director of fundraising communications at St. Bonaventure

A Message from the National Alumni Association Board President

# As Bonnies, let's pay it forward

Greetings, St. Bonaventure alumni.

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Stay active within your region and engage with other Bonaventure alumni. Visit [www.sbu.edu/alumni](http://www.sbu.edu/alumni) and consider participating in an upcoming event.

Two upcoming events I want to draw your attention to will assist our current students.



The Bonnies4Bonnies New York City student-alumni networking event will take place on Jan. 10. Bonaventure students will network with and gain insights from alumni. The students who have participated in the past greatly appreciate those alumni who provided an evening of guidance to them.

The Bonnies4Bonnies on-campus networking event will take place Friday, Feb. 8. If you are coming back to campus for Homecoming Weekend, consider joining us at Bonnies4Bonnies. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with today's students and share your professional experience. Following a keynote address by brothers Sean Lyons, '96, and Brian Lyons, '98, students and alumni can network in a relaxed setting.

The engagement of our alumni makes St. Bonaventure University special. Consider ways you can participate at St. Bonaventure events this coming year and, as always, Go Bona's!

Pax et Bonum,

Kevin Cleary, '02



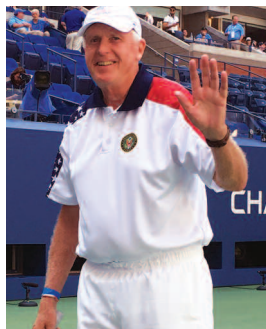
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### 1962

**Dr. Karl Jost** is an emeritus professor of international education and sociology of education, and the former director of the international exchanges of the College of Education at the University of Tennessee. He and his wife, Dr. Lori Schmied, head of neuroscience in the Psychology Department at Maryville College, continue to pursue their research every summer at University College, University of London, and the Wellcome Trust Medical Library, also in London, where they've lived with the same family since 1981. Jost passed through Olean quickly last year and kind students showed him his former home at 136 Falconio Hall: He thanked them with a Burger lunch. "I'm delighted to see it's still in operation," he writes.



### 1967

**Joe O'Connor** was honored by the United States Tennis Association at the U.S. Open Tennis Championship in New York City, where he was invited to a military appreciation event and played inside Arthur Ashe Stadium prior to a pro match.

O'Connor was an ROTC graduate and served in Vietnam with the 1st Air Cavalry Division, receiving numerous awards.



### 1971

**Victor Andrijauskas** (above) and his partner, Diane Aussom, completed their 125th trek in Red Rock Canyon, Nevada, in May for a total of 1,875 miles. The pair began doing 15-mile hikes seven years ago. Scenic Red Rock Canyon is located several miles outside of Las Vegas, Nevada, where they reside. They both also trained for the November Las Vegas Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. Andrijauskas is a retired career officer from the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a director of public relations, navi-

gator on C-130 cargo aircraft and a weapons systems officer on the F-4 "Phantom" jet fighter.

### 1974

**Robert J. Lindsey** has retired after a lifelong career in addiction prevention, treatment and recovery. Lindsey retired as founding CEO of Friends of Recovery New York. Previously, Lindsey had served as president and CEO of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in New York City; vice president of Longview Associates Employee Assistance Program in White Plains; director of





Photo by Danny Schweers

## Kevin Nichols, '84, ordained as Episcopal bishop of Bethlehem

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols, '84, (center, above) was ordained and consecrated as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Nearly 600 people attended the service, at which the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, bishop of New Hampshire, preached. The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, led the service as chief consecrator.

Nichols was seated at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity Oct. 12 during the diocese's annual convention. During the ordination service, Nichols was presented with a pectoral cross designed by Curtis Drestch, a professor at Muhlenberg College. The cross, a symbol of the bishop's office, is made of stainless steel in recognition of the region's history as a center of coal mining and steel manufacturing. Nichols was elected bishop on April 28. Prior to his election, he was chief operating officer and canon for mission resources in the Diocese of New Hampshire, a position he held since 2014. Nichols was formerly president of the Diocese of New Hampshire's Standing Committee and a member of the churchwide Task Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church.

A former Roman Catholic priest who received his Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, he was received into the Episcopal priesthood in 1999 and has served as rector of St. Stephen's in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, and St. Andrew's in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. He and his wife, Patti, have four children and three grandchildren. The Diocese of Bethlehem includes more than 9,000 Episcopalians in 58 congregations across northeastern and central eastern Pennsylvania.

community relations for the Betty Ford Center; executive director of the New York State Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions; and executive director of the Allegany County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He and his wife, Cassandra, live in Saratoga Springs, where he continues his service as a recovery advocate and volunteers with numerous local, state and national organizations. "Providing hope and help to individuals and families struggling with addiction to alcohol and drugs has been my mission, and it has been incredibly rewarding. Throughout my career, I tried to fulfill what I learned from the Franciscan tradition and the core values of St. Bonaventure: discovery, community and individual worth," Lindsey writes.



### 1979

**Chad O'Brien** is retired and living in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, just outside of Pittsburgh, with his wife, Deb. He began a charity a few years ago called Give Back a Back Pack, which supplies children with school supplies, sponsors class trips, and purchases backpacks. He invites former classmates to find him on Facebook and catch up.

### 1980

**Jeanne FitzGibbons** has been teaching in the early childhood field for 20 years, including special education, kindergarten and pre-kindergarten. She is presently teaching pre-kindergarten and selling Premier Jewelry as she watches her three children approach adulthood. **Randy Hollister, Ph.D.**, is completing his 31st year at Loudoun Country Day School in Leesburg, Virginia, where he is enjoying his 26th year as headmaster. (To see a new video about the school, visit the Loudoun Country Day School's Facebook page.)

### 1982

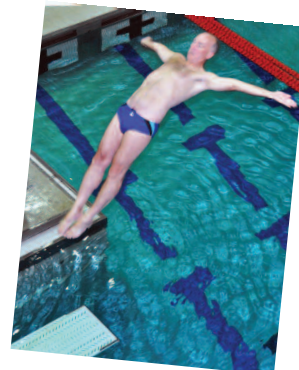
**Curt Lukenbill** has relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina, and is

the assistant vice president for IT-Infrastructure at Lincoln Financial Group.

### 1983

#### Gerard Dunn

competed in the 2018 Irish Open Diving Championships Oct. 26-28 in Dublin. The 58-year-old chairman of U.S. Masters Diving and



dual Irish-American citizen was the oldest competitor in the event's history, as he surpassed Eddie Heron, who competed in the 1968 Irish Invitational Diving Championships at the age of 57. "I'm promoting diving as a lifelong sport," said Dunn, who is a regular in international competitions and placed seventh last year in the FINA World Masters Championships in Budapest. "Though I was competing against divers one-third my age, my passion for the sport is steadfast. I'm tipping my cap to Irish diving great Eddie Heron, who came back to competition as a winner at an age when most choose a rocking chair." The diving championships took place at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin and incorporated the Irish Open Junior and Senior Championships, the Irish Open Age Group Championships and the Irish Open Skills Championships. **Bob Kunzinger's** latest book, "A Third Place: Notes on Nature," will be released by Madville Press of Texas in fall 2019.

### 1984

**Doug Brown** is a director of wholesale sales for Everstream, a super-regional network service provider bringing fiber-based Ethernet, internet and data center solutions to businesses throughout the Midwest. Brown joined Everstream with more than 20 years of industry experience driving new business development and managing accounts within the telecommunications, hardware and software sectors. Most recently, he



## Marketing major offers alumna's company a fresh perspective

When Jody (Dorr) Chesko, '92, wanted to hire an intern to help promote a new product during the summer months at her produce markets, she turned to St. Bonaventure.

"I turned to my alma mater because of the drive, energy and integrity I know firsthand that SBU students possess," said Chesko, president of Niagara County Produce.

### INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Chesko connected with the School of Business and found marketing major Sara Goodwin to be a perfect fit to help demonstrate the Mojimaker, a plastic tool that presses emojis and other shapes onto fruit or other produce. During her summer internship, Goodwin introduced the product through in-store demos at the markets' Lockport and Amherst locations as well as a daycare, farmers markets and a kids fair. Goodwin, a senior from Clarence, also helped drive traffic to the company's website via social media.

Customers and kids loved Goodwin's enthusiasm and passion for promoting healthy eating.

"She was relatable to children and excited to help them play with their food," said Chesko. "She also brought a fresh set of eyes to our operations and energized her fellow employees. I loved Sara's fresh perspective and creative marketing ideas, especially for social media outlets. I learned as much from Sara as she did from our company."

Goodwin felt it was a great start to her professional career, "applying skills I learned in the classroom to the real world."

She also praised BonaLink, SBU's online posting system for jobs and internships managed by the campus Career & Professional Readiness Center, and is grateful to alumni who consider St. Bonaventure students for internships.

"Everyone is so proud of Bonaventure students: They have dedication, drive, a diverse background in education, and we really do have



Senior Sara Goodwin

values that I feel other schools don't emphasize and prioritize for their students," Goodwin said.

Chesko, who was a Spanish major and business minor, is grateful to have partnered with her alma mater to offer the internship.

"Supporting an intern with real-world experience is helpful to all involved," said Chesko. "Sara was very appreciated and respected for all of her thoughtful and creative ideas. Having an intern from SBU made the whole experience very special."

served as an account director for Crown Castle Fiber, formerly Lightower.

### 1985

**Beth (Dailey) Janiec** earned a Master of Education with a concentration in classroom climate through The College of New Jersey. She has been teaching third grade in Branchburg, New Jersey, for 15 years.

### 1986

**Mike Jaquays** was promoted Aug. 1 to managing editor of the Mid-York Weekly newspaper in Hamilton, New York, where he has been a writer for some 20 years.

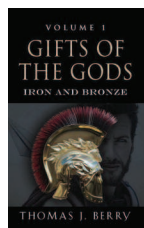
### 1987

**James Meicke** joined the New Jersey market of Sterling National Bank as managing director and vice president. Meicke, who is focusing on commercial real estate financing opportunities, previously worked at Amboy Bank.

### 1988

**Linda Merten Bader** received a master's degree in theology from the Athenaeum of Ohio in May. She is coordinator of religious education at St. Thomas More Parish. She is also a proud mom of three boys, two of whom are working on Eagle Scout projects; her husband is the Troop Scoutmaster.

**Thomas Berry** has published his latest historical fiction novel, "Gifts of the Gods: Iron and Bronze." It is the first in a trilogy on ancient Greece and Berry's fourth novel to date. The story centers on the Peloponnesian War between democratic Athens and socialist Sparta. The book follows five men and women as they navigate the turbulent times, experience the golden age of Pericles and Socrates, and witness the devastating effects of plague, siege and strife. Although set in ancient times, the novel invites discussion of current world



events. "In order to understand and appreciate our present political dynamics, we need to look into the past and see how it all unfolded," says Berry. The book is available in print and electronic format at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other locations. For details, visit [www.thomas-berry.com](http://www.thomas-berry.com). Berry has taken up long-distance running in the last two years and has finished several marathons and half marathons, including the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in October. Berry is a software engineer at Bank of America.

### 1989

**Bridget (Haraszko) O'Neill** has stepped out of the secondary English classroom after 25 years and moved to the collegiate level as an instructional designer for University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. She is working in the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning at





We've lost touch with a number of alums and need your help! Our hope is to start finding lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion in 2019. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at [www.sbu.edu/foundalumni](http://www.sbu.edu/foundalumni).

**1964**

Thomas G. Cima

**1969**

Catherine (Clements) Baier  
Thomas L. Butler  
John D. Dugan  
Valerie Shearman Gilreath  
Mary (MacDonald) O'Donnell  
Stephen J. Surdell

**1974**

Gail A. Crowe  
Diane (Welsh) French  
Harry C. Leichtweis  
Janet (Zajac) Shartle  
Leora (Ammons) Zande

**1979**

Deane A. Goltermann  
Victoria M. Corderi Keane  
Christopher K. Leyden

**1984**

Walter James Green  
Susan A. Hartnett  
Dennis P. McGroder  
Monica A. Reardon  
David G. Richards  
John James Wojtowicz

**1989**

Edwin C. Cruz  
William Charles Fricano  
Jay Francis Mangione  
Cindy F. Ostuni  
Kathleen M. (Yadlon) Pappas  
Patrick Sean Thornton  
Jeffrey E. Yeates

**1994**

Anne-Marie (Cullinane) Aiello  
Michele L. Patello  
Ryan Michael Patterson  
James M. Pierce

**1999**

Brian M. Boyd  
Jennifer R. (Martin) Cicirello

**2004**

Michael James Bysiek  
Nicole (Brecht) Castro

**2014**

Sean Michael Corey

the university, parlaying her curriculum and instructional design skills from the traditional classroom to online.

**1990**

**David J. Kelley, Ph.D.**, program coordinator of the online Master of Science in Sport Administration (MSSA) at the University of Cincinnati, was promoted to associate professor in August. Kelley is also a certified athletic administrator.

**1993**

**Dr. Matt Vogel** was a featured speaker at the University of Pittsburgh's Autism Speaks Awareness and Advocacy Panel on Nov. 4. Vogel, a special educator for 19 years, brought his educational expertise and experiences to a panel discussion featuring individuals with autism, family members, and other experts in the field. Vogel has served as a special educator at the elementary, middle, high and post-secondary school levels during his notable career.

**1994**

**Shannon (Dyer) Rozner** was appointed chief of staff and vice president of strategic initiatives at Chautauqua Institution, effective Jan. 1, 2019. The president of the financial planning practice Financial-360, LLC, which she co-founded, Rozner is an experienced executive in the fields of law and finance. In addition to other duties, Rozner will be responsible for internal coordination of the institution's strategic plan. At Financial-360, where she first served as chief operating officer for three years, Rozner created and oversees all HR functions, budget, compliance, operational and client management aspects of the business, and manages the assets of high net worth individuals as a client-facing leader. In five years under her leadership, the practice has seen 60 percent growth. Rozner holds a law degree from The University of California, Berkeley.



**1996**

**Donnovan Andrews** is CEO of Overture Global, which he founded in 2015 to leverage his connections and to foster dialogue and partnerships with the ultimate goal of encouraging development of technology solutions that improve the lives of humankind. To date, more than 35 organizational members have joined Overture, including IRC, USAID and Johnson & Johnson. Since then, Andrews launched Overture's Digital Humanitarian event series in Manhattan to bring global leaders from the tech and media worlds together. In November, the organization held its first event in Berlin. In July, the organization launched Overture magazine, which focuses on stories of positive, material change, as well as the people who are agents of change. The magazine's perspective mirrors Overture Global's viewpoint of looking at the possibilities of driving innovation to answer the challenges facing humankind. The magazine highlights the many instances in which technology is being used — by individuals, groups, organizations, companies and governments — to better take care of each other and the planet. Before forming Overture, Andrews was the chief adviser of digital media and innovation at 4A's, where he guided the 96-year-old organization and its 800 member agencies in all digital media matters. Learn more about Overture at [www.overtureglobal.io](http://www.overtureglobal.io).



**1997**

**Dr. Marc DelMonico** was named assistant director of certification for Ecclesial Ministry & Service at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He succeeds Dr. Harry Dudley, who in 2011 established the position within the Secretariat of Catholic Education to facilitate the work of the conference's



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Subcommittee for Certification, coordinating efforts within the subcommittee and with national lay ministry organizations to adopt common standards for certification. DelMonico promotes, encourages, develops and evaluates new and ongoing processes of certification for lay ecclesial ministry in the U.S. Catholic Church. DelMonico, a Catholic lay minister himself, views his new role as an opportunity to bring together a diverse array of experiences in the church and beyond. Read more at his website, [www.churchmd.com/usccb](http://www.churchmd.com/usccb).

**1999**

**Matt Dauksza** has had a busy year. He formed his own wealth management company, Excelsior Wealth Partners, [www.excelsiorwp.com](http://www.excelsiorwp.com), in Syracuse, New York. He also opened up the first SportClips franchise in Cicero, New York.



**2000**

**Elizabeth Tascione Licamele** assumed the role of deputy chief of Support & Enterprise Hiring at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). In this role, she helps oversee the recruitment and onboarding of officers, including professionals in the fields of public affairs, legal, medical, logistics, finance, security and facilities, among others. Prior to this role, she served as the chief of communications for the CIA's Directorate of Support and as the chief of CIA's public communications team in the Office of Public Affairs. She will celebrate 13 years with the agency this winter. For more on the CIA and career op-

portunities with the agency, visit [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov).

**2001**

**Kate (Lewis) Torok**, director of marketing and communications at St. John Fisher College, was among the Rochester Business Journal's 2018 Forty Under 40 Honorees.

**2002**

**Pete Frawley** has taken a position as senior construction supervisor of complex construction at National Grid. Previously he was a pipeline maintenance and petroleum measurement technician specialist for Enbridge Energy.

**2003**

**Kayte Malik** was awarded the 2018 Remodista Women 2 Watch in Business Disruption Innovation Award in September. She was chosen out of 80 women nominated for the award globally. The recognition was for her work on Dresscode Tech, a fashion technology company she founded that merges fashion and tech to educate and excite women and girls about coding and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through tech enabled accessories. During the last year, Dresscode has been able to expose more than 2,000 women of all ages to technology and recently launched the Gift of Innovation. The Gift of Innovation is a one-for-one program that gifts coding lessons to both Dress For Success Worldwide and Big



**Bonnies Explore Belgium**

Claire Mangine, '13, and Stacia Salvatore, '13, spent a week together exploring Europe in October. Here they are in La Grand-Place in Brussels, Belgium. Nine years after being randomly selected to live together in 252 Lo freshman year, the classmates remain great friends who always have a great time!



**Classmates Celebrate Milestone Birthday**

Bonaventure girlfriends from the Class of 1990 celebrated their 50th birthdays together in Florida. In the photo wearing their SBU T-shirts are (from left) Lisa (Stanek) Nethery, Bridget (Dolan) Ellison, Karen Terry, Patty (Cowan) Flaherty, Michele (Bobby) Keba, Diane (Kane) Hanks, Lynn (O'Meara) Horton, MaryAlice (Sullivan) Dunn, Karen (Thielman) Attea, and Kathy (Long) Dalton.



**Brown Reaches New Heights**

Jeff Brown, Class of 1985, stands atop one of the highest active volcanos in the world, Cotopaxi (19,347 feet), at 7:33 a.m. on Aug. 18, 2018, in Ecuador. This successful summit climb was a return trip, as a 2015 attempt fell 300 feet short of the summit and the subsequent eruptions between 2015 and 2017 closed the mountain for climbing until just recently.

Brothers Big Sisters Chicago. This year the company was also selected for 1871 Chicago's WiSTEM, a nationally recognized program that helps high-potential female tech entrepreneurs grow and scale businesses.

**2004**

**Emily (Garfield) Hagstrom**

has been promoted to senior evaluator at Via Evaluation, an applied research and evaluation firm in Buffalo. Hagstrom has been with Via Evaluation for nearly a decade. Prior to her time at Via, she was a Spanish teacher for several public schools. Hagstrom, who is Via's specialist in after school evaluation, holds an M.S. Ed. in adolescent education in addition to her B.A. in Spanish from St. Bonaventure. She is active in the After School Network of Western New York and serves on its Advocacy Committee. Via Evaluation is a certified women-owned business that provides evaluation and data consultation services.



at FIFTEEN, a full-service marketing agency in Buffalo. He previously was a customer service manager at Armstrong Fluid Technology. McGlenn lives in Buffalo. **Kait Munro** is the public information officer for the Erie County District Attorney's Office. She previously worked as the assignment supervisor for Spectrum News Buffalo for more than six years.

**2013**

**Ryan Cooke** is a marketing specialist for GoHealth Urgent Care in North Carolina, covering the Charlotte and Winston-Salem markets.

**2016**

**Maggie Munley** has joined McDougall Communications as associate counselor. She is responsible for supporting global and regional clients' public relations cam-

paigns through media relations, content development, strategic communications and social media management. Prior to joining the McDougall Communications team, Munley worked at Corporate Communications as an account manager and ABC Creative Group as an account executive. In these roles, she worked closely with clients to creatively and effectively communicate with their target audiences, assisting with all content development, social media and media relations needs. She lives in Rochester.



**2017**

**Jeffrey Fasoldt Jr.** is at Syracuse University College of Law, where he is an editorial member of Syracuse Law Review. He has accepted a position as a summer associate at Bousquet Holstein PLLC in Syracuse for summer 2019.

Births / Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

**2007**

**Laura Tucker Hedge, Esq.,**

for the second consecutive year, has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star in the New York Metro Area. The Rising Star designation is limited to no more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in New York state. Hedge is an associate at Cohen Rabin Stine Schumann LLP in Manhattan and specializes in high-net-worth matrimonial and family law litigation.



**2010**

**Robert McGlenn** is an account manager

Tate Hilda and Beau John to **Claire Keany, '01,** and Bo Ortiz

Nora Fay to **Beth (Dunn), '02,** and Barry Weiss

Jake Franklin to **Shannon (Franklin), '03,** and **Edward Corbett, '02**

Scarlett Lucy to **Jennifer (Iannone), '03,** and Adam Intravia

Aaliyah Millie to **Zoe (Payne), '03,** and **Jon Coor, '08**

Kelsea Joanna to **Jennifer (Jermain), '05,** and Joseph Wagner

Jack Travis to Corey and **Kevin Rhoney, '07**

Dax Michael to **Nicole (Petix), '07,** and Chris Richardson

Briar Anne to **Kelsey (Gorman), '08,** and Dereck Sessions

Warren James to **Krista Adamitis Jenkins, '08, '09,** and **Jeffrey Jenkins, '08**

Benjamin David to **Kaileen (McDonald), '09,** and Ryan Gerevics

Margaret June to **Ashley (Belke), '09,** and **Scott Maginn, '10**

Liam Conor to **Taylor (Janak), '11, '12,** and **Martin Spear, '11**

**Golfers raise funds for Peraza Scholarship**

The 17th annual Robert Peraza '94 '96 Memorial Golf outing was held June 22 in Yonkers, New York. More than 90 alumni, family and friends attended, raising approximately \$20,000 for the Robert Peraza Memorial Scholarship. Mark your calendar and join in next year's outing: June 21, 2019!







**Bonnies Hit the Links**

A trio of Bonnies got together to participate in The Symetra Classic golf tournament in Davidson, North Carolina, in May. Pictured with pro Elizabeth Szokol are (from right) Glenn Cunningham, '79, Greg Garlick, '79, and Tom Marra, '80. Rounding out the foursome was their friend Paul Rutledge. The event was held at River Run Country Club.



**Classmates Reminisc**

The 2018 Class of '75 back-wing of First Rob mini-reunion was held the weekend of Aug. 17-19 in Clarence, New York. Pictured are attendees Dr. Bill Hulbert, '75, Leslie Hulbert, Jack Quigley, '75, Jodi (Kessing) Quigley, '75, Carl Harvison, '75, Linda Harvison, Valerie (Mottes) Reed, '77, and Bill Reed, '75.



**Legacy Bonnies**

Family Weekend 2018, where being a Bonnie is a family tradition! Pictured are (from left) Ann Marie (Faiello) Machina, '85, Fran Machina, '82, Sarah Machina, '20, Jenna Machina, '19, Brian Machina, '16, and Gary Machina, '87.



**Hoop Dreams**

SBU Athletics Hall of Famers Essie Hollis, '77, David Vanderpool, '95, and Jim Baron, '77, '86, are pictured at an October matchup between the Miami Heat and Portland Trailblazers, where Vanderpool is an assistant coach. Classmates, Hollis and Baron were co-captains of the Bonnies 1977 NIT Championship team. Baron was head coach of the Bonnies during Vanderpool's four years on the men's basketball team. Hollis was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988, Baron in 2009, and Vanderpool in 2006.



**Bases Loaded with Fun**

Friends from the Class of 1991 gathered in Pittsburgh in July for a baseball game. Pictured from left are Stephanie (Grosso) De Jesus, Kerry (Roach) Elson, Brian Maher, Lisa (Marquis) Abreu and Tom Weaver.

**Alumni Deaths** *A directory of deceased alumni is available on Bona's Online. Not a member of Bona's Online? Register at [www.sbu.edu/alumni](http://www.sbu.edu/alumni).*

William F. Higie, Esq., '49, *Carnegie, Pa.*  
 Msgr. John D. Regan, \* '50, *Bloomfield, Conn.*  
 Peter A. Dottolo, '50, *Camillus, N.Y.*  
 Rev. Jeremiah V. McGinley, '50, *Butler, N.J.*  
 Daniel V. Hogan, '51, *South Glens Falls, N.Y.*  
 Thomas L. Lennon, '51, *Louisville, Ky.*  
 Donald E. O'Shea, '52, *Staten Island, N.Y.*  
 James P. Moffett, '52, *Schaumburg, Ill.*  
 Rev. Bede Fitzpatrick O.F.M., '52,  
*Gumma-Ken, Japan*  
 Arthur W. Weber, '53, *Estero, Fla.*  
 Robert S. Denler, '53, *Venice, Fla.*  
 Robert T. Castilano, '53, *Camillus, N.Y.*  
 George H. Gussman, '54, *Punta Gorda, Fla.*  
 John J. Byrne, '54, *Albany, N.Y.*  
 Paul L. Reddy, '54, *Framingham, Mass.*  
 Sr. Eileen Rynne O.S.F., '54, *Averille Park, N.Y.*  
 Victor F. DeBartlo, '54, *Naples, Fla.*  
 Fred A. Bodden, '55, *Middletown, Del.*  
 Joseph A. Nolan, '55, *Mooresville, N.C.*  
 Robert F. Diute, '55, *Endicott, N.Y.*  
 Ronald E. Richter, '56, *Sayre, Pa.*  
 Col. Robert A. Garber, '57, *Oceanside, Calif.*  
 Robert C. Glynn, '57, *Summit, N.J.*  
 Robert R. Jones, D.C.S., '58,  
*Bingham Farms, Mich.*  
 John G. Berger Sr., '60, *Williamsville, N.Y.*  
 John J. Arehart, '62, *Warrensburg, N.Y.*  
 Robert I. Moriarty, Esq., '62, *Tucson, Ariz.*  
 Basil T. Moore, '63, *Las Vegas, Nev.*  
 Jay P. Kennedy, '63, *Harwich, Mass.*  
 Joseph Conti, '63, *Syracuse, N.Y.*  
 Kenneth E. Anderson, '64, *Olean, N.Y.*  
 Patricia (Cooney) Fazi, '64, *Ridgefield, Conn.*  
 Robert E. White, M.D., '64, *Guilford, Conn.*  
 Ronald E. Briggs, '64, *Fulton, N.Y.*  
 Elyzabeth S. (Strand) Kristofersen, '65,  
*Reidsville, N.C.*  
 K. Gerald Smith, '65, *Naples, Fla.*  
 Richard D. Ungerer, '65, *Camillus, N.Y.*  
 Anthony Wilson, '66, *Cape Coral, Fla.*  
 Ernest C. Noethen III, '66, *Hainesport, N.J.*  
 Paul F. Cain, '66, *El Paso, Texas*  
 Robert F. Schreck, '66, *Hampton, N.J.*  
 William E. Benton, '66, *Albany, N.Y.*  
 Gerald F. Costanza, '67, *Somersworth, N.H.*  
 Rev. Martin J. Nikodem, '67, *Shelton, Conn.*  
 John V. McGinnis, '68, *Greensboro, N.C.*  
 Ted Paul, '72, *Mineral Wells, W.V.*  
 Capt. Henry J. Sanford, '73, *Annapolis, Md.*  
 Fr. Andrew J. Apostoli C.F.R., '75, *Yonkers, N.Y.*  
 Mary M. (Sena) Sippel, '75, *Wilson, N.Y.*  
 Thomas J. Colucci, \* '76, *Tampa, Fla.*  
 Patricia M. (Noone) Knight, '79, *Airville, Pa.*  
 Michael A. Weaver, '80, *Norwich, N.Y.*  
 Kim M. (Schmidt) Moricca, '86, *Allegany, N.Y.*  
 John E. Hare, '88, *Allegany, N.Y.*  
 Scott H. Ward, '95, *Albion, N.Y.*  
 Michael A. Zaehring, '07, *Smethport, Pa.*

\* Member of St. Bonaventure's Seraphim Legacy Society

## Trustee Emeritus Jones remembered for mentorship, love of Bonaventure

Trustee Emeritus Robert R. Jones, '58, who was known as a tireless advocate for his alma mater, died Oct. 30.

Jones is remembered as a steadfast leader, mentor and friend. He served 23 years on St. Bonaventure's Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1998, as a member and later as chair.

Jones was chairman of the Board during most of John R. "Jack" McGinley Jr.'s first term as a trustee.

"Bob was a phenomenal man and leader. He was devoted to his family and excelled in business. He was a model trustee, Board chair and mentor; an indefatigable servant of St. Bonaventure University, our students and the friars," said McGinley, '65.

As a student, Jones served as president of Student Senate and was named the 1958 Ideal Bonaventure Man. He then lived his life as the Ideal Bonaventure alumnus and trustee, McGinley said.

"I am blessed to have been his friend and colleague," McGinley said.

Trustee Leslie C. Quick III, '75, met Jones at an alumni reception in New York City in the early '80s when Quick was a candidate for the Board of Trustees. It was the beginning of a partnership that lasted more than 30 years.

"He is one of the few genuine mentors I have had in my life. He took me under his wing and taught me about the Board and its work," said Quick.

Jones was chair of the university's first capital campaign and picked Quick as his vice chair. Quick also served as vice chair of the Board during Jones' chairmanship.

Quick said Jones had "a great sense of humor, a generous heart, a charming personality and one hell of a work ethic." He would arrive on campus in the middle of the night after leaving home late in the evening.

"He wanted to be there for his family, but he also had this deep devotion to Bona's. Bona's has definitely benefited from the undying devotion Bob had to the school and its mission. We have lost one of the top Bonaventure men," said Quick.

During Jones' career, he specialized in land development and the design and construction of single-family luxury homes throughout southeast Michigan. He earned a reputation for excellence — combined with a continuing commitment to the home build-

ing industry at the local, state and national levels.

Named St. Bonaventure's Alumnus of the Year in 1978, Jones was awarded an honorary degree in 1989. In 1999, the Robert R. Jones Board of Trustees Room in Doyle Hall was dedicated, and he was named trustee emeritus in 2006.

To support future generations of St. Bonaventure students, Jones and his wife, Carole, established two endowed scholarships, the J. Howard and Mary H. Brown Scholarship and the Robert R. and Carole Lynn Jones Scholarship. Jones would also serve as honorary chair of St. Bonaventure's 150th Anniversary Campaign.

Jones' presence in the boardroom was always felt, but in ways that never drew attention, said Board Chair Robert J. Daugherty.

"He led with strength and confidence, but he was always open to other points of view. He made everyone, even less tenured trustees, feel comfortable and important in that room," said Daugherty. "His steadfast devotion to St. Bonaventure and the Board was a great comfort to other trustees, and his advice and counsel shepherded us through many difficult decisions over the years. I will always have fond memories of this great man. I only hope I am fulfilling my role as chairman in ways that would make him proud."

## Sr. Alice Gallin, O.S.U. passes away at age 96

Sr. Alice Gallin, O.S.U., Ph.D., passed away Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. She was 96.

Sr. Alice served as interim president of St. Bonaventure from July 1, 1993, to Jan. 31, 1994, between the terms of Fr. Neil O'Connell, O.F.M., Ph.D., and Dr. Robert Wickenheiser.

She taught history and worked as a research analyst in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service before joining the Ursuline Order in 1946. From 1950-1978, Sr. Alice served on the faculty and administration of the College of New Rochelle. From 1976-92, she served at the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, becoming its executive director.





Amber Robinson and Joe Mauer, '00, '03



Kristin Schuster and Kevin Purdy, '04



Nicole Sweazy, '17, and Greg Johnson, '15



Catherine Cuvillo, '09, and William Maloney



Caroline Kennon, '09, '11, and Charles Coughlin



Katie Clairmont, '07, '09, and Andrew Yezzi

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Casey Martin, '12, and Chris Ekimoff, '08



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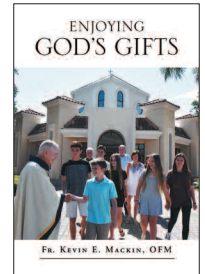


Anne Young, '10, and Brian Walsh, '10

"Enjoying God's Gifts" (WestBow Press, 2018), a new collection of homilies by **Fr. Kevin E. Mackin, O.F.M.**, features drama, wisdom, and humor. As does the Bible. God speaks to us in the Bible so we can grow in holiness, Fr. Kevin, '60, explains. "With every reading, new understandings of our life with God emerge, and we will be better inspired to enjoy God's many gifts for us."

Some texts in the Bible evolved over decades, and others over centuries, he notes. At least 40 authors probably wrote the Bible over 1,500 years, and the texts aren't always easily understood.

"Enjoying God's Gifts" illuminates Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, and "ordinary time" with 56 engaging sermons, referencing Old and New Testament lectionary selections and prompting the reader to "contemplate and celebrate God's gifts."

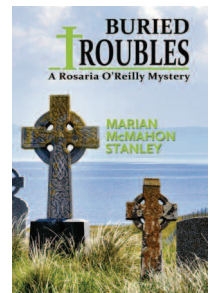


Within the lessons, Fr. Kevin shines many of the Middle Eastern lights populating the Bible. He also applies saintly and intellectual examples from a worldwide cadre of wise men and women including Thomas of Aquinas, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Francis of Assisi and more. The book is accessible for Bible study and spiritual inspiration.

Fr. Kevin is a member of the Franciscan community at St. Anthony's Friary in St. Petersburg, Florida, serves at St. Raphael Catholic Church, and is a chaplain for the St. Petersburg Police Department. He's also a member of the special works board for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Marian McMahon Stanley's** second mystery novel, "Buried Troubles," set in Boston and Ireland, came out in June. Rosaria O'Reilly finds herself in grave danger from those who won't let go of the past in this thrilling sequel to "The Immaculate."

Still recovering from injuries sustained during her last effort in solving a murder, Rosario O'Reilly is dragged into a new case with ties to the Irish community on both sides of the Atlantic. The victim is an Irish journalism student working on a research paper in Boston. His aunt, a friend of Rosaria's, reaches out to her for help in solving the case.



McMahon Stanley, '65, retired as a corporate vice president of Polaroid Corporation and later as a vice president of Northeastern University in Boston.

She lives outside Boston with her husband, Bill, a retired technical fellow at Parametric Technologies. They are the proud parents of four children and six grandchildren. McMahon Stanley is grateful for the long friendships she has enjoyed with her Saint Elizabeth's dorm mates over the years.

The 4th edition of **Ronald Sievert's** legal casebook on National Security Law, "Cases and Materials on U.S. Law and National Security," is being published by William S. Hein.

Sievert, a 1970 history graduate of Bona's, graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1977 after four years as an Army officer and served in the U.S. Department of Justice as a trial attorney and supervisor for 25 years.

He retired from the DOJ in 2008 to teach national security law and international law as an adjunct at the University of Texas in Austin and full time as a professor at the Bush School of Government International Affairs master's program.

At the DOJ, after trying several major violent crime, corruption and fraud cases, he was named a senior litigation counsel, chief of the Criminal Division of the Eastern District of Texas, chief of the Austin Division of the Western District of Texas and DOJ assistant director in charge of the evaluation of all of the nation's U.S. Attorney's offices. In 1990 he was assigned to DOJ's National Security Working Group and as an international and national security coordinator (INSC) for the department as well as legal adviser to the Central Texas Counter Terrorism Working Group. As INSC he worked closely with the FBI, CIA and the intelligence community on international and national security related cases, trained federal prosecutors, and has traveled to Kosovo, Qatar, Israel and England to teach foreign judges and prosecutors and investigate international and national security matters.

Sievert is also the author of the book "Defense, Liberty and the Constitution" (2005), as well as 11 Law Review Articles on legal issues related to national security.

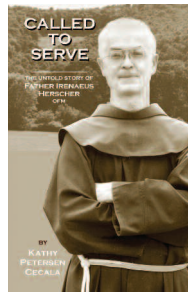
He and his wife, Marcia Gibbs Sievert, have three daughters and four grandchildren.

**Kathy Petersen Cecala** has authored a new book about the university's first library director, whose scholarship and service at the university spanned four decades. "Called to Serve: The Untold Story of Father Irenaeus Herscher OFM" was published by Franciscan Institute Publications. A 1978 graduate of Bona's, Cecala worked with Fr. Irenaeus as a student aide at Friedsam Memorial Library.

Fr. Irenaeus, a historian, librarian and archivist, was a devoted follower of St. Francis, but very much a man of his time — which included most of the 20th century.

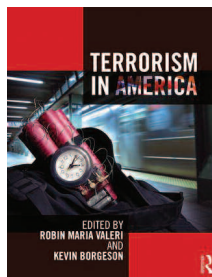
Yet his story contains meaning and resonance even in modern times. His story begins as a poor refugee immigrant arriving in the United States as a child. As a teenaged shipyard laborer and high school dropout, he one day finds himself "called to serve" in a deeper and more spiritual sense.

"Called to Serve" not only chronicles the life and work of a very unusual priest and scholar, it provides a look at America Catholicism and its evolution through the mid-to-late 20th century, as well as a glimpse at popular secular culture of the time. It contains telling and previously unpublished excerpts from Fr. Irenaeus' own correspondence with Thomas Merton, Robert Lax and others. For details, visit [franciscanpublications.com](http://franciscanpublications.com) or the author's website, [kpccecala.net](http://kpccecala.net).



Psychology professor **Dr. Robin Maria Valeri** is the editor of two new books offering fresh perspectives on the study of hate crimes and terrorism.

"Hate Crimes: Typology, Motivations, and Victims" was co-edited with Dr. Kevin Borgeson, associate professor of criminal justice at Salem State University, and published by Carolina Academic Press. Valeri and Borgeson are also the editors of a



new book examining the beliefs, actions and impact of American-based terrorists and terror organizations. "Terrorism in America" was published in May by Routledge.

"Hate Crimes," with separate chapters on LGBT, race, religion, and gender motivated hate crimes, focuses on the various targets of these crimes and examines the theories and motivations that drive perpetrators to commit these acts of hate. To address the increase in hate crimes occurring on college campuses and in cyberspace, the book also includes chapters on campus hate crimes and virtual hate.

Offering a fresh perspective on the changing face of terror attacks, "Terrorism in America" focuses on domestic groups,

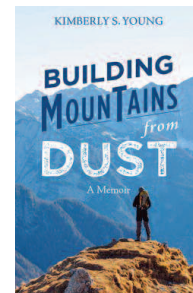
examining the beliefs, actions and impacts of American-based terrorists and terror organizations. Valeri and Borgeson and their contributors draw on theories from criminology, psychology and sociology to explore the ideologies of right-wing, left-wing, and extremist religious groups — how and why they convert followers, recruit financially, and take extreme action against others.

**Dr. Kimberly Young**, program director of the university's Master's in Strategic Leadership program, has released her memoir, "Building Mountains from Dust."

The book chronicles Young's transformation from a noted counselor helping others to becoming a patient hoping to survive cancer, and how she found her faith after her diagnosis and surviving the death of her husband.

At 50, Young's structured, organized, and driven life is thrown into a tailspin when she is diagnosed with advanced stage lung cancer. Never a smoker, Young makes frank reflections about her decision not to have children, and how she makes peace with her mother, who abandoned her more than 15 years ago. This is a story about heart-wrenching life lessons, forgiveness, and about finding faith, as in a tragic twist of fate, Young survives her cancer when her husband of 25 years unexpectedly dies.

Learn more about "Building Mountains from Dust" at [www.netaddiction.net](http://www.netaddiction.net).



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# Bonaventure still feels like *home*



Elaine Krasniak Rice, '79, and Timothy Rice, '79

Alumni reflect on  
first visit to campus  
40 years after  
falling in love

## *We fell in love as students*

at St. Bonaventure University in 1978. On Aug. 22, we came home for the first time in 40 years.

We are not reunion people or wealthy donors. But we always remained connected in our hearts to this special place in our lives. Whenever we talked about coming home over the years we paused, fearing that St. Bonaventure could never be the same as we had preserved it in our minds.

We were wrong. The campus is still a magical gem. And the people were welcoming and lovely.

We were Dev residents — 2d and 3d East. The building retains its medieval charm, at least on the exterior. The inside, however, has another feel: the blue-collar grittiness that made the Dev experience different and, in many ways, better than the more modern and airy dorms elsewhere on campus.

As we attempted to enter Dev, we encountered locked doors. Not surprising in this post-9/11 era. Fortunately, the cleaning staff was on break near the steps and seemed excited to hear that we had walked the halls four decades ago and had driven three hours to see the place again. A lovely woman named Judy, who has cleaned Dev for the past 17 years, offered to give us a quick tour during her break.

She was delightful and so proud to be our escort, as we strolled down hallways and into dorm rooms nearly unchanged. How we slept on the top of a triple bunk, which thankfully seems to have disappeared, remains a mystery.

As we walked the campus, we marveled at its beauty and the new additions. Every person we met offered us assistance with a smile. Amazingly, the university has been able to blend historic places like Butler Hall and Plassmann Hall with modern structures like the Quick Center and the Swan Business Center, while maintaining the gorgeous architecture and grounds.

Even the Hickey Dining Hall, where Elaine worked as a student “bouncer,” has a new look. The food seemed better and the place was buzzing with activity on a mid-August afternoon.

The new President, Dr. Dennis DePerro, worked the tables greeting everyone — even us! The man seems genuinely happy to be here and is as enthusiastic and genuine in person as he seems in his letters to alumni. We spotted [head men’s basketball] coach Mark Schmidt and several friars dining among the students who had arrived early to welcome the freshmen or to train for sports.

The Reilly Center brought back many memories, especially the 1977 NIT championship banner, and the student bleachers right behind the team benches, where we witnessed SBU beat top teams like Syracuse and Villanova. The place must have been rocking last year for the Rhode Island game on national television.

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Courtney Stockard, who helped lead the Rhode Island upset, stopped to chat on his way to training. Like the other students, he was kind and polite, and thanked us for supporting the team last year. His kindness was matched by the new Franciscan Center for Social Concern director, Alice Miller Nation, who explained the student public service programs, and then escorted us through the new McGinley-Carney Center, where we used to attend Mass.

Our day ended at Doyle Hall, named after Fr. Mathias Doyle, who served as the president during our days here. We ended, as the Franciscans had taught us, with a prayer of thanks in the chapel. We thanked God for our blessings, especially for our years together, our three beautiful daughters, and for this special place that brought us together.

~ By Elaine Krasniak Rice, '79, and Timothy Rice, '79





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# ALUMNI EVENTS

JANUARY <b>10</b>	<b>NYC</b> BONNIES4BONNIES STUDENT-ALUMNI NETWORKING/CPRC	FEBRUARY <b>8</b> through 10	<b>CAMPUS</b> <b>HOMECOMING</b> Deck yourself out in Bona gear on Feb. 8 as we celebrate our 10th Annual Bona Pride Day! On Feb. 9, cheer on the Bonnies as they take on VCU at Bob Lanier Court in the Reilly Center.  Get your tickets now at <a href="http://gobonnies.sbu.edu/tickets">gobonnies.sbu.edu/tickets</a>
JANUARY <b>12</b>	<b>ROCHESTER</b> MEN'S BASKETBALL & RECEPTION	FEBRUARY <b>8</b>	<b>GLOBAL</b> <b>BONA PRIDE DAY</b>
FEBRUARY <b>8</b>	<b>CAMPUS</b> BONNIES4BONNIES STUDENT-ALUMNI NETWORKING/CPRC	JUNE <b>7</b> through 9	<b>CAMPUS</b> <b>REUNION</b> We're a <b>BOLDER BONAVENTURE!</b> Come back to campus and catch up on the excitement. Honored class years are those ending in "4" and "9" but everyone is welcome! Registration opens in early March. Check for updates at <a href="http://www.sbu.edu/reunion">www.sbu.edu/reunion</a> .
FEBRUARY <b>15</b> through 17	<b>CAMPUS</b> '80s WEEKEND		
MARCH <b>13</b> through 17	<b>BROOKLYN</b> A-10 TOURNEY		
APRIL <b>5</b> through 7	<b>VARIOUS</b> MOUNTAIN ON THE ROAD		

- Jan. 6: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. George Mason - Fairfax, Va.)
- Jan. 8: Reception with the President (Phoenix, Ariz.)
- Jan. 10: Bonnies4Bonnies Student-Alumni Networking/CPRC (NYC)
- Jan 12: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Fordham - Rochester, N.Y.)
- Jan 23: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. UMASS - Amherst, Mass.)
- Jan 26: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Richmond - Richmond, Va.)
- Feb 6: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Duquesne - Pittsburgh, Pa.)
- Feb 8-10: Homecoming (SBU Campus)
- Feb 8: Bonnies4Bonnies Student-Alumni Networking/CPRC (SBU Campus)
- Feb 8-9: NAAB Meeting (SBU Campus)
- Feb 12: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Saint Joe's - Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Feb 15-17: '80s Weekend (SBU Campus)
- Feb 23: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Fordham - NYC)
- March 2: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. GW - Washington D.C.)
- March 6: Men's Basketball & Reception (vs. Davidson - Charlotte, N.C.)
- March 13-17: A-10 Tourney (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
- April 5: Mountain on the Road (Hartford, Conn.)
- April 6: Mountain on the Road (Stamford, Conn.)
- April 7: Mass & Reception (Boston, Mass.)
- May 2: Bonnies Night Out (NYC)
- May 4: NAAB Meeting (SBU Campus)

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