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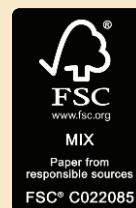
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Four years of basketball, a lifetime of joy

SBU community gathers to celebrate remarkable teams and remarkable men

Their faces all told the same story, from the best players in Bonaventure history to the players on the best team in Bonaventure history to the promising group of young men trying over the next couple of years to write their special chapter in Bonaventure history.

Just look at this magazine's cover and flip through the pages ahead. Almost every image conveys the same sentiment: joy. The emotion not as obvious from glancing at the photos is gratitude.

That's what struck me more than anything about Dec. 7, 2019, the day we celebrated 100 years of St. Bonaventure basketball.

I witnessed that gratitude in the current Bonnies, who never saw any of these Bonaventure legends play. They were genuinely honored to dine with the Final Four team the night before, and felt obligated to produce a dominating performance the next day.

I could feel the gratitude in their handshakes and hugs when I greeted the all-time team members and Final Four players at center court.

I heard it in their voices when Billy Kalbaugh and Bob Lanier addressed the crowd after the Bonnies' big win over Hofstra, and again later at the gala dinner in the Richter Center, when the entire Final Four team took the stage for an hour of reminiscing.

These men last laced up their sneakers in the Reilly Center long ago, but they are eternally grateful — not only that people still remember them with a passion few schools can match, but grateful for the lifelong connections they formed here.

They knew 50 years ago just as the players know today that the passion expressed on winter nights in the Reilly Center isn't just about basketball. It's simply the most visible byproduct of the sense of community that St. Bonaventure imparts on its students from the moment they step on campus.



University President Dr. Dennis DePerro greets Final Four team member Gene Fahey, '70.

That's what I've always admired most about St. Bonaventure and what attracted me to seek the presidency here — the sense of family that permeates each class and the connectivity you all share as Bonnies, no matter which class you are in.

My gratitude? That goes out to the people who made Dec. 7 such a rousing success.

When you're planning an event of this magnitude, with the inevitable glitches that arise and the frayed nerves that result as the calendar evaporates faster with each passing day, you get to the point when your only hope is that the day goes off without a hitch.

You never imagine it will turn out better than you could

have ever imagined.

That's a testament to Steve Mest, Scott Eddy, Sean McNamee, Steve Campbell, Caitlin Webster and countless others across campus for their Herculean efforts to create an unforgettable day in the life of this university.

Asking Chris LaPlaca, '79, to be emcee for the evening gala was a brilliant decision. Chris was funny and thoughtful, articulating beautifully what he admitted was almost impossible to express.

"One hundred years of something as historically rich and, at the same time, as intensely personal as Bonnies basketball is by its very nature almost impossible to empirically capture," Chris said. "It's the rallying point for an institution that's shaped our lives. Simply put, Bonnie basketball is a spirit that lives inside all of us."

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What a joy it is to be a Bonnie with you!

By Fr. Russel Murray, O.F.M.

Something wonderful happened to me on Aug. 19, 2019. I became a Bonnie.

That day I began my service as our university's new vice president for Mission Integration and entered its 161-year-old history of education in the Franciscan Tradition — not that I was a



stranger to that tradition. I have known “Bona’s” since I entered Holy Name Province in 1991 and was already immersed in the 800-year-old tradition in which Bona’s is rooted.

Still, this was a new moment for me

and for Bona’s. Like the trees surrounding our beautiful campus, roots give us the strength to grow into the future. At Bona’s I was adding a new “ring” to my life as a Franciscan friar, at a moment when Bona’s was opening a new chapter in its life as a Franciscan university.

The university’s Mission Statement declares that, “St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence as informed by our Franciscan and liberal arts traditions.”

Among the many values that guided the life of our Franciscan patron, St. Bonaventure, we see these values as particularly important for our life right now — that we are a Franciscan community that nurtures *compassion*, seeks *wisdom*, and builds *integrity*. It is worth spending this Franciscan Minute reflecting on just what these values mean for us.

Community for Franciscans means more than a group of people occupying the same space, bundled together by happenstance and making the best of it.

It means that we are in a filial relationship — that we are children of God, bonded to one another as sisters and brothers. In a word, we belong to one another, working together for the true good



St. Bonaventure student Maryann Turoci, '21, captured this photo of Fr. Russel Murray, O.F.M., at a women’s basketball game.

of one another and of our world. This is what St. Francis meant when he named us as little sisters and brothers: not that we are of little worth, but that our mission is to raise up the worth of all people by being people of compassion.

Compassion is much more than pity. As the word itself says, compassion is to “suffer with” another — to become so sensitive to the people with whom we share life that their joys and sorrows, their concerns and anxieties echo within our hearts.

It is only as a people of compassion that we, like St. Francis, are fully able to share God’s unconditional love, particularly with those who live on the margins of society: the needy, the ignored and the excluded.

St. Bonaventure taught that there is no knowledge without love. Love is the key that unlocks the human heart, so that what we know may transform who we are, opening us to God’s gift of *wisdom*.

So, we are convinced that education at St. Bonaventure University must be personally transformative. It must be eminently practical, yes, but in the fullest sense of the term, i.e., learning not only

concepts and skills, but also what it means to live humanly, deeply, and well in the world as a sister/brother.

Integrity is a watchword for our world today. Walking one’s talk, living the values one espouses is as needed now as it ever was.

For Franciscans, integrity also entails something more fundamental: growing fully into the human being that God has created and calls us to be. Therefore, to build a community of integrity means that our relationships should be based on respect for the dignity of others, realizing that the values we espouse mean little unless they are embodied in our personal and professional lives.

“What’s a Bonnie?” It is a question we hear often enough, especially at sporting events. Everyone knows what a Jayhawk is — or a Blue Devil or a Ram. So, what is a Bonnie? The answer is simple and direct, and all Bonnies learn it their first day on campus: “I am!” I am ... a brother, a sister, a member of a Franciscan *community* that nurtures *compassion*, seeks *wisdom* and builds *integrity*.

What a joy it is — finally — to be a Bonnie with you!

COMMUNITY | COMPASSION | WISDOM | INTEGRITY



Four named to Board of Trustees

St. Bonaventure welcomed four new members to its Board of Trustees in September. Luke H. Brown of McLean, Virginia, Mark R. Gianniny of Rochester, New York, Laurie R. Krupa of Oradell, New Jersey, and James T. Walsh of Marietta, New York, will all serve three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Brown, '89, is the associate director for Supervisory Policy in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection. Brown leads FDIC efforts to develop and implement sound compliance policy to help ensure the FDIC's supervised institutions comply with federal consumer protection laws and regulations.

Gianniny, president and CEO of Linden Oaks Management Company, is one of Western New York's premier real estate developers. His company has a portfolio of residential, office and medical facilities across the Northeast.

Krupa, '82, is head of Business Banking for the Mid-Atlantic region at Bank of America. She leads client relationship management teams throughout Central/Southern New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia, providing a variety of financial solutions and advice to small and mid-sized companies ranging from \$5 million to \$50 million in revenue.

Walsh, '70, is a government affairs counselor for the law firm, K&L Gates LLP. In 1988, he ran and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and represented Central New York's 25th District until his retirement in 2009. He received an honorary degree from his alma mater in 2011.

NEW MAJOR

University establishes bachelor's degree in sports management

St. Bonaventure's School of Business will offer a bachelor's degree program in sports management beginning in fall 2020.

The university has offered a popular minor in sports management for years and will add several new courses to elevate the program to a major. Students can still minor in sports management.

By the time they reach junior status, students seeking a bachelor's degree must declare a sports management concentration in either accounting, finance, human resource management or marketing.

"We are preparing business leaders to work in the business side of sports using the same management, financial, operational, and marketing skills as any other business or industry," said Dr. Matrechia James, dean of the School of Business.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the sports management job market will see expansion through 2028.



CAREER & PROFESSIONAL READINESS CENTER

Students can connect with alumni, employers in new Digital Engagement Room

With a generous donation and programmatic support from the Class of 1963, the Career & Professional Readiness Center is launching a Digital Engagement Room (DER) for students to utilize for alumni mentoring sessions, digital interviews, virtual practice interviews, video portfolio development and other resources.

The DER is a signature component of Student Affairs' newly launched SophoMORE program, developed with funding from the Class of 1963 Leader in Residence gift.

The objective of the class gift is to inspire SBU students to connect to, learn from, and perhaps seek to follow those who have developed exemplary professional and personal lives.

With innovative aspects and services, the SophoMORE Experience supports students in their decision-making, relationship-building and professional development. Under one aspect of the program, participants are matched with alumni mentors in a group dynamic and invited to participate in virtual mentoring sessions on a variety of topics, both global and field specific in nature.

Built with professional video and audio equipment, the Digital Engagement Room was designed to meet the demand of the changing digital market to better prepare and provide a professional space for all students to connect.

"As we look to enhance our communications and relationships with alumni to assist current students, mentoring and networking is a top priority," said Pamela Ferman, director of the CPRC. "We have a large number of passionate alumni who want to help students – and we want to help make that happen."

Although the Digital Engagement Room is a key component of the SophoMORE Experience, all students can access and benefit from the career and professional preparation opportunities the DER offers.

To coincide with the opening of the DER, the CPRC will host presentations on the ins and outs of digital interviewing and networking, and have resources available in the department. In order for students to use the room, they simply have to reserve a time. The center's digital fellows will manage all schedules and any questions students may have.



For more information about the center's initiatives, visit www.sbu.edu/CPRC.



Francis Hall Facelift

Renovations on historic Francis Hall, future home to the university's new School of Health Professions, began in earnest in January, with completion of the first phase of the \$17.5 million project expected by December. Phase one includes construction of labs and classrooms on the ground and first floors. Phase two, which includes second-floor work on faculty offices and additional classrooms, is expected to begin in spring 2021. Programs are being developed in Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistant Studies; PA Studies expects to welcome its first students in January 2021 (pending accreditation).

25 YEARS OF GIVING

Quick Center for the Arts to celebrate 25th anniversary with gala and exhibition

On Saturday, March 21, the university will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the building of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. Since 1995, the center has been home to the university's art collection as well as the campus center for the visual and performing arts.

The celebration gala will begin with cocktails in the second floor of the museum, where guests will visit the art exhibition, "25 Years of Giving."

The exhibition will feature works of art that have been gifted to the University Art Collection since 1995. Guests will enjoy dinner after a musical program featuring songs from the Great American Songbook by baritone Robert Osbourne.

The exhibition "25 Years of Giving" features works by 20th century American artists such as Herbert Gentry, Peter Grippe, Alexander Calder and Michael Lenson. A group of statues by John Rogers and works by regional artists will also be featured. The exhibition is located in the Paul W. Beltz Gallery on the second floor of the museum.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations or additional information, contact Jennifer Skrobac at (716) 375-2493 or jskrobac@sbu.edu.

Joseph H. Fitzgerald, '51, of Canandaigua, New York, has published "Speak Up. It's Your Country," a collection of some of his guest essays over the last 25 years in which he "speaks up" on consequential issues.

Fitzgerald quotes Thomas Jefferson in the preface of the book: "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

In view of the onslaught of news, opinions and information from so many sources today, Fitzgerald says, "It is even more important now that individuals seek the truth and speak up." Fitzgerald is retired from a career in manufacturing in the United States and South America.



In "Get Thee behind Me, Satan: Rejecting Evil," **Fr. Kevin E. Mackin, O.F.M., '60**, draws on his experience as a priest, college president and professor to share religious studies as a helpful guide for preachers, catechists, and laypersons. The book offers a reader-friendly look at church history, biblical sources and understandings of Satan, exorcisms, the "kingdom of God," faith formation, and keeping the devil away.



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.

Joseph M. "Mickey" Bayard, Class of 1966, is the author of "Over Easy" published by iUniverse. In the book, a young army chef and Special Forces vet inadvertently brings back mushrooms from Afghanistan that possess various qualities: delicious, psychedelic, lethal. It takes a pro to determine the fine lines that delineate where danger begins.

"Over Easy" reminds us that revenge is not always a dish best served cold.

The book's protagonist is Max Burns, a nod to SBU friend J.R. (Bobby a.k.a. Sideburns) Burns, '66, who was killed during the 1968 Tet Offensive. Bayard says Bobby will live always in the hearts of his Bona's crew and was ever present during the writing of the book.



Bayard has also written poems, short stories,

stand-up comedy routines, a novella and numerous screenplays. He has two daughters, SBU alumna Caroline Bayard Salorio, '09, and Capt. Christina Bayard Braddock, United States Army, a recent veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

Marianne (Kapetanios) Micros'

story collection "Eye," in which she demonstrates her fascination with mythology, folklore and her Greek background, was one of five finalists for the 2019 Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, a prestigious award that annually celebrates the best in Canadian literature.



"Eye" was also shortlisted for the Danuta Gleed Award in 2019. Micros graduated with an M.A. in English in 1974.

Her previous publications include a book of poetry about her Greek family ("Upstairs Over the Ice Cream"); a poetry collection that focuses primarily on her search for ancestors and family members in Greece ("Seventeen Trees"); and poems and short fiction in anthologies and journals. Micros' suite of poems, "Demeter's Daughters," was shortlisted for the Gwendolyn MacEwen poetry competition in 2015 and published in Exile: The Literary Quarterly.

She has retired from her career as an English professor at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Micros has completed a new collection of poetry titled "The Aphrodite Suite" and is working on a second collection of stories.

Apprentice House Press has published "Still Life in a Hurricane," the third collection of writing by **Bill Jones, '73**.

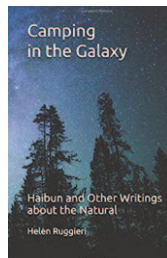
The book includes poetry and short prose, portraying family experiences through six generations, travel in the U.S. and abroad, the dreams that have played an important part in Jones' life, and his speculations about faith and mortality.



In the words of one reviewer, "Jones transforms memory, humor, loss and the everyday into extraordinary moments." This collection and Jones' second collection, "At Sunset, Facing East," are available through Apprentice House Press

and amazon.com.

The latest book by **Helen Ruggieri, '72**, "Camping in the Galaxy," is a collection of haibun, compact prose pieces accompanied by haiku, and well-crafted essays that celebrate the natural world without turning a blind eye to the ravages of human impact.



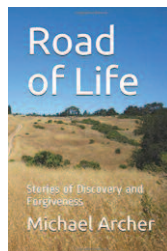
Ruggieri cultivates a sense of place as she recounts life in the Allegheny bioregion of Western New York, past and present. She writes about Native Americans, deer, groundhogs, wild grasses, Zen gardens, small-town life, river walking, maple trees, sunsets and the seasons.

The result is a blending of contemporary American culture with the beauty and wonder of nature that reveals an unspoken truth about the way we live. The book is available from Amazon and www.woodthrushbooks.com.

Mike (Occhiogrosso) Archer, '72,

has published "Road of Life: Stories of Discovery and Forgiveness," a collection of short stories about people facing situations that require them to take action that changes their lives and the lives of others.

The stories include "Foul Ball," a story of a split-second, frightening accident at a ballpark that leads to acceptance and forgiveness, and "Rescue," the story of a father haunted by the death of his child suddenly faced with saving another. In "Stranger From The Past," a traveler meets a stranger with a family connection and a story of lost love. "Boy In The Crowd" imagines a young boy who acts to save his hero and changes history. The book is available on Kindle and amazon.com.

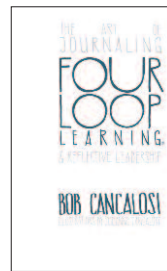


A lifelong curiosity in learning and teaching led **Bob Cancalosi, '82**, to journaling as a deliberate process to record his ideas in detail and reflect on their significance. It also led him to write his first book, "Four Loop Learning – The Art of Journaling & Reflective Leadership."

The book explains and explores the four loop process of recording, reflecting, acting and sharing, and contains more

than 100 lessons on leadership and life extracted from his journals.

Over the past 20 years – and writing in 68 journals – Cancalosi saw how his reflections and learning heightened his expertise in leadership development.



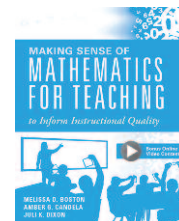
He spent many years experimenting and mastering the best ways to share his journaling methodology to teach and mentor professionals to use the process to become better leaders. Cancalosi's career spans more than 30 years at GE.

Writing as Liz Milliron, **Mary (Lederman) Sutton, '95**,

has released two books in The Laurel Highlands Mysteries series. Four more books are scheduled for release over the next four years. The first of her Homefront Mysteries, a historical series set in Buffalo, New York, during the early years of World War II, is scheduled for release in February 2020, with two additional books under contract.

Dr. Amber Candela, '03, has co-authored a new book, "Making Sense of Mathematics to Inform Instructional Quality," for teachers to discover a clear path for improving mathematics instruction at any grade level.

Designed for individuals or collaborative teams, the book introduces a set of rubrics – the Instructional Quality Assessment (IQA) Toolkit – that readers can rely on to help guide reflections, conversations, feedback, and planning. Also included is a series of short videos that showcase how to use the book's math strategies and tools in classrooms.



Candela is an assistant professor of mathematics education at the University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL). She teaches mathematics methods classes for prospective elementary, middle and high school teachers in the teacher education program at UMSL. "Making Sense of Mathematics" was published by Solution Tree.



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Guardian Angel

Friar proves he's a cut above, ministering to students from his Reilly Center barbershop



Friar intern Br. Angel Vazquez, O.F.M., in his Reilly Center barbershop. For now, haircuts are free, although during the holidays he asked students to bring in a nonperishable item as way to give back to the community.

Story by Beth Eberth | Photos by Danny Bush, '13, '15

Growing up on Staten Island, New York, Br. Angel Vazquez, O.F.M., spent many a summer day hanging out at his grandfather's barbershop. However, the path that led this friar in training to his own barber certificate – and to St. Bonaventure – was anything but direct.

A barber for about 30 years, Br. Angel's grandfather ran a shop on the Manhattan side of the Staten Island Ferry terminal. He would get businessmen looking for a last-minute trim, guys stopping in because they were going for an interview downtown, and retirees like Jose, a regular who told the same stories. Over. And over.

"It was this hilarious type of setting. There was this great mixture of New Yorkers coming through his shop," Br. Angel said.

He loved seeing how his grandfather interacted with the customers and the welcoming community at his shop. But it would be years later before he would see his grandfather's career as a natural fit for his own vocational path as a Franciscan friar with



Holy Name Province.

"That is ministry," Br. Angel said. "Here was a perfect opportunity to reach out to people who are marginalized, who have been put off to the side, or just everyday people who walk into the shop. To have a moment to connect with them in a very nonthreatening way, because everyone gets their hair cut."

That is how he sees his internship at St. Bonaventure, where about 16 students a day make their way to his chair seeking

fades and comb-overs.

"I have been slowly developing relationships with the students. It has been nice to see the evolution of the relationships develop, which is the whole point," he said.

Br. Angel's barbershop is located on the second floor of the Reilly Center, in a small corner of the Damietta Center. Personal items on the walls – a picture of his parents, a Cuban peso to represent his travels, and a rosary and image of the Blessed Mother – all help spark conversations and connections with students.

“Br. Angel and his barbershop have brought renewed vibrancy to the Student Affairs suite in the Reilly Center. Making connections and developing relationships is at the heart of Student Affairs,” said Katie D. O’Brien, vice president for Student Affairs. “The barbershop offers a unique approach to student engagement that helps to build a sense of community and belonging at SBU.”

Br. Angel was first introduced to Franciscans during his undergraduate years as a political science major at Siena College. Following graduation, he worked at the college for six years as an admissions counselor and earned his master’s degree in counseling. He moved on to Tampa, Florida, where he delved into his job as a high school counselor and volunteered in his spare time. It was during this period he began to think, “If I’m spending all this time volunteering and doing ministry work, maybe this is what I am being called to do.”

When he learned there were Franciscans in the region, “I took it as a sign from above that I’ve got to reach out to the brothers in Tampa.”

He soon began volunteering with their Hands of Hope outreach program, which includes a soup kitchen and other means for feeding the homeless, and started pursuing his vocation with the friars.



When Br. Angel was in the novitiate in Burlington, Wisconsin, he came across a New York Times article about a Manhattan stylist who would walk the streets of the city on his day off and offer free haircuts to the homeless.

“He was a Buddhist and he talked about how it was really good karma,” said Br. Angel. That made him think of his grandfather as he weighed his ministerial options.

He didn’t intend to be ordained and work in a parish ministry, so he asked the province if he could be sent to barber school for a certificate to accompany his pastoral ministry certificate in theology.

During this yearlong internship period, “We are tested to see if we can manage full-time ministry,” said Br. Angel. He is in the final stage of formation and will take his final vows in August.

“This idea of going out and being a barber is a way for me to connect with my fraternity and the community. For the most part, you don’t see too many religious outside of a parish setting or a direct service ministry setting like a soup kitchen or a food bank,” said Br. Angel. “This is a way ... for people to see us in another way.”

Visiting the barbershop is about much more than just a haircut.

“Br. Angel offers students an opportunity to receive some personal guidance, a sharing of life lessons or a time to talk about what’s happening on campus the coming weekend. I love seeing the stream of new and returning faces pass my office on their way to the shop,” said O’Brien.



A devotional to the Blessed Mother can be found on one wall of the barbershop.



Br. Angel works on one of his regular customers, senior Sam Hoefling of Cincinnati. “Br. Angel’s barbershop has definitely made a positive impact on campus. Along with being free of charge, it has allowed students such as myself to enjoy 15 minutes or so to relax, get a phenomenal cut and, most importantly, have time to connect with Br. Angel. Although my time at Bona’s is nearing its final curtain call, I hope that he is able to stay here for years to come so he can leave the same impact on others as he has done for me.”



The past was present on an unforgettable day celebrating 100 years of Bonnies basketball

Weekend for the Ages

Text By Tom Missel | Photos by Craig Melvin

More than 300 years ago, Johannes Hofer coined the term nostalgia, calling it a “neurological disease of essentially demonic cause.” Literally, nostalgia is Greek for “painful longing.”

The young Swiss doctor would have been perplexed by the smiles and the hugs and the laughter that filled the Reilly and Richter centers on this special Saturday in December. Pain was the last thing anyone was feeling.

For those of a certain age, Dec. 7 will always be a profoundly somber day. But for those lucky enough to have attended the Bonnies’ blowout of Hofstra and the gala dinner right after to celebrate the 100th year of men’s basketball and the 50th anniversary of the 1970 Final Four team, Dec. 7, 2019, will always be special.

The men all those people came to celebrate won’t forget the day either.

“The warmth and appreciation that these fans still have for us after all this time, it makes goose pimples on your arm,” said Bob Lanier, ’70, the three-time All-American whose name graces the court that men old enough to be his grandchildren now play on. “It’s unbelievable.”

Those young Bonnies, genuinely grateful to have dined with the Final Four team the night before, had their admittedly hard-to-please coach bursting with pride after they dismantled a good Hofstra team, 73-45.

“Today was spectacular. I was really proud of their effort. When you have the best of the best watching you play, you better not suck — and we didn’t,” said Mark



Bonnies Coach Mark Schmidt hugs Billy Kalbaugh, point guard of the Final Four team and a member of the all-time Bonaventure team announced in November.



Schmidt, drawing a huge laugh and then a rousing ovation from the 500-plus people — today’s Bonnies included — who attended the gala. “It was a special day. The atmosphere in the Reilly Center was unmatched.”

The significance of the day wasn’t lost on sophomore transfer Jaren English, who, as of Dec. 7, had played in a grand total of four out of the 2,409 Bonnies games played since 1919.

“Coach Schmidt talks to us every day about the history. ... It was a tremendous honor to play today in front of the greats,” English said about playing in front of the Final Four team, nine members of the 20-man all-time Bonnies team, and former coaches Jim Satalin, Jim O’Brien and Jim Baron. “They all paved the way for us.”

That sincerity was shared by his teammates, an expression of cross-generational brotherhood captured perfectly by Craig Melvin on this magazine’s cover.

The ’70 guys are in their 70s now, some a little thinner on top, some a little thicker below — except for Greg “Bubba” Gary, who looks at 70 like he could still give you 15 minutes off the bench.

As “Wade in the Water” played during the introduction of the Final Four team after the Hofstra game, Gary strutted toward the Bonnies bench, greeted by smiles you couldn’t possibly fake.

“The reaction of today’s Bonnies really struck



▲ In the top photo, Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Lanier addresses fans as members of the Bonnies 1970 Final Four team were recognized after the Dec. 7 men’s basketball game. Final Four Coach Larry Weise was unable to attend, but was represented at the game and the gala by his four children, three of them visible behind longtime former assistant coach Bob Sassone (seated, far right). Above, Final Four teammates (from left) Dale Tepas, Vic Thomas, Matt Gantt, Paul Hoffman and Tom Baldwin, along with Sean McNamee (blue jacket), SBU’s assistant athletics director for Advancement, break into laughter as Greg “Bubba” Gary struts onto the court (see cover photo) to “Wade in the Water,” the iconic song played for years when the Bonnies were introduced before a game at the Reilly Center.



“Fifty years goes by in a heartbeat.”
~ BOB LANIER



me,” said Mike Vaccaro, '89, of the New York Post, who helped moderate an hour-long chat with the Final Four team that concluded the evening's gala. “You expect the fans to be starry-eyed. But to see the way those kids responded to the older guys shows how timeless Bona basketball is.”

The weekend, which culminated on Sunday when the Final Four team was honored on the field before the Bills' game with Baltimore, was as much a celebration of what is as what was.

Truth is, a celebration of this magnitude might never have happened if Schmidt hadn't revived a program many left for dead 13 years ago. You know how many Atlantic 10 teams have won at least 10 conference games the last five years?

One. St. Bonaventure.

“I'm so proud and humbled to stand in front of you as the head coach of the 100th season of Bonaventure basketball,” Schmidt, the winningest coach in program history, said at the gala. “I never thought this was a graveyard. I knew we could win again. I was sure of it ... because of the support that we had.

“There's nothing like being a Bonnie. Everywhere I go, I walk through airports — and what, we have 30,000 alums? It feels like we have 3 million. The passion that's exhibited everywhere we go is unmatched.”

ESPN's Chris LaPlaca, '79, emceed the gala and wasn't ashamed to admit that he “got a little teary-eyed when he saw the current



▲ There was no shortage of laughter when members of the 1970 Final Four team talked about that magical year after the 100th anniversary gala dinner Saturday night, Dec. 7. From left are Paul Hoffman, Mike Kull, Vic Thomas and Greg Gary.

◀ Mike Vaccaro, '89, of the New York Post, three-time New York state Sports-writer of the Year who moderated the Final Four chat with ESPN's Chris LaPlaca, '79.

Bonnies mingling” with the older players.

“We have a clearly evident and passionate tie that binds us all, a connection in an untold number of ways that's brought us all to this room tonight,” LaPlaca said. “Simply put, Bonnie basketball is a spirit that lives inside all of us. It's the rallying point for an institution that's shaped our lives. This moment in time, this group together ... this will never happen again.”

If there was a poignant reflection

all day, that was it — until Lanier uttered the final words of the Final Four chat.

“Fifty years goes by in a heartbeat,” said Lanier, a bit frail from the ravages of bladder cancer. “Billy (Kalbaugh) and I were talking about that. Times passes very, very quickly. Someone that you love and care about, let them know through your love and your actions that you love and care about them while they can see you on this side of the grass.”





▲ **Top:** Nine members of the 20-man all-time team, selected by fans and a panel of experts and announced in November, were on hand for the day's festivities, including (from left) Glenn Hagan, Marques Green, Matt Gantt and J.R. Bremer.

Middle Left: Chris LaPlaca, '79, ESPN's senior vice president of corporate communications, was master of ceremonies at the gala. "Neither our enrollment nor our budget can speak to the unlimited boundaries of our passion or the size of our heart," LaPlaca said.

Middle Right: Vic Thomas, Tom Baldwin and Gene Fahey share a laugh during the Final Four chat after the gala dinner.

► St. Bonaventure athletics director Tim Kenney greets former Bonnies coaches (from left) Jim O'Brien, Jim Satalin and Jim Baron.





Watch a video of the basketball gala, including a panel discussion featuring members of the 1970 Final Four team ▶▶ www.sbu.edu/100thgala



▲ From left are St. Bonaventure all-time teammates Greg Sanders, Mark Jones and Tim Winn, and LeighAnn Shaffer, granddaughter of Final Four Coach Larry Weise, who sang the National Anthem at the game Dec. 7.

▶ Members of the Final Four team watch a video of their accomplishments on the scoreboard at New Era Field before the Bills game with the Ravens Dec. 8. The Bills honored the Final Four team's 50th anniversary before the game and hosted the players at a pregame tailgate party and in a stadium suite during the game. The university entered into a three-year marketing partnership with the Bills this fall. Note the ribbon scoreboard below the upper deck.



Jaylen Adams, '18
Earl Belcher, '81
J.R. Bremer, '02
Bill Butler, '68
George Carter, '67

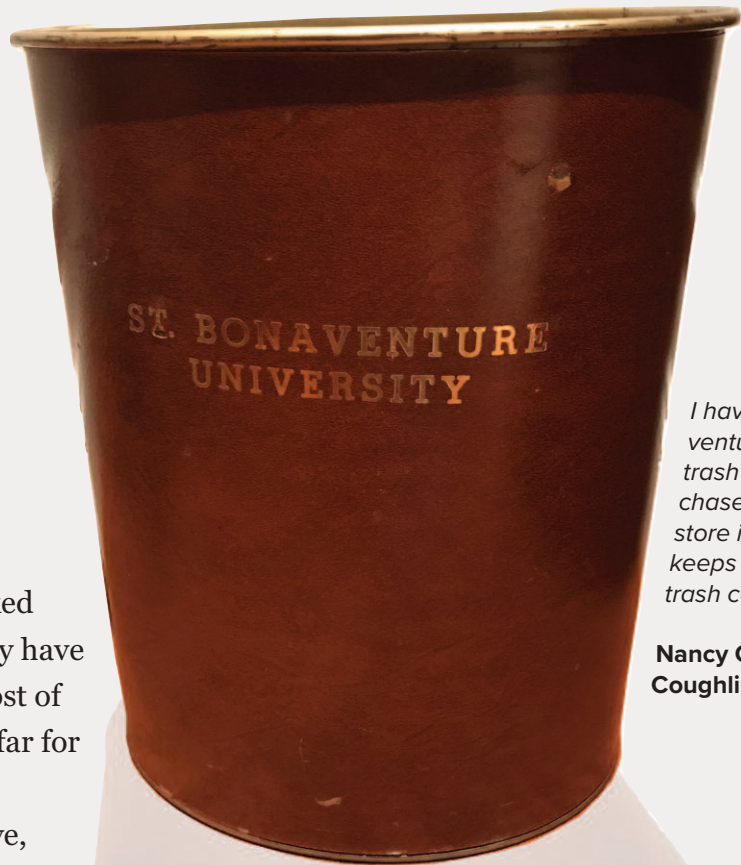
Fred Crawford, '64
Matt Gantt, '72
Marques Green, '04
Glenn Hagan, '78
Essie Hollis, '77

Mark Jones, '83
Bill Kalbaugh, '70
Bob Lanier, '70
Andrew Nicholson, '12
Glenn Price, '74

Greg Sanders, '78
Sam Stith, '60
Tom Stith, '61
David Vanterpool, '95
Tim Winn, '00

WHO KEEPS A 50-YEAR-OLD TRASH CAN?

In the last edition of the magazine, we asked alumni to share with us the keepsakes they have held on to since their time on campus. Most of those who wrote to us didn't have to look far for their sentimental and quirky treasures: a nearby closet, on the wall of their man cave, and in the desk of their home office. Read on to find out what memorabilia fellow alums hold dear. No trash, just treasures.



I have a St. Bonaventure University trash can purchased in the bookstore in 1968. Who keeps a 50-year-old trash can?

Nancy Gloeckler Coughlin, '72



A vinyl 45 record album commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the university. I maintain an Instagram account dedicated to cataloging vintage Bonaventure memorabilia. Updated regularly, it can be found at www.instagram.com/sbudennis or @sbudennis.

David Ennis, '07

The Bona Athletic Fund auctioned off banners from the RC. Being a member of the Class of 1995, it was important for me to win the auction for the original 1995 NIT banner to keep it in the class. I proudly display it in my home office.

Alan Melohusky, '95
(pictured with his son, Patrick, then 2)

On one wall in my man cave, I have four framed tickets to the Final Four games in 1970. Cost of the courtside tickets was \$8 each. Without a doubt, the Final Four season was my favorite Bona memory.

Glenn Keidel, '72

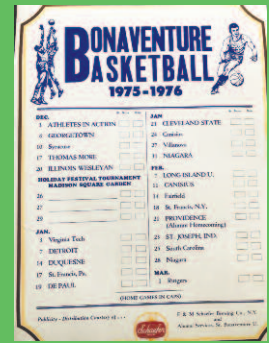
FOR THE NEXT EDITION

College Jobs: Whether you shelved books in Friedsam or washed dishes in Hickey, tell us in 100 words how you earned spending money during your college years. We'll print a collection of responses in the summer issue.



Students from the School of Business made keychains from the gym floor after it was damaged by the flood in 1972. They sold out fast since it was from the floor of the famous 1970 Final Four team. Money made went to our student Marketing Club chapter. We couldn't make them fast enough. I still have one and keep it in my desk as a reminder of our successful and fun student business.

Connie Monteleone Whitton, '73



I believe one of the original signs for the Skeller is hanging in my garage. My husband, Gary Clancy, found it in a load of scrap wood that was delivered to our neighbor's house many years ago. The sign now proudly hangs in my garage. I have two grandsons (Nicholas Clancy, '18, & Jonathan Clancy, '21) who would like the sign themselves, but I'm keeping it!

◀ **Barbara Endersen, '75, '87**



My precious Skeller mug from Mug Club. We bought the mug for a nominal fee, and took it to the Skeller on Tuesdays for 35¢ draft beers. I have two sons who are Bona alums and they tell me I'll have to put the future possession of this mug in my will, but how will I choose?! I think the best option will be some sort of shared custody plan.

◀ **MaryEllen (Steiner) Felter, '83**



Purchased from a university auction 20 years ago.

◀ **Mike Garilli, '85**

Memorabilia that I have had in my den since my graduation in 1976.

◀ Rich Bucci, '76



While a student at SBU I participated in what was then an extracurricular activity: Garret Theatre (now Theater). In my final production ("Mary, Mary") senior year I had the lead. During our post production strike of the set, I absconded with a small blue and white tin that was part of the set. It has been with me now for more than 40 years and every time I see it, I smile.

◀ Leigh A. Simone, Ph.D., '73, '77

I still have my cheerleading jacket from 1983. People offer me a lot of money for it when I wear it to games. It's priceless!

◀ Christopher Kinslow, '85



Even though I am hundreds of miles away, I always keep Bonaventure in the heart of my home, above the fireplace mantel. I pour my love of Bona's into my artwork - the first lighted stained glass SBU mural I built, surrounded by two pin pictures of friends taken on Spring Weekend.

◀ Michael Post, '10

Since I do not live in Western New York, my passion for the Brown and White has manifested itself in the building of a memorabilia collection that provides me with a way to respect tradition, relive fond memories, but also as a means of keeping a symbolic connection to my college years alive wherever I travel.

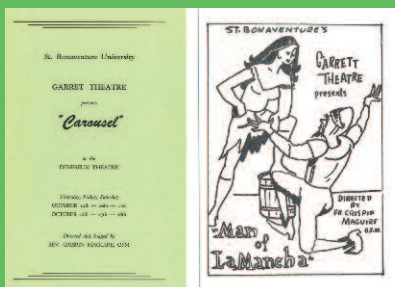
◀ Alan Delozier, '91

{for a longer reflection by Delozier, go to sbumagazine.com}



The 1966 black and white photo is of the 4-Goings singing group, featuring (from left) Craig Ross, '66, Peter Nikolich, '67, Eddie Brian, '66, and Rick Bachofner, '67. The new photograph is the same group 53 years later: (from left) Eddie, Peter, Rick and Craig.

◀ Rick Bachofner, '67



In May of 1972, a group of students produced the Broadway musical "Man of La Mancha" under the direction of Rev. Crispin Maguire. Over the ensuing decades, many of those who worked on the show have "carried it forward," leading to literally thousands of people being involved in shows from elementary schools to community theaters and beyond.

◀ William S. Locke, '75, '82, '86

Aside from the memories, which are priceless and everlasting, I do have a 1967 varsity letter for the rifle team. I'm sure there are not many of them floating around! It's a standard varsity letter, with a bull's eye instead of a basketball or other more traditional emblems.

Jerry Monaghan, '67

Bonathon caller continues family tradition

For Aidan Sauter, the support he finds within the St. Bonaventure community feels just like what he's always known at home.

"Instead of having one house, you have a whole school. Everyone is a Bonnie here. They are all so warm and welcoming," he said.

The freshman psychology major from Livonia, New York, is the final of four siblings to attend Bona's.

He followed in the footsteps of Mary, '18, who now teaches English in Vietnam; Peter, '16 ('18 MBA), who works in finance in Columbus, Ohio; and Lucy, an education major who graduated in December 2019.

"I always knew I would attend Bona's. My siblings loved it. They'd come home on break with all these stories, and I knew I wanted to go here."

With a 4.0 GPA, Sauter's freshman year has been one of focusing on his studies. He is committed to doing the work needed to succeed but also knows the importance of exploring what campus life has to offer.

He can often be found in the Richter Center, playing basketball, dodge ball or volleyball. On Saturday afternoons, look no further than the local nursing home, where he volunteers with Silver Wolves and plays cards and trivia games with the residents (his sister Lucy is a



Aidan Sauter and his fellow Bonathon callers are hoping you pick up the phone and talk with them this semester. Watch for an incoming call from (716) 375-2000 and be ready to share your Bona story along with a donation!

coordinator of the student-run program).

Sauter can also be found in the Bonathon room four nights per week, calling alumni and encouraging them to support The Bonaventure Fund.

"It's wonderful talking to the donors," he said. "I don't know if they know the impact on us callers, but we clearly feel their energy. Every time we have a conversation and they say 'Go Bona's!' it really makes a difference. What we're all doing is helping to make Bona's a better place."

One of his favorite conversations during the fall semester was with a donor who has been married 60 years and met her husband while at St. Bonaventure. Other calls included alumni sharing stories of campus life, offering pointers for his future and reminiscing about friendships forged here.

"Friends for life — that's what I've seen at Bona's. It's a lifelong bond. Once a Bonnie, always a Bonnie," he said.

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Gathering with the Bona Family



Two events in the New England area brought alumni and friends together last fall. At left, University President Dr. Dennis R. DePerro and his wife, Sherry, join John (Duffy) Sheehan, '82, and his wife, Sharon, in welcoming guests to the Sheehans' Connecticut home. Above, DePerro shares a university update at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston.



Supporters of St. Bonaventure joined university leaders and trustees for a Heritage Journey to Italy last October. Among the many places they visited was Magliano de Marsi, home of Bona's founding president, Fr. Pamphilo di Magliano. This is a photo of the group at the Franciscan Friary in Magliano, where Fr. Pamphilo entered Franciscan service in the mid-1800s.

Investing in the future

Make your money work for you. This is a tenet John Deignan, Class of 1965, put to use at a young age – and it is what he hopes today’s students will do for themselves.

After a successful career as an executive on Wall Street and early retirement in his 50s, Deignan, a native of Long Island, has since spent his time paying it forward.

“I was very fortunate in life,” he said, “yet I know it wasn’t all because of me. It’s because of God, family and school.”

He began supporting Bona’s on an annual basis more than three decades ago. In 2015, he established The John M. Deignan ’65 Endowed Scholarship to help St. Bonaventure recruit new students. And today he is creating a million-dollar gift through a bequest in his will to enhance the university’s competitive edge.



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JOHN DEIGNAN

“I understand how fierce the competition can be in the higher education marketplace,” he said. “If I can help make St. Bonaventure more competitive, so be it.”

Terrell Kane, a December 2019 health science graduate from Friendship, New York, said receiving an award from the Deignan scholarship helped him make the choice to attend Bona’s, where he flourished personally and academically.

Accepted to a doctorate program in occupational therapy, Kane said the scholarship not only helped pave the way to his future career goal, but also eased financial stress. He added that Deignan’s generosity has inspired



▲ Scholarship recipient Terrell Kane, '19, with Dr. Claire Watson, founding director of the Public Health Program, who served as his adviser and was “an inspiration” to him.
◀ A freshman wearing a dink and tie in this 1960s era photo.

him to want to do the same. “I would love to do something similar one day if I have the means,” he said.

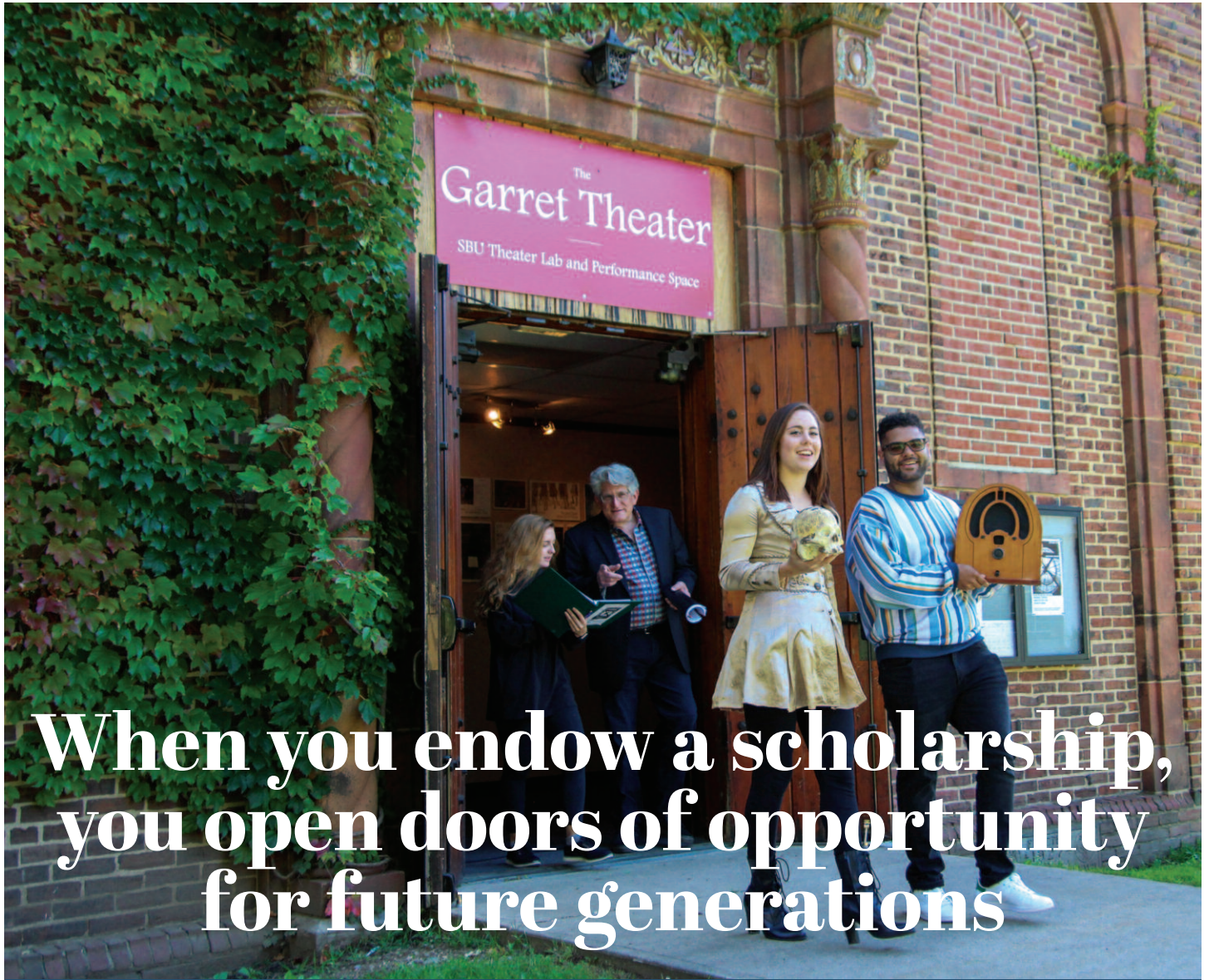
Deignan first arrived at St. Bonaventure through several roundabout conversations with Tom Gill, a Bona grad. The Bonaventure name not only stuck with Deignan but was endorsed within his Catholic high school in Rockville Centre, New York. A road trip to Olean soon followed, along with a first interview and an acceptance letter.

He majored in history, with concentrations in business, English and philosophy.

“School was different then. We took 18 credit hours per semester and had classes Monday through Friday and half a day on Saturday,” he said.

He remembers his freshman year as a halcyon time filled with both rules and camaraderie.

“Every weekday night, we had mandatory study hall from eight to 10 p.m. No one could have a TV or radio on, and you had to leave your door open. The prefect would walk up and down the hall and make sure you were studying.”



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The Class of 1965 was the last to experience “Freshman Rules,” he said. For two months, Deignan and his classmates went through an initiation into St. Bonaventure, wearing tiny brown caps called “dinks,” signs with their name and hometown (and even more info if they were dating one of the few co-eds) and special brown ties. They had to do whatever chores the upperclassmen might request, such as shine a pair of shoes or clean a room, and on designated days they sang the alma mater in the early morning hours.

He forged strong friendships here — and to this day keeps in touch with upwards of a dozen classmates, many of whom still call him by his Bona nickname of “Budder.” A few too many have passed on, though; several in just the past year or two. This summer he will celebrate his 55th Bona Reunion.

His best advice for today’s students? Think about their retire-

ment and net worth as early as the first day of their first job.

“The power of compounding is so significant,” he said. “You really should invest in IRAs and 401Ks right away. You can’t afford not to. If your company has a matching contribution, take advantage of it.”

Deignan said he appreciates the broad-based liberal arts education he received at Bona’s.

“You don’t recognize it while you’re at school, but over time you realize what a great education you received at St. Bonaventure.”

By Susan Anderson, director of fundraising communications at St. Bonaventure.



10 things

I learned during 10 days on the Camino de Santiago

By Suzanne Wilcox English



On June 19, 2019, I set off on a journey I had dreamed about for seven years: hiking more than 100 miles on El Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James. Since the ninth century, pilgrims have completed the Camino to reach the tomb of the Apostle St. James (the Greater), who died in Jerusalem in 44 C.E. The site of his burial was lost for 800 years, and when his remains were re-discovered the cathedral in Santiago was built to hold them.

The last 100 miles of the most traditional route, the Camino Francés, crosses northern Spain from Leon to Santiago, traversing the leafy forests and farm fields that make up much of Galicia.

With eight other pilgrims – all strangers to me at the start – I averaged about 12 miles a day for nine days. On the ninth day, we walked into the square in front of the Cathedral of St. James and I turned and saw the end of our quest. We hugged and congratulated each other, taking a photo with one hiking shoe each around the scallop shell, symbol of the Camino, at the center of the square in front of the cathedral. It was a powerful moment, but the journey itself was a walk of faith.

During those days on the trail, I learned – or in some cases, remembered – 10 important lessons that have stayed with me.

► I am blessed, and proud, to be part of the universal Church.

The simple existence of the Camino de Santiago, which began in the ninth century, is a testament to the devotion of countless followers of Christ over the centuries. Participating in Masses said in Spanish, Latin, English and German reminded me of how blessed we are to be part of the Catholic (which means universal) Church.

In Leon, after meeting our guides and fellow pilgrims for the first time, we toured the city and its major cathedral, the Catedral de



Santa Maria de Regla de Leon, getting our first glimpse of the scallop shell that is the symbol of the Camino. I touched the spindle outside the cathedral that was originally carved with a likeness of St. James (see above); the hands of pilgrims over the centuries had worn it smooth. That afternoon, we received our pilgrim’s “credencial,” a kind of passport that is stamped to confirm your route along the Camino. We attended evening Mass and afterward the deacon gave us a brief blessing in both English and Spanish. He wished us a “buen Camino,” a good walk, a phrase that would be repeated

countless times, and then stamped our pilgrim credenciales.

Participating in a Mass said in a language not your own, and knowing the parts well enough to say them in your own language, as well as share the sign of peace and exchange smiles with those nearest you, confirms the sense of sharing in an ancient and true tradition. In these days when it’s sometimes hard to be a Christian in the public sphere, it’s wonderful to know that so many good people are walking the journey with you.

► Things go wrong in life, but that doesn’t spoil the journey.

On our first hiking day, we climbed a pretty steep grade, rising more than 1,300 vertical feet over the course of the afternoon, to the Iron Cross, a pilgrim stopping point since the 13th century. Lavender surrounding the rock outcroppings graced our walk with sweetness as we climbed.

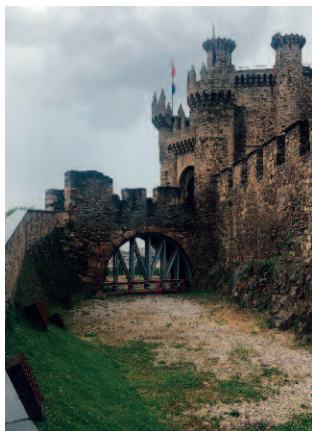
A storm began to move in and we walked the last hour in a light but steady rain, pulling on our windbreakers and rain jackets as we hiked. When we arrived, thunder had begun to rumble. I took part in the spe-



For a longer version of this story, visit the magazine’s website at sbumagazine.com.

cial ceremony of laying a stone I had brought with me at the foot of the Cross. The practice symbolizes placing your burdens, and your sins, at the Lord's feet. As I was making this journey in between a job I loved and a new one that excited me, it was a beautiful symbol of leaving my previous team and employer in God's hands, where they truly always had been, and looking forward to my new challenges. When our last hiker, Julie, who was nursing an injury, came in, I left the waiting bus to take a picture of her – she beamed.

The next day, when we were in steep descent mode, I twisted my knee, and along with most of my comrades, found my first blister. After reading Camino blogs, I had brought a heavy-duty Ace bandage, which protected my knee, and blister packs. I had no pain from my blisters during the hike, which to me was amazing.



► Always be open to learning.

One of my favorite stops on the Camino itself was at a castle of the Knights Templar who, when Jerusalem was in the hands of the infidels, guarded the pilgrims on the Camino. We also passed various structures used to store grain by the Galician farmers, stopped to see an 800-year-old chestnut tree mentioned in pilgrims' diaries over the centuries, and explored a Celtic fort situated just off the trail.

Our guides made our lunchtime picnics each day with local specialties. We also had the opportunity to enjoy local delicacies everywhere we stayed, including the best paella I have ever tasted, octopus, fried peppers, chorizo and pig's ear. I tried them all! You only live once.

► Saying 'hello' often leads to interesting conversations.

When I was climbing a rather steep hill during my second day on the trail, I approached a woman who was climbing wearing a crown of flowers on her head (at left).



I said hello and walked along for a few moments, then commented, "Your flowers are beautiful. Why did you choose to wear them today?" She broke

into a wide smile and told me her name is Linda. "Today is

Midsummer, which is an important feast day in my country of Sweden. I have been walking since early May, and it is a little hard to be away from family during this special time. So I decided to share the feast with everyone whom I meet on the trail." I thanked her for sharing the feast with me and wished her a happy Midsummer!

A few days later, I heard guitar music wafting along as I hiked along a river and came upon a gentleman playing this guitar, with his dog and a cap to receive coins lying near him. I asked if I could take his picture and he nodded yes, so I did so and left him a few euro, telling him "Gracias por la música!" (Thank you for the music!) He smiled.

I also enjoyed thoughtful discussions with a fellow traveler, an attorney from Nebraska who was brought up Methodist, who was discerning whether or not he should become a

Catholic and had made the Camino as part of his faith journey. After the hike, we shared emails and I sent him a recommendation for a Scott Hahn book, "The Lamb's Supper." I will be interested to learn what he thinks.

► God speaks to us in his creation, and we can find him in the silence.

Walking across northern Spain offered an endless and varied panorama of stunning fields, flowers and forests. The region of Galicia is surprisingly agrarian, with many families keeping between three and eight cattle as well as other farm animals, and they farm much as their families have for centuries. The peace and slower pace settled into my soul, and while I enjoyed time with my

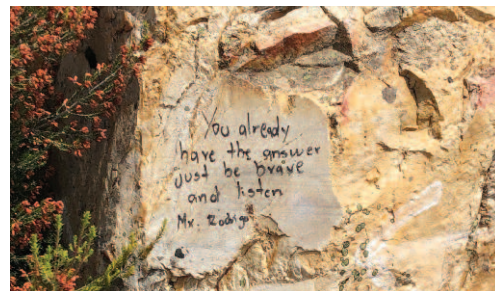
companions, I walked alone for about two-thirds of the time.

I wanted the opportunity to truly absorb the beauty around me, to stop to take photos when I chose, and to have quiet time to listen to God. While I am in the habit of daily prayer, being able to immerse myself in such beauty without the demands of daily work was a special experience, and I felt that simply hiking in gratitude was prayer.

Sometimes I would stop in one of the hundreds of chapels we passed, but more often I just enjoyed taking in the scenes before me, celebrated when we reached a special milestone, or took in the beauty and glorious scent of walking through a grove of eucalyptus trees. I thanked God for the opportunity to make the Camino, for being healthy enough to walk it, and for the beauty through which I walked every day.

► People as a whole are welcoming, kind and generous.

From the fellow pilgrims who call out "buen Camino" as they pass to the many store and tavern owners who offer extra goodies, advice and support, everyone is encouraging of your journey. I especially enjoyed the little notes and messages left by other pilgrims, my favorite being, "You already have the answer; just be brave and listen."



We stayed in restored manor houses that people had either converted from their family homes or purchased and renovated to serve as B&Bs. One young woman, Lucia, whose family had lived in our lodge for 17 generations, cooked for us, told us Galician legends and made a light cider brew for us.

In addition, our guides were ex-

tremely generous with their time in preparing and giving perspective on the history and culture of Spain. One morning Raul traced the shifting borders and early kingdoms of Spain to help us understand its complex history.

► Testing yourself is good for the soul.

Hiking the Camino was a challenge. Anyone interested in taking it on should read hiking blogs to get tips on footwear, clothing and supplies, learn how to care for yourself (especially your feet!) and most importantly, should train for at least a couple of months in advance. I started walking two miles most evenings and then walked increasing distances both on Saturday and Sunday – starting at 4-6 miles and increasing to 8-10 miles.

Unfortunately, I didn't realize that each day would be front-loaded: We started about 9 a.m. and hiked until 2 p.m., the traditional European lunchtime. On a 15-mile day, we might hike 10-12 of those miles before stopping for lunch. Hiking longer training distances would have been wise.

Despite some tough and tiring times the first few days, I was delighted to feel my body tightening up in response to the demands on it, and felt certain I could rise to the challenge. While in the end I lost eight pounds and also lost four toenails from the downhill pressure, completing the Camino was one of the most satisfactory accomplishments of my life.

► Faith can bring you joy in unexpected moments.

Our first day on the contiguous trail (the trip to the Iron Cross was an add-on) was at Santa Maria a Real church in Cebreiro. The word "Real" means that it was founded by the royal family; the king and queen of Spain had established it when they made a pilgrimage. I prayed at the small second altar, and then stopped at the baptistry and found it was watched over by a Cross of San Damiano, precious to Franciscans.

I visited a small chapel in Melide and prayed before a striking statue of a compassionate Christ reaching down from the cross, an image that has stayed with me. And to end the experience, having the pilgrims' noon Mass said in the Cathedral of St. Francis (because of construction in the Cathedral of St. James), was another delightful surprise. I had the opportunity to



talk with some fellow pilgrims from Germany while we were waiting for Mass to begin and completely enjoyed the Mass, said in Spanish with parts sung in Latin.

► Sharing time with friends over a meal is one of the true joys of life.

Our group of nine very different people ranged in age from the early 30s to mid-70s and came from places spanning New York to California. Our guides, Hector and Raul, were native Spaniards, one from Barcelona and the other from Madrid. One of the things that helped our group to bond so well was that we ate breakfast, lunch and dinner together every day. You get to know people when you break bread with them, even in the morning when they might be cranky because we didn't finish dinner until 10:30, or when they are hurting from climbing hills and fighting blisters.

Sharing a table helps you to know what is going on in their lives. Susan, a 76-year-young woman from Califor-



nia, told us, "I'm just here for the experience," and did a self-proclaimed "princess walk" of no more than five miles each day. We celebrated together, too. Kristin marked a birthday on the trail, and we shared her birthday cake at lunch. We toasted the approach to the city with Santiago cake and wine. I found the photo taken at our last dinner together remarkable; you could see how comfortable we had become with each other in just 10 days and how much fun we had together.

► Walk your own Camino.

Aside from the greeting of "buen Camino," "walk your own Camino" is another common saying on and around the trail. When you are preparing to make the journey, it's common to seek advice, and it is invaluable to talk with others who have made the Camino. However, when you have prepared, mapped out your route and made the decision of how-where-



when, it's time to make it your own.

Everyone has his or her own reasons for making the Camino, and preferences for how to walk, carry their pack, eat and even talk with others. For me, it was contemplative time; for Annalisa, becoming comfortable traveling alone; for Terry, making the trip a part of his questioning faith journey; for Susan, simply reveling in the experience.

Making the Camino your own is a reminder that each of us also needs to make our life's journey our own. I wish each of you your own "buen Camino," and encourage you to make it true to who you are, and to walk it with love.

[Suzanne Wilcox English, '92, is executive director of the Office of Mission Advancement for the Felician Sisters of North America and a professed lay Franciscan. Prior to the position with the Felician Sisters, she spent more than 20 years in higher education, including eight years as media relations director at St. Bonaventure.]



Harnessing the power of the Bona network



With the start of the new year, many Bona seniors are getting closer to graduation and figuring out what's next after their time at St. Bonaventure. For those of us in the working world, we can be a resource to our current students and fellow alumni who are looking for a new opportunity or to build their network within their industry.

So, what is networking? It is the exchange of information and ideas among people with a common interest or profession.

This past year, while transitioning to a new corporation, I saw firsthand the power of networking within my various networks.

Networking is not just for the benefit of students. We might not all work within the same industries or have the same interests, but we can make introductions among the people we know.

Here are several suggestions to become a more strategic networker this year:

- Reconnect with former classmates and the SBU National Alumni Association Board – visit www.sbu.edu/alumni to update your contact information and see what is taking place within our Alumni Services office.
- Get involved with the alumni association and attend a few events, or consider hosting one. If an event isn't being offered within your region, contact Joe Flanagan, '74, director of Alumni Services, at jflan@sbu.edu or (716) 307-5545.
- Consider being a resource or mentor by offering practice in-

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terviews with current students and sharing internship opportunities within your organization with our Career and Professional Readiness Center. Learn more at www.sbu.edu/CPRC. Contact Pam Ferman, director of the CPRC, at pferman@sbu.edu, or contact the dean of a particular academic school.

- Reach out to fellow alumni via LinkedIn, plus leverage the Bonaventure magazine classmate update section and the CPRC. When you are on LinkedIn, be sure to follow St. Bonaventure University and join the network that is already 21,500 strong. You can search within your region or industry, and reconnect or make new connections.
- Be a referral partner and a people connector. We are all blessed to know many great fellow Bonnies, so consider introducing Bonnies to those within other class year(s), or to non-Bonnies within your network.

In 2020, let's make a goal to become better networkers and assist fellow Bona alums however we can.

Pax et Bonum,

Kevin Cleary, '02

►► SHARE YOUR CAREER NEWS WITH THE BONA NATION!

To submit professional news for the next issue of Bonaventure magazine, drop us a note in the enclosed envelope, fill out an online form at www.SBUMagazine.com or email magazine@sbu.edu. Submissions may be edited for clarity or length.

1965

Dr. Daniel Sheehan and his wife, Dee, are living in Jupiter, Florida. Sheehan, who received a Ph.D. from St. John's University in cell molecular biology, retired from Pfizer Inc. in 2008 as senior medical director for anti-infectives. During his career he authored more than 100 abstracts and publications in peer reviewed journals.

1970

Tom Drinkwater and his wife, Eileen, are enjoying retirement in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Drinkwater, who was on the university & ROTC rifle teams, operates a part-time firearms business and is still shooting competitively.

1972

Timothy and Carol (Mongillo) Anderson, members of the Class of 1972, welcomed their fourth grandchild and first grandson into the family in No-

vember 2019. **Catherine (LaBella)**

Trask is retired from public school teaching, but is busier than ever. She is president of the Homosassa Friends of the Library and the communicator for her homeowners association.

1973

Raymond Reska lives in Madison, Alabama, and is teaching beginner clarinet and saxophone lessons at a local music store.

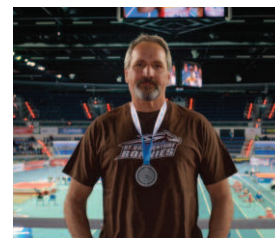
Nancy (Federici) Griffiths is happily retired in Oregon and is enjoying her grandkids. **Mark Werstein** reconnected with **Brian Biggane**, '72, while spending time in Delray Beach, Florida. The pair, who played soccer together for three years at Bona's, had not seen each other since 1972. They had lunch and caught up on the past four decades. "It was like we were just heading to the dining hall at SBU after practice to catch up," wrote Werstein.

"Good times at Bona's were not forgotten. And we both discussed our career paths in regard to our degrees along the way to eventual retirement."

1974

Joe Myers competed with team USA at the NC-CWMA championships in Toronto in July, including in the shot put and the throws pentathlon.

Myers is ranked third in the world in shot put in his age class.



1975

John Greco has retired after a career that spanned 42 years with General Motors, Delphi Automotive, Harlequin Books and Supplier Park Industries. He has joined WLVL radio in Lockport, New York, as a color commentator for local high school sports. "Grec" and his wife, Christine, have been married for 36 years and live in Lockport. They have four sons.

1976

James Beck was re-elected president of the BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk (BEES), a

New York State United Teacher, American Federation of Teachers local comprised of almost 1,600 members. Beck has been a proud special education teacher for 33 years and shares, “The Franciscan values and Bona experience have served me well in promoting social justice, negotiating openly and fairly, and taking care of my members. St. Bonaventure taught me the value of speaking truth to power and fostered lifelong friendships. Shout out to 4th Dev!” **Richard Bucci** has retired as president of the Catholic Schools of Broome County (New York). During his tenure he concentrated on expanding the system’s curriculum with a focus on science and technology, strengthened the K-12 theology program and initiated a successful \$3.2 million capital campaign. Bucci’s retirement caps a career in public and Catholic education and state and local government. He served as mayor of Binghamton from 1994 to 2005. **Tom “Skin” Donahue** (pictured below at left), **Joe “Sully” Sullivan** (right) and two of their non-Bona’s childhood pals rode their bikes around Lake Ontario in June 2019 as a fundraiser for Camp Kenan, a YMCA camp in Barker, New York, where the four once worked as counselors. The Great Ontario Orbiting



Senior Expedition, or GOOSE Ride, was in memory of Robert “Goose” Gray, a beloved Camp Kenan director. The 580-mile, eight-day journey began and ended at Camp Kenan, on the lake’s southern shore, and raised more than \$10,000, which was used to send needy youngsters to summer camp. Donahue, content webmaster at St. Bonaventure, and Sullivan, placement services manager at the Buffalo Employment and Training Center, will be joined by their pals this summer for GOOSE Ride II: Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. **Dennis Gleason** has retired from Niagara Mohawk/National Grid after almost 40 years of service. He has relocated back to Western New York and is living in East Aurora and enjoying his children, grandchildren, and friends. He is

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Alumni from the Buffalo Chapter volunteer at Ss. Columba-Brigid Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo to help in the distribution of Christmas gifts for families in the parish.



also a Bonnies basketball season ticket holder and makes the trek down for many games. Gleason was the recipient of the President’s Award from Catholic Charities in Syracuse, New York, for his work with the nonprofit.

1977

Dave Bohrer was named regional editor for CNHI newspapers in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee in addition to his position as editor of The Meridian Star, which he joined in June 2016. Previously, he worked for Gannett newspapers in Binghamton, Ithaca and Elmira, New York, and with The Post-Star in Glens Falls, New York. He and his wife, Martha, live in Meridian, Mississippi.

1978

Robert P. Kane was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Wall Business and Finance Academy at Wall (New Jersey) High School. The academy is a competitive academic program within the high school in which students are able to focus on business and finance electives, participate in professional development programs, job shadowing, and paid internships. Kane previously held a variety of officer positions on St. Bonaventure’s National Alumni Association Board, including president. He also served on the university’s Board of Trustees for two years. **Tim Wilkin**, the Times Union’s veteran sportswriter, was honored in October 2019 with the Walter Haight Award for career excellence in writing on thoroughbred racing by the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters. In a news release, the organization noted that Wilkin “juggles his in-depth racing coverage — particularly of the Saratoga meeting — along with his college basketball and other sports beats at the Times Union. Wilkin can dig into intricate industry issues with the same aptitude he brings to emotional

features.” Wilkin, the Albany paper’s lead horse racing writer, has earned multiple honors from the Associated Press Sports Editors’ annual writing contest, taking top honors for beat writing in the 30,000-75,000 circulation category in 2014 and 2015.

1981

Dr. Daniel B. Keating was named the 77th president of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association (NYSPMA). A Buffalo-based podiatrist, Keating brings nearly 35 years of diverse podiatry experience to the position. He has served for more than a decade on the NYSPMA Board of Trustees and serves as the treasurer of the Foundation of Podiatric Medicine. As part of his leadership positions, Keating advocates for the integration of podiatric services within New York’s health care delivery system. Keating is part of the Excelsior Orthopaedics premier team of physicians providing musculoskeletal care. He completed his formal podiatry schooling (1985) at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine (now Kent State University) and his residency program at Sheridan Park Hospital - Sheehan Hospital (Tonawanda, New York).



1983

Denise (Doring) VanBuren of Chelsea, New York, was elected the 45th president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in June 2019. In this role she leads the 185,000 members working to further the DAR mission in 3,000 chapters across the United States and abroad. As chief executive officer of the nonprofit organization, VanBuren also oversees a staff of 140 at the historic DAR National Headquarters complex in Washington, D.C. Van-

Buren has been an active presence in Dutchess County, New York, in professional and volunteer realms for close to 35 years. After 26 years at Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, she retired at the end of 2019 as the longest-serving female officer in company history, most recently as vice president of public relations. VanBuren has also served in volunteer leadership roles in many philanthropic, historic preservation and business organizations and received many honors and awards from the local community. Founded in 1890, the DAR's three-fold mission to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism drives the initiatives of the women's service organization today.



1984

Donna L. Burden was appointed general counsel of the Trucking Industry Defense Association during the organization's 2019 annual meeting.



Dave Whalen, project director of Niagara University's first responders disability awareness training, was honored with the St. Vincent De Paul Medal from the university for his work with and advocacy for people with disabilities. Among the many programs Whalen has established is Disability Awareness Training. This program, which has been offered throughout the country, is designed to sensitize and educate first responders and others on all aspects of disabilities. Whalen accepted an invitation to the White House for a historic memorandum of understanding signing between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Disability Rights Network. He is on the advisory council of the National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability, and provided written testimony to the Senate Hearing on "Law Enforcement Responses to Disabled Americans: Promising Approaches for Protecting Public Safety." Whalen was among six



individuals recognized by Niagara as part of its celebration of Vincentian Heritage Week in September 2019.

1985

Christopher Kinslow is the CEO and chairman of the Board of Datamation Systems Inc. (DSI), one of the largest and most experienced providers of equipment to charge and manage shared mobile devices. DSI works with its customers and specialized software companies to create solutions for the storage, security, charging, tracking, updating and the overall management of virtually any mobile communication device. Many of the company's healthcare customers use its UniDock products to help manage thousands of mobile phones and tablets used every day for patient care and clinical communication. The company's customers are in the healthcare, retail, hospitality, sports and entertainment arenas, and airlines and education industries. Kinslow and a group of investors recapitalized Datamation Systems Inc. in November 2019 to provide growth capital, management expertise and lead the company on its global expansion. He and his wife, **Eileen (Madigan), '86**, live in Caldwell, New Jersey, and have three grown daughters. **Paul and Jackie (Smith) Murphy**, members of the Class of 1985, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with an eight-day trip to Ireland. They visited the Shelbourne in Dublin followed by Ashford Castle and the Adare Manor, and ended their stay at Ballyfin Demesne. During the visit they visited the gravesite of Paul's great-great-grandparents and great-grandfather outside of Crossmolina. They are pictured by Ashford Castle with a pair of Irish wolfhounds. **Ann Ford Roach** launched Collegiate Silver (www.Collegiatesilver.com) three years ago. The custom-designed collegiate, high school and sorority jewelry is available in college bookstores at the University of Notre Dame, Villanova, Stanford, Yale, Dayton, Fairfield, Miami, Boston College, Georgia, Arizona State University



ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN HONOR FLIGHT

Three alumni participated in the Oct. 13, 2019, Buffalo-Niagara Honor Flight, a nonprofit that makes the trip to Washington, D.C., possible for World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. Pictured from left are Eric Wischman, '00, '01, a board member for Buffalo-Niagara Honor Flight; Maria Hayes, '02, '07, who joined the group to honor a veteran in her family; and Donna Quigley, '98 (BBA and MBA), board member and treasurer for Buffalo-Niagara Honor Flight. The group transports veterans from Buffalo, the Southern Tier and Warren, Pa., to Washington, D.C., for the day to allow them to see the war memorials and be honored. The Buffalo hub is part of the national Honor Flight network. Veterans, guardians and volunteers from the region are invited to learn more at www.buffaloniagarahonorflight.org.

Two alums form insurance group

Sean D. Cornelius, '03, and **Joseph M. Palumbo, '14**, have formed the Weed Ross Group. Weed Ross Group is a full service insurance agency with locations in Ellcottville, Orchard Park, Randolph and Batavia specializing in auto, home, and all types of business insurance. By using technology, all of their offices are able to communicate in real time to better serve the customer and are able to distribute the workload across multiple locations.



Through a series of realignments and acquisitions, the group has had substantial growth this past year and is poised for substantial future growth.



Lost Alumni

We've lost touch with a number of alums and need your help! Our hope is to find lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion in 2020. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at www.sbu.edu/foundalumni.

Robert E. Cronin, '60
 George A. Korb, '60
 Daniel J. McNally, '60
 Frank T. Taverrite, '60
 Richard J. Taylor, '60
 George K. Konnick, '65
 Judith (Youngstrom) Ray, '65
 Anthony J. Erena, '70
 Cathleen Shea Evans, '70
 Paul J. Marano, '70
 Albert J. Mazza, '70
 E. Patricia Rocco, '70
 Thomas G. Sendlakowski, '70
 Kathleen Walsh, '70
 James L. Zubert, '70
 David Malpiedi, '75
 Thomas J. Abbott, '80
 Thomas F. Burger, '80
 Catherine R. (Streit) Burkey, '80
 Susan (Weber) Handel, '80
 Stephen J. Harrison, '80
 Judith M. Kelley, '80
 John S. Kelly, '80
 Lori Ann (McDonald) Schwartz, '80
 Kevin M. Stoffer, '80
 Thomas W. Wild, '80
 Cheryl M. Franklin, '85
 Karan Marie Horan, '85
 Sharon Elizabeth (Kiley) James, '85
 Stephen Lopez, '85
 Cynthia Ann (Boyea) Marushak, '85
 Michael Joseph Becker, '90
 Garvin Wellington Ferguson, '90
 Catherine J. (Fuda) Green, '90
 Maureen M. Parker, '95
 Brad J. Teemley, '95
 James P. Tobin, '95
 Alyson L. Dennis, '00
 Shane T. Abrams, '10
 Ana Elizabeth Collado, '10
 Robert Christopher Donlin, '10
 Carrie Kathleen Howland, '10
 Molly Lynn (Hastrich) Peck, '10
 Nathan James Peck, '10
 David Poteet Seyler, '10

and others. She is proud to support the Bonaventure Athletic Fund with part of the proceeds from St. Bonaventure jewelry sales.

1986

Lynn (LaColla) Barnsback is a full-time business and marketing faculty member at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. NOVA, the largest public educational institution in Virginia and the second-largest community college in the United States, comprises more than 75,000 students. Barnsback originally joined the faculty as an adjunct, designing and teaching six marketing and business courses. Inspired by former SBU marketing professor Kevin Brayer, she places an emphasis on real-world examples and projects. Barnsback notes that timing is everything: Getting this position was perfect as her nest had just emptied. "You are never too old for your dream job and teaching at a college keeps you young," she writes. **Dr. Michael Jabot**, a faculty member at the State University of New York at Fredonia since 2001, was



appointed a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor. A professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Jabot has made outstanding contributions in teaching, research and service. It was noted that Jabot's caring and engaging classroom environment has fostered valuable relationships and mentorships with students, who consistently report that his passion for science education is infectious. His leadership in helping to integrate science programs into Fredonia's College of Education is highly regarded by his colleagues. He has worked to provide science professional development for the state's elementary and middle school teachers, work consistently supported by coveted competitive funds from the federal Title II B — Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) program. Jabot is the statewide director for professional development for the Science Teachers Association of New York State and is a member of the New York State Science Advisory Committee for the New York State Department of Education. Also in 2019, Jabot was named to the National NASA Data Advisory Board.

1988

Bridget (Haraszko) O'Neill, after stepping out of the classroom for a sabbatical year to work as an instructional designer at the collegiate level, is back in the proverbial saddle teaching high school English again and serving as department chair at a brand new high

school in the Phoenix, Arizona, area.

1990

Lynne Sherwin won second place for feature writing in the 2019 All Ohio Excellence in Journalism competition, sponsored by the Press Club of Cleveland. The award was presented two weeks after she was laid off by GateHouse Media after 24 years at the Akron Beacon Journal. She is now managing editor for Plastics Machinery Magazine, a division of Endeavor Business Media.

1991

Laura Rainey is the director of Financial and IT Audits at the National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General, where she oversees the agency's annual financial statement and cybersecurity audits. A professed Secular Franciscan, she also serves on the Board of Directors for Franciscan Mission Service in Washington, D.C.



1993

Christopher Albrecht was one of five inductees into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, in June 2019. This followed a year (2018) in which Albrecht served as the New York State Teacher of the Year.



He is pictured with his wife, Jennifer. **Daniel Duran**, after retiring as a claims superintendent from Cincinnati Financial Corp., moved to Maine to be closer to his wife's family and began a new career teaching special education/coaching at a middle school. In his free time, he enjoys outdoor activities and traveling. Last summer he visited Indonesia for three weeks and witnessed Komodo dragons in the wild. He welcomes e-mail at duran2duran@yahoo.com.

Dr. Matthew Vogel is a professor and the director of Graduate Studies for the Education Department at Seton Hill University. Vogel specializes in the area of special education, instructional leadership and innovative instructional strategies.

1995

Dr. Jessica Sciarretto earned her doctorate (Ed.D) in special education in May of 2019. She has been the director of Student Services for Pomperaug Regional School Dis-

trict 15 in Middlebury, Connecticut, for six years.

1996

Sean Sullivan and his partner, Richard Fuentes, were among 12 OUTstanding Voices named in June 2019 by The San Francisco Business Times. The San Francisco Business Times highlights a dozen out business leaders as notable contributors and vanguards in the cause for equal rights. Sullivan and Fuentes own The Port Bar in Oakland, California. Sullivan also serves as an investor relations and marketing strategist for Lakeside Investment Company and chairs the board of East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Oakland's largest developer of affordable housing.

1997

Lisa (Damico) Kern was named manager of Member Engagement at The Association of Theological Schools in Pittsburgh. Kern has served as communications coordinator at the association since 2003.

1998

Alyson (Marabella) Grande passed the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam given by Project Management Institute. **Fr. Peter Mallin** celebrated 20 years as a board certified chaplain at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance, California, in October 2019. He has been board certified with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains since 2002. **Jim Walter** earned his certified destination man-



HILL HIKES HALF DOME TRAIL

Mike Hill, '75, '77, is pictured after hiking up the cables on Half Dome Trail in Yosemite National Park. The two metal cables allow hikers to climb the last 400 feet to the summit without rock climbing equipment.

agement executive (CDME) certification from Destinations International in June 2019.

2000

Ellen (Say) Herner is director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the Cattaraugus County Department of Aging. This is a volunteer network of more than 400 volunteers throughout the county who assist in a variety of capacities at hospitals, the SPCA, food pantries, and delivering meals to the homebound. RSVP is a nationwide program under the umbrella of Senior Corps, a close relative of AmeriCorps, and under the guidance of the Centers for National and Community Service. It has more than 250,000 volunteers nationwide.

2003

Amber Candela was among 102 St. Louis-area educators honored in November 2019 with an Emerson's Excellence in Teaching award. Now in its 30th year, the program pays tribute to area educators – from kindergarten teachers to college professors – for their achievements and dedication to the field of education. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is sponsored annually by St. Louis-based Emerson, a diversified global manufacturer and technology leader. Candela is an assistant professor of mathematics education at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. In 2016, Candela was honored with the Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award at UMSL and in 2018 with the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Post-Secondary Educators Award. **Nora Bealey White** was promoted to director of events in September 2019 at The INN. White has worked with the not-for-profit that serves hungry and homeless Long Islanders with dignity, respect and love for 12 years.



2004

Fr. Stephen DeWitt has entered the Master of Social Work program at the University of Pennsylvania. He expects to graduate in 2022. **Sarah E. Hansen, Esq.**, was chair of the DRI Trucking Law Committee's 2019 primer, "Big Rig Meets the Court Room: A Mock Trial Primer for New Lawyers on the Ins



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and Outs of Trying a Trucking Case,” held in June 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee. **Jamie Kurzdorfer** started her own business in January of 2019. Using her degree in English, she provides professional, timely, and accurate proofreading services to court reporters and other small business owners across the state. She says she is “thrilled to be engaged in something I find joy in, and I love helping others shine as well.”

2005

W. Jack Plants II was named senior vice president and corporate treasurer at Five Star Bank. In this role, he is dedicated to overall management of the bank’s treasury function, including liquidity, interest rate risk and the investment portfolio. Plants most recently served as senior vice president and treasurer of United Bank, a financial services firm offering commercial, small business, wealth management and consumer banking products and services to customers throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During his seven-year tenure at United Bank, Plants progressed from treasury manager to treasurer, growing the treasury team to 10 stakeholders and building tactical expertise in balance sheet management, investment accounting and treasury operations.

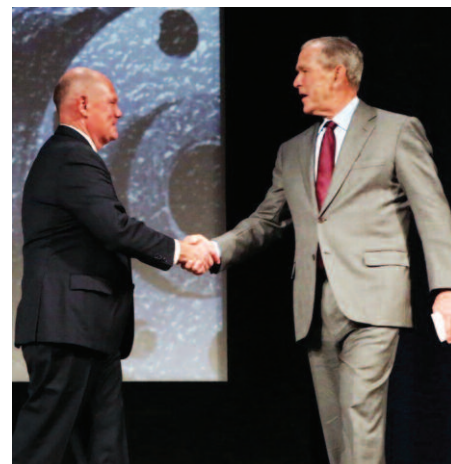


nible & McKee, LLP, a certified public accounting and consulting firm with offices in Syracuse, Binghamton and Albany, New York. Connor (also 2014) joined the firm in 2014 and has experience providing auditing, accounting and consulting services to a variety of clients, including manufacturers, professional services firms and healthcare practices. He specializes in the automotive industry, as well as providing Federal Acquisition Regulation overhead audits.



2015

Sidney West, Foster Care Preparing Youth for Adulthood coordinator at Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services, was recognized by the Columbia University School of Social Work for all she does to prepare foster youth to successfully enter the workplace. West also spoke as a panelist at the presentation, where she was commended for her “thoughtful remarks about the importance of preparing foster youth to overcome the barriers they face as they strive to successfully enter the world of work.”



Bill Harvey, '84, president and CEO of the Auto Care Association, welcomes former President George W. Bush to the organization's annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The AAPEX-SEMA show is the second largest trade show in Las Vegas, drawing more than 160,000 attendees from around the world. The Auto Care Association, located in Washington, D.C., represents the \$492 billion auto repair and maintenance industry, which provides 4.7 million jobs to the U.S. economy. Harvey has also represented the industry by testifying numerous times on the effects of trade policies on the automotive industry.

2009

Ashley Spaulding Wakelee (also 2015) was named principal at Truman Elementary School in the Lackawanna City School District.

2012

Reid Gan finished 34th out of 715 runners in the open division of the Savage Blitz in Dallas, Georgia, on Oct. 27, 2019. The grueling race features 15 to 20 obstacles strewn along a 3-plus-mile course. Gan, who finished the race in 51 minutes, 3 seconds, was fourth in the men’s 25-29 age group and 30th out of all 419 men in the race. Gan, who played soccer at SBU, is a copywriter for Bearpaw Partners, a digital agency in Atlanta.



2013

Daniel Connor, a certified public accountant, was promoted to audit manager at Dan-

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Max Louis to Christina and **Mike Magulick, '93**

Joseph Anthony and Reagan Elizabeth to **Krystin (Troyer) Ryan, '03**, and **Joe Ryan, '96**

Rome Artemis to Amber and **Joe Maurer, '00, '03**

Charlotte J. to Janine and **Kevin Cleary, '02**

Luca John to **Danielle (Ruffino) Gryzmala, '02**, and John Gryzmala

Andrew James to **Julie Brown Krause, '03**, and Andy Krause

Isabella Lynn to **Amy (Rumschik) McCorry, '03**, and Bryan McCorry

Kiley Erin-Christine to **Kathleen (Smith) Murtaugh, '04**, and Eric Murtaugh

Rory James to **Tara (McConkey) Sheridan, '04**, and **Patrick Sheridan, '04**

Daniel Thomas to **Erin (Farrell) Gracia, '07, '08**, and Joshua Gracia

Parker William to **Katie (Kozsan)**

Maxwell, '08, and **Brian Maxwell, '07, '08**

Amalia Marie to **Laura (Tucker) Hedge, '07**, and Matthew Hedge

Georgia Michelle to **Christy (Markley) Plummer, '07**, and Matt Plummer

Rose Azra to **Meghan McAllister, '08**, and Ali Gillani

Pearson Theodore to Heidi Gebhardt and **TJ Pennino, '08**

Lucy Elizabeth to Caroline and **Robert Rapone, '08**

Logan Thomas to **Reina (Nurnberger) Anderson, '10**, and Drew Anderson

Ella Rose to **Sandra (Wendela) Laude, '10**, and Karl Laude

Lillian Grace to **Ellen (Grimes) Chatfield, '09, '10**, and **Craig Chatfield, '12**

Lincoln Scott to **Lauren (Scorse) Reeves, '10, '11**, and Kevin Reeves

Charlotte Grace to **Tricia (Locke) Mitschow, '13**, and **Charles Mitschow, '13**

Births / Adoptions

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.

John O. Grippo, '49, *Longmeadow, Mass.*
 Paul J. Stokes, '50, *Ellicottville, N.Y.*
 Frank Bezek, '51, *Endwell, N.Y.*
 James P. Coyle Jr., '51, *Clarksville, Md.*
 John F. O'Connor, '51, *Walpole, N.H.*
 Liborio A. Campanella, '52, *Penfield, N.Y.*
 Rev. Alan R. Helwig, '52, *Bethesda, Md.*
 William J. Laughlin, '52, *Walnut Creek, Calif.*
 James L. Dean, '53, *Hemet, Calif.*
 John W. DeBease, '53, *Mamaroneck, N.Y.*
 William G. Edwards, '53, *Milwaukee, Wis.*
 William F. O'Toole, '54, *Ocala, Fla.*
 Richard A. Falls, M.D., '55, *McLean, Va.*
 Rev. Marcel Sokalski, O.F.M., '55, *Athol Springs, N.Y.*
 Ormond J. Dailey Jr., '56, *Scottsville, N.Y.*
 John G. Gaffney, '58, *Raleigh, N.C.*
 Donald C. Hoffman, '58, *Reading, Mass.*
 Robert E. Nesslin, '58, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
 Robert J. Schihl, '58, *Chesapeake, Va.*
 Rev. Leonard Lenczewicz, O.F.M., '59, *Ringwood, N.J.*
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 John J. Keegan, '60, *Albany, N.Y.*
 Claudia (Ralbovsky) Collin*, '61, *Bradenton, Fla.*
 James F. Feldbauer, '61, *Belmont, N.Y.*
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 John P. Bona, '68, *Williamsville, N.Y.*
 Terry B. Mullaly, '68, *Canandaigua, N.Y.*
 Michael R. Zick, '69, *Endwell, N.Y.*
 Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., Ph.D., '70, *Loudonville, N.Y.*
 Michael P. Flanagan, '70, *West Hartford, Conn.*
 Marcia Riccio Schloerb, '73, *Cotuit, Mass.*
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 Barbara R. Knisley, '91, *Bemus Point, N.Y.*
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St. Bonaventure community mourns death of Br. Ed Coughlin, O.F.M.

Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., president of Siena College and former vice president for Franciscan Mission at St. Bonaventure, died July 30, 2019.



A Buffalo native and 1970 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Br. Ed had been president of Siena since 2014.

"Franciscan Brother. It was much more than a title in the life of Edward Coughlin — it was his identity," said the Very Rev. Kevin J. Mullen, O.F.M., provincial minister of Holy Name Province and Br. Ed's predecessor at Siena. "He was a Franciscan Brother to all. Whether meeting him for the first time or renewing a long-standing relationship, Ed was your 'brother.' Like St. Francis, he met you as an equal and immediately affirmed your dignity and worth. As a brother, he worked hard to advance your well-being. We will dearly miss our Brother Ed Coughlin, but if we follow his good example, his legacy will live on and continue to transform our

world."

Br. Ed exemplified servant leadership throughout his Franciscan life, initially at St. Bonaventure in the Counseling Center and as a faculty member in the School of Education from 1974 until 1977. In 1977, he began serving in a variety of leadership roles for the Franciscan Holy Name Province and the Order of Friars Minor.

Returning to St. Bonaventure, from 1991 to 1996 he served as director of the Franciscan Institute before returning to Manhattan in 1996 as secretary of Holy Name Province. In 2005, Br. Ed was named vice president for Franciscan Mission at SBU, teaching in the Franciscan Institute until 2014 when he was named the 11th president of Siena College, where he oversaw marked successes in new academic programming, enrollment and marketing, fundraising and facility enhancement.

A popular author and editor, his passion was introducing people to the Franciscan tradition, especially through pilgrimages to Italy.

In tribute to Br. Ed, the annual trophy awarded to the victor of the annual men's basketball game between SBU and Siena was renamed the Brother Ed Coughlin Franciscan Cup.

In Memoriam

Richard A. "Dick" Falls, M.D., passed away Aug. 31, 2019. Falls graduated from St. Bonaventure in 1955 and received his medical degree from the University at Buffalo. In 1966 he began his private practice in Falls Church, Virginia. An exemplary career followed, including being the longest-serving chief of ophthalmology at Fairfax Hospital, doing the first cataract lens implants at that location and eventually helping to create the Woodburn Surgery Center. He retired from active practice in 2008. His son, Jonathan Falls, '93, wrote this about his father: "He was a Bona's Man until the end and I am a better person for sharing that with him. He touched so many and was quick to credit his formative years at St. Bonaventure for molding him into the compassionate, caring soul that he was."

Dr. Dalton R. Hunkins, a former faculty member who taught at the university for 38 years, passed away Aug. 6, 2019.

Dr. Thomas Schaeper, a retired professor in the Department of History, passed away Sept. 13, 2019. He retired from the university in 2017 after 38 years of service.

Fr. James F. Toal, O.F.M., a Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province who served as executive vice president at St. Bonaventure from 1976 to 1983, passed away July 24, 2019.

Donald Zekan, who served as vice president for Business and Finance at St. Bonaventure from 1992 until 2001, passed away July 15, 2019.



THREE GENERATIONS OF BONNIES

Joan (Costanzo) Hanna, '53, had a lot to celebrate this fall as her granddaughter Megan Hanna (front row, center) became her 11th grandchild to attend her alma mater. Megan, a member of the women's soccer team, began her first semester at Bona's 70 years after Joan started her freshman year in 1949. Additional members of the Hanna legacy family include Joan's late husband, Gerald (Jed) Hanna, Class of 1952, and two of their children, Patrick Hanna, '81, and Jed Hanna Jr., '86, Megan's father. At the time of the photo, everyone pictured was either an SBU alum or Bona bound: Four of Megan's friends in the photo are Sutherland High School grads and first-year Bonnies.



EARLY REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1990

These members of the Class of 1990 took along the Bona banner to celebrate their 33+ years of friendship. Pictured (front row, from left) are Bridget Dolan Ellison, Diane Kane Hanks and Kathleen Long Dalton, and (back row, from left) Lisa Stanek Nethery, Mary Alice Sullivan Dunn, Michele Bobby Keba, Karen Thielman Attea, Mary Haenn Bergan, Lynn O'Meara Horton, Karen Terry, and Patty Cowan Flaherty. They are looking forward to their 30th reunion in June!



BUDDIES FROM THE '80s

Bona buddies from 2nd Shay relived the good old days at Sodus Bay, New York, in August 2019. Pictured are (front row, from left) Tim McMorrow, '82, John O'Connor, '79, John Dolan, '81, and Fran Machina, '82; and (back row, from left) Chuck Buell, '82, Steve Lockwood, '81, Joey Scotto, '80, Mario Russo, '82, Gerry Golden, '82.



BONA PRIDE AT MACHU PICCHU

Susan (Rozler) DeWitt, '88, and Dr. John Rizzo, '87, grabbed a Bona pride photo at Machu Picchu when the alums and their spouses were on a trip to Peru last May. On a hike to the Inca Bridge at the ruins, DeWitt's sweatshirt caught the attention of two young women - also SBU alumnae!



BONNIES AT THE SUPERDOME

Three Bonnies were working at the College Football Playoff (CFP) Championship Game Jan. 13 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. From left are Derek Morel, former Bona assistant athletics director, now the executive vice president for sales and marketing at the Sugar Bowl; Vince delaMontaigne, '71, of Sport Security Group; and Jim Marchiony, '76, a communications consultant for the CFP.



LONGTIME FRIENDS MEET IN N.H.

A long-overdue reunion took place Aug. 17, 2019, at the Dolphin Striker restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Pictured from left are Marc Gallagher, '74; Bob Jordan, '75; Michele Byrne Jordan, '75; Kevin Murphy, '74; and Tom Darcy, '74. The Dolphin Striker was chosen in honor of the late Jay Foley, '74, a good friend who worked there at one time.



15 FRIENDS FROM 5 STATES

"Bona Sistas" from the classes of 1975, 1976 and 1977 got together in July 2019 in Rochester, New York, to catch up.



TRIO TURNS 60

This trio of alumni headed to Alaska on the Royal Princess ship in September for a "Turning 60 Bonaventure Reunion Cruise." Pictured from left are Sean Stelzer, '79 (pre-engineering), Mike Hubsch, '81 (management), and Tom Young, '81 (finance).



KEENANS COMPLETE 120-MILE PILGRIMAGE

Keenan family members hiked the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) in northern Spain, finishing their 120-mile pilgrimage in front of the Cathedral de Santiago in late September 2019. Pictured from left are Maureen Keenan LeBoeuf, '76, Joe LeBoeuf, Connie Keenan Lowry, '77, Joe Lowry, Timer Keenan, '71, Sharon Pelow Keenan, '72, Kevin Keenan, '82, and Debbie Keenan.



25 YEARS OF BIKING

Marv Stocker, '65, and Tom Hohensee, '67, enjoy their 25th year biking on Hilton Head Island 16 years after Stocker's quintuple bypass heart surgery.



ALUMS RECONNECT

Meg (Spuehler) Ford, '68, Jim Ford, '68, Bill O'Connor, '68, Jonathan Falls, '93, and Caitlin (Read) Falls, '93, reconnected at a family wedding in Jacksonville, Florida.



Mary Wattick, '94, and
Troy Sutterfield



Lauren Kryszak, '13, and Rob Selby, '11

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Melissa Bellonte, '13, and Peter Dolliver, '14



Merritt Ward, '10, and Stephen Lapp, '10



Molly Inglut, '13, and Dan Michael, '10, '11



Kathleen Curran, '03, '05, and Jason Mazurkiewicz



Sarah Estock and Tom Donnelly, '08



Julie Brown, '03, and Andrew Krause



Victoria Horton, '03, and Dustin Wehler, '02



Jessica Gatton and Kevin Hagerty, '14



Sarah Hanno, '15, and Nicholas Hillman, '14



Casandra Nguyen, '15, and Robert Updike, '15



Eloina Dominguez, '16, and Dexroy Brooks, '15, '16



Elizabeth O'Rourke, '16, '17, and Joseph Hayes, '16, '17



Pamela McFeely and Jeffrey Connors, '02



**Jordan Cousin, '15,
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Feb. 19: Presidential Reception
(Bonita Springs, Fla.)

Feb. 20: Presidential Reception
(Lakewood Ranch, Fla.)

Feb. 22: Bonnies4Bonnies
Student-Alumni Networking/CPRC
(SBU Campus)

Feb. 22: '80s Weekend
(SBU Campus)

March 7: Pregame Gathering
(St. Louis, Mo.)

March 13-17: A-10 Tourney
(Brooklyn, N.Y.)

March 21: QCA 25th Anniversary
Gala
(SBU Campus)

March 26: CPRC & School of
Business Networking Event
(Washington, D.C.)

March 27: Mountain on the Road
(San Francisco, Calif.)

March 28: Mountain on the Road
(Las Vegas, Nev.)

March 29: Mass & Reception
(San Diego, Calif.)

April 3: Networking Reception
(Boston, Mass.)

May 6: Gaudete Medal Awards
Ceremony
(The Marin, Buffalo, N.Y.)

June 5-7: Alumni Reunion
(SBU Campus)

June 23: Buffalo Harbor Cruise
(Buffalo, N.Y.)



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