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A man in a dark grey suit, a red and white checkered shirt, and brown shoes stands on a train platform. He is leaning against a black metal post. Behind him is a blue train with the number 120 on its front. The train's headlights are on, and the number 120 is illuminated. The background shows a clear sky and some greenery.

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## On the right track

Just two months after graduation in 2009, Keishia Blake started her first job in New York City. Now, as a fourth-grade math and science teacher in Harlem, she balances her bustling city life with the quietude of her Bonaventure roots. Meet Blake and 20 other young alumni whose careers are on the right track.



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## From the President

# Higher ed — as American as baseball and apple pie

Hard to imagine what the World Series champions have in common with the state of higher education in this country, but Dr. Brian Mitchell draws a compelling parallel.

"Boston was a storied franchise badly tarnished that had regained its sense of self. Each individual contributed differently while sharing a common purpose and focus — to imagine the possible. It worked," says Mitchell, director of the Edvance Foundation.

"Like the Red Sox, it's time that higher education worked more closely together — collectively, purposefully and with enthusiasm — to imagine the possible."

When St. Bonaventure announced in October plans to explore building on our 20-year partnership with Hilbert College, I'm sure many of our alumni and friends probably wondered why we have chosen this dramatic strategy.

But the feasibility study with our Franciscan friends in suburban Buffalo is a proactive initiative, necessitated by the rapidly shifting landscape in higher education, whose reputation has been tarnished by both the media and the government.

St. Bonaventure has made remarkable improvements to its infrastructure over the last decade and added exciting and innovative new academic programs, including two at the graduate level

now fully online.

But the challenges of operating a private university in an economically and demographically stagnant region aren't going away anytime soon. The prospective student population is eroding in our primary markets and the continued loss of good-paying jobs makes it increasingly difficult for those families who are still here to afford a quality education.

Examining how we might be able to more closely align with a valued partner is just good business sense. The two campuses are only 60 miles apart. St. Bonaventure has offered a robust graduate program on the campus of Hilbert for the past two decades.

While the feasibility analysis is a "discovery process," we wouldn't be investing in this effort if we didn't think there were likely some ways in which we could collaborate more closely and achieve greater synergies.

This is the right time to embrace new thinking and collaboration in higher education, and to consider changes that will serve our communities presently and in the years ahead. The purpose of this study starts — and ends — with students who deserve the very best higher education experience we can provide.

Dr. Cynthia Zane, president of Hilbert, and I firmly believe that higher education has to do more



to create synergies between institutions to drive program and curriculum innovation, attract top students and faculty, keep rising costs in check, and offer life-changing educational opportunities.

Our Boards of Trustees agree. "Leading U.S. colleges and universities are turning to new models and initiatives," said Raymond Dee, '64, chairman of SBU's Board of Trustees. "We owe it to our institutions and the people we serve to stay out in front of higher education change, and be relevant, innovative and competitive."

And, like the Red Sox, if we do it collectively, purposefully and with enthusiasm, anything is possible.

*Pax et Bonum,*  
 Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F.  
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## Visiting the real 'Merton's Heart'

By Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff of St. Bonaventure University know exactly what I mean when I say "Merton's Heart." It is that somewhat heart-shaped pasture that can be seen etched into the "enchanted" Allegheny Mountains across the river and overlooking the SBU campus.

Whether you've had the opportunity to hike up to the clearing in the past or only have glanced at it from afar, it nevertheless remains a fixture in the collective Bonaventure landscape of our memories.

Yet, few of the St. Bonaventure family know about that hillside heart's namesake or the significance of the Franciscan tradition generally and the St. Bonaventure campus specifically for Thomas Merton.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was a Trappist Monk who is generally remembered as a best-selling author of spiritual writing and, toward the end of his life, a leading Catholic voice in the civil rights, anti-war, and interreligious-dialogue movements.

Born in France but raised in England and the United States, Merton studied literature at Columbia University, converted to Catholicism in 1938, and discerned a vocation to religious life. This process of discernment and the recommendation of his philosophy professor and mentor Dan Walsh led Merton to the Franciscan Order.

Several people who knew the young man even told him that he had a "Franciscan spirit." He applied to enter Holy Name Province (the same province of Franciscans that founded St. Bonaventure) to become a Franciscan friar and was initially accepted into the novitiate.

For a constellation of reasons, Merton would never become a Franciscan friar — there would be no "Thomas Merton, O.F.M." He was told that he should probably withdraw his application after he expressed serious doubts and confessed that he had withheld certain details of his youthful past during his interview with the friars at St.



Courtesy of University Archives  
*Legendary library director Fr. Irenaeus Herscher, O.F.M., looks out at the landscape that has become known as Merton's Heart.*

Francis of Assisi Church in New York City.

Merton was devastated, interpreting this change of plans as a sign that God found him unacceptable for religious life.

With an MA in English from Columbia in hand, he set out looking for a job. He knew of an opening at a small Franciscan school in Western New York called St. Bonaventure College.

He had actually spent time nearby during the summer at his friend's family cabin in Olean, along with one of his best friends, Robert Lax, who would himself go on to become a renowned literary figure and talented poet, and even visited the campus. He landed an interview with Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure at the time, and was hired to teach in the English department.

For a year-and-a-half, Merton lived on campus, taught his courses, became lifelong friends with several friars — especially Thomas Plassmann, Irenaeus Herscher, and Philotheus Boehner — and continued to discern where God was calling him.

In addition to the deeply personal friendships he formed, Merton's intellect and spirituality was shaped by the Franciscan

tradition. He studied the works of Bonaventure, John Duns Scotus, William of Ockham, and other Franciscan greats with Boehner. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order during his time at St. Bonaventure, concretizing his "Franciscan spirit" in the form of a professed way of living after the example of St. Francis.

As Merton's official biographer, Michael Mott, describes it, "Merton was to find another way of membership among the 'tramps of God' — in blue jeans, if not patched brown cloth."

What began early as the nascent seed of Franciscan spirit in Merton was nurtured by the friars, tradition and spirituality that Merton encountered on the campus of St. Bonaventure, and eventually blossomed into the full Franciscan heart that continued to guide one of the 20th century's most-famous spiritual writers throughout his life.

In letters and journal entries from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, Merton wrote about the enduring influence of his time at St. Bonaventure, the significance of his friar friends and mentors, and the spiritual worldview of St. Francis that shaped his "Franciscan side, which continues to grow."

As the St. Bonaventure community begins the celebrations commemorating his 100th birthday on Jan. 31, 2015, we can look to our older Bonaventure brother Thomas Merton for guidance and inspiration, knowing that we share much in common. As we continue to think of the meadow on the hill overlooking campus as "Merton's Heart," we should also pause to recall how the Bonaventure experience so many of us hold in each of our hearts also indelibly shaped the real heart of Thomas Merton.

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## Campus News

### University to celebrate Merton at June conference

In June 2014, the university will kick off a year-long celebration leading to the 100th anniversary of Thomas Merton's birth in 2015.

St. Bonaventure will host a conference June 19-22, 2014, highlighting the experiences of Thomas Merton on our campus and, among other things, the influence of the Franciscan intellectual-spiritual tradition on his life and work.



The theme for the conference is "Coming Home and Going Forth: Merton as Example and Mirror."

Merton's Bonaventure years provided pivotal experiences in discerning his vocation and clarifying his desire to live his Christian commitment as a Trappist monk.

The conference will feature keynote speakers Michael W. Higgins, an author, Vatican affairs special-

ist for the Globe and Mail and CTV Network, Catholic educator, and CBC radio documentarian; Christine Bochen, professor of religious studies and the William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College; and Fr. Daniel Horan, O.F.M., '05, a doctoral student at Boston College and International Thomas Merton Society board member.

The program will also include opportunities for mentored conversations with a variety of others who have studied and explored the writing and influence of Merton, including Fr. Daniel Riley, O.F.M., '64, and Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., '70.

The experience will include opportunities to visit the Merton and Lax Archives of Friedsam Memorial Library, campus sites that were important to Merton, and Mt. Irenaeus. For more information, contact Julianne Wallace in University Ministries at (716) 375-7841 or Monica Mattioli in Alumni Services at (716) 375-2187.



### Campus recruits 2,000 volunteers in 10 days

On a conference call with the United Way, senior Simone Bernstein and Buffalo Bills linebacker Arthur Moats (pictured above) hatched a plan.

Moats told Bernstein, co-founder of volunteernation.org, that if St. Bonaventure could recruit 2,000 members of the university family to volunteer in their communities, he'd come to campus to speak to students.

Utilizing social media, video, e-blasts, and old-fashioned pen and paper in a Hickey Dining Hall campaign, more than 2,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni made the pledge — in just 10 days.

For reaching the goal, Moats sent game tickets, and auto-graphed cleats, T-shirts, photos and jerseys; the prizes were distributed through a drawing before the holidays. Moats will be coming to campus during the spring semester to talk about the importance of giving back.

### Historical exhibition from Quick Center on display at New York University

A traveling exhibition from the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts is on view at The Kimmel Center for University Life (Stovall Gallery) at New York University.

"Memoria: Assisi and the Jews" is on display until mid-January 2014 and tells the story of how a handful of Catholic clergy, private citizens, and even a Germany officer orchestrated the dramatic rescue of several hundred Jewish refugees in Assisi, Italy, following the city's German occupation during WWII.

It is the story of the Assisi underground from the perspective of Don Aldo Brunacci, a diocesan priest and



altar canon of the Cathedral of San Ruffino in Assisi, who was one of the original architects of the plan.

After Germany took over central and northern Italy in 1943, Italian Jews from the region descended on Assisi, the city of St. Francis, for help. Giuseppe Placido M. Nicolini, bishop of Assisi, directed that assistance be given to the Jews in whatever way possible.

Brunacci, who was at the time the secretary to the bishop, helped oversee the hiding of the Jews in the convents, monasteries and friaries of Assisi, with the cooperation of a loose network of clergy and their supporters.

### Mock trial invitational draws students from 10 universities

A two-day, four-round "Friar Faceoff" in November at St. Bonaventure gave college students from 10 other universities the opportunity to hone their trial skills.

Joining SBU at the mock trial invitational were students from the University at Buffalo, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Geneseo, Buffalo State College, Colgate University, Canisius College, Binghamton University, Seton Hall University, Michigan State University, and SUNY Oneonta.

St. Bonaventure's mock trial is offered as a course, PHIL 324, in the fall semester and as a

club in the spring.

"The tournament provides an opportunity for area attorneys, some of whom are alumni, as well as faculty and staff, to involve themselves in the education of a group of students, many of whom will go on to law school and enter the legal profession," said Dr. Steven Nuttall, professor of philosophy and adviser of St. Bonaventure's Mock Trial Team. "Hosting the tournament allows us to showcase the university and the welcoming spirit of those who study and work here."



Tournament director and SBU student Alex Noguera

## ON THE

# RIGHT TRACK

Meet some of our young alumni who have already made a mark

The pages of Bonaventure magazine are typically populated with the stories of our successful alumni, people at the pinnacle of a career or service venture. These are interesting, entertaining and inspiring stories to tell and read.

But, a recent alumni survey stopped us in our editorial tracks. The survey of the members of the class of 2012 found some 95 percent were employed full-time or in graduate school within six months of graduation. Earlier surveys of this nature reported as high as 97 percent employed or in graduate school six months after Bona's. We suspected our young alumni must have an interesting story to tell, and they didn't disappoint.

We visited Charlotte, N.C., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., Fairfax, Va., New York, N.Y., and Buffalo, N.Y., to find the stories behind these statistics — alumni at the early-to-mid-career stage who are thriving professionally or enrolled in graduate or professional school at some of the nation's top universities.

What we found is this: They're beating the odds in the job market and in some of the most competitive graduate programs. Even in fields like education and communications, where employment opportunities can be scarce in some regions, our young alumni are in dream jobs — and loving every minute of it. Some called it the "Bonaventure advantage."

Joe Ryan, '96, managing partner at Mindseeker in Charlotte, says St. Bonaventure alumni are easily finding work in finance, IT, and education in North Carolina. "They are hard workers and they seem to fit in and do a great job. They have a good reputation down here."

Mindseeker is in the business of IT staffing, financial services consulting, and risk management. Ryan and co-managing partner Tom Lamendola, '98, '99, have populated their offices in Charlotte almost entirely with Bonaventure graduates, and they've successfully placed many Bona alumni in entry- through senior-level positions in the region.

"I think the Franciscan values and environment give a lot to students during their four years at St. Bonaventure. It gives them the values of working hard and being honest, which makes them great when they graduate and go into the working world," Ryan added.

The images, stories and video we collected paint a very promising picture for future graduates, as they also reflect senses of optimism, determination, reflection, hope and joy. Indeed, our young alumni stories are also interesting, entertaining and inspiring as they make you want to shout: Go Bona's!



**Marc Sorrentino**  
**Class Year:** 2012, 1013  
**Major:** Accounting, MBA  
**Hometown:** Eden, N.Y.  
**Current Job:** Operations Analyst, Bank of America, Charlotte, N.C.  
**Class Act:** I feel that with a general MBA from SBU you can go wherever you want in the business world.  
**Network, Network, Network:** Being at a small school you meet a lot of people and establish new connections — and not just in the Western New York area. I came down to Charlotte for a month and (now) I work for one of the biggest companies down here.

**Kate Glennon**  
**Class Year:** 2012  
**Major:** Journalism/Mass Communication  
**Hometown:** Leesburg, Va.  
**Current Job:** Panel Manager for Residential Evaluation Services at Wells Fargo in Charlotte, N.C.  
**All in a Day's Work:** My job is to find appraisers that are certified and credible to complete residential evaluations for Wells Fargo.  
**Bleeding Brown:** The teachers, the community around campus, and the students are all awesome. I love everything about Bonaventure and I would do it all over again.  
**At the Heart of Service:** At Wells Fargo we have the Heart Walk, and I did the walk with a group of people from work.



Meet 18 more young alums >>

## SEAN RICKARD

Through the Career and Professional Readiness Center, Sean Rickard was put in touch with alumni in a host of different cities. It was the enthusiastic, tight-knit Charlotte, N.C., alumni that ultimately won him over. With only the encouragement of the Charlotte alumni base and no guarantee of a position, Rickard decided to take a chance on the southern city. Within a week of his moving to the city he was interviewing



"It's still a running joke with my parents," he said. "My mother told me I would be back in three or four months. I made a trip down in my dad's old car with three or four pairs of pants ... and the next thing I knew I was here full time, signing a lease. It's been eight years now. I love the city and I love what the alumni here have done for me."

Rickard now works for Mindseeker, a Charlotte recruiting firm, with the very alumni who convinced him to move to Charlotte.

"I work with a lot of Bonaventure alums who helped me get a job down here... I had to jump at the opportunity, and I haven't looked back since," he said.

St. Bonaventure provided Rickard with more than just a helpful alumni base. His business degree has gone a long way toward Rickard's success in the professional sphere.

"My degree in business helps me every day in my job," he said. "Between the core curriculum and my business major, I was exposed to accounting, finance, management and marketing. I deal with all of those four areas of expertise on a daily basis with all the jobs that I recruit for. It allows me to define the right role for each of my candidates."

The understandable result of all of this is that Rickard, who is president of SBU's alumni chapter in Charlotte, is bursting with Bonaventure pride: "That degree, it's something that I'm proud of every day. I have my diploma still hanging up on the wall of my bedroom, and it's something that I can look at every day with pride. I am very excited to be a Bonnie."

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2006

**Major:** Accounting

**Minor:** Finance

**Hometown:** Rochester, N.Y.

**Bleeding Brown:** Bonnies means community, it means friends for life, it means family.

at Wells Fargo and, before he knew it, he was hired as a business analyst for the company.

## KRYSTIN (TROYER) RYAN

Krystin (Troyer) Ryan took a leap of faith when she moved to Charlotte, N.C., with no job prospects just two months after graduation. However, her journey did not remove her from the tight-knit Bonaventure alumni network and she soon secured a job at Wachovia with the help of a recruiter who had attended her alma mater.

Now working at Wells Fargo, which merged with Wachovia in 2009, Ryan provides marketing support for both income sales and trading and equity sales and trading. Her daily workload varies, from running ad campaigns to working with other divisions within the company.

Though she has gained invaluable experience in her 10 years as a Wachovia and Wells Fargo employee, Ryan said that her experience at St. Bonaventure prepared her for her position in marketing. While in school, she was able to help create an American Advertising Federation campaign for the Toyota Matrix. She and her classmates performed every task that a professional marketing team would in creating an ad campaign.

"I had a nice portfolio of work," Ryan recalls. "When I went to interview for a marketing position within Wells Fargo, I already had this book of work to show as experience that I already had in doing all of these different types of activities within marketing and advertising."



### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2003

**Major:** Marketing

**Minor:** International Business

**Hometown:** Oneida, N.Y.

Her classwork at Bonaventure helped prepare her for her professional roles as well. The thorough education in business she received made her more comfortable at work.

"Things you didn't realize you would need when you were

sitting in class start coming back to you all of a sudden when someone at work mentions a term or a piece of logic," she said.

The St. Bonaventure alumni group in Charlotte consists of more than 200 individuals whom Ryan describes as "very close."

"I was surprised by the number of Bonnies (in Charlotte). We're all very close. There are Bonnie bowling leagues and Bonnie golf leagues, and we have a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade," Ryan said. She has lost count of the times that her Bonnies gear has gotten her noticed while travelling. "It's a real family school," she said. "It may be a small school but Bonaventure roots, I think, run deep."



### Dan Bratys

**Class Year:** 2006

**Major:** Business Management

**Hometown:** Willoughby, Ohio

**Current Job:** Senior Recruiting Consultant for Mindseeker in Charlotte, N.C.

**An Eye on Service:** We like to do as much as possible here in the community with the St. Bonaventure name behind us. We've picked up parks, we've done different types of landscaping, we've painted. We've done a lot of different things to give back to the community of Charlotte.

**Bleeding Brown:** I grew up going to Catholic school my whole life. I met a lot of great people (at Bona's), interacted with the friars, and just had an all-around great experience with everyone there.

**A Home Run for this Former Bonnies Baseball Player:** Looking back, I wouldn't change anything. I'm very happy I went there (to St. Bonaventure) and that I chose management. I really think that my education has helped me get this far in my career.

## KEISHIA BLAKE

Keishia Blake was a small-town girl before St. Bonaventure job fairs and the help of alumni in the Big Apple led her to a position in District 75 of the New York City Department of Education.

Just two months after graduation in 2009 she was starting her very first job in New York City, where her Bona Bubble background helps to keep her grounded rather than hinder her success.

Blake does often miss the small, tight-knit community of St. Bonaventure and the comfort that came with "knowing everybody" around her.

"I definitely think that the Franciscan values have added value to my life. The humbleness



A fourth-grade math and science teacher and lead math teacher at Harlem Children's Zone, she continues to balance her bustling city life with the quietude of her Bonaventure roots. She supervises the math and science education of children in grades 3 through 5 with the patience instilled in her by Bonaventure's Franciscan tradition.

Blake views her Bonaventure experience as invaluable in pursuing her passion for inspiring a younger generation, and is especially pleased with her decision to stay the extra year to acquire her master's degree in differentiated instruction.

"I'm able to instruct all students," Blake says of the degree's merits. "Whether [a student] is gifted or has a reading or a math deficiency, I'm able to provide lessons. I can have a class of 25 and all of the students are learning."

Her field block experiences and her interactions with faculty were also, Blake believes, contributing factors to her current success as an educator. Through Bonaventure she experienced classrooms from "kindergarten all the way through eighth grade," leaving her more than prepared for the positions she would secure in the city; a preparation which did not go unnoticed.

"My principal has been very impressed with the work that I have done in my job, through the work that I'm doing with my students and the curriculum as well as through my e-folio."

of the friars I saw on campus, the joy, the smiles on their faces ... and the calmness. Working in New York City, you can get caught up in the fast-paced life, and I try to definitely always stay very spiritual and bring humbleness to my job and to know that I'm giving a service to somebody else," she said.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2008, 2009

**Major:** Education (BA), Differentiated Instruction (MA)

**Hometown:** Jamestown, N.Y.

**Current Residence:** Harlem, N.Y.

**Service through Teaching:** (At SBU) I was a Bona Buddy, and I also worked with the Bonaventure Education Association. I really wanted to step up and be able to help students with their education. I also do the same things here (in Harlem). I tutor and I spend a lot of time outside of school helping new teachers who just graduated from college.



St. Bonaventure has several avenues for students to pursue a medical career, including the very competitive combined-degree programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and physical therapy. We checked in with several grads to see what's next on their path to becoming a doctor. Pictured above are (from left) Michelle Spears, Priya Singhal and Kevin Okapal.

## MICHELLE SPEARS

As a fourth-year medical student at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Michelle Spears is preparing for her next big step.

"I've decided that I want to pursue anesthesiology after medical school, so right now I've made all my applications to residency programs and I'm scheduling interviews for residency programs all throughout the country and now I'm just waiting," she said.

With her medical board exams under her belt, Spears is looking forward to completing her final year of medical school.

"I'm excited to take what I have learned in medical school and undergrad and now apply it in the real world and have the real responsibility to take care of patients and help them," she said.

For her, St. Bonaventure's combined-degree program was a great opportunity to fully enjoy college while also being prepared for GW. Having a guaranteed spot at medical school allowed her, as an undergraduate, to "enjoy the college experience and do a lot of extracurricular activities."

**BACKFILE**  
**Class Year:** 2009  
**Major:** Biology  
**Hometown:** Allegany, N.Y.

"You stay with the same group of people throughout. You're not competing with each other; you're helping each other out, giving each other study tips and guides and it allows you to kind of be relaxed more ... because you're not worried about applying to medical school and taking the MCAT and competing with other students," explained Spears.

The added bonus was entering George Washington with her SBU classmates.

"My transition from undergrad to medical school was quite easy because there were eight of us coming in together as part of the program, so we were familiar with each other and we were able to rely on each other, so that made the transition very smooth."

## PRIYA SINGHAL

Priya Singhal hasn't decided which field of medicine to pursue once she completes her M.D. at George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. For now, the third-year medical student is soaking up the experiences of clinical rotations from OB/GYN to pediatrics and psychiatry in the nation's capital.

"I'm not quite sure what I want to go into as of this point, but so far what I've seen I've loved. At this point it's gathering all the experiences that you can, getting your feet wet in all aspects of medicine, and kind of figuring out where you see yourself in the future," she said.

Singhal felt that she was well prepared for the rigors of medical school. "In terms of academia, Bonaventure really provided a solid foundation for coming into medical school, especially during the first year, which was so important because medical school builds on itself, so having that solid founda-

**BACKFILE**  
**Class Year:** 2011  
**Major:** Biology  
**Minor:** Business Administration  
**Hometown:** Williamsville, N.Y.

tion to begin with was just wonderful," she said.

As an undergrad, she participated in the clinical experience at Olean General Hospital.

"The Olean General Hospital program was good because it gave you ... a glance into what it's like to be in the hospitals, to follow with round attendings, to interact with different patients. When you get to medical school it's kind of that times a thousand, but it's definitely a good glimpse into what it's like later on," said Singhal.

St. Bonaventure's pre-med program didn't deter her from "doing anything else I wanted to do" as a college student.

"Even being a science major I was able to pick up a minor and travel abroad and do a lot of extracurricular activities."

## KEVIN OKAPAL

As an undergraduate at SBU, Kevin Okapal managed the demands of a pre-med program and the demands of being a Division 1 athlete.

"I did play soccer and I was in pre-med. One of the great things was the soccer coach: He knew what my goals were, what my aspirations were. If I was going to practices at different times or just skipping a couple scrimmages or games, he was willing to work with me," Okapal said.

Choosing the St. Bonaventure-George Washington combined degree program was "one of the best decisions I've ever made," Okapal said.

"You're able to get a first-class education, you have teachers that know your first name, they know lots of things about you," he said.

Okapal felt that the transition from being an undergraduate in Western New York to being a medical student in the nation's capital was a smooth one.

"I think Bonaventure laid a very good foundation, so through the first and second years we just build upon that foundation and then the third and fourth years you're able to ... apply that knowl-

**BACKFILE**  
**Class Year:** 2011  
**Major:** Biology  
**Hometown:** Toledo, Ohio  
**Miss Most at SBU:** The food, the Hickey ... some of them (staff) knew my first name, they knew my breakfast order. So, going to the grocery store and making my own food is a little bit different.

edge and apply that to patients," he said.

Participating in Olean General Hospital's Experience in Clinical Medicine at Bona's gave Okapal a behind-the-scenes look at a community hospital and reinforced his career plans.

"At Olean General Hospital it was a pretty good introduction to what we're doing now on the wards. You're able to follow different attendings around, different specialties, maybe see what you want to do in the future and get a better sense. For me it really confirmed again that I wanted to go into this area," he said.

The third-year student at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences is approaching each of his rotations open-minded, considering each of the fields as a potential specialty.

"The good thing about third year is you're going on about six different rotations: You get to see what your life would be if you chose that specialty," he said.

Regardless of the medical specialty he chooses, Okapal knows what kind of doctor he wants to be.

"I just hope to be a doctor that patients can appreciate," he said. "I feel that everything about the field of medicine — from how complex some problems are to how much you can help a patient the next day in a quick turnaround — is very satisfying."

## SHAWN SOOD

As an undergraduate, Shawn Sood would often finish up a three- or four-hour lab then head over to the Reilly Center to stand in line to ensure a front row seat at a basketball game. He loved being courtside to feel the energy of the players — and the rabid fans.

Today he has a courtside seat to some of the best medical care in the country as part of his clinical rotation at Inova Fairfax Hospital, which serves the Washington, D.C., metro area.

Sood was among the first students admitted to St. Bonaventure's highly competitive combined-degree program with George Washington University School of Medicine. At first he thought it was going to be daunting going from classes at tiny St. Bonaventure to medical school in the nation's capital.

"But as soon as I started, from the very onset I felt well prepared. In fact, compared to some of my colleagues, I felt better prepared. Bonaventure classes really set me up well to transition into med school," he said.

At St. Bonaventure, Sood was embraced by the camaraderie of fellow pre-med students. As a non-Catholic, he felt welcomed by the university's Catholic-Franciscan presence.

"I participated in a lot of Mountain (Irenaeus) activities ... and knew a lot of the Franciscan fathers and brothers there on a personal basis," said Sood.

That caring and benevolence transcends the campus, carrying forth with students into their fu-

**BACKFILE**  
**Class Year:** 2009  
**Major:** Biology (BS) & MBA  
**Hometown:** Tulsa, Okla.

ture endeavors. For Sood, that element will make him a better doctor.

"The Franciscan tradition calls us to be brothers and sisters and we all look out for each other," said Sood.

"So here (at the hospital) when we see patients, I'm talking to the patient but I'm also looking at their families, too, and understanding the patient's story, how they are feeling. I'm not just looking at the diagnosis and how to treat it, but also to make sure they're doing okay, too, personally, and how they're handling concepts like maybe death and transitioning to a palliative care center or hospice setting," he said.



"The Franciscan tradition calls us to be brothers and sisters and we all look out for each other," says Shawn Sood.

## IAN ROGERS

The hard work of applying to a graduate program has paid off for Ian Rogers, who is reveling in the opportunity to deepen his study of Spanish language and literature as a Gilman Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

"What really excites me," said Rogers, "is the opportunity to work with scholars here and scholars in other universities and really share in the discovery, research and the learning."

As a Gilman Fellow in the Spanish section of the Department of German and Romance Languages and Literatures, Rogers has five years to work on his doctoral thesis while teaching Spanish grammar at Hopkins and working with faculty on research and seminars for his dissertation.

"My ultimate goal after graduation from Hopkins would be to find a professorship teaching Spanish literature at a university," Rogers said.



Rogers' passion for research was inspired in large part by his work as an undergraduate at St. Bonaventure. His relationships with his professors and the classes he was able to take not only prepared him for

the work he would take on as a graduate student, but also helped him to discover his unique niche in the wide world of Spanish language and literature.

A class with Dr. Leigh Simone, la Generación del '98, and one taught by Dr. Dan Tate on the philosophy of Nietzsche combined to influence him on the focus of his future studies.

"What really drives me in my research here at Hopkins is the opportunity to discover new things and to add new things to my field," explained Rogers, whose typical day includes both teaching and going to seminars.

"There's a unique role that grad students play here at Hopkins. We're not quite faculty and we're not quite students — we play a little bit of both. We're teaching the undergraduates and we're taking seminars with professors, so we really do get the best of both worlds."

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2013

**Major:** Modern Languages

**Hometown:** Buffalo, N.Y.

### What I Miss the Most:

One of the things I really miss about St. Bonaventure is the Franciscan traditions that are instilled in the university — meeting with the Franciscan friars and the Franciscan sisters and having that sense of community that comes with the Franciscan tradition and education.

## MARIA HAYES

As graduation day slips further away in her rearview mirror, Maria Hayes' affection for what her alma mater meant to her only intensifies.

"The longer that I've been out of St. Bonaventure, the more grateful I am that I chose to go there," said Hayes, the communications coordinator for the Franciscan friars of Holy Name Province.

"Looking back, I've realized how many opportunities I've received because of its close network, because of the way the faculty and staff treat its students and the relationship that the two have with each other."

Hayes landed her first job — as a reporter at the Warsaw (N.Y.) Country Courier — months before graduation. It didn't hurt that the editor was a former colleague at The Bona Venture student newspaper who recognized the quality of Hayes' work.

"Everything from the small class sizes to the opportunities you have to get involved with extracurricular activities — like the newspaper immediately your freshman year — those are all things that helped me get to where I am today and I don't think that if I went to a larger school I would have had the same opportunities," Hayes said.

"I think I would have been swallowed up in some large mass of students. At Bonaventure, I was a face, I was a person, and that helped."

A small-town girl from the rural Erie County town of Akron, Hayes admits she was skittish about moving to New York City when she accepted the job at the Province.

"The transition to the city was difficult, but it would have been even more agonizing if I didn't have the Bonaventure community here to welcome me," Hayes said. "I was given the names of several people to reach out to when I first got here, and they were very, very willing ... to show me the ropes and that made a huge difference."

But her conviction and passion about working for the friars, whose commitment to making the world a better place impressed her while at Bonaventure, trumped her trepidation.

"I saw their work at St. Bonaventure ... and they were doing something that I believed in. I really respect the work that they do," she said. "What I learned at Bonaventure is that it's very important not to be passive in approaching the problems that our society is facing. It's very important to take an active role in changing the world."



### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2012

**Major:** Journalism/Mass Communication

**What I Miss the Most:** I lived in Francis Hall ... and every day I'd walk along the bike path in between the two different parts of campus and I'd just be overwhelmed with a feeling of "This is where I'm supposed to be."

## MICHELLE MCKERNAN

A die-hard Yankees fan, Michelle McKernan felt like she'd won the World Series when she secured a public relations internship at YES Network, the regional channel that broadcasts New York Yankees games.

"That summer I was able to work on everything New York Yankees-related. It was amazing. That's when I knew I wanted to move to New York City and work in marketing or some kind of media. My internship definitely helped me get the job I have today," she said.

So for three months after graduation, McKernan diligently worked at securing interviews and sending follow-up emails and thank-you cards, buoyed by the support of faculty on campus and alumni in Manhattan.

"I started interviewing right away, right when I got down to the city. It was a lot of effort and that's something that no one can prepare you for. It took me about three months to get to Godiva. I'm so happy I was able to push through the three months and really get the job I wanted instead of taking a job that might not have brought as many opportunities," she said.

McKernan loves "every second" of her job as assistant marketing manager at Godiva Chocolatier, where managing social media is a large part of her workday. Pursuing her master's degree in Integrated Marketing Communications ignited her interest in social media as brand marketing.

"At Godiva I was given the opportunity to run, develop and execute content for their social media platforms," she said.

That's a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of a 23-year-old, and McKernan thanks St. Bonaventure for helping her meet that challenge.

As a member of the Student Government Association and active in service organizations such as BonaResponds, McKernan polished her leadership skills. Bona's emphasis on service in the Catholic-Franciscan tradition continues to play a huge role in McKernan's life and gives her another way to connect with alumni. She joined fellow SBU

grads helping at the food bank at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on 31st St., and participated in the annual Fr. Mychal Judge Walk of Remembrance. The walk was particularly meaningful to McKernan, who, through the university's Mychal Judge Center, traveled to Ireland and Northern Ireland, learning firsthand how the Irish people overcame decades of violent conflict to live in peace.

"The background of the whole mission of showing forgiveness and trying to move past (conflict) and work with others is something that I've since strived for every day," she said.



### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2012

**Major:** Journalism/Mass Communication (undergrad), Integrated Marketing Communications (graduate)

**Hometown:** Olcott, N.Y.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2013

**Major:** Journalism/Mass Communication (undergrad), Integrated Marketing Communications (graduate)

**Hometown:** Olean, N.Y.

## EMILY SOROKES

Emily Sorokes has the wealth of networking resources in St. Bonaventure's journalism office to thank for her position as an account manager at Total Beauty Media. By connecting with numerous alumni in New York City she was able to land an interview for a job she would start a mere month later.

Total Beauty Media is a website that uses the reviews of site users to provide people with information on various beauty products. Sorokes manages advertisement for the site, which entails media planning, time management, and both digital and face-to-face interaction.

Having grown up minutes from the school, Sorokes was skeptical about attending St. Bonaventure at first. She thought that, in order to spread her wings and have a true college experience, she would need to leave her hometown far behind.

"I did the campus visit senior year and realized that I actually didn't know much about the campus at all," she said. "At the tour I realized that this is a great school; it has a great journalism program and other programs."

Her classes and extracurricular activities combined to give Sorokes an enviable foundation with which to enter the workforce. Her classes allowed her to become "familiar with what an account planner does, what a media person does; that was honestly real-world experience." In the IMC graduate program Sorokes was constantly being exposed to new technology while working on her presentation skills.

An internship in the Event Management Office taught her how to confidently navigate an office setting while volunteer work with BonaResponds instilled in her a kindness and compassion that truly stands out in the hectic world of New York City business.

"I think the two main differences I see in myself as a Bonaventure graduate (compared with others in my field)" are that I think I'm more motivated and I think I have a kinder spirit," she said. "I think the motivation comes from the fact that Bonaventure is a small school, so you have to work a little harder to get to the big city ... As for the warm spirit, in the middle of Manhattan, not a lot of people are friendly all the time or always kind, but I still try to smile, say 'Hi,' say 'Have a good day.'"

## MICHAEL MURPHY

Michael Murphy knew how to work long days long before he began work at the Royal Bank of Canada.

Thanks to his time at St. Bonaventure as a mathematics major, Division 1 athlete, and member of Students in Money Management (SIMM), efficiently managing a busy schedule is nothing new to this financial analyst.

By his senior year, Murphy was an expert at balancing his academics, his athletics, his social life, and his extracurricular activities.

"A lot of professions will look at schools and look to see who the athletes are, because they know that if they're looking for someone who's going to dedicate a majority of their day to becoming better at a job ... athletes are the ones who can manage their time really well, and they're used to waking up early in the morning and having no breaks," he said.

Murphy does not attribute his success solely to his hardworking

nature and the loaded schedule he learned to balance, however, but also to the broadness of his major.

As early as four years ago, Murphy did not know what direction he wanted to take with his future, but majoring in mathematics exposed him to a number of options and allowed him to "fall in love with finance."

"I had so many professors who went out of their way to help me," Murphy said. Whether he was doing classwork or applying for jobs, he recalls that he could always turn to the Bonaventure faculty.

The community service Murphy did at the Warming House every Wednesday evening humbled him and gave him a strong incentive to succeed.

"Working at the soup kitchen, the Warming House, kind of puts things in perspective," he said. He saw in

a very powerful way just how fortunate he was and how much he owed those who had helped him, and he became determined not to take these privileges for granted.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2013

**Major:** Mathematics

**Hometown:** Salem, N.Y.

**Fast Forward:** I'd like to see myself in five years still here in New York City, because I love it. Hopefully I'll still be at the Royal Bank of Canada, and possibly going back to get my master's. Maybe later on I'll get my Ph.D. and become a professor at a college. That's kind of the plan I've laid out for myself, but you never know, because three or four years ago I didn't even know that I'd be sitting here.



## SANTIAGO CASTANEDA

You could say that Santiago Castaneda gets a report card every day evaluating his success as a financial analyst for Royal Bank of Canada.

"It's like you're taking a test every day because the market will open at a certain level and the market will close at a certain level, and, depending on how your investments did on that particular day, you're going to know where you lost or made money," he said.

Castaneda is in his second year at RBC, a global enterprise that's the 11th largest bank in the world and has 80,000 employees.

"Being a financial analyst I specifically look at high yield bonds, which is essentially high-risk companies. And my job is to analyze their financials and decide whether or not they're a good investment opportunity for my group," he said.

Castaneda's road to New York City and RBC started between his junior and senior year, when he emailed more than 100 business and finance alumni inquiring about internships. He later connected with an alumnus working in Wealth Management for the Royal Bank of Canada who helped him to get an interview and an internship that, ultimately, led to the position he has today.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2011, 2012

**Major:** Finance, MBA

**Hometown:** Atlanta, Ga.

It is these St. Bonaventure relationships and experiences that serve as a reminder to remain grounded. Castaneda's access to his professors helped him get the most

out of his degrees. His weekly service at The Warming House with the swim team taught him to be humble.

"A lot of times we think that we achieve everything that we have because (of) ourselves ... and sometimes we tend to forget those that helped along the way," he said.

Castaneda's extracurricular commitments, namely the swim team and Students in Money Management (SIMM), served him just as well as his classes did.

"I always like to speak about SIMM as kind of the gateway between the academics and the actual practice of what I'm doing today," Castaneda said. "It really ties it all together. (In class) you learn about stocks: you learn about evaluating stocks, what's a good stock, what's a bad stock. You do that in SIMM, too, but you're doing it with real money, and that's essentially what I do now. I concentrate specifically on bonds, but it's the same concept."

As a Division 1 athlete, Castaneda gained the kind of discipline that would help him to use his knowledge efficiently.

"(Athletics) absolutely teaches you time management, understanding your priorities, finding a good balance in life with everything — family, work, free time, time with your friends, traveling. It teaches you to work hard; it teaches you to be part of a team and it teaches you how to lead others as well."

# Experience necessary: Alumni internship service to connect Bonnies old and new

By Samantha Berkhead, '14

St. Bonaventure's Career and Professional Readiness Center (CPRC) and department of Alumni Services are working in conjunction to introduce the Alumni Internship Program.

The program originated out of a mutual desire to organize and formalize the professional connection between working alumni and current students seeking internships, according to Monica Mattioli, executive director of alumni operations.

"We wanted to tap into a resource that was always there," Mattioli said. "Our students need internships to graduate and get jobs and our alumni want to provide professional experiences."

Pamela Ferman, career counselor and employer relations coordinator of the CPRC, said she hopes the program will become another way for alumni to get involved with their alma mater.

"It's a great potential resource for students, especially those who need internship hours to graduate," she said. "It's also a great way for alumni to give back to their alma mater."

Senior marketing major Cody Clifford participated in the Alumni Internship Program's pilot program last summer, completing a sales and marketing internship at Nissan North America's Northeastern Regional Office in Somerset, N.J.

The CPRC and Alumni Services reached out to a targeted group of alumni, and in a short time Gary Frigo, '81, regional vice president of the Northeastern Regional Office, responded with an opportunity. Students were notified of the internship through email and encouraged to apply through the CPRC, which was where Clif-



ford discovered the internship.

"When my company announced that our Northeast Regional Office would have a summer intern, I immediately thought of St. Bonaventure," Frigo said. "I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for a student who was interested in marketing and sales to have a month or two 'in the real world' and to experience the very competitive automobile industry. I know I would have loved an opportunity like that when I was at Bona's."

Clifford said his experience with Nissan gave him an opportunity to strengthen his understanding of how marketing works outside the classroom.

"It was really cool to work with an alum and see his career path post-Bona's," Clifford said. "I also gained an understanding

of how complex the automobile industry is. I got to do things like examine service trends and work with customer retention and marketing infractions. I also got a lot of chances to network and meet other professionals in the field. I'm very thankful for the opportunity."

Frigo praised Clifford's work ethic and drive that he observed during his time with Nissan.

"Cody is very sharp, very intelligent, very driven to succeed and most of all very likable," Frigo said. "Our entire office grew to really like him and he helped many of the managers on some key marketing tasks. It was a great experience for Nissan and for Cody."

Ferman said the CPRC is try-

ing to expand the Alumni Internship Program by going to various alumni events and gatherings, including a holiday break event in the Rochester, N.Y. area, and through outreach via email and LinkedIn. Many alumni have come forward with opportunities, as well.

"We're trying to reach out to alums who are in key positions and have the clout to be able to offer these internships that will be specifically targeted toward Bonaventure students," Ferman said.

Mattioli expressed the necessity of a thriving and involved alumni community for a program like this to succeed.

"We have around 27,000 active alumni all around the

world," she said. "On the university website's front page, we say that 95 percent of graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation. It is our responsibility to come through on the brand promise. That said, our alumni love students and will find any way to interact with them. They're completely interested in showing them what it means to be part of the Bonnie culture. That's why we think the Alumni Internship Program will ultimately be a success."

(Samantha Berkhead is a senior journalism and mass communication major from Rochester, N.Y. Currently the editor-in-chief of the Bona Venture, Berkhead enjoys reading, tea, cats and creative writing.)

## Hire a Bonnie

Does your company offer internships? If you're in a position to offer internships to SBU students, connect with the **Alumni Internship Program**:

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Or visit  
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and select **Hire a Bonnie**  
under the **Alumni** tab.



## CLAIRE (COLLINS) DUNHAM

Clair (Collins) Dunham has wanted to be a teacher since her first day of preschool. She's now in her sixth year of teaching at South Shore Elementary School in Crownsville, Md., and loves the clean slate of each new school day. "Every day is different. If yesterday was a little more of a rough day, today is a completely new day. The kids are always happy and excited to see you, they're always excited to learn, and being around kids really puts a smile on my face," said Dunham. Dunham has worked at the elementary school — part of Anne Arundel County Public School System — since graduation. Initially hired as a special education teacher, Dunham has taught second grade the past two years. "You have students with special needs in your classroom no matter what you teach, so having that second certification, I feel, really helps me meet the needs of all the students in my class," said Dunham. A small SBU pennant is proudly at home in Dunham's classroom, taking up residence on one wall amid alphabet letters and classroom reminders. Not that Dunham needs a daily reminder about her alma mater. She feels a St. Bonaventure presence every day as she draws on her preparation by the School of Education, particularly because of the classroom experience.



"I had two different student teaching placements, one in a primary grade and one in an intermediate grade. And then we also had Field Block, where I

### BACKFILE

**Class Years:** 2007, 2008

**Major:** Elementary Education/Special Education (BA), Childhood Literacy (MSE)

**Hometown:** Corning, N.Y.

### All in a Day's Work:

One of my favorite things to teach is reading. I love seeing the progress of students from beginning to end when they don't really understand the phonetic spelling of words and then understanding all of the sounds that correlate with these letters and putting them together.

had two additional placements, plus all the hours of tutoring and observation that we did," said Dunham. "Your first year of teaching is unlike any other year, and it's definitely hard, but I think having the various experiences with so many different mentor teachers in so many different grades really gave me a big umbrella of tools to use once I had my own classroom."

## MIKE KAPLAN

When Mike Kaplan started his biology studies, he expected to go to medical school after graduation. His life took a turn, however, in his junior year when he decided to minor in business administration. He wondered if there was a way to combine these disciplines, and was pleasantly surprised to discover pharmaceutical consulting. Now, as a scientific analyst at a pharmaceutical consulting company, Kaplan

looks at competitors' data and positioning and also how his company's drugs work in order to communicate that to physicians and payers. Each facet of Kaplan's Bonaventure experience has lent him valuable skills that have helped him to excel in his professional life. His biology major furnished a solid understanding of the medicines he works with today, and his minor in business administration allows him to communicate effectively with co-workers and clients.

Even his position as class president his junior and senior years exposed him to the kinds of interactions he will encounter for the rest of his career in business.

"I got to work closely with the Board of Trustees on the academic advisory committee," said Kaplan. "The type of work that I do now and the type of interaction I had are very similar, especially being a



young person in business, which is sometimes an intimidating thing to come into."

Kaplan, like many others, believes that the small-school atmosphere at St. Bonaventure is one of the main factors contributing to his success in his field.

"At Bona's you get a lot of individual attention," Kaplan explains, "which means that you don't get away with not understanding a particular

topic, especially in biology." At SBU, that isn't an option. "You have labs of 16 people and small lectures, and therefore the professors are going to know if you don't have that information. If you are the kind of person who is willing to come here and work hard ... there's no way you will not leave here better than when you came: ready to go out and do great things," he said.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2012

**Major:** Biology  
**Minor:** Business Administration

**Hometown:** Cortland, N.Y.

### Bona Bride:

In my freshman year I met my current fiancée, who I plan to marry in April with Fr. Francis (Di Spigno) performing the ceremony. I believe that is the ultimate St. Bonaventure testimonial.



## DANIEL MCCARTHY

"Getting hired by the Bills was an unbelievable feeling," said Daniel McCarthy, who managed to grab an opening in Community Relations for the Buffalo Bills before he had even finished his master's degree. "I consider myself extremely lucky. You hear from people every day that everybody wants to work in pro sports, and to get a chance to do that and live your dream — it's a great feeling."

In his department, which deals with

fitness, health and safety, and military education, McCarthy revels in the opportunity to work in a position where compassion is just as important as St. Francis believed it was.

"Pretty much everything we do out in the community is with the specific intention of helping people, which is something Franciscans do

every single day... especially with the holidays coming up, we do a lot of holiday outreach. It's great to have an opportunity to help people in that way."

Academically, he could not have asked for better preparation for his current position.

"A key aspect of my job is the ability to communicate," he said. "I acquired that coming out of the J/MC school. What we did in the IMC program was take that and apply it to a professional setting. We treated the classroom like a business environment. By the time I came out of school I couldn't wait to jump in and start applying all of this knowledge."

McCarthy was skeptical at first about attending the same college his parents (Bob, '76; Ann, '74) graduated from.

"I felt that since both my parents attended (St. Bonaventure) it would be a lot of pressure to live up to," said McCarthy. "My dad is the one that actually said, 'If you're to be going into a career of communications, you have to apply. It's an outstanding journalism and mass communication school. You owe it to yourself to apply.'"

It is a decision he would not come to regret.

"I had an unbelievable experience at St. Bonaventure and it's really the reason I chose to stick around for two more years to complete my master's. I made the best friends that I will ever make and it's a great place to grow as a person and as a professional," he said.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2010, 2012

**Major:** J/MC, IMC

**Hometown:** Buffalo, N.Y.

### Keeping the Legacy Alive:

Getting a chance to co-author a book about SBU, about a place that I love so much and my parents love so much, was the ultimate honor. I think we are lucky to consider that our legacy to the university.

## PATRICIA NESSLE

Patty Nessel used her marketing degree to market herself and landed her first job at a Baltimore public relations firm right on the heels of graduation.

"I was able to start right off the bat with great working habits," said Nessel. So when she decided she wanted to seek career opportunities beyond Baltimore, "I already had experience knowing what I needed to do next and where to look and find jobs."

She set her sights on the nation's capital and reached out to St. Bonaventure alumni in the D.C. network.

### BACKFILE

**Class Year:** 2010, 2011

**Major:** Marketing, MBA

**Hometown:** Corning, N.Y.



Today Nessel helps with media planning and buying in the Consumer Marketing Department at public relations firm Porter Novelli's Washington, D.C., office — one of the firm's 90 offices in 60 countries.

Connecting with St. Bonaventure alumni began long before Nessel graduated.

"Networking was part of my student experience at SBU," she explained. For instance, when she

was working on her MBA, the School of Business welcomed alumna Mari Snyder, vice president Social Responsibility and Community Engagement at Marriott International, Inc., as a guest speaker.

"Ever since she came into class I stayed in touch with her through email, updating her with my professional status, and also asking her for advice and tips (about) moving forward with my career," Nessel said. While at SBU, Nessel was a member of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and embraced the organization's social entrepreneurship mission. In one of SIFE's signature programs, she joined fellow students and faculty from a cross-section of disciplines on the annual Bahamas service trip.

"I taught in the schools, helped with building projects and even participated in hurricane relief," Nessel said. When she was interviewing for jobs, she found out that employers were very interested in these types of experiences.

"I think this is something that distinguished me from other candidates who were applying for the same jobs," she said.

# A nod to the arts and humanities

The dramatic journey of Ed. Simone, '78



Ed. and Leigh Simone with their pooch, Kiva.

By Emily Sinsabaugh | Photography by Danny Bush, '13

## I want to be an actor.

Those 6 words have sent chills through the spines of parents and mentors for generations. "It's not realistic to think you can earn a living as an actor," say many parents, family members, teachers, and guidance counselors. St. Bonaventure theater professor Dr. Ed. Simone sees that aspiration very differently.

Simone has not only made a living as an actor, but he's cultivated a rich, diverse, and fulfilled life.

Growing up in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Simone was surrounded by the arts and fearlessly pursued his dream, first by enrolling in the BFA program at Ithaca College, then transferring a year later to St. Bonaventure after being invited to a cast party following the production of "Blythe Spirit" in the Garret Theater. The production featured Leigh Berezney, '77 — who would one day be his wife.

Simone found a rich academic tradition at St. Bonaventure that supported his interest in theater, and ultimately gained him admission to every graduate school to which he applied.

He chose Binghamton University, where he studied with world-class actors and professors, including Arthur Lessac, and earned a master's degree in theater.

A few years of teaching led him back to his passion. He went the free-lance route for four years, staying busy with directing, voice-over, commercial, and acting work that took him all over the country from his home base of Black Rock, Conn.

Now married to Leigh, who was an executive recruiter for Korn/Ferry International, in 1993 the couple decided to go back to school. Both were admitted to graduate programs at Texas Tech; a Ph.D. program in theater for Ed. and a master's program in Spanish for Leigh. She later earned her Ph.D. from Tech as well.

"I did a tremendous amount of voice-over work while we were in Texas since I didn't sound like a Texan," recalls Simone, who was hired as a faculty member at Texas State after earning his Ph.D.

"So here we are living in south Texas, and Leigh tells me one day that there's an opening for a Spanish professor at St. Bonaventure. She got the job, and we truck back north — back to our Bonaventure home."

### BEHIND THE SCENES



**Favorite Play:** "The Tempest"  
**Role he'd like to play:** Joe in "All My Sons"  
**Favorite Shows Directed @ SBU:**  
 "Twelfth Night"  
 "A Year with Frog and Toad"  
 "Burial at Thebes"  
 "The Inner Above"  
**Why the "." after your name?**  
 It's the official spelling I chose for my Actors Equity Association union card. It's an homage to one of my grammar school teachers.

Simone says the couple never let a year pass without returning to campus for reunions and other visits, even while living in Texas.

"We would see shows in the Garret Theater and the Quick Center. We did an alumni production of 'The Play is the Thing' that involved a number of alumni from the '70s and '80s. We all came out for about a week in the summer and rehearsed and put it up. It was cool."

Now back in Western New York, with Leigh in a tenure-track position, Ed. was acting and teaching at Studio Arena in Buffalo, acting on tour, broadcasting on Classical 94.5/WNED, and serving on the Arts Council at St. Bonaventure.

"I knew that my mentor and theater professor Steve Gray-Lewis was heading toward retirement. Dr. Jim White, dean of arts and sciences, and I, along with the visual and performing arts chair, Dr. Les Sabina, started talk-

ing on a narrow track to a life only as an actor or director. It's about exposing them to a solid foundation of knowledge coupled with varied practical experiences that enable them to pursue a wide range of opportunities, including acting, directing and stagecraft, but also in business or education — really any field. Our graduates have a liberal arts education that makes them well-rounded, adaptable, critical thinkers with an entrepreneurial disposition."

In 2008, Simone was promoted to the rank of professor, and he continues to work in the field.

"It works best for my students when I define myself as an actor/director who teaches rather than the opposite. If I have one foot in the business, I can bring that electricity back to the class when I do Shakespeare in the summer; my weekly classical radio show at WNED, and the artist interviews and live broadcasts at The Chautauqua Institution."

Simone credits his ability to pursue his dream and successfully negotiate myriad personal and professional opportunities to the strong foundation in the arts and humanities that he got at St. Bonaventure.

"The arts are what really provide the human face on education because they are reflective of our deepest emotions, our oldest traditions, and our newest ideas."

Simone says he's saddened when he sees high schools cut-



Watch an interview with Ed. Simone at the studios of Classical 94.5/WNED (pictured above) at [www.sbu.edu/simone](http://www.sbu.edu/simone).

ting about theater as a major. When Steve retired in 2003, I was hired full time and started about establishing the major, which we rolled out in 2007."

Simone likes to think of St. Bonaventure's program as "The theater major with an insurance policy."

"The B.A. is not designed to send students

ing arts programs and when he reads the headlines that question the value of the humanities at the college level.

"We have to stop hanging our heads about it and instead embrace the humanities — they're called that for a reason. The more we distance ourselves from one another the more we let the railroad ride on us; the less

## Standing Ovation

Praise from a former student

"Dr. Simone has a very hands-on teaching style that requires everyone to participate, especially in acting classes.

He encouraged us to push outside of our boundaries and understood that meant different things for every student.

One of my favorite memories was watching a couple nervous pre-med students in Acting 1 finish the semester confident enough to re-enact a scene from 'Reservoir Dogs' for their final.

As a director, I worked with Dr. Simone both as an actor and designer. As an actor, I found that he would accept nothing less than the best I could offer. As a designer, he allowed me the freedom to execute my most ambitious designs, along with making sure I could take every opportunity to attend design conferences, see shows, and interview for jobs.

He has always been nothing but supportive of my career. I could not have earned my fellowship at the American Conservatory Theatre without SBU's theater program, Prof. Rebecca Misenheimer, and Dr. Simone."

~ Emily West, '13

West was a double major in theater and journalism & mass communication. She is a Costume Fellow at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, Calif.

we understand one another; the less we get who we are as a species. Theater reinforces the humanity among all of us; it shows us who we really are — and, better — who we could be if we understood. That's what makes me stay in theater."

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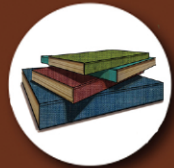
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## Political science graduate reflects on

# Wall Street and the world

By Emily Steves, '15

Though his long Wall Street hours discourage him from bringing work home, the huge pile of books on Matt Dabrowski's nightstand reflects the career and lifestyle he has immersed himself in since he graduated from St. Bonaventure in 2004.

"I have some travel books, political science books with some nice regressions and graphs in them, a book on President Obama's first year in office, a book on Russian politics ..." Dabrowski said and mentioned another book on interest rate markets. "Our job as political analysts at the bank is to pay attention to political developments all over the world where they may affect financial markets."

For the past year and a half, Dabrowski has worked as a senior associate for political analysis in the research department at Citigroup in New York City.

Before this success, Dabrowski majored in political science at Bonaventure.

"The most important part of a Bonaventure education is the experience you have when you're on campus," Dabrowski said. "Our Franciscan values and the faculty, staff and classmates provide an experience you really can't get anywhere else."

The Connecticut native knew he wanted to go to Bonaventure after seeing the campus. He lived in Francis Hall his freshman year, Doyle his sophomore year and then migrated to the townhouses as a junior and senior.

He mentioned Dr. Mary Rose Kubal and Dr. Bart Lambert as key professors for political science. "At the time we had Dr. Jim Moor and Dr. Neal Carter, who were also very in-



fluential," Dabrowski said.

Dabrowski went on to study survey research at the University of Connecticut and then worked in campaign politics for nearly 10 years.

"I am a pollster by profession," Dabrowski said. His work has taken him across the country and around the world. "I've lived in 13 cities over the past 10 years; that's just part of the campaign lifestyle. It's a career where one moves around."

But Dabrowski still finds time to revisit his alma mater and his

classmates-turned-alumni.

He also serves on the National Alumni Association Board, donates at the Devereux level and is an honored member of the university's Young Grotto Society.

"I've been a supporter of Bonaventure as long as I've been able out of school," he said. "I've always thought it was important to even do small things and re-connect with Bonaventure and my fellow alums."

With his 10-year class reunion next year, Dabrowski hopes to head upstate.

"(Bonaventure) had a huge impact on my skills, my attitude and what I brought to the workforce after I left," he said. "Giving to Bonaventure reminds us of the connection we have to the fun times in the past and our Bonaventure family."

*Emily Steves, '15, is a journalism major from Collins, N.Y., and has written posts on her blog, [www.blackbyrd.wordpress.com](http://www.blackbyrd.wordpress.com), since she was 14.*

## Fundraising continues for athletics fields project

Renovations to the McGraw-Jennings athletics fields remain the university's top facility priority, and fundraising for the project is progressing steadily.

As of Oct. 15, nearly half of the \$3 million project goal had been raised. The goal is to complete fundraising by May 31, 2014, which would allow construction to take place next summer. The planned opening is the fall of 2014.

The primary component of the project is installation of artificial playing surfaces on two fields — the multi-purpose field, which is home to the Bonnies' men's and

women's soccer and women's lacrosse teams, and the softball field. The project plans also include the addition of lighting on the multi-purpose field.



The changes will allow some of St. Bonaventure's club sports teams, such as rugby, to hold their com-

petitions on the field. Overall, the new fields will enrich the experiences of St. Bonaventure students and prospective students in ways that cannot take place now.

Tom Marra, '80, and his wife, Michelle, gave the lead gift of \$1 million. "We are really excited about what these

new fields will mean not only for our Division I teams that will utilize them, but for the campus and the community as a whole," said St. Bonaventure Athletics Director Steve Watson. "We are incredibly grateful to Tom and Michelle Marra and want to encourage other Bonnies fans to help us complete the fundraising on schedule."

A number of events have been held in support of the fields project, most recently in Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C., Washington, D.C., and Naples, Fla.

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# Alumni events recap

By Monica Mattioli, '77

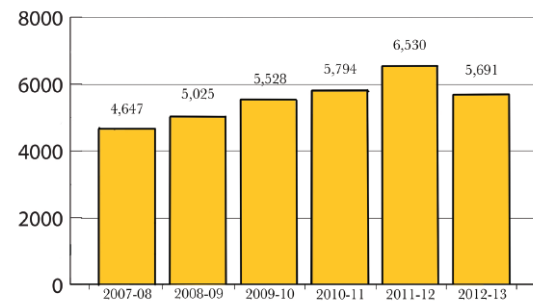
A review of trends in St. Bonaventure alumni events is sure to spark interest. Let's have a closer look at how those trends express alumni interest and university response.

We Bonnies love to get together for fun and sports, so it is no surprise that attendance numbers in the "Athletic-Social" category are quite robust. There was a spike in this category associated with both the men's and women's basketball teams' NCAA runs. At that time, the number of events and variety of venues increased with post-season play.

Another favorite category is "Spiritual." Alumni around the country always respond positively to the arrival of Franciscans in their hometown. In addition to the very impactful and student focused "Mountain on the Road" program, friars celebrate Masses in many cities throughout the year, and Franciscan scholars often present retreats and programs for alumni and friends. It is encouraging to know that our Franciscan heritage continues to be borne out in our current student population and will, therefore, persist into the future.

The dedicated efforts of wonderful leaders are evidenced in the "Chapter Events" category. At chapter events, alumni of all decades participate in activities that gather Bon-

Number of Attendees by Year



nies together. While the specifics vary from place to place, our chapter leaders make sure the St. Bonaventure spirit always shines through.

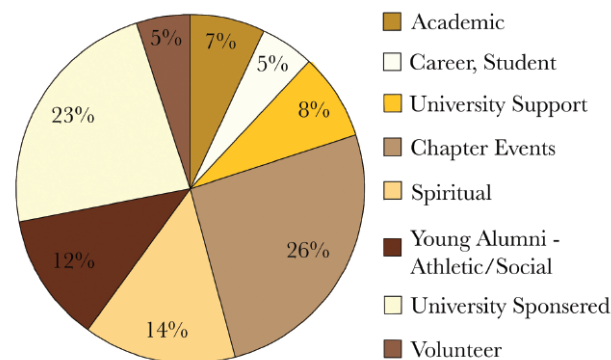
This year we are focusing also on our academic strengths. Our deans and faculty thank alumni who assist them while they are on the road visiting communities, enriching the student experience, and presenting the value of St. Bonaventure University. A good example of this is the full day of community engagement in Rochester associated with this year's "Meet the Deans" program.

Together these efforts serve to sustain the essence of the St. Bonaventure experience and keep the commitment to provide our students with pathways to internships, jobs and graduate schools.



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Events by Type  
2008 - 2013



## AROUND SBU

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 25**  
Men's Basketball Pre-game Reception @ Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**February 7**  
Bona Pride Day, worldwide

**February 7-9**  
Homecoming Weekend: Bonnies Men's Basketball faces Dayton at home.



**February 15**  
Men's Basketball Pre-game Reception @ George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

**February 21-23**  
Bonnies softball Charlotte (N.C.) Tournament

**February 22-March 2**  
Bonnies Baseball Snowbird Classic, Port Charlotte, Fla.

**March 5-9**  
Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship, Richmond, Va.

**March 12-16**  
Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship, Barclay's Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**March 15**  
Charlotte Alumni Chapter to participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade, Charlotte, N.C.

**April 24**  
Gaudete Medal Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Rochester

**May 9**  
Senior/Alumni Candlelight Induction Ceremony, campus

**June 6-8**  
Alumni Reunion Weekend, campus



## Make Every Step Count

While the \$15 million goal for the School of Business Campaign has been reached and the William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center has opened its doors to excited students, there is still time to stake your claim on The Business Walkway!

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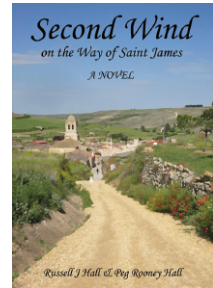
Proceeds from brick sales will support the maintenance and upkeep of the Swan Business Center.

## Off The Shelf

Alumni, authors and siblings **Russell J. Hall, '65**, and **Phyllis Hall Haislip, '66**, both published novels last summer.

**Russell J. Hall** and Peg Rooney Hall co-authored "Second Wind on the Way of Saint James: A Novel." The Way of Saint James (*El Camino de Santiago*) is a 1,000-year-old pilgrimage trail in Spain and France. Some people walk the whole 1,000 miles of it in about 50 days. The Halls have walked 800 miles of it in five trips, over five years.

Most books about the Camino are guidebooks or personal memoirs. The authors wanted to write a different story — one about the beauty of the Way and its ability to affect nearly everyone who walks it.



The fictional characters in the novel, Bert and Helen, are at turning points in their lives. The successes and failures of career and marriage are mostly behind them. Their anticipations, fears, regrets and longings are not. They walk the Camino together, unsure of what they are seeking. Crossing the mountains and plains to Santiago, they catch insights about the years past and glimpses of the third of their lives lying ahead. They need a second wind. Perhaps the Camino will provide one.

Russell is a retired wildlife biologist. The book is available in paperback and Kindle versions. For signed copies, email [pegandruss@caminodreaming.net](mailto:pegandruss@caminodreaming.net) or order at the Lighthall Books website.

Award-winning novelist and historian **Phyllis Hall Haislip** won The Maryanne Farley Award for Fiction and was a finalist in the James River Writers' Best Unpublished Novel Contest with her new novel, "The Viscount's Daughter."

"The Viscount's Daughter" takes readers back to the 12th century and an unforgettable heroine who defies her husband to take control of her life. It is the story of the ruthless, scheming Count of Toulouse and of a vulnerable heiress who becomes a runaway wife.

In 1142, the medieval Kingdom of the Franks is in turmoil because King Louis VII

cannot control his great nobles. One of the most powerful nobles is the Count of Toulouse. The young heiress to the rich Viscount of Narbonne has no choice but to marry Toulouse. How will she escape her possessive husband, find allies, and foil his efforts to recapture her?

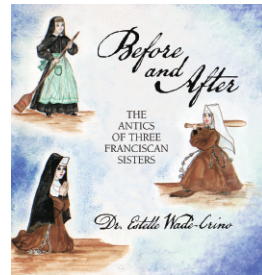
This novel of bravery and betrayal, risk and redemption is based on the life of Ermengarde of Narbonne (1126?-1196), a remarkable but little-known contemporary of Eleanor of Aquitaine. Haislip first developed her love of all things medieval in her classes at St. Bonaventure and has been fascinated by women such as Ermengarde ever since.

The book is available in paperback and Kindle versions. For signed copies, email Haislip at [Phyllis.Haislip@gmail.com](mailto:Phyllis.Haislip@gmail.com).



**Dr. Estelle Wade-Crino, '66**, pays tribute to the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in her book "Before and After, The Antics of Three Franciscan Sisters."

This book portrays work, play and pray in poetry, drawings and photos. Written in poetry with artistic renditions and photos, it tells how three girls came from different walks of life and entered a convent to become postulants, novices and professed sisters within a span of eight years.



Wade-Crino, who attended St. Bonaventure under the name of Sr. Therese Colman Wade, O.S.F., entered the Allegany Franciscan community and spent 19 years of her teaching career as a member of this beloved community. It was in one of her teaching assignments that she composed her "Before and After" book. Although she no longer is a Franciscan sister, for many years she has remained close to the congregation and wanted to pay tribute to their wonderful work at home and in the missions.

The author is a retired public school

teacher, administrator, adjunct professor, artist and writer. For the past 16 years she has owned, and managed Pinewoods Cottage Bed and Breakfast in Chautauque County. She is in the process of illustrating a children's book that she wrote.

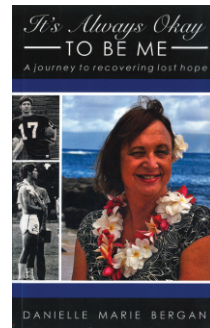
**Danielle Marie Bergan, '75**, published her memoir, "It's Always Okay to Be Me: A Journey to Recovering Lost Hope," in August 2012.

"Acceptance and love are two desires sought by every person who enters into this world," says Bergan.

"It's Always Okay to Be Me" is the story of the arduous trail taken by Daniel Bergan to become Danielle Bergan. Daniel, a seemingly normal boy on the outside to family and friends, suffers from gender identity disorder (GID). His brain tells him he is a girl, yet he has the body of a boy.

In his search for clarity, addiction took over, leaving him lost in an abyss of agony and despair. The normal life he led on the outside was challenged constantly by yearnings of being Danielle. A shield of denial formed around her presence, as Daniel constantly sought an escape from this gender conundrum.

Robert Lindsey, '74, president and CEO of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, said the book "captures the struggle of gender identity, clouded by active addiction to alcohol and drugs, and in a very powerful way documents the extraordinary benefits of recovery."



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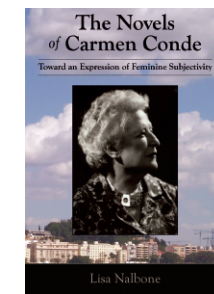
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"It's Always Okay to Be Me" is full of humorous, tragic, and near-death experiences, described by the author as "a triumph of recovery and self-love through the help of a power greater than all of us."

**Lisa Nalbone, '87**, published "The Novels of Carmen Conde: Toward an Expression of Feminine Subjectivity (2012)." Conde (1907-1996), a distinguished Spanish poet considered a pioneer in her



field, wrote eight novels between 1935 and 1985 that have received scant critical attention. This is the first critical analysis of these novels, a study of the female protagonist's role beyond the paternal, domestic domain that focuses on the constructs of these protagonists in 20th century Spanish literature.

Conde's perception of womanhood blossoms first from within the boundaries of hegemonic discourse and then evolves to deracinate the premises that marginalize the feminine. Her female protagonists for the most part exist as autonomous entities who speak beyond the ears of androcentricity as the textual (re)inscription of their gender allows them to appropriate their surroundings.

Nalbone, an associate professor at the University of Central Florida, majored in Spanish at SBU. She received her M.S. from Georgetown University and Ph.D. from Florida State University. She lives in the Orlando, Fla., area with her husband and three children.

A new book by **Michael D. Krause, '96**, is a step-by-step guide to reaching potential customers where they want to be met, without wasting time on fruitless cold calls.

"SMART Prospecting That Works Every Time" (McGraw Hill) was released March 8, 2013.

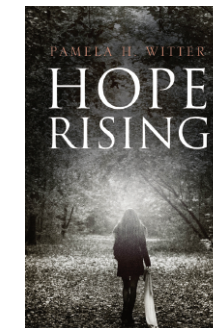
In the title of the book, SMART is an acronym for Solutions Measure Attitude Resilience Trusted advisor. Krause fully explains his proven SMART process in the

book, along with providing pertinent questions and forms to assist experienced and novice sales professionals work more effectively. This proven method, he says, balances social media marketing strategies, online applications, and traditional appointment setting techniques to help every salesperson connect with more clients and close more sales.

Having sold more than \$100 million in products and services, Krause knows the challenges sales leaders, entrepreneurs and business professionals face every day. He has spent more than 20 years in professional sales, consistently achieving high levels of success in sales, management and training.

He is the president and founder of Sales Sense Solutions, Inc., which helps clients create measurable results using Fortune 500 strategies, tactics, and tools.

**Pamela (Say) Witter, '01**, is the author of "Hope Rising," which captures the riveting story of a businesswoman desperately trying to save her teenage daughter from the minefield of youth.



to astoundingly successful professional — in an effort to pull her daughter out of the darkness.

"Hope Rising" explores the raw emotion and honest reality of life for an at-risk teen, while offering inspirational hope that transcendence is possible; that we can discover peace amidst pain and joy after tragedy.

**Melinda (Clemens) McCloud, '02**, has published a novel, "Fifty Shades of Crazy," a funny yet poignant look at the experiences of a burnt out social worker.

Belinda McStorm is a social worker, an MSW, licensed by the state, unlike other kinds of caseworkers she encounters in

her line of work. Belinda feels that at its heart, her work can be boiled down to helping people become more compliant with social expectations. However, lately Belinda has been feeling that she herself can't even comply with social expectations, though she has become very good at behaving in a socially acceptable way with others. Lately she doesn't care what society wants or expects.

The book is available on Amazon and at other retailers, in paperback and ebook format.

After growing up under the twin specters of the shuttered Bethlehem Steel plant and the cross-topped spires that shadow the dreams of its residents, "Buffalo Steel" finds its narrator setting off to seek her own spirit, away from the forces that forged her. Firmly grounded in the historical and cultural context of the Queen City, this lyrical journey by **Lizz Schumer, '08**, explores how a child raised in a conservative, religious culture can free herself from the bonds that made her without losing her place in that world.

Through a series of stories connected by threads of historical anecdotes and biblical touchstones, the narrator explores her own changing views on what it means to be part of a society, whether by birth, assimilation or a combination of the two.

After a spiritual awakening leaves her skeptical of the world in which she was raised, she seeks solace in a Catholic college that offers faint echoes of the home that cradled her childhood.

There, she learns to worship at new altars, as the university culture infiltrates her quest for meaning. That quest sees her travel to Oxford, Dublin, Italy, Washington, D.C., and back again, finding displacement and disillusionment everywhere she lands. Along the way, she discovers that her identity has been waiting all along.

Schumer is a writer, reporter and photographer who lives and works in Buffalo.



# Alumni Association

## Pay it Forward: Helping Younger Alumni and Students

A Message from 2013-2015 Alumni Association President Robert P. Kane, '78

Dear fellow alumni and friends,  
A unique characteristic of St. Bonaventure alumni is the intensity of their commitment to help each other and our students. Today, that support is needed more than ever. We ask alumni established in their careers to support our younger alumni and current students by facilitating career and internship opportunities.

In today's environment, securing employment can be a challenge. While the value of a St. Bonaventure degree is well respected, it is often that special alumni connection that helps to provide an individual with his or her first foot in the door.

In recent meetings with the National Alumni Association Board (NAAB), our academic deans consistently expressed the desire to strengthen their relationships with



There are numerous ways you can help pay it forward:

- Mentor younger alumni as they launch their careers.
- Speak with students about careers within your professional field.
- Connect a student to an internship.
- Share job opportunities from your own organization.
- Participate in a career event on campus.
- Invite students to your place of business to expose them to new opportunities.

alumni. Every dean seeks additional job opportunities for graduates and internship opportunities for current students.

• Hire a Bonnie!  
For more information on how you can help, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at alumni@sbu.edu.

On behalf of all alumni, I want to acknowledge our immediate past president, Bob Crowley, '71, who strategically led the board, emphasizing forward thinking, Franciscan values, and passion for service. Serving with me during this academic year are:

- First Vice President: Kristan McMahon, '97
- Second Vice President: Andrew Mantilia, '08
- Secretary: Maureen Butler Maier, '78

I am very proud to serve with these officers, and with the dedicated members of the NAAB. I look forward to helping enhance the alumni experience and supporting St. Bonaventure University in a variety of ways during the next two years.

Regards,

Robert P. Kane, '78  
President, NAAB

## Updates

**1951 — Stan Lewza** was inducted into the Capital Region (Section 2) Football Hall of Fame Aug. 9. The son of immigrants who migrated to the United States, Lewza was a no-nonsense, rugged football player who excelled for La Salle Institute, St. Bonaventure, the United States Marines and the Green Bay Packers. When his playing days were complete, he became a legendary football coach at Ft. Edward.

**1953 — Don Stedman** was elected president-elect of the Association of Retired Faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will take office in April 2014 for a two-year term. During his 35 years at Carolina, Stedman served as dean of education, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and vice president for research and Public Service Programs of the UNC system. He resides in Chatham County, N.C., with his wife, Helen.

### 60th Reunion ~ 2014

**1954 — Wally Kuhn** calls on his classmates to reserve the weekend of June 6-8 for the 60th anniversary of the Class of 1954 reunion.

### 55th Reunion ~ 2014

**1959 — Steve Batthany, M.D.**, finished first in the 75+ age group in a 5K fun run/walk at

the American Academy of Family Physicians Assembly in San Diego. He will be travelling again to Kingston, Jamaica, in February with the Missionaries of Life.

**1963 — John A. Cirando, Esq.**, was honored Oct. 17, 2013, as the recipient of the 2013 Onondaga County Bar Association Distinguished Lawyer Award. Cirando's practice in Syracuse is concentrated in the Appellate area.



**1976 —** Forty years ago, **Jim Johnson** began his master's degree in the education program at St. Bonaventure. He was flying high when he graduated in 1976. A lifetime later, he was a crew member of the NASA Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). After two years of a rigorous selection process by NASA, a graduate level astronomy course, clearance from his doctor, and signing of an anti-fatigue form, the 63-year-old flew two back-to-back NASA SOFIA missions in September 2013 as an Airborne Astronomer Ambassador. The observatory is based at the Dryden Aircraft Operations Facility and is the world's largest airborne astronomical observatory. The aircraft complements

NASA's space telescopes, as well as major Earth-based telescopes. SOFIA features a German-built far-infrared telescope with an effective diameter of 100 inches. The telescope weighs 19 tons and is mounted in the rear fuselage of a highly modified Boeing 747SP aircraft. Johnson flew in the navigator seat in the cockpit of the 747-SP, then served as a crew member for the duration of the flight, which took place mostly over the Pacific Ocean flying north nearly to Alaska and then nearly to Hawaii. Johnson is an alternative education science teacher at Beacon Light in Bradford, Pa.



**1978 — Bill Fulton** has been appointed planning director for the city of San Diego. Most recently, Fulton served as vice president for policy at Smart Growth America, an advocacy group in Washington, D.C. He previously served as mayor of Ventura, Calif., (a city named for St. Bonaventure) and also authored

several books on urban planning, including the Los Angeles Times bestseller "The Reluctant Metropolis."

**1983 —** After 18 years at ESPN, **Michael Stinton** is headed south. Stinton was named the director of promotions for the Golf Channel, headquartered in Orlando, Fla. In addition to managing a staff of producers who create the on-air and off-air promotions for the network, Stinton is looking forward to seeing his golf handicap get lower. The five-time Emmy winner moved to Florida with his wife, Patricia. They have two children in college.

### 30th Reunion ~ 2014

**1984 — Donna L. (Smith) Burden**, a founding partner of Burden, Gulisano & Hickey, LLC, has been appointed chair of the Transportation Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel, a professional association for corporate and insurance defense lawyers around that world. The Transportation Committee serves all members who are involved in the defense of aviation companies, maritime companies, railroads, and motor carriers and trucking insurance companies for personal injury claims, property damage claims and cargo claims. **Brad Johnson** was promoted to vice



president of partner sales and operations at Wayfair.com, the largest online retailer of home furnishings and decor. In this newly created role, Johnson will continue to oversee Wayfair.com's retail partner channels while launching the Canadian expansion for the company. Prior to his promotion, Johnson served as senior director of business development for Way-

fair.com, where he grew the company's partner channel business. Before joining Wayfair.com, Johnson founded and led operations for Intrepid Learning Solutions, a provider of consulting, outsourcing and research training services. Johnson has an extensive background in starting companies and managing international businesses for major corporations, including EMC, PepsiCo, Polaroid, and KPMG. He holds an MBA from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

**1985 — Wendy Mann** was appointed senior vice president of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association. Mann oversees day-to-day business operations of the association and serves as executive director of NAIOP's Research Foundation and publisher of Development magazine. Mann previously was director of communications at the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, where she was responsible for all the association's communications initiatives, including strategic communication planning, integrated marketing, media relations, publishing and website development/content management. Prior to that, she served as vice president of member services for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. She also has held positions with the Health Industry Distributors Association, the Educational Society for Resource Management, Greater Washington Society of Association Executives, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Mann earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in 1991 and has pursued graduate level studies at George Mason University.



**1986 — Michael Powers** was named to the Board of Directors of the Advertising



### Classmates celebrate the big 5-0

What better way to turn 50 than with a crew of Bonnies. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Marianne (Bartone) Shaw, '85**; **Helen (Norton) Hasselbeck, '85**; and **Maureen Cahill, '85**; and (second row, from left) **Greg Faherty, '84**; **Al Neu, '85**; and **Nancy (Hoffmann) Gibson, '85**.

Club of Buffalo. Powers is the marketing manager at The Buffalo Zoo.

**1987 — Adam Jablonski** and his wife, **Andrea (Hatch), '90**, have completed the construction of the Hugh Shields Clinic and Hannah's Home in Masseno, Kenya. The clinic will provide necessary health care for the community and no longer will the sick men, women and children of the Masseno area have to walk five miles to see a doctor. The Fairport, N.Y., couple have completed this project through their non-profit foundation, Building Futures Inc. ([www.buildingfuturesinc.com](http://www.buildingfuturesinc.com)).

### 25th Reunion ~ 2014

**1989 — Kathleen Hefele Carroll** has been working for the past three years as a sixth-grade science inclusion teacher in Dorchester, Mass. She was recently awarded the Wipro Science Education Fellowship. Through the University of Massachusetts Boston's COSMIC (Centre of Science and Math in Context), the fellowship is a two-year program that uses a model of teacher support and development to improve instruction and increase teacher leadership in Boston public schools. **Bridget (Haraszko) O'Neill** was named English department chair and drama/musical director for Seton Catholic Preparatory High School in Chan-

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# Updates

dlar, Ariz., as well as an adjunct faculty member for Ottawa University online education courses.

**1990 — Bill Moffitt** was promoted to lieutenant in the town of Westfield (N.J.) Police Department.

**1991 —** Franklin County District Attorney **Derek P. Champagne** was awarded the 2013 Prosecutor of the Year award by the New York Prosecutors Training Institute. The award is given to a prosecutor who exemplifies strong leadership, is responsible for innovative and important programs, and thereby enhances criminal justice throughout New York state. Also mentioned during the presentation of the award were Champagne's appointments to the Moreland Commission, vice chair of the New York State Sentencing Commission, counsel to the Law Enforcement Council, past president of the New York State District Attorneys Association, board director for District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, and his participation on both Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and Gov. Andrew Cuomo's transition teams.



**1992 —** In her first year as vice president of marketing and communications at Saint Vincent College, **Suzanne Wilcox English** and her team assisted the college in achieving a 38-percent increase in freshman enrollment over the previous year, bringing in the second-largest class in college history. The enrollment increase was the result of a campuswide effort led by President Br. Norman Hipps, O.S.B., with further goals of maintaining enrollment and increasing selectivity at the 2,000-student institution. During the year, Saint Vincent's billboard campaign, titled Ready for Your Future and featuring the new \$39 million Dupré Science Pavilion, won a gold Marcom Award and a historical video commemorating the 50th anniversary of a devastating fire, "Fire and Ice," earned a Telly Award. Wilcox English is a proud graduate of St. Bonaventure with a degree in journalism and mass communication and of The University of Findlay (Ohio), where she earned an MBA in organizational leadership.

**1996 — Michael Hill** is president and CEO of Youth For Understanding USA, which advances intercultural understanding, mutual respect and social responsibility through educational exchanges for youth, families and communities. Prior to joining YFU, he served as senior vice president of external affairs for United Cerebral Palsy's in-



## Alumna sets sail for new adventures

**Diane M. Bergeron, Ph.D., '92**, and her husband, Matt, decided, spur-of-the-moment, to sell their house, buy a boat and sail around the Atlantic for a year with their two young sons. Bergeron requested a one-year unpaid leave of absence from her position as a research professor at Case Western Reserve University. They set sail from Annapolis, Md., and are blogging about their adventures at [www.SailingUnchartedWaters.com](http://www.SailingUnchartedWaters.com). Bergeron would love to hear from former classmates.



## Alums get together for Bake on the Lake

At the third annual Bake on the Lake at Keuka Lake, St. Bonaventure alumni get ready to head to a Furthur concert in upstate New York in July. Pictured are (front row) Dan "Skunk" Essler, '79, Jack Modrak '79; and Bill Conway, '82; (second row) David "Sniff" Cunniff, '79; Ron Scardetta '79; Rod "Stanky Brown" Stankewicz, '83; Mike "Smokey" Stets, '79; Ed Wodarski, '79; Mike "Herm" Varecka, '79; Mike "Slick" Pickert, '79; (back row) Bob Stratford '79; Chris Keenan, '79; Tom "Pick" Pickert, '81; Mike Stratford, Tim "Duga" Hackbarth, '79; Jim "Genesee" Terrell, '79. Alumni who attended but aren't pictured include Peter Fennell, '79; Dan Errico, '82; Paul Eberst, '81; Marty Reidy, '80; Mike Spallone, '79; John Boegel, '81; Andy Zamow, '79.

## Mini-Reunion for First Rob floormates

Pictured at what has become an annual First Rob (back wing) mini-reunion are (from left) Linda Harvison; **Bill Reed, '75; Jodi (Kessing) Quigley, '75; Dr. Bill Hulbert, '75;** Leslie Hulbert; **Jack Quigley, '75; Valerie (Mottes) Reed, '77;** and **Carl Harvison, '75.**



## Golf, dinner and the Bills

Some 26 former 3rd Rob residents gathered in early September for four days of catching up. The group kicked off the reunion with dinner at Black & Blue, followed by two days of golf (Ivy Ridge and Glen Oak), and concluded the weekend at the Buffalo Bills home opener. Pictured during a golf outing are (seated in front) Rich Putignano, '82; (seated in second row, from left) Mike Giordano, '79; Norm Malone, '79; Chris Allan, '78; Steve Gadziala, '79; Chuck Frawley, '79; (standing from left) Ron Reinecker, '79; Kevin Sutton, '81; John O'Connor, '79; Bill Fagan, '79; Greg Schwind, '79; Jerry Reilly, '78; Steve Fiala, '79; Joe Davis, '79; Terry Dacey, '78; Brian Small, '79; Paul Rokos, '79; Joe Baucom, '80; Walt Cummings, '79; Art Demers, '77; Mauro Schifino, '79; Doug Sanger, '79; Michael Stets, '79; Peter McCann, '79; Brian DiGiacomo, '79; and Jim Glynn.

## Ithaca-area grads gather, launch alumni chapter



Alumni from the Ithaca area got together on Cayuga Lake for a picnic and to meet with Alumni Services staff **Monica Mattioli, '77,** and **Joe Flanagan, '75.** Among those attending were **Conrad Whyte, Evan Cleveland** and **Katie Rush** from the Class of 2013 and **Mary Gilligan,** Class of 1933. At the gathering, the decision was made to launch an Ithaca Alumni Chapter with **Kelly Cobb, '10,** (second from right) as chapter leader. Also pictured are **Willy Locke, '75, '82, '86,** and Mrs. Gilligan's daughter and son-in-law (Sally and Hank Dullea).

Getting together with your SBU peeps? Snap a pic (high resolution) and submit it to Bonaventure magazine >> [bonalumnus@sbu.edu](mailto:bonalumnus@sbu.edu). The deadline for the summer 2014 Bonaventure magazine is March 1, 2014. Submit career news online at [www.sbu.edu/BonaMag](http://www.sbu.edu/BonaMag) or use the enclosed envelope.



We've lost touch with a number of alums and need your help! Of the many missing alumni, our hope is to start finding lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion in 2014. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at [www.sbu.edu/foundalumni](http://www.sbu.edu/foundalumni).

- Edward J. Murphy, '54
- Donald M. Green, '59
- David A. Kelly, '59
- T. P. Reddy, '59
- Vincent S. Scognamiglio, '59
- Frances M. Nitti, '64
- Thomas J. Brick, '69
- John J. Frattaroli, '69
- Timothy P. Castle, '79
- Lawrence G. Darcey, '79
- Mary Laubenthal, '79
- Michael G. Mann, '79
- Mary E. (Dolan) Zdraljevic, '79
- Claire E. Breyton, '84
- John J. DiGioia, '84
- Katherine K. Fay, '84
- Michael J. Fox, '84
- Kathryn B. Murphy, '84
- Laura Noe, '84
- Doris Norton, '84
- Phillip R. Diemer, '89
- Maureen J. Lloyd, '89
- Changnian Lu, '89
- Matthew T. Pedrone, '89
- David J. VanLone, '89
- James A. Wellman, '89
- Jason D. Beck, '94
- Norman Bielmeier, '94
- Barbara L. Bushardt, '94
- Jennifer D. Coval, '94
- Daniel P. Garrigan, '94
- Diane M. Hardy, '94
- Leonard M. Katusz, '94
- Kevin W. Knieling, '94
- Kevin S. Konecny, '94
- Millicent M. Maloney, '94
- John F. McKenna, '94
- Timothy M. Mohan, '94
- Catherine A. (Cusick) Monk, '94
- Patricia J. (Morgan) Parente, '94
- Randi C. (Vanwy) Rodriguez, '94
- Susan M. (Gregg) Wall, '94
- JoJo M. Young, '94
- Amy B. (Cudahy) Holt, '99
- Dayna L. Canary, '99
- Isaac N. King, '99
- Mark A. Lux, '99
- Bradley L. Nagel, '99
- Kelly A. Nelson, '99
- Heather A. O'Brien, '99
- Stephanie (Roussel-Dupre) Weiss, '99
- Marilynn S. Wesche, '99
- Richard L. Hazard, '04
- Marcell A. Mallette, '04
- Rebecca L. Valenti, '04
- Brennan H. Payne, '09

## Updates

### Doberstein secures Top 10 finish in personal watercraft racing

**Ryan Doberstein, '11**, finished 10th in the world in the Amateur Freestyle division at the International Jet Sports Boating Association's World Finals in October in Lake Havasu, Ariz. IJSBA is the worldwide sanctioning body for personal watercraft competitive racing, and the World Finals invitation-only policy attracts more than 750 of the world's best personal watercraft racers.

In August, Doberstein finished third in the Amateur Freestyles at the 2013 U.S. Nationals in Charleston, W.Va.

Doberstein is the operations manager at Eric Malone Enterprises (EME) in central Pennsylvania. The company made the first aftermarket standup jetski hull and continues to be an industry innovator. Doberstein is sponsored by EME, along with Slippery Wetsuits, Attain Clothing, RnR2Stroke and Smooth Gator.

Doberstein welcomes emails from alums at [Fphoto@me.com](mailto:Fphoto@me.com).



ternational office. In that role, he led international public education, fundraising, communications, marketing and branding efforts for one of the world's largest health care charities. Hill is a member of St. Bonaventure's National Alumni Association Board and serves in various capacities for cultural and children's charities in the Greater D.C. area.

**1997 — Amy (Genagon) Hagovsky** joined The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, D.C. She serves as communications director for the Global Ocean Legacy project, a position that combines her public relations and campaign skills with her love of the ocean.

#### 15th Reunion ~ 2014



**1999 —** For the second year in a row, **Matthew Dauksza** led the Prudential Empire State Agency to earn the Agency President's Trophy Award, a distinction given to the top agency in the company's Agency Distribution sales organization for its outstanding sales performance and service to the community. Dauksza is managing director of the Empire State Agency. **Graham Diehl** and his wife, **Lori (Fisher), '99**, are celebrating 10 years of marriage. Graham graduated in May 2012 with a master's degree in information technology from Rochester Institute of Technology's Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences with a 4.0 GPA. He has been working for Bosch Automotive Service Solutions as a software design engineer since 2007. In 2012 he started the business Apperdashery LLC. to develop mobile apps. He's published five apps within the past year to Apple's App Store for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch. The Diehls live in Rochester with their three children.

**2000 — Elizabeth (Tascione) Licamele** has been named chief of public communications for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). She manages the agency's outreach, engagement, public relations, public website and social media programs, while also supporting media relations and internal communications. She lives in Virginia with her husband, **Greg Licamele, '99**, the director of external communications for Fairfax County Government and the chair of a new communications committee for Mt. Irenaeus that includes alumni from a variety of years. Elizabeth and Greg have two daughters. **Keri (Guminey) Thoman** was promoted to assistant athletic director for Student-Athlete Support Services and director of Academic Services at the University of Cincinnati.

**2001 — Thomas D. Iwankow** is dean of enrollment management at Maria College in Albany, N.Y. **Kate (Lewis) Torok** was promoted to assistant director of marketing and communications at St. John Fisher College. Previously, she was the department's senior communication specialist, and she has been with the college since 2010. **Pamela (Say) Witter** was promoted to executive director of development at Houghton College and now oversees the development division, which includes major gift officers, annual fund, stewardship programming, planned giving, advancement services, and all other areas of development. She also maintains a portfolio of major and annual giving prospects and serves as chairperson of Leadership Allegany. In 2012, she was awarded the Leadership Cattaraugus Alumna of the Year award.



**2002 — Melinda (Clemens) McCloud** is director of the Group Home Program at Hope for Youth, a nonprofit agency serving youth ages 12 to 21 toward the goal of self sufficiency and family reunification throughout Long Island. She lives in West Bay Shore, N.Y., with her husband, **Stewart McCloud, '02**, and their two daughters.

**2003 — Andrew Lohrum** opened a North Buffalo bookstore — The Bloody Candlestick Mystery Bookshop — that focuses on the genres of mystery/detective fiction. Complementing the Hertel Avenue store is an online store at [www.bloodycandlestick.com](http://www.bloodycandlestick.com), which carries books in all genres, plus music, movies, ebooks, and audiobooks.



**2004 — Maria Pasqualetti** completed her Psy.D. in clinical forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

#### 10th Reunion ~ 2014

**2005 — Rudy Barry** was selected as a Bryce Harlow Fellow, which is awarded by the Bryce Harlow Foundation to exceptional graduate students in the professional advocacy sector. Barry is pursuing his MBA at George Washington University and is the managing director at Whitmer & Worrall, a government relations consulting firm in Washington, D.C. **Stephon Johnson** completed a political reporting fellowship at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism. The fellowship focused on coverage of city-



wide elections and how to deliver the best coverage possible on issues important to New York City's various ethnic communities. During the fellowship, Johnson first broke the story of Anthony Weiner's run for mayor. Johnson is a staff writer for the New York Amsterdam News, the largest black newspaper in the country. **Tera L. White** relocated to Central Florida, where she is a resource development specialist for the Children's Home Society of Florida. **Jamie Zielonko** of Buffalo was promoted to senior account executive at SKM Group, a full-service marketing communications agency. Zielonko has been with the agency since 2010 and she works on the TOPS Friendly Markets account service team. She is a member of the Advertising Club of Buffalo.

**2006 — Daniel Rettig** is in his first season as head golf professional at Tri-County Country Club in Forestville, N.Y.



**2007 — Luke Donius** completed his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at the University of Utah. The title of his thesis was "Complement receptors 1 and 2:"



### Alumni Deaths

A directory of deceased alumni is available on Bona's Online. Not a member of Bona's Online? Visit [www.sbu.edu/bonasonline](http://www.sbu.edu/bonasonline) to register.

Rev. Francis T. Hogan, '43, *Melbourne, Fla.*  
 Rev. Edward J. Ryan Jr., '43, *Troy, N.Y.*  
 William G. Dillon, '48, *Berlin, Md.*  
 Dr. Salvatore J. Dalberth, '49, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
 Rev. Paul J. Antos, '50, *Niskayuna, N.Y.*  
 John L. Maracle, '50, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
 John P. Milne, '50, *Webster, N.Y.*  
 John G. Priest Jr., '50, *Skaneateles, N.Y.*  
 Rev. Marion M. Tolczyk, O.F.M., '50, *Bridgeport, Conn.*  
 Rev. Roch A. Coogan, '51, *St. Petersburg, Fla.*  
 John R. Hooper, '51, *Delmar, N.Y.*  
 James W. Mulroy, '51, *Dedham, Mass.*  
 Nicholas Naccarella, '51, *Penfield, N.Y.*  
 Donald M. "Bud" Priest, '51, *Hamden, Conn.*  
 Dr. Anthony S. Sgarlato, '51, *Staten Island, N.Y.*  
 James P. "Zack" Ward, '51, *Great Valley, N.Y.*  
 Godfrey Cappe, '52, *Plainville, Conn.*  
 Richard B. Lawlor, '52, *Monroe Township, N.J.*  
 Alba C. Palmer, '52, *Hilton, N.Y.*  
 Col. John "Jack" Caruso, '53, *Salamanca, N.Y.*  
 Anthony Sanguuolo, '54, *Yonkers, N.Y.*  
 Francis X. Elinski, '55, *Buffalo, N.Y.*

functionally independent bridges for innate enhancement of humoral immunity."

**2011 — Mary Schrader** is the outreach coordinator at The Old Jail Art Center in Albany, Texas. She graduated from Syracuse University with a Master of Arts degree in museum studies in May 2013.



**2012 — Alicia D'Alessandro** graduated from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps program in July. She began her term of service in October 2012. **Kelsey Barton** completed a master's degree in childhood literacy at St. Bonaventure and is now working for Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland as a first-grade teacher at Templeton Elementary School. **Emily Call** is a reading teacher for grades first through fifth at Notre Dame Academy in South Buffalo. **Allison Kotz** is an early childhood intervention teacher at Four Seasons Elementary School in Gambrills, Md. **Tara Maxwell** is teaching fourth grade at Springhill Lake Elementary School in Prince George's County, Md.

**Nathan Opferbeck** joined Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C., as a staff accountant in the Jamestown office. He is involved in preparing financial statements related to



compilations, reviews and audits, in addition to preparing tax returns for individual and business clients.

#### Attention 2013 grads! (Aug. 2012-May 2013)

Please take a short alumni survey @ [www.sbu.edu/2013GradSurvey](http://www.sbu.edu/2013GradSurvey)

**2013 — Megan O'Donnell** is working full time at UBMD Internal Medicine in Amherst, N.Y., as the marketing assistant and attends St. Bonaventure's IMC graduate program at the Buffalo Center. **Lauren Pingelski** lives in South Jersey and works for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Assurance (audit) department in Philadelphia. Pingelski works in the asset management sector and deals with corporate and fund accounting and real estate clients. She's completed two of the four parts of the CPA exam and hopes to complete the exam soon. **Cristabell Ramdial** is a maritime specialist with International Registries Inc. She works in the company's Madison Avenue office and registers ships, tankers and bulk carriers coming into the Marshall Islands. In addition, she works with huge law firms and banks in various countries to record and deliver mortgages on these vessels. "One really great aspect about my job is that I get to interact with people from many countries — my communications background helps a lot with this!" she writes. **Jeremy Tranzillio** lives in Amherst, N.Y., and is working as an analyst in the product control group at Citigroup.

Ronald Polanski, '69, *Lancaster, N.Y.*  
 Leonard Janicki, '70, *Lancaster, N.Y.*  
 Patrick M. Blocher, '74, *Weston's Mills, N.Y.*  
 Dennis J. Amore, '72, *Friendship, N.Y.*  
 Janet E. Driscoll, '72, *Huntersville, N.C.*  
 Eileen (Sherman) Burdick, '75, *Elmira Heights, N.Y.*  
 Theresa A. (Vallone) Reiser, '76, *Vestal, N.Y.*  
 Patrick J. O'Rourke, '78, *Tempe, Ariz.*  
 James F. O'Brien, '81, *Corning, N.Y.*  
 Anthony C. Wronski, '82, *Lockport, N.Y.*  
 Kathleen A. Dudley-Perry, '98, *Round Lake, N.Y.*

#### In Memoriam:

**Fr. Maurice Sheehan, O.F.M., Cap.,** died Sept. 8, 2013, in Pittsburgh. In 1979, Fr. Maurice joined the faculty at the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure, and also served as its assistant director. He remained at the university until 1990.



# Marriages

# Births/Adoptions



Megan Newman, '04, '05, and Kevin Stackman, '01



Kristina Kilian and Tony Barrett, '01



Katie Guiton, '09, '10, and Dennis Sherba, '09, '10



Ruth Harper, '10, '11, and Kevin Rhode, '10



Rachelle Hoeflschweiger, '08, and Dan Nuhfer, '08, '09



Siobhan Catanzaro, '08 and Colin Toolan, '07



Kristin Jordan and Charlie Riley, '01, '03



Ashley English, '08, and Christopher Pennell



Lynne Muccia, '08, '09, and Tyler Herman



Kati Boldwin and Troy Smith, '06



Megan Harvison, '02, '05, and Mark Moran



Suzanne McDevitt and Gregory Spiro, '03



Danielle Lada, '08, and Eric Carlsen



Mallory Zabel and Brandon Haas, '05



Kate Moulton, '07, '08, and Matthew Chmielewski



Corey Travis and Kevin Rhoney, '07

## Marriage submissions

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Heather Hatfield and Patrick McCarthy, '95

## Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Clara Margaret to **Therese (Run-fola), '98, and Marty Blind, '94**  
Zachry Edwin Joseph to **Theresa (Behil), '91, and David Keiser**  
Jack Michael to **Christina Orr and Mike Magulick, '93**

Lorenzo Alexander to **Kristie Vil-lano-Porter, '99, '03, and Jason Porter**

Matthew Peyton to **Renee (Evans), '00, and Matthew Allsopp**

Benjamin Ryan to **Karen (Breen), '00, and Brian Mudrak**

William Lawrence to **Keri (Gu-miney), '00, and Bill Thoman**

Tyson James to **Molly (Dillon), '00, '01, and Elton Ruddock**

Alyssa Kaitlyn to **Angela (Mc-Daniels), '01, and Peter Barrett**

Katherine Hannah to **Meghan (Zim-merman), '01, '03, and Tom Grif-fin, '02**

Clarissa Mae to **Catherine (Eng-man), '02, and Greg Oakley**

Alexander Dominic to **Katie (Glaser), '03, and Justin DiLoro**

Keegan Joseph to **Vicki (Covey), '04, and Tim McArdle, '03, '04**

Jackson to **Christine (Milovich), '04, and Michael Blough**

Ethan Francis to **Angela (Russo), '04, and Sean McGarry, '03**

Emma, Hannah and Richard to **Lind-sey (Walsh), '03, and Richard Mer-riam**

Xavier Kevin Clark to **Colleen (Stoneham), '04, '05, and Ethan Creech**

Gracyn Taylor to **Barbara Deike, '05, and Thomas Deike**

Ella Jean to **Lyndsay (Jones), '05, '06, and Matthew Niemiec**

Grace Elizabeth to **Lauren (Davey), '06, and Jason Millican**

James Timothy III to **Sarah (Dressler), '06, and Capt. James Wellington II, '06**

Benjamin Thomas to **Jessica (Manocchio), '06, '07, and Erik Christensen**

Olivia Katherine to **Katherine (Vorndran), '07, '08, and Matthew Strusienski, '06**

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