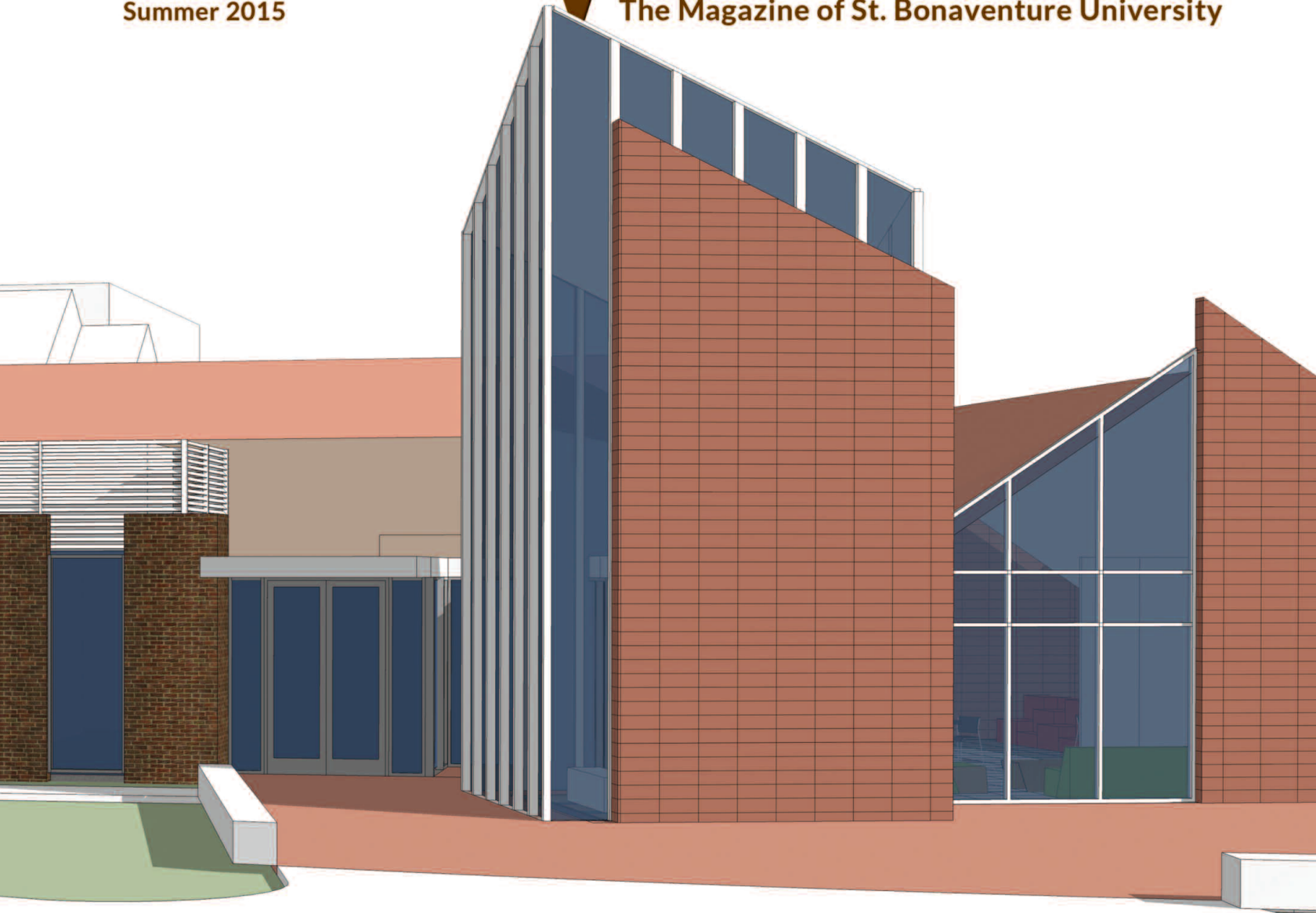


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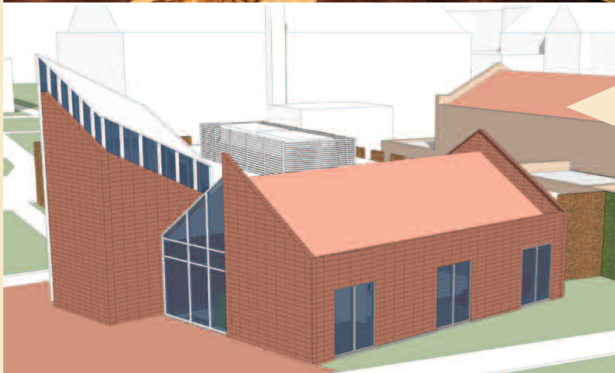
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# The environment: Pope Francis and St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures

By Fr. David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap.

The publication of *Laudato Sii*, the Pope's encyclical on the environment, unites two holy men separated by 800 years but who share a name (Francis) and a common vision of a world built on communion, not competition, and a planet protected in beauty and sustained in abundance for generations to come.

By framing his thoughts on the environment in St. Francis' spirituality, Pope Francis attempts a revolution of contemporary attitudes back to seeing nature as creation and not just as "matter" and "stuff." (I have written recently on Millennials and a "Franciscan Theology of Stuff.")

We, in the modern world, live with a prejudice for seeing the world around us solely or largely in material terms. Nature, after the Enlightenment, quickly became just another commodity on the open market to be used and abused, bought and sold, depleted for as much profit as we can extract from it, without regard for its deeper meaning and purposes.

Pope Francis is recognizing the scientific debates about climate change, but he is speaking about so much more. He is getting behind those debates and asking questions about our fundamental relationship to the earth and, in fact, to one another and to God as Creator. He is providing a holistic approach to the questions of climate change and the care of the planet.

It is a question that St. Francis addressed 800 years ago. He lived in a time of incredible greed and amazing violence. People in his time were being sacrificed in bloody, never-ending battles for economic supremacy. St. Francis knew this scheme because he and his father were very much part and parcel of this economic venture that sacrificed people for profit. After his conversion, however, St. Francis introduced people to a new relationship to the environment. He began to build a fraternal relationship with all of creation.

When St. Francis looked up into the heavens, he didn't see matter and stuff. He didn't see profit centers and cash cows. He saw "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon," creation as a gift of God, signs and signals of a God who loved men and women, whom God endowed with gifts that nourished, sustained and bonded them to one another. In the Catholic tradition, we speak of God speaking in two books: the book of Scriptures and the book of Creation. We hear the voice of a good, loving, sustaining God coming through loudly in the amazing diversity that is God's good creation.

It has always been the Franciscan tradition not to "dominate" creation, to do whatever we want to create things, but to "care for creation" because it is creation that cares for us.



Fr. David Couturier, O.F.M. Cap., joined the university community last summer. Known for his combined expertise in organizational development, strategic planning, and Franciscan education, his many publications span the fields of psychology, pastoral care, social justice and organizational development.

For many years, I was on the board of directors and then president of Franciscans International, an NGO (non-governmental organization) at the United Nations that works for peacemaking, the protection of the poor and the care of creation.

We were part of worldwide discussions of the issue of sustainable development, the doable option of creating an economic agenda that addresses extreme poverty in the world in such a way that doesn't deplete and sacrifice the planet in the process. Too often we hear that we can't do both. We need to ruin the planet to lift up the poor. That is simply not the case.

It's a mindset thing that both Pope Francis and St. Francis are getting at. Since the Enlightenment, we have been taught by a secular imagination that God is fundamentally stingy and we are competitors against one another for the scarce resources that come from a stingy God. In a Franciscan mindset, nothing could be further from the truth, God is not stingy at all.

In fact, St. Bonaventure describes our Creator as a "fons plenitudo," an overflowing fountain of generosity, creativity, and ingenuity spilling

out and spilling over with goodness, kindness, and opportunity from one generation to the next. The Creator offers us a world amazing in abundance and diversity.

But, we have to tend the planet, having a "dominion of care" for what we have received so generously from God. Pope Francis is suggesting that we have to develop an "integral ecology," that is, we need to develop an attitude and strategy that doesn't pit human interests against or above the planet's capacities. We need to jettison the mindset that sees creation as our "enemy."

A fraternal relationship allows us to work cooperatively with one another, in a holy reverence for God's deeper purposes and meaning, and with creation itself in building a sustainable economy and lifestyle for all. Immediate profit cannot be the sole or overriding reason for everything we do. Pope Francis considers that mindset part of the "dangerous desires" of our time that can only lead to greater polarization and increased levels of violence.

(Fr. David is dean of the School of Franciscan Studies and executive director of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure.)

# An open letter to St. Bonaventure University alumni

## We need you.

We could tip-toe around the sentiment. Maybe you'd read between the lines and come to that conclusion by the time you reached the end of this, but the scores of remarkable journalists this University has produced would all be shaking their heads and wondering:

*"Why did they bury the lead?"*

The bottom line needs to be the top line: We need you — now more than ever.

The higher education industry in the United States is experiencing a shift in public perception, character, size and orientation that mirrors the shift in health care that has been unfolding for the past two decades.

Rising costs, the explosion of online education, the advent of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs, in the vernacular) and the growth of a for-profit sector that challenges the core of the traditional industry model continue to occupy the nation's headlines.

Those are just the tremors within the higher education industry. Seismic shifts externally have only exacerbated the problem.

The economic collapse of 2008, an unrivaled student debt bubble, and a challenging job market for young college graduates has families more acutely focused on outcomes and scrutinizing every penny they spend more closely than ever. Add in the staggering population decline in the Northeast — the U.S. region more saturated with colleges than any other — and you have the makings of a revolution.

The revolution has impacted every sector of higher education, but among the most vulnerable are small, private, independent institutions with modest endowments.

St. Bonaventure checks each one of those boxes. We are not the most vulnerable, but St. Bonaventure stands in 2015 at a critical juncture, facing significant decisions and opportunities.

The good news? The revolution has not come as a surprise to St. Bonaventure's Board of Trustees and administration.

The University created a strategic plan in 2009 that established goals and areas of strategic focus aimed at driving rev-



Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F.



Robert Daugherty

enue through enrollment growth, fundraising, and the development of alternative revenue streams.

While we achieved many goals outlined in the plan, others have fallen short, particularly those related to enrollment growth. We are not alone. The vast majority of schools in the Northeast that share our characteristics face the same challenge.

The Board of Trustees recognized this more than a year ago, and began to re-evaluate St. Bonaventure's trajectory in the face of the industry-wide challenges and the microcosm of those challenges in rural Western New York.

This caused our Board to zero in on revenue generators and brand drivers.

While many members of the campus community were spending months preparing an accreditation report that would result in one of the most positive reviews from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the University's history, an ad hoc committee of the Board was answering a question that's been an elephant in the room for years, but never thoroughly examined:

*Does it make sense for a school the size of St. Bonaventure to compete athletically at the Division I level?*

Every business, whether it makes widgets or educates young adults, has an obligation to determine if segments of their opera-

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tions make sense — in essence, are they assets or liabilities?

They must be one or the other.

For months, a committee of trustees and University administrators pored over reams of data, weighing the pros and cons of considering another athletic path.

In the end, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the committee's conclusion, that St. Bonaventure's presence in a conference as academically and athletically successful as the Atlantic 10 — one that offers brand-defining national TV exposure and revenue sources impossible to duplicate in lower Division I or non-Division I leagues — is worth the expense of participation. Roughly 30 percent of St. Bonaventure's enrollment comes from outside of New York, and the evidence suggests that this little fish in a big pond benefits greatly from that exposure.

Moreover, the committee's exploration revealed that one way to enhance enrollment is actually to expand athletic capacity, at both the club level — which already involves more than 300 students — and in Division I. That process has already begun by adding an outdoor track component to the men's and women's cross country teams, resulting in increased roster sizes — meaning 10 to 15 more students — for a sport that operates with low overhead costs. (Those teams begin competition in 2016-17.)

**BUT THE DECISION** to better leverage and monetize our athletic program comes with a significant caveat: Academics must remain the core mission of this University to attract more students, and additional investments in academics and marketing are needed to grow enrollments.

University administrators are now developing a new strategic plan that will align academic and co-curricular planning and investments with athletics planning and investments to maximize synergies and appropriately leverage the assets of each.

But none of this will be easy, which is precisely why we need you. We invite you to follow updates shared via email, this magazine, or alumni events to understand our goals, challenges and opportunities.

We'd love for you to follow the University's social media channels to share and forward the good news we post each day with those in your social media networks. The power of your Bona pride can make a significant difference.

We continue to value your talent through volunteer service, from alumni chapters and advisory boards to the SHARE program that involves alumni in student recruitment.

Use your talents to benefit our students by hosting them as interns at your place of work or offering to serve as a mentor to a student through our Career and Professional Readiness Center.

Finally, we need you to make philanthropic giving to St. Bonaventure University a priority in your life — and a top priority among your philanthropic intentions.

To sustain the signature academic strengths upon which this University's legacy has been built, and to continue to be a part of Division I athletics in the Atlantic 10, we need to see increases in alumni donations to the University. Alumni support is the lifeblood of small, private colleges.

We fully recognize that not everyone has the ability to make a major gift. But nearly everyone has the ability to give something back — if not their treasure, then their time, their talents, even an enthusiastic suggestion to a college-age student to consider your alma mater.

One of the oldest tenets of the financial world is this: Past performance is not an indicator of future results. Simply because this remarkable University has been around for 157 years doesn't assure that it will be around for 157 more. More than one study has suggested that the number of small, private, religiously affiliated colleges in Western New York is not sustainable.

We're sharing this information not to cause undue angst, but merely to be candid about this critical crossroads. We will do all we can to create open and transparent discussion opportunities so we can leverage the power of our 27,000 alumni in our strategic actions for the future.

The questions we face might call for radical answers to combat these difficult times so that we can be first to market in anticipation of the changing world around us. "Think different," Apple proclaimed nearly 20 years ago, and we need to do the same — all of us.

We intend to explore every avenue to make this great University thrive and we feel a deep and abiding obligation to let you know that we need you to be part of the solution.

As you have so many times in the past, we expect that you will say yes to this urgent invitation.

*Pax et bonum,*

Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., University president  
& Robert Daugherty, Board of Trustees chair

## Meet the new Board officers

Chair Robert Daugherty of Chatham, N.J., is a retired partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He has served on the Board since 2007. He served as vice chair of the Board for the past three years under Raymond Dee and was chair of the successful \$15 million School of Business Campaign. Fellow Board officers are:



Vice chair Daniel Collins of Painted Post, N.Y., vice president of Corporate Communications at Corning Inc. He served as a trustee at his alma mater from 1998 to 2002 and rejoined the Board in 2006.



Vice chair Kathleen (Pekar) Colucci of Middlebury, Conn., vice president of Global Sales Transformation at IBM Corp. A trustee since 2007, Colucci is also a Seraphim Legacy Society member.



Secretary Laurie Branch of Olean is president of Iroquois Group, Inc. She served on the Board from 2002 to 2011 and rejoined the Board in 2012. She is an adjunct in the schools of Business and Journalism & Mass Communication.

**ACADEMIC OFFERINGS**

## University opens new Center for Arab and Islamic Studies

Seeking to promote an understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures and an appreciation of both their historical and contemporary significance in the global community, St. Bonaventure has established a Center for Arab and Islamic Studies.

The center's areas of focus are scholarship, on- and off-campus instruction, and community outreach.



Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., Ph.D., who taught on the university faculty in the Department of Modern Languages from 2003 until 2012, has returned to St. Bonaventure to direct the center.

"The center is inspired by the historical encounter between Francis of Assisi and the Egyptian Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil in 1219," said Fr. Michael, "and seeks to promote an understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures, an appreciation of both their historical and contemporary significance in the global community, and respectful relations between Muslim and Christian people."

Beginning this fall, the center's on-campus instruction will consist of undergraduate courses in Arab and Islamic Studies in a variety of disciplines, including art history, history, international relations, language and literature, political science, theology and women's studies. An 18-credit minor in Arab and Islamic Studies is already offered at St. Bonaventure.

A Summer Institute will provide traditional and non-traditional students with an opportunity outside the regular academic year to engage in studies for several weeks on campus in conjunction with the summer programs offered by the Franciscan Institute and Chautauqua Institution.

The center will also foster strong and productive ties with the area's Muslim community.

For more information about the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, visit [www.sbu.edu/CAIS](http://www.sbu.edu/CAIS).



### 18 earn Honors

Sumrah Syed, a psychology major from Staten Island, was among 18 students who earned Honors Degrees in 2015. Her project was "The Satisfactory Portion Bias and Its Effect of Calorie Estimates of Varying Portion Size."

## Podcasts offer career tips

A new series of podcasts featuring faculty and staff from St. Bonaventure's online graduate programs provides listeners with creative and out-of-the-box advice to help them succeed in their next career move.

The podcasts — dubbed the SBU MasterCast and available for free on SoundCloud — feature faculty and staff from the Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) and Strategic Leadership graduate programs.

From interviewing some of rock-and-roll's most famous artists to working with Fortune 500 companies, the individuals featured on the SBU MasterCast discuss their professional skills, offering real-life content and advice. The SBU MasterCast is produced by Synapse Matters, a student-run consultancy at St. Bonaventure that specializes in marketing, advertising and public relations.

You can find the latest episodes of the MasterCast by going to [www.soundcloud.com/SBU-mastercast](http://www.soundcloud.com/SBU-mastercast).

**TOP RANKING**

## Accounting program earns high praise

St. Bonaventure's accounting program has been ranked ninth out of more than 500 small colleges in the United States by Master-of-Finance.org.

The website ranked the top 30 institutions, all with enrollments under 3,000 students, in an effort to distinguish those schools that "stand out among their peers." St. Bonaventure is the only college in New York or Pennsylvania on the list.

The distinctive features the website staff examined included dual bachelor degree options, dual bachelor/master's options, exceptional internship programs, special emphasis on ethics, and specialized accreditation in accounting or business.


"It's nice to be recognized for what we've always known — that our accounting program is one of the best in the nation," said Dr. Carol Fischer, interim dean of the School of Business.

The website praised St. Bonaventure's five-year joint MBA program that qualifies students for the CPA examination, as well as the program's emphasis on internships. The program requires all accounting majors to participate in a 400-hour non-credit internship that "provides them a great professional reference and real-world experience," the website said.

St. Bonaventure is one of the nation's smallest institutions accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business. Over the past five years, 98 percent of the students in the university's five-year accounting program were placed in jobs by the time they graduated.



Students celebrate the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts' 20th anniversary with a late-night dance party at the QCA. Other anniversary events included concerts by student ensembles and a benefit anniversary gala that featured dinner and dancing on stage at the arts center.

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**FULBRIGHT AWARD****Conheady headed to Slovak Republic**

St. Bonaventure's Shannon Conheady, '15, was awarded a grant from the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Conheady, who graduated in May with an Honors degree and a bachelor's degree in history, will be placed this fall as an English teaching assistant (ETA) at a Slovak Republic secondary school. She is the third student to earn a Fulbright



grant in the last two years.

Conheady is one of more than 1,900 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2015-2016 academic year through the program.

"Based on the interest level of my students, I would like to set up after school intramural teams to teach athletic fundamentals," said Conheady, who was president of SBU's women's rugby team and the 2015 Ideal Bonaventure Woman. "This will give the students the opportunity to broaden their English and work outside the classroom as a team."

**PATHWAY TO PHARM.D.****SBU, UB collaborate on pharmacy program**

St. Bonaventure will offer a seven-year doctor of pharmacy program in collaboration with the University at Buffalo's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The program will first be offered in fall 2016.

Students accepted into this competitive program will have a conditional seat waiting for them at UB after majoring in biology at St. Bonaventure for three years.

"Aligning ourselves with the highly respected pharmacy school at UB is a welcomed opportunity for prospective students, as well as the St. Bonaventure community," said Dr. Monica Thomas, director of the Franciscan Health Care Professions program at St. Bonaventure.

The program is completed with an additional four years at UB, leading to a bachelor's degree awarded by St. Bonaventure and a doctorate in pharmacy awarded by UB.

Requirements will be detailed in writing when a conditional acceptance is offered, and can also be found online at [www.sbu.edu/ubpharm](http://www.sbu.edu/ubpharm).

**ROTC HALL OF FAME Battalion salutes Giovino brothers**

Two brothers with distinguished U.S. Army careers were inducted into the St. Bonaventure University Seneca Battalion Army ROTC Hall of Fame March 28.

Col. Paul E. Giovino (Ret), '84, of Buffalo, and the late Maj. Michael A. Giovino (Ret), '79, are the first siblings who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame in the same year.

Maj. Giovino's wife, the former Sue Ann Herger, '79, accepted the award on his behalf.

**A round of applause for the Class of 1965**

The mighty Class of 1965 gathered for its 50th anniversary reunion with numerous special events and featuring enthusiastic attention to the Grotto renovation project.

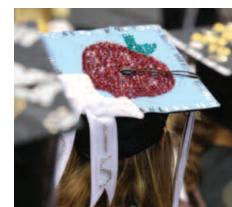
After a campus tour, the group gathered for prayer and blessings at the site with University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., and University Ministries Executive Director Fr. Francis Di Spigno, O.F.M.

The project has been a major philanthropic focus for the class, as they achieved unprecedented Annual Fund giving led by class giving chairpersons, along with contributions sufficient to help bring the project to fruition.

With efforts also shared among the classes of '64 and '15, project completion is anticipated in early autumn. Stay tuned for the "big reveal" of the completed project in the next issue of Bonaventure magazine.

**Teaching candidates have perfect pass rate on new state assessment**

Teaching candidates prepared by the School of Education have set the bar as high as it can go. Since the spring of 2014, St. Bonaventure graduates have a perfect batting average (43 for 43) on New York state's newly mandated edTPA — the educational "Teacher Performance Assessment" that is now one of the certification tests required by New York for initial teacher certification in all areas.



The edTPA helps determine if new teachers are "ready to enter the profession with the skills necessary to help all of their students learn," according to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

"When we first heard about the rigor and proposed pass scores for the edTPA, we never dreamed that we would achieve anywhere near a 100 percent pass rate, but through the diligent work of our faculty led by Dr. Nancy Casey, we have achieved that for three semesters running," said Dr. Joseph Zimmer, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Zimmer was dean of the School of Education from 2012 until June 2015; Dr. Casey is now interim dean.

**Athletics honors four alums**

Director of Athletics Tim Kenney (left) and University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. (right) congratulate four outstanding former student-athletes who were inducted into the St. Bonaventure University Athletics Hall of Fame as the Class of 2015. Pictured from left are Laura Spaulding Sumner, '04 (lacrosse); Kim Dodson, '04 (softball); Otto Piedmont, '70 (swimming); and Mario Arce, '05 (tennis). Read more at [gobonnies.com](http://gobonnies.com).



Dr. Gregory Privitera mentors undergraduate students Kayla Cuifolo, '16, and Quentin King-Shepard, '16, in cutting-edge research.

## In the mood for better health?

Research by university faculty and students is leading the way to identify how we can experience the joy of living while also eating healthier. In recent decades, there has been a profound shift in the appetitive characteristics of depression. In the 1960s, depression was characterized mostly by weight loss and loss of appetite. However, today it is most common for those with depression to see weight gain and increased appetite.

Collaborating research teams at St. Bonaventure and Duke University Medical Center tackled this problem by investigating risk factors that may overlap between obesity and depression, said Dr. Gregory Privitera, associate professor of psychology at SBU and one of the lead researchers.

The latest study from this collaboration, published in the online scientific research journal PLoS ONE in March, showed that compared to lean participants, obese participants with clinical symptoms of depression showed reduced self-control when asked to choose among varying portions of a fried food (chicken wings), and a dessert (cake). This pattern was not evident when participants chose among varying portions of a fruit and vegetable.

SBU students are playing a big role in this. Many undergraduate students have already coauthored papers as part of this project, with a larger group of students now coming together for studies to be run this fall.

### CULTURAL AMBASSADOR

## Alum travels to Cuba on cultural tour

Michael Hill, '96, as president and CEO of Youth for Understanding USA, helped arrange for the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., to travel to Cuba on a cultural tour in July. Hill is also a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

The 23 singers in the chorus were among the first U.S. citizens who were able to travel to Cuba since diplomatic relations with the U.S. improved. The group's goal was to raise awareness of LGBTQ rights through music. Hill, along with staff and volunteers from Youth for Understanding, accompanied the chorus. YFU advances intercultural understanding, mutual respect and social responsibility through educational exchanges for youth, families and communities.

The five concerts on the tour took place at prestigious locations in Cuba such as the Franciscan Monastery. The chorus also participated in forum-style discussions.

### STEM INITIATIVES

## SBU science faculty mentor area teachers and students

The university's science faculty organized two summer STEM events to inspire and support area teachers and students. Workshops for area K-12 science teachers were held July 15-17 on campus with a goal of bringing teachers, school administrators and SBU science faculty together for a discussion on the status of science education at K-12 and college levels, said Dr. Xiao-Ning Zhang, associate professor of biology, who organized the events.

They explored new opportunities for networking and partnerships between area schools and the university while also participating in hands-on laboratory experiences and a "field trip" to one of the world's leading innovators in materials science.



On July 13, educators toured Corning Inc.'s innovative research center labs. The visit was followed by three days of hands-on laboratory experiences on campus in which the teachers developed lessons designed to promote high school students' interest in STEM fields. The teachers from Archbishop Walsh, Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Olean, Scio and St. Mary's of Lancaster attended labs in physics, geology, chemistry, biology and mathematics.

Science faculty who gave instructions during the workshop included Dr. Ted Georgian, Romy Knittel, Zhang, Dr. Jerry Godbout, Dr. Maureen Cox and Dr. Jerry Kiefer.

Eight area high school sophomores and juniors were selected for a two-week program on campus that offered a career training package including a research experience alongside science faculty and a variety of STEM career talks. The students worked one-on-one with the faculty on a cutting-edge science topic then presented their research projects to family, friends and the SBU community.

Science faculty mentors for these high school students included Drs. Georgian, Douglas Guarnieri, Peter Schneible, O.F.M., Johanna Schwingel, Salvador Tarun, Zhang and Donna Brestensky.

"As SBU reinforces its academic excellence and educational services to the vast community, it was the passion of our donors — the Kevin Kim family and Olean Medical Group — who helped these events to hit the ground running," said Zhang. "The success of these events demonstrated that the science faculty team at SBU is of high quality and committed to guiding students to successful career paths."



## 2015 COMMENCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Tim Brown**, president and chief executive officer of Nestlé Waters North America; **Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.**, a former University trustee who served as provincial minister of Holy Name Province from 2005 to 2014; and **Sandra Arcara Richter**, an Olean native and St. Bonaventure alumna whose philanthropy laid the groundwork to build the Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center.



Commencement speaker Tim Brown (center) is flanked by University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., and trustee James Stitt.

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Tim Brown**



### STUDENT SPEAKER

**Joseph Yaegle** of Youngsville, Pa.  
 “You have given me the greatest gift that any person can receive: the gift of love. And for that, I thank you, Class of 2015. Without you, I’d be lost. But with you, I will always be home.”



▶ Photos from Commencement Week events are available to download at [www.sbu.edu/bonaflickr](http://www.sbu.edu/bonaflickr).

# REUNION 2015

There's only one way to say it — **Thank you, Alumni!** You came back to campus in record numbers (more than 1,100) to enjoy a magical weekend at the place you still call home.

We're already starting to plan Reunion 2016, slated for the weekend of June 3-5. Honored class years end in 1 and 6. Please join us!



### *Kudos to the SBU alumni of the year*



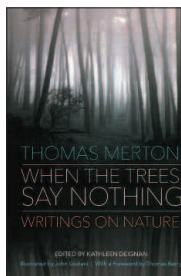
John Berger Sr., '60 (left), a senior client executive with Lawley Insurance, and John McGinley Jr., '65 (right), partner at Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellottwere, were named 2015 Alumni of the Year.





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Just in time for the 100th anniversary of **Thomas Merton's** birth, Ave Maria Press is releasing a paperback version of "When the Trees Say Nothing."



First published in 2003, "When the Trees Say Nothing" has sold more than 60,000 copies and continually inspires readers with its unique collection of Merton's luminous writings on nature. The book, edited by

Sr. Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D., and illustrated by John Giuliani, is arranged for reflection and meditation.

Merton was a Trappist monk, author, poet, social commentator, and perhaps the most influential and widely published spiritual writer of the 20th century. He served a brief stint as a professor of English at St. Bonaventure University in the early 1940s that, though short, would prove pivotal to his spiritual life.

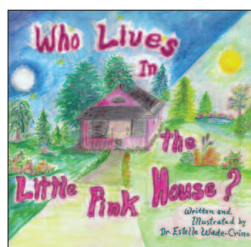
**Roger Corea, '65**, published his first novel, "Scarback: There Is So Much More To Fishing Than Catching Fish." "Scarback" draws heavily on Corea's own experience. The award-winning contemporary novel, set in the 1950s, is based on the many colorful characters, places and events he first discovered in the Italian-American neighborhood of his youth. Its climactic scene takes place during a Canadian fishing trip similar to the annual expeditions organized by his father and uncle. Corea's second novel, "The Dusenbergs Caper," a thriller about the unexpected discovery of a long-lost classic automobile, is set to hit shelves this summer.

Writing is a natural outgrowth of Corea's formal education. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from St. Bonaventure and completed post-graduate work in English at the University of Rochester. Before entering the business world, Corea taught English literature at Canandaigua Academy and Penfield High School, where he also served as assistant football coach. Corea lives with his wife, Mary Ann, in East Rochester. They have three children and three grandchildren.

**Estelle Wade-Crino, '66**, explores the secret life of dolls in her new children's book "Who Lives in the Little Pink House?" The book, which Wade-Crino wrote and illustrated, tells the story of a group of dolls who discover that new dolls are coming to live with them, and that these dolls are dif-

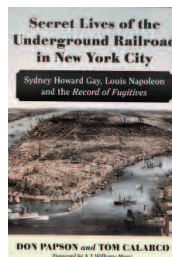
ferent from them. All of us want to be liked, and the dolls in the little pink house are no different. Can the dolls, old and new, overcome their differences and form new friendships?

Wade-Crino is a retired public school teacher, administrator, adjunct professor, artist and writer. She owns and manages



Pinewoods Cottage Bed and Breakfast. With the encouragement of her friends and family, she is exploring different avenues of writing and storytelling.

**Tom Calarco, '69**, has penned his seventh book about the Underground Railroad, this time with the help of co-author Don Papson. "Secret Lives of the Underground Railroad in New York City" reveals secrets about the legendary network that have been virtually unknown for almost 160 years. It centers on the little-known Record of Fugitives kept by abolitionist editor Sydney Howard Gay from 1855 to 1856. It tells the story of two men, Gay and an obscure free black man named Louis Napoleon, who devoted their lives to assist fugitives from slavery.

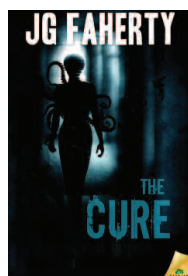


Among the notables who share the pages of the book are Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. Included in the book are two episodes of Tubman's exploits. One entry written in the Record in 1856 has a substantial never-before-published summary of Tubman's efforts to rescue her family from slavery. The book also shows links of the Underground Railroad that reached from New York City into Western New York.

To learn more, visit [www.secretlivesoftheundergroundrailroadinnyc.com](http://www.secretlivesoftheundergroundrailroadinnyc.com).

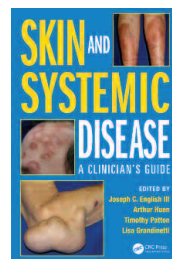
**JG "Greg" Faherty, '84**, Bram Stoker

Award- and ITW Thriller Award-nominated author of such gripping tales as "Carnival of Fear" and "Cemetery Club," released a new novel in March. "The Cure" is a dark urban fantasy about a woman with the power to heal by laying hands. Only the gift comes with a



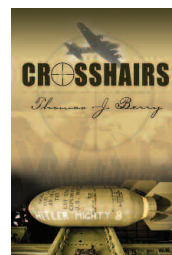
price: Every injury and illness she cures has to be passed on to someone else. Faherty has had four novels, seven novellas, and more than 50 short stories published since 2005. His 2013 release, "The Burning Time," used Olean and St. Bonaventure as the basis for his fictional town of Hastings Mills. You can follow him at [www.facebook.com/jgfaherty](http://www.facebook.com/jgfaherty) and [www.jgfaherty.com](http://www.jgfaherty.com).

**Joseph C. English III, MD, '87**, professor of dermatology at the University of Pittsburgh, has led a team of academic dermatologists in producing the textbook "Skin and Systemic Disease: A Clinician's Guide" (CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Medical Group, 2015). This medical text will act as an important reference for physicians trying to diagnose and treat patients with skin symptoms that may indicate systemic disease. It presents a comprehensive guide of skin disorders, covering more than 100 conditions and it features an authoritative coverage of skin disorders by a team of authors from one center.



English has published more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and authored several book chapters on skin disease. This new work represents 20 years of experience that he has accumulated in the field of medical dermatology.

**Thomas Berry, '88**, has published his third historical book, "Crosshairs." It is a compilation of stories of three veterans from the Second World War. Putting their individual stories into historical context, he traces their lives through countless missions and overwhelming odds.



Two of the men were bomber pilots, dropping their payload over German installations in Europe during some of the most intense action in the war. Don Malloy is shot down over Germany and captured. His quest for freedom led to several escape attempts over the imposing Alps.

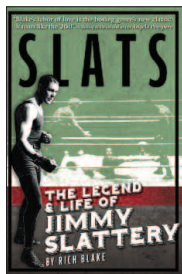
Bob McCauley's career took a different path, as he completed more than 30 missions of his own. When he volunteered for one final top-secret assignment, he was taking a leap into the unknown: The project, Aphrodite, was years ahead of its time,

sending bomb-laden remote aircraft into the skies, hoping to knock out Germany's dangerous V2 rocket sites. Flying alongside him was John F. Kennedy's older brother, Joseph Jr.

A third veteran, Frank Krause, found himself on the beaches of Normandy and the craggy mountains of the Italian Apennines, fighting a desperate and ruthless enemy.

"Crosshairs" is available in print and ebook formats. Berry lives with his wife and five children in New Jersey.

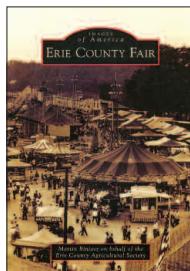
No Frills Buffalo has published "Slats: The Legend & Life of Jimmy Slattery" by **Rich Blake, '90**. Researched for more than a decade, "Slats" is the true story of the charismatic, volatile Irish boy wonder who streaked across the national scene like a comet during the Roaring Twenties — then crashed into oblivion.



The book has already garnered some high praise, such as that from Ty Wenger, deputy editor of ESPN The Magazine: "Rich Blake's fondness for boxing phenom Jimmy Slattery infuses every page of this spellbinding tale. Through a spectacular work of journalism, Blake has reclaimed the forgotten history of a life that is both uniquely American and singularly astonishing. I kept asking myself, 'Why have I never heard of Jimmy Slattery before?' What a truly remarkable tale ... delightfully told."

To arrange for a signed copy, email the author at richblake@hotmail.com.

**Martin Biniasz, '94**, tells the story of the Erie County Fair in his new addition to the Images of America series, "Images of America: Erie County Fair." The book boasts 200 vintage images, many of which have never been published, and chronicles the history of the nation's largest independent county fair.



From its humble, pioneer beginnings to its current incarnation as the largest independent county fair in the United States, the Erie County Fair in Hamburg, N.Y., is a beloved Western New York institution. Annually, more than 1 million people flock to its historic fairgrounds located just south of

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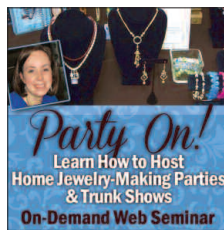
Buffalo to celebrate agriculture, showcase time-honored traditions, keep the spirit of competition alive, and, most importantly, come together as a community.

Through vintage photographs, "Erie County Fair" presents a visual narrative of the fair's history and stimulates cherished memories rooted in decades of excitement found at this annual summer gathering.

A native of Buffalo, Biniasz has extensive experience in marketing, public relations, event management, crisis communication and promotions.

**Sarah-Christian Carlson, '01**, published her first e-book, "A Whole New U: The 5-Day Whole Foods Detox from Gluten and Sugar," with cowriter and holistic health coach Laura Maxey. The book stresses whole, real foods over processed foods, as well as cutting out sugar and gluten. Food isn't the only focus of the book: Carlson discusses how stress can be just as toxic to the body as unhealthy food. The proceeds of Carlson's book sales will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Pancreatic Cancer Association of Western New York.

**Sara (Graham) Richardson, '02**, a chain maille jewelry artist and a contributing editor for Step Wire Jewelry magazine, published two hour-long informative web seminars catering to the jewelry-making community, through Interweave/F+W Media.



The first, released in November 2014, is titled Party On! Learn How to Host Home Jewelry-Making Parties and Trunk Shows. This seminar focuses on the popular trend of home parties, and provides valuable tips and tricks for hand-made jewelry artists who want to expand their business into the party circuit.

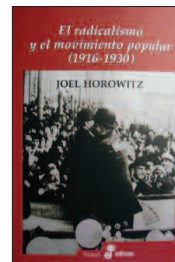
The second, released in February, is An Editor's Guide to Getting Published: Best Practices for Submitting Your Jewelry Designs. Richardson provides an insider's perspective as both a jewelry magazine editor and a published jewelry artist, helping other artists learn the proper ways to submit their jewelry projects to craft magazines.

Both seminars are now available on demand at [www.interweavestore.com](http://www.interweavestore.com).

**Dr. Robert P. Amico's** "Antiracist Teaching," available from Paradigm Publishers, addresses the difficulties of teaching students about antiracism. Amico discusses how, over the course of 14 years, he has learned to teach students about antiracism, a subject that students sometimes find difficult to discuss.

"The book offers some suggestions about how to broach the topic of race in the classroom. It's a subject that raises a lot of emotion in people, and a lot of students, especially white students, are not accustomed to talking about issues of race and privilege," said Amico, professor of philosophy at SBU. To help teachers discuss race in the classroom, "Antiracist Teaching" also comes with access to a website that includes details about Amico's courses and documents he uses in his classes to help his students address the issue of race. The book is available in hardcover on Amazon.com. Amico is chair of the university's Diversity Action Committee and the Council on Discrimination and Harassment.

**Dr. Joel Horowitz** has had published in Argentina "El radicalismo y la movilización popular (1916-1930)," a book that explores the manner in which the then-largest political party, the Radical Party, mobilized popular support in the city of Buenos Aires. Horowitz is a longtime professor of history at St. Bonaventure. Published by Edhasa, a major commercial press in Argentina, the book is a translation of the English language book "Argentina's Radical Party and Popular Mobilization, 1916-1930," which was published in 2008 by Pennsylvania State University Press.



In this book, Horowitz examines democracy's first appearance in a country that seemed to satisfy all of the criteria that political developmental specialists of the 1950s and 1960s identified as crucial. This experiment lasted in Argentina from 1916 to 1930, when it ended in a military coup that left a troubled legacy for decades to come. What explains the initial success but ultimate failure of democracy during this period? According to Horowitz, a crucial element is the reaction to the way the governing party mobilized popular backing.



# The Hardtack Regiment

Historical documents from Cattaraugus, Chautauqua county Civil War veterans have a new home at SBU

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Text by Amelia Kibbe, '17 | Photos by Danny Bush, '13, '15

ark H. Dunkelman said he knew St. Bonaventure University would take good care of his collection on a Civil War regiment, the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry — a compilation he has worked on for more than 40 years.

And that's why Dunkelman, who lives in Providence, R.I., donated his research material to Friedsam Memorial Library on the St. Bonaventure campus. The regiment, established in 1862, marshaled in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties and took part in numerous Civil War campaigns, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Atlanta.

Dunkelman said he and his research partner, the late Michael J. Winey, began to collaborate on the collection in the early 1970s.

"The goal of our research was to write a history of the regiment," Dunkelman said. "We did that and in 1981 our book 'The Hardtack Regiment' was published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press."

But his interest in the 154th regiment began much earlier than the 1970s. It began when he was a young boy, listening to stories about his great-grandfather, who had been a member of the regiment.

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"The stories fascinated me as a child," he said. "About 1964, I wrote a letter to Fr. Irenaeus Herscher, O.F.M., who was then in charge of the Friedsam library, asking him if the library had any material." At the time the library did not, but Fr. Irenaeus wrote back telling Dunkelman he would help in any way he could.

Dunkelman continued gathering more research — such as letters and diary entries — and it wasn't long until he met Winey, who was also a 154th regiment fanatic. Winey had compiled a history of the 154th for his master's thesis in the Cooperstown Graduate Program, so the connection was an easy one for the two men.

Together, Winey and Dunkelman collected more material and information and began writing their book, officially titled "The Hardtack Regiment: An Illustrated History of the 154th Regiment, New York State Infantry Volunteers."

"I kept working on more and more stuff after our first book," said Dunkelman, who has published five additional books about the men of the 154th. "I have contacted more than 1,200 descendants of members of the regiment, and they gave me more material, some originals and some copies."

According to Dunkelman, his collection is one of the largest collections of primary-source material about any single Civil War regiment. About a decade ago he began to look for a place to house their growing collection.

"The regiment is largely from Cattaraugus County," said Dunkelman. "So I knew Cattaraugus County was its home. In July 2002, Mike and I met with library director Paul Spaeth and then later with archivist Dennis Frank and toured the library. They were very receptive to the collection coming there, and I knew it would be well curated and well taken care of."

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Boyd Myers (left) enlisted in 1862 at age 29 in Napoli. Captured in action May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Va., he was paroled May 16, 1863, at City Point, Va. Myers mustered out June 27, 1865, at Washington, D.C.



## Letters Home

Among the many documents in the Civil War collection are letters like these from soldiers to their families

General USA Hospital  
No. 2 Chattanooga Tenn  
July 11th/64

Dear Parents

Your letter came to hand to day with much pleasure ... My wound was light flesh wound in the left arm. The ball went through my tin cup & A piece of the cup went in my leg but it all was slight I think that I was lucky to some of them for I did not loose any limbs...

Dell Ames  
(Edson D. Ames)

Oct the 25th/62  
Fairfax Court House

Dear Father & Mother and Brothers & sisters & Granma

I not being very well I thought I would write a few lines and let you know how the Chaut boys get a long. Pa they stand it pretty well except the virginnia quick step that is what ails me thay make us drill from 8 to 9 hours a day and it keeps a fellow tierd so he can sleep ...

Write as soon as you get this good by to you all write all the news wether you have got your crops in and if they are good how manny potatoes.

From your affectionate son  
Homer A. Ames

Frank said Dunkelmann sent copies of his publications over the years, which he continues to do.

In 2013, Dunkelmann donated a large portion of documentary elements, which included photographs and records of the members of the regiment.

St. Bonaventure student interns have already begun to scan some of the material to make it available in digital format, Frank added.

Learn more about the regiment at [www.hardtackregiment.com](http://www.hardtackregiment.com)

“Our hope is to eventually have the complete collection digitized and available on the Internet to make access easier for researchers,” said Frank. “Meanwhile, the entire collection is available for research by the university and wider communities by appointment.”

At present, the collection is housed in the Archives’ vault in the library.

In addition, Dunkelmann has loaned the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts many of his artifacts, which largely consist of letters, diaries and photographs.

Evelyn Penman, assistant director of the Quick Center, said the items will be displayed in an exhibition in the The-

ater Atrium and in two galleries adjacent to the atrium, the Paul and Toni Branch Gallery and the Front Gallery. The exhibition opened Aug. 1 and closes Nov. 15, at which time the items will be returned to Dunkelmann. She said museum officials hope to include the exhibit on museum tours.

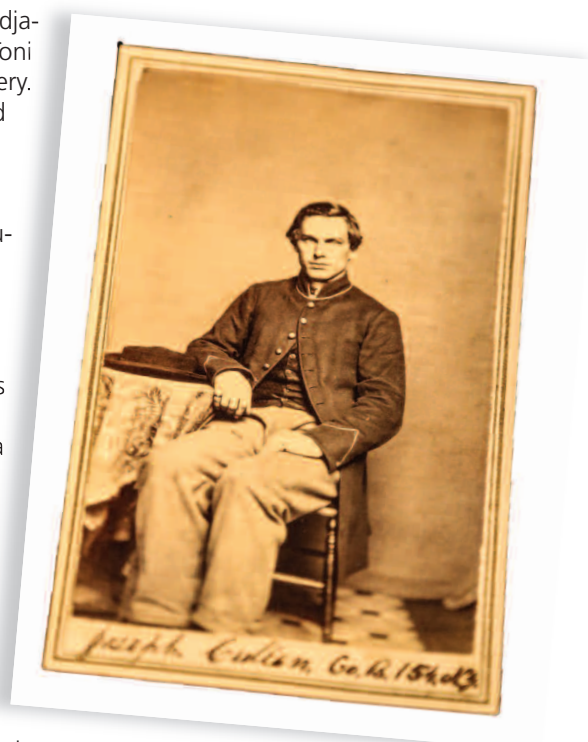
The opening date of the exhibition coincides with the 30th annual reunion of the descendants of the 154th regiment, which was held at the university.

The Aug. 1 reunion included a panel discussion and barbecue. Buffalo band Rush the Growler performed musical pieces based on poems and letters written by members of the 154th regiment.

“You can learn a lot about a lot of subjects,” Dunkelmann said of his work. “I like to think of this (the 154th regiment) as a prism through which I examine the Civil War, and now other people can do the same.”

Dunkelmann said eventually his entire collection — both artifacts and research material — will be donated to the university.

For more information about the 154th regiment and Dunkelmann’s collection, visit his website at [www.hardtackregiment.com](http://www.hardtackregiment.com).



Joseph Cullen (above) was born May 16, 1838, in Upton, Nottinghamshire, England. At age 21, he enlisted at Little Valley to serve three years in the 154th. He was captured in action March 27, 1865, near Snow Hill, S.C., and paroled May 5. Cullen mustered out June 29, 1865, in New York City.

**ON DISPLAY:** These are some of the artifacts on loan to the Quick Center for its exhibition on the 154th regiment



► This ribbon of GAR membership in the regiment was manufactured by F. Brueschwylar of Salamanca. Veterans of the 154th New York reunited in the postwar years at meetings of local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic — the greatest Union veterans organization — and at annual regimental reunions.



► This tintype is of 1st Lt. Alexander Bird from Ellicottville wearing a Twentieth Corps star badge (also pictured next to the frame). Photography evolved rapidly during the Civil War Era. Daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and ferrotypes (tintypes) were superseded by photographs produced by the wet-plate process, which allowed for duplicates to be made.



► Devillo Wheeler, a 15-year-old private, sent this print of Camp Seward, Va., home to his family in Allegany. Wheeler was captured at Gettysburg and died as a POW in Richmond. Louis Rosenthal of Philadelphia produced this and other prints in 1862 depicting regimental camps near Washington, D.C.



# Archival Internships

History majors Daniel Leopold (left), '16, and Caitlin Goodwill, '16, dove headfirst into their spring internships in University Archives, where their main focus was cataloguing photos and letters from the Civil War collection



**I DECIDED** to take the internship in the Archives because I was interested in a master's program in archiving. I was almost sure that it would be the right career move for me — and now I'm positive. I'm excited to keep studying and hopefully one day I'll be in charge of my own projects. (Archivist) Dennis Frank makes the job look fun, and as stressful as it might be, it's the good kind of stress. Archiving is what I imagine a career should be: fulfilling, entertaining and challenging.

Working with the 154th collection gave me my first real experience working with archival material. I knew that this information was someone's life work and that made it all the more important to me. I wanted to do justice for the soldiers as well as the researchers and families who worked to compile the photos I was working with. Knowing that, for many of the men, I was looking at the only known photo of them was possibly the most impactful part.

~ CAITLIN GOODWILL of OLEAN, N.Y.

## Perhaps history *is* all fun and games

**S**tudents in the university's Introduction to Public History class this fall are going to be able to dive deep into the lives of the men from the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry.

The students will explore the collection of photographs, letters and research about the Civil War regiment and then design a Civil War-themed game based on the materials, explained professor of history Dr. Phillip Payne, who teaches the class.

"Having these papers will be a strong

opportunity for a learning experience for our students," Payne said.

For an independent study project, senior Leah Brownstein pored through the 154th regiment research materials donated to the university by Mark Dunkelman and the late Michael Winey and offered recommendations on how to proceed with the gamification of the Civil War collection.

"Historically themed and educational games aren't new, but the popularity and success of video gaming is transforming the way people learn," Brownstein noted in her research.

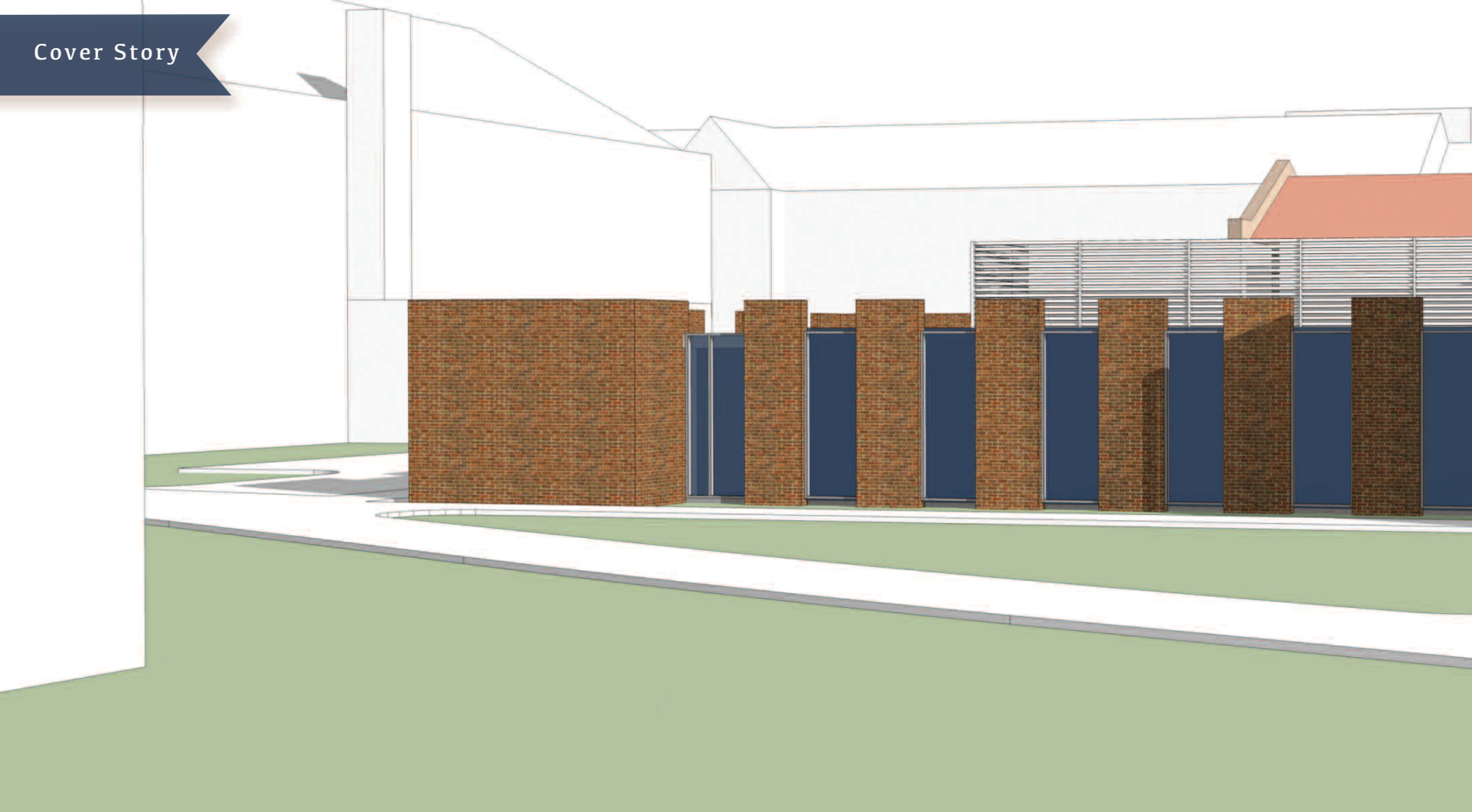
"How do you translate this into a

game that would teach kids about the 154th experience? That's where we're headed with this," Payne said.

Many education technology companies, museums and schools are using game techniques to capture the attention of schoolchildren. But regardless of whether a game's end result is physical or electronic, the initial building blocks and planning often start on paper.

"On a fundamental level, we're giving them real 21st century skills. This is what historians do. When I'm functioning as a historian, I'm going into the Archives, sorting through material and research," added Payne.

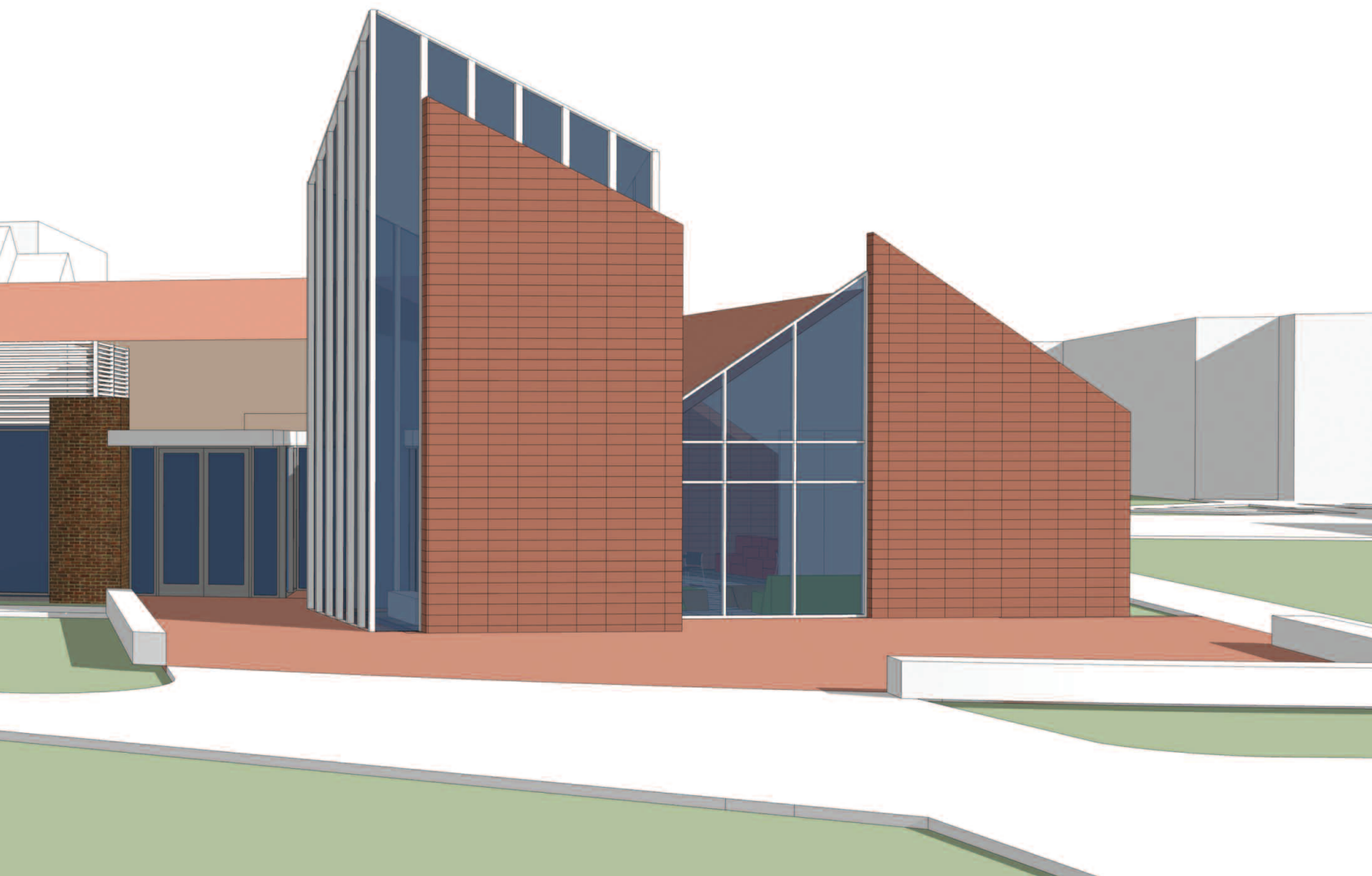
 Learn more about what's happening in the Department of History via its blog at [bonashistorydept.blogspot.com](http://bonashistorydept.blogspot.com).



# Rebuilding God's House

A new spiritual hub is planned  
in the heart of campus

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



## “Go and rebuild my house, which you see is falling into ruin.”

**T**he experience must have been incredible, literally, yet St. Francis and the Franciscans have been following that directive for more than 800 years. St. Bonaventure, recounting the story in his “Major Life of St. Francis of Assisi,” tells us how St. Francis was moved by the Spirit to pray before the iconic image of the crucified Christ in the rubble of a forgotten chapel dedicated to St. Damian. With all the fervor and confusion of a young man searching for answers, kneeling before what we now call the San Damiano cross, he heard a voice telling him three times: “Francis, go and rebuild my house, which you see is falling into ruin.”

Franciscans throughout the centuries have continued that challenge to “rebuild my house.” It has taken on many forms, styles and manners that would include soup kitchens, forming support groups, and hearing confessions, along with the building of churches, parishes, dioceses and even universities.

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About a year ago, University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., told Br. Ed Coughlin, O.F.M., then-vice president for Franciscan Mission, and me, the executive director of University Ministries, that the rebuilding of the Lord's "house" on our campus was about to take a giant leap forward.

With the dedication, vision and generosity of John R. "Jack" McGinley Jr., '65, his family, and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, the 157-year history of Franciscan presence in the Southern Tier will be moving into a new home. Several trustees are joining Jack McGinley in support of the project.

During my four short years at St. Bonaventure I have heard countless times, "There is something special about St. Bonaventure." Parents of prospective students have said it. Students who are fully ensconced in their academic careers have said it, and certainly many, many alumni have shared the same sentiment. But what is it? What is it that makes our university so special?

Of course, I am biased, but it seems obvious to me that what makes St. Bonaventure so special is that intuitive Franciscan sense that everyone is welcome. Everyone is a part of the family.

After all of these years of brown and white, the charism permeates the multitude of bricks, the miles of sidewalks, and certainly the people who love to call this place "home." Once a Bonnie, Always a Bonnie.



This photo of the Merton Center, seen from Plassmann Hall before the center's conversion from a garage building, was taken in the 1950s.

That Franciscan spirit is found in the classroom, certainly, but it was most likely sparked by an experience you had that enlivened your soul. Perhaps it is the memory of a friar helping you through your freshman year when you didn't quite fit in yet. Or maybe it was a dinner and reflection at Mt. Irenaeus, or perhaps, more recently, joining in the "Blessing of the Brains" on Reading Day to help calm your panic the day before finals start.

Whatever the experience was, the foundation of it all was rooted in the Franciscan spirit of welcome, acceptance and respect that is embodied in the university's values of *Discovery, Community and Individual Worth*.

The Thomas Merton Center has been the locus of ministerial outreach since 1973.

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*The countless number of students, faculty and staff who have come to The Thomas Merton Center over the years found a place to rebuild themselves, and one another, within that simple brick building. They knew they could always find the spirit of welcome and spiritual exploration in the heart of the campus.*

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Photo by Danny Bush

The Ministries team enhances students' faith through liturgical programs, sacraments, worship experiences and spiritual formation. Pictured is Julianne Wallace, associate director of Faith Formation, Worship and Ministry.



Photo by Rachel Konieczny, '17

University Ministries' Blessing of the Brains prayer service is offered each semester to slow down the anxiety cycle prior to finals.

It was at that time when Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., and Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M., asked the president, Fr. Damian McElrath, O.F.M., if ministries could move out of the basement of Butler Gym into what was the old maintenance building.

**T**he maintenance department moved farther west the previous year to its present location beyond Plassmann Hall. The vacated maintenance site, a one-floor brick building located on prime real estate, was up for grabs.

The University Archives tell us that Fr. Dan and Fr. John oversaw "the \$60,000 facelift, completed by a workforce consisting almost entirely of volunteers. Open[ing] in March 1973, the newly renovated facility initially had no carpeting, hanging fluorescent lights and little furniture, but was soon furnished to include a piano, stereo system, movie projector, kitchen, library, prayer room, study-conversation room and shag rugs. In 1977, the Campus Ministry Center was rechristened 'The Thomas Merton Center.'"<sup>1</sup>

Under the leadership of Bob Donius and with assistance from the Lilly Foundation, significant renovations took place at the center 12 years ago.

The large room that once wore the green shag carpet was divided to create office space to welcome the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, the University Mission Office, the Office of Faith Formation, Worship and Ministries, The Warming House/Bona Buddies, and Mt. Irenaeus.

Yet with all the changes, the Franciscan spirit of building and rebuilding God's "house" continued. The countless number of students, faculty and staff who have come to The Thomas Merton Center over the years found a place to rebuild themselves, and one another, within that simple brick building. They knew they could always find the spirit of welcome and spiritual exploration in the heart of campus.

**T**he new ministry center will occupy the same location. Construction of the William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center has resulted in a newly formed campus quad that is the place to be. It is a perfect intersection for those walking from the Reilly Center to the library, Butler Gym or Café La Verna, or between Plassmann and Robinson, Falconio and Doyle halls.

As Franciscans, we want to be in the crossroads of people's lives — in the great, fantastic and wonderful times, as well as the painful, difficult and challenging times. Fr. Michael Blastic, O.F.M., in a presentation he made to the guardians of Holy Name Province in 2005, used the word *conversatio* to imply that the friars should be among the people.

Fr. Michael explained that "using the Latin word *conversatio*, the root of the term conversation, the rule (of life of the friars minor) envisages a conversation (being with and towards another)."

He went on to say that "the brothers' manner of life is thus

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<sup>1</sup> [[http://web.sbu.edu/friedsam/archives/buildings/uminn\\_engineering.htm](http://web.sbu.edu/friedsam/archives/buildings/uminn_engineering.htm)]

to be conversational — sharing life with brothers and sisters in this conversational manner rebuilds the house of God.”

The Franciscan spirit of welcome, generosity and respect does not expect perfection.

No, as Franciscans we begin our conversation with who we are. We recognize that we are people who are broken (sinners), and in need of rebuilding (forgiveness), and because of who we believe God is for us, we know that we are redeemed (made whole). We are forgiven. We are loved.

Franciscans throughout the ages have continued to rebuild the Lord’s house by sharing the good news that all people and all of creation, in our own uniqueness, are good, holy and blessed.

After all these years, from the basement of a gym to a maintenance building to what will be a solid foundation of our Franciscan heritage, this new ministry center will be an outward sign of what the friars and sisters have been doing for centuries.

It will become a sacramental place where we can continue to build up one another, recognize our own dignity and that of each other, so to realize God’s kingdom is among us.

The new ministry center, besides housing the offices within University Ministries, will contain a state-of-the-art conference room, meeting rooms, a full kitchen, a great room for larger assemblies, and an Interfaith Tower. The tower will stand tall within the Plassmann quad. Rightly so. A great vision of Sr. Margaret



Photo by Danny Bush

Many alumni seek out the university’s sacred spaces to celebrate the sacraments of marriage and baptism. Rebecca and Peter Mantilia, ’80 (right), renewed their wedding vows in the university oratory on their 28th wedding anniversary while on campus Reunion Weekend. Also pictured are the Mantilias’ daughter Alyssa, SBU Class of 2012 (left), and Fr. Francis Di Spigno, O.F.M., who officiated the ceremony.

was to have a place for people of all faiths to come for private or communal prayer. There will be no iconography specific to any faith tradition within the tower so that everyone knows that it is their space. There will be the possibility to bring forth our own symbols and images, but always, without ownership and with great respect for the other.

Ultimately, it is our hope that we can follow Jesus’ great prayer that we “may all be one.” [John 20:17]

We anticipate construction to begin in the spring of 2016 with completion and occupancy by the middle of fall semester 2016. Typically we would say, “Let the building commence,” but in this case it is only appropriate to say, “Let the rebuilding continue!”

*(Fr. Francis is executive director of University Ministries and guardian of St. Bonaventure Friary.)*



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# Profiles in ministry

*From a college campus to the front line, St. Bonaventure alumni are privileged to share their gift of faith*



Maggie Morris (second from left), director of the Warming House and Bona Buddies at the university, is pictured with Warming House interns David Bryant, Ana Alonzo and Chernice Miller.

## **:: MAGGIE MORRIS** Class of 2005

In February 2013, Maggie Morris returned to her alma mater as director of the Warming House and Bona Buddies outreach ministries.

"Returning to work at Bonaventure has been like coming home. Each day that I spend working collaboratively with students to serve the poor and marginalized in our community is truly a gift," said Morris. "The Warming House and Bona Buddies work to meet very basic needs, but they also continuously subvert mainstream cultural values of consumerism, individualism and waste. By welcoming the stranger with open hearts and sharing our gifts without fear, we discover the abundance of creation."

Student volunteers serve more than 9,000 meals annually at the Warming House and the Bona Buddies youth mentoring program pairs about 70 local children with a college student each year.

Before returning to St. Bonaventure, Morris worked as a certified naturally grown fruit and vegetable farm worker at Licking Creek Bend Farm in Needmore, Pa.

She spent three years, from 2006-09, in Itaugua, Paraguay, as an international volunteer with Good Shepherd Volunteers. Morris worked as a communications liaison, consultant, marketer, PR specialist and teacher while she was with Good Shepherd.



## **:: Rear Admiral Fr. Louis Iasiello (Ret), O.F.M.** Class of 1972

By Mark Inman, '08, '10

Fr. Louis Iasiello, O.F.M., has dedicated his life to serving others in and through ministry. Now professor and director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, Fr. Iasiello graduated with a bachelor's in history from Bona's in 1972 and served as a Trustee from 2001 to 2010.

Growing up with a close Franciscan presence influenced Fr. Iasiello's decision to attend SBU and later join the Franciscans in 1973.

"I knew them most of my life," Fr. Iasiello said. "My mother and sister were brought into the Church by Franciscans."

After his ordination, Fr. Iasiello was assigned to Bishop Timon St. Jude High School in Buffalo, N.Y., where he stayed until 1983 when he entered the chaplaincy for the United States Navy.

Eventually becoming a Rear Admiral in the Navy and Chief of Chaplains for the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, Fr. Iasiello served on many ships until his retirement in 2006.

"I spent most of my time making sure our people were served well overseas — unfortunately during a time of war," he said. "It was an honor to serve the men and women in uniform."

Later, Fr. Iasiello became president of the Washington Theological Union and was called to co-chair the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services for two years.

Fr. Iasiello has been at The Josephinum for five years. He directs hundreds of seminarians on their paths to priesthood. Fr. Iasiello teaches courses on the history of the church in the United States and just war theory and works closely with deacons in their transition to priesthood, among other tasks.

"We bring a lot to the formation of seminarians. We hope we are of assistance to their direct pastoral assignments in parishes," he said. "This is really special apostolic work, especially after the crises in the past decades. I feel really humbled and privileged to assist them."

*(Inman is assistant director of print and electronic publications at the university).*



**:: Alexandra Henry  
Class of 2013**

Alexandra Henry, '13, has entered a missionary group called LAMP Catholic Ministries in New York City and describes her experience with LAMP as "truly life-giving."

LAMP's missionaries focus on evangelization and sharing God's love and mercy with everyone they encounter — whether it's

working with the materially poor and in homeless shelters, street evangelizing or providing sidewalk counseling to pregnant women in need.

A gerontology major who minored in theology at St. Bonaventure, Henry said the Franciscan spirituality at the university inspired her "to gaze at the humanity of Jesus in each person."

Among the numerous ways of serving Jesus, she felt called to be involved with ministry after college.

"The volunteer work and campus ministry at Bona's taught me the distinctive link between each person and the need for each of us to be the image of love to one another," she said.

On campus, Henry was active as a Mt. Irenaeus community leader, a peer coach, and was involved with poetry slams and Kingdom Quest.

Henry entered LAMP after a year with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry.

"I joined LAMP Ministries because I was experiencing a call to deepen my prayer life while serving the poor. I wanted to develop my relationship with Jesus in a stronger way and to remember that everything I do is really for the glory of God," she said.

LAMP Ministries stood out to her because its mission is evangelization.

"Serving the poor is usually reflected through providing material needs, so I was struck that there was a mission directly linked to spiritual support," explained Henry.

LAMP, she said, emphasizes being "with" the poor (LAMP stands for Lay Apostolic Ministries with the Poor).

"We do not divide ourselves from the ones we serve, but we seek to be with them in their suffering and struggles in the light of compassion," she said. "I can envision St. Francis when I am in ministry because he lived a life seeking to be poor and to be with the poor. Although LAMP missionaries do not take a vow of poverty, we live in simplicity. Seeking to be with the poor as

we partake in ministry, we share unity together and are able to recognize that we are mirrors for each other."



**:: Courtney (Murphy) Hull  
Classes of 1999, 2008**

By Julia Andretta

Courtney (Murphy) Hull has served as campus minister for Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., since 2001, and there's no place she'd rather be.

"I am so blessed to be able to work with optimistic, enthusiastic, loving, selfless young men and women," she said. "They amaze me every day."

Hull's involvement in ministry started when she was an undergrad at St. Bonaventure majoring in biology and theology.

"I was never really involved in any faith-related groups until I went to SBU," she said. "Another alumna (who is still one of my best friends to this day) dragged me to the Warming House because she said it would be fun. We were less than a month into school at that time, and for the next four years I served as a student coordinator, van driver, and a summer intern at the Warming House. Most things that campus ministry did, I was a part of for those four years."

While her time at Bonaventure certainly influenced her pursuit of her vocation, it wasn't until afterwards, while she was a full-time volunteer at the St. Francis Inn soup kitchen in Philadelphia, Pa., that Hull realized campus ministry was something she wanted to stay involved in. She wanted to continue doing service work and sharing her faith, but she missed the college atmosphere. She eventually realized that there was a way that she could have all of this: by becoming a certified campus minister.

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“Campus ministry allows me to live my faith, work with young adults in a college setting, and not even have to go to class,” she said.

Hull received a master’s degree in Franciscan studies from St. Bonaventure in 2008, and she hopes that she can instill in her students some of the Franciscan values that she cherishes.

“What I find to be very helpful with my students is that there are many stories about St. Francis; this makes it easy to use him as an example for how we should live,” she explained. “I hope that the Franciscan spirit helps students to see that living according to the Gospel isn’t easy, but it is possible.”

Above all, Hull hopes she can show them that they are loved.

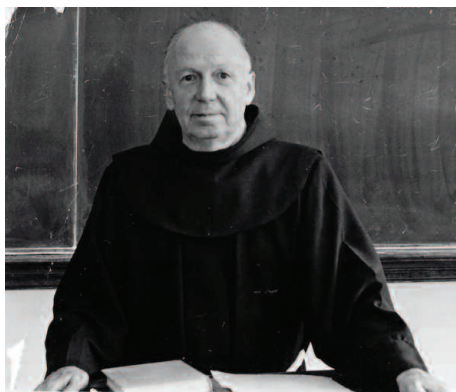
“So many students deal with difficult situations — they are depressed, or they are not sure where they’re going in life — and that leads some of them to isolate themselves, to feel alone, and to feel unloved. I try to let them know that God loves them, that I love them, and that others love them, especially when they don’t feel that they are lovable,” she said.

*(Andretta, of Woodstock, Ga., earned an honors degree in English from SBU in May.)*



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Courtney (Murphy) Hull



*Photo courtesy of Siena College Archives*  
**Fr. Sixtus O'Connor was born Richard O'Connor, the son of a schoolteacher and construction worker who'd come to upstate New York from Ireland. After entering the novitiate, he received the name Sixtus after Pope Sixtus IV.**

**:: Fr. Sixtus O'Connor, O.F.M. Class of 1932**

In the spring of 1945, U.S. Army chaplain Fr. Sixtus O'Connor, O.F.M., accompanied his unit, the 11th Armored Division, as the soldiers liberated concentration camps in Mauthausen and Gusen, Austria.

The 36-year-old Franciscan friar would spend the better part of that May conducting burial services for nearly 3,000 inmates of the notorious Nazi camps. Six months later, the chaplain had a new assignment — as the Catholic chaplain for the Nazi war criminals awaiting trial at Nuremberg.

Fr. Sixtus attended St. Bonaventure College from 1926 to 1929, prior to joining the Order of Friars Minor. (He completed his studies at Butler, N.J., receiving his B.A. from St. Bonaventure in 1932.) Fr. Sixtus was ordained in 1934 and went on to study extensively in Germany, returning to the U.S. in 1939 to take a teaching assignment at Siena College as World War II began.

Prior to the Nuremberg Trials, there are no records of American military chaplains providing religious support to their country’s enemies. Despite the horrific crimes leveled against these men, the Allies had decided they deserved spiritual support.

Fr. Sixtus was assigned to provide spiritual assistance to the Catholic men facing trial; a Lutheran chaplain, Henry Gerecke, was assigned to the others. Both clergymen spoke German well. Fr. Sixtus’ mother spoke German when he was growing up and he’d studied

theology in Munich before the war.

Fr. Sixtus hardly every spoke of his experience at Nuremberg, but in May, SBU alumni and friends had the rare opportunity to meet one of the priest’s contemporaries, Fr. Moritz Fuchs.

Now a diocesan priest, Fr. Moritz was a bodyguard for Nuremberg Chief Prosecutor Robert H. Jackson and had met Fr. Sixtus during the tribunals. In May, the Alumni Office hosted a gathering at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, N.Y., (Jackson’s hometown) in conjunction with a visit to the center by Fr. Moritz and the premiere of a documentary about Jackson.

“He was an ideal Catholic chaplain,” said Fr. Moritz, who was influenced by Fr. Sixtus and other clergy he met in the service to enter the priesthood when he returned home following the trials.

Though a scholar and teacher, Fr. Sixtus felt called to be a part of the U.S. involvement in the war by requesting an Army chaplaincy. He joined the 11th Armored Division’s Combat Command “B” stateside in July 1943. His duties involved saying Mass, hearing confessions and presiding at weddings, baptisms and funerals. By September 1944, as the war began turning for the Allies, the division was ordered to Europe.

Following the Nuremberg trials, Fr. Sixtus returned to his alma mater to teach and then to Siena College, where he chaired the philosophy department and served as vice president from 1956 until 1964. He died in 1983 at the age of 74.

*(Information for this story was provided through interviews with Fr. Moritz and the book “Mission at Nuremberg” by Tim Townsend.)*

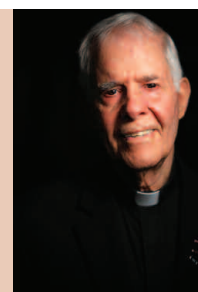
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Fr. Moritz Fuchs shares his Nuremberg experience

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**:: Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M.  
Class of 1964**

Director of campus ministries. Minister in residence. Founder of Mt. Irenaeus. In his many roles over the years, Fr. Dan Riley has touched the lives of thousands of St. Bonaventure students on their educational and faith journeys. As National Alumni Chaplain, Fr. Dan offers this special reflection (below) and prayer to you, the alumni and friends of St. Bonaventure University.



**P**ossibly we were together at Alumni Reunion or Homecoming on campus. Was it a beautiful Bona wedding, or what was it that brought us together once again as friends? We so enjoy taking time with one another. At our best, we truly love life as Bonnies, don't we? And I know and believe we want to share the best of life with others.

Living this Bonaventure journey for some time now, I would say that a lot of what it means to be a Bonnie is to enjoy life to its last drop and want to offer the cup of joy to others.

Consider your own life for a moment. You may be reading this at your desk or your favorite chair on a deck, on a

plane or a train. Wherever you and I are, we are always interested in the lives of those we grew up with at St. Bonaventure University and how others are living their lives today. On the preceding pages, you and I had a chance to enter into the life of a few other Bonnies.

Pause for another moment now. You might even choose to put this journal down and rest and breathe and feel for a moment how good life is. As the late Fr. Dan Hurley would say, "Life is good." It is the good life that we have and we can share with others.

**Compassion and being attentive** are two of the themes common to all great and ancient world religions of which I am aware. People everywhere and for all time have had a "way," a practice for these.

We see the world, life as it is, and feel the need and desire to respond to others' lives — to reach from our chair, our home

— and in some way reach them and share the joy of living, offer them what they need to live joyfully.

As we grow we also discover what Thomas Merton calls "our original unity, we are already one!" He learned something about that at Bona's, as have we. And so we enter into our lives in other places, tasting and seeing, looking for and wanting to help others be whole, be holy and be one.

Let this little reflection lift your heart right now to attentiveness and compassion. Let us pray for a moment along with others who have found their way to serve others.

Francis of Assisi loved us to love others, and led us to the Gospel that tells us that after Jesus washed our feet he said, "You call me teacher — for indeed I am — if I have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet." Somehow, we learned this as Bonnies. Somehow, we want to let the world know.



## Our Way, The Bonaventure Way

A Prayer by Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M.

**WE KNOW YOU** as life itself, as joy and friendship, you who have called us into life.

**YOU HAVE FED US** on the “finest wheat” and we have shared our fill with one another with beverages of friendship, finding joy and compassion with one another.

**GOD OF LIFE**, help us to be attentive to those who seem to miss out on some of life. The world is before us now and all around us, and places and people near to us eat the food of friendship and the joy of life that we have received and found.

**MAY WE FLOURISH** more and more, and in our thriving find our way to those who are not and give them the hope of a new day.

**YOU WASHED OUR FEET** one time after the snow and mud and difficult days at Bona’s. We have helped each other and now help others, too. May our hearts and minds help our feet to follow you and our hands reach what you teach us to do. In our caring, may we give thanks because of one another’s care.

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIGHT**, we learned a lot about this at Bona’s. You have graced us so that we can teach and grace each other. Help us still to be lifelong students of your love. May we be attentive and teach others by our practice.

**AMEN.**

# THE POWER OF A BONNIE: SCHOLARSHIPS

## A lifelong friendship formed at Bona's

By Amelia Kibbe, '17

**A**s a partner at KPMG, LLP, in the Washington, D.C., area, and as North America Region Head for Citi in Manhattan, Steven Barry and Michael Fossaceca, respectively, work for two large corporations hundreds of miles apart. However, both attribute much of their success to one small place: St. Bonaventure University.

And it was at that small place where Barry and Fossaceca formed a friendship that would come to include three generations of each family.

Barry and Fossaceca, members of the Class of 1988, met during their freshman year at St. Bonaventure in an economics class.

"We started to talk and became fast friends and ultimately became roommates with a couple of other friends senior year," Fossaceca said.

The two quickly learned they had a lot in common. Both students in the School of Business, Barry and Fossaceca admired business professors Carol and Michael Fischer, from whom they both learned a lot. They enjoyed working out and celebrating in the Rathskeller and The Burton, Barry said.

"We have many fond memories such as attending basketball games, raiding the food in the media hospitality suite, sliding down the roof of a tent late at night during senior week, and Spring Weekend softball tournaments and concerts," Barry said.

At the beginning of their sophomore year, their parents met and another Barry-Fossaceca friendship developed. Barry said the parents even bought matching "Bona Mom" and "Bona Dad"

T-shirts to wear during future parents weekends and graduation celebrations.

Both Fossaceca and Barry credited the pleasant St. Bonaventure atmosphere for the strong bond between their families.

Barry, who grew up in nearby Olean, said before he became a college student he had already spent time on campus attending basketball games and studying in the library.

"When it came time to choose a college, St. Bonaventure offered the educational reputation, environment and class size I was looking for and was competitive in cost," Barry said.

Likewise, Fossaceca grew to admire the community feel of St. Bonaventure.

"St. Bonaventure has always been a very special place for me," Fossaceca said. "The small-school atmosphere, personal attention



▲ **THE BARRY FAMILY:** Parents Shirley and Steve are pictured with Stephanie (from left), Michelle, Lauren and Sean.



► **THE FOS-SACECA FAMILY:** Christine (from left), Abigail, Mike and Mary.

from the professors and the Franciscan tradition are all things I hold dear."

Both Fossaceca and Barry explained the values they learned during college continue to guide their life choices every day. Fossaceca, among other things, serves on the Board of Trustees at Mt. Irenaeus, while Barry is a regular blood donor and coaches his son's football and baseball teams.

"St. Bonaventure not only gave me a great education, but the Franciscan spirit and ideals also taught me to be humble and to give back," Fossaceca said.

It's this sense of humility that inspired Barry and Fossaceca to create endowed scholarships for future Bonnies.

Barry said his scholarship, which he named the Barry Family Endowed Scholarship, honors his parents' hard work and commitment to education. Similarly, Fossaceca's scholarship, The Fossaceca Family Scholarship in Memory of Anthony Fos-



Virginia Fossaceca (from left), Tony Fossaceca, Dave Barry and Sue Barry show off their Bona shirts.

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saceca, tributes his father, his mother and St. Bonaventure community members.

"My hope is that my scholarship can help take some of the financial burden and worry of paying for school away and allow recipients to get the most out of their college experience," Fossaceca said. "I hope they will not only get a great education and make great friends but truly learn from the Franciscans and take those lessons into their future careers."

Barry added that he hopes his scholarship will help provide the basis for future graduates to continue to help others.

"I hope that completing their higher education will help them advance all aspects of their lives to the point where they can share their success in terms of their time, talent and financial means with others in their communities."

Today, the Barry and Fossaceca families are still close friends. Both men are married and have children. Not surprisingly, their children are also friends.

Barry said although the families live in different states and lead busy lives, they try to gather at least once a year to spend time together in New Jersey, Washington, D.C., or places such as Hershey Park.

While they have moved on from St. Bonaventure's small corner of the earth, the Bona spirit remains within both — and with the aid of their scholarships will endure through future Bonnies.

*Amelia Kibbe is a journalism and mass communication major from Harrison Valley, Pa.*

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As both director of annual giving and head coach of men's rugby, I'm fortunate to see firsthand the generosity of our alumni and subsequently how that resonates with the young people studying on our campus. I firmly believe the experience we offer students today is more impactful than it has ever been, and that is in large part due to your support, which is the foundation of our success. Your gifts to The Bonaventure Fund and other areas of need help students better afford Bona's unique brand of higher education, allow our faculty to remain leaders in their fields, and provide a robust experience — academically, socially and spiritually.

This spring we asked three of our outgoing seniors to share their stories at [www.sbu.edu/yourbonas](http://www.sbu.edu/yourbonas). Take a moment to watch their videos and think back on how St. Bonaventure helped you write your story.

***This is what's possible.  
This is the Power of a Bonnie.***

Clarence Picard, '05  
Director of Annual Giving

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St. Bonaventure, NY 14778
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## THE POWER OF A BONNIE: ATHLETICS

# Phase Two of fields project nearing completion

By Steve Mest

Phase Two of St. Bonaventure's athletics fields project is well under way, with a renovation to the softball field scheduled for the fall.

The primary component of the project is installation of artificial playing surfaces on the softball field, similar to what was done on the multi-purpose field last summer.

In addition, the field will also get a new scoreboard, backstop and fencing. Contingent on additional funds being raised, new dugouts could be added to the project.

The switch from a natural grass and dirt playing field is necessary due to the often inclement weather in the Bonnies' home softball season, which starts in March and runs through early May. St. Bonaventure regularly has to postpone or cancel games due to unplayable field conditions.



tions.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed by November so that the field will be ready for competition in the spring of 2016.

Tom Marra, '80, and his wife, Michelle, gave the lead gift of \$1 million to the first phase,

and the Marra Athletics Fields Complex was dedicated in September 2014.

Naming opportunities connected to gifts to the fields project are still available; contact the Advancement Office at (800) 664-1273 to speak with a gift officer.

## THE POWER OF A BONNIE: ALUMNI

### Alumni Events

- ▶ August 2  
Day at Saratoga Races  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- ▶ August 16  
Alumni Picnic, Ithaca, N.Y.
- ▶ August 29  
Alumni Picnic, Rochester, N.Y.
- ▶ September 19  
Timothy "Arch" Manning Memorial Golf Outing  
and Cookout at Ivy Ridge, Akron, N.Y.
- ▶ September 25-27  
Family Weekend, St. Bonaventure  
University Campus

### Alumni Destination Weekend 2015

- ▶ Join us this fall as we gather in the hometown of Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. We'll celebrate her 10th anniversary as university president and visit several interesting Pittsburgh attractions.



Listed as one of the "Top 15 Places to Visit in 2015" by Condé Nast Traveler, Pittsburgh has transformed from a steel town to a beautiful city of green spaces and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Get ready to experience dinner at Heinz Field and enjoy the must-see architecture. Spend an SBU Weekend in Pittsburgh, October 9-11! Interested? Please email [alumni@sbu.edu](mailto:alumni@sbu.edu).



# New Beginnings

## *New Alumni and New Officers*

Message from the 2013-2015 National Alumni Association Board President

Dear fellow alumni and friends,

During Commencement weekend, I had the honor to induct our 2015 graduates into the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Association. During the Candlelight Ceremony, we welcomed 467 new alumni.

They join our 28,274 living alumni, who live in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our alumni also live in 55 foreign countries around the world. Truly, the sun never sets on the Bonnies! We are a vibrant, global association dedicated to promoting and supporting our alma mater. I again congratulate all of our 2015 graduates and wish them much success.

As my time as president comes to a close, I would like to share some of our accomplishments and thank the people who helped make them possible. Over the past two years, the NAAB has worked hard to strengthen the ties between alumni and the university. To highlight a few, we:

- Strengthened our partnership with the enrollment team to help enhance the recruitment process. This has helped to increase the university's visibility and brand in the communities where our alumni live and work.
- Continued to collaborate with the Career and Professional Readiness Center (CPRC) to engage alumni across all fields to create mentoring, interning, and job placement opportunities.
- Developed and implemented enhanced alumni events designed to attract alumni from across all demographic groups.
- Continued to implement our strategic plan, which focuses on development, Franciscanism, communication, and chapter relations.
- Enhanced NAAB operations, including the adoption of updated bylaws, streamlined logistics and increased transparency.

While much has been accomplished, there is still more to do, including:

- Expanding affinity programs to provide alumni with discounts on additional services and products.
- Identifying methods to more actively

engage our global alumni population.

- Continuing to enhance alumni experiences both on and off campus.
- Ensuring that the diversity of all our alumni is respected.

I want to recognize two very special groups. First, I would like to acknowledge our outstanding Alumni Services team. They are the professionals who dedicate tireless hours and resources to our alumni:

- Mary Driscoll, '79, former Vice President for University Advancement
- Monica Mattioli, '77, Interim VP for Advancement and Executive Director of Alumni Operations
- Joe Flanagan, '74, Director of Alumni Services
- Lucia Scotty, Coordinator of Electronic Communications
- Kathleen M. Ryan, '83, Assistant Director of Development for Stewardship

Second, I would like to acknowledge all of our National Alumni Association Board members. They share their talents, time and love for the university. They are the best. Leading them was an outstanding team of officers: First Vice President Kristan McMahon, '97; Second Vice President Andrew Mantilia, '08, '09; and Secretary Maureen Butler Maier, '78.

I could not have had a finer team of dedicated individuals with whom to work. Thank you. At our April meeting, the board elected new leaders for the 2015-2017 term: President Kristan McMahon, '97; First Vice President Art Roberts, '68; Second Vice President William Blied, '01; and Secretary Kelly Cobb, '10, '11.

Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles. I know that their energy, enthusiasm and dedication will allow them to continue to provide outstanding support and service to you.

A final note: My personal thanks to all of you — our alumni. You are the best people in the world. Once a Bonnie, always a Bonnie!

Regards,  
**Robert P. Kane, '78**

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**Maj. Gen. Norbert Rappl, '52, congratulates Walter Horylev, '51, after Horylev returned from an Honor Flight originating in Rochester, N.Y.**

**1962 — Bob McCully** was named Maine High School Tennis Coach of the Year for 2014. His undefeated team won the Class A title. He was also recognized by the American Red Cross as a 30-gallon blood donor.

**1965 — John Duffy** has left corporate America to design and build software for investing in the stock market based on trend following, a technical analysis strategy. Duffy launched StockTrendSpotter.com with his wife, Sharon, in 2012. Duffy also joined a Chicago startup community called 1871 as well as The Bunker, an incubator for veteran entrepreneurs.



**1971 — Kevin Lester** was elected to the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame and was formally inducted July 17. Lester has been a part of the Buffalo Bisons organization every season since 1982. He wore the uniform as a bullpen catcher during the 1982 and 1985 seasons and at various times from 1988 to 1992. He also started many of the Bisons' youth baseball initiatives, being named youth baseball coordinator in 1985 and running various camps and clinics from 1986 to 2003, including the team's Pitch Hit 'n' Run competition. In 1986, he also began his role as one of the team's official scorers, a position he still holds today as a representative of the International League. His career includes being the Bisons' bat boy in 1966, playing a small role in the movie "The Natu-



ral" in 1983, and serving as the catcher for the American League in the Bisons' historic "The Grand Old Game" Old Timers Game in 1984 at War Memorial Stadium. He served as a professional scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1982 to 1988 and the Kansas City Royals in 1989, and was named a voting member for the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003. Lester has served as Williamsville South's athletic director since 1985 and was named Section VI Administrator of the Year in 2014. He was inducted into the Amherst Avenue of Athletes and the Western New York Hall of Fame. Lester has coached football, baseball, basketball, volleyball and wrestling during his distinguished career in Western New York.

**1972 — Craig Speers** was appointed to the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Assemblyman Robin Schimminger. He will serve as a board director. The ECFSA serves as the financial oversight authority for Erie County, which has a budget of more than \$1 billion. Speers served on the staff of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for 36 years. Speers has also been named the 2015 Labor Leader Volunteer of the Year by the Buffalo Combined Labor Council AFL-CIO for his outreach duties and efforts as regional president of the NYS Public Employees Federation Retirees.

**1975 — Joe Kelly** is assistant superintendent for Instructional Programs for the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. In November 2014 he was awarded the Crystal Apple award, which is the agency's highest award. Kelly was recognized for his achievements and for exemplifying the values and vision of the organization.

**Mary Bigelow Overington** received the Community Service Award from the Graduate School of Social Work of the University of Denver. Overington was nominated by the executive director of Clothes to Kids of Denver for the many hours she has dedicated as a co-founding member of this non-profit. Clothes to Kids of Denver provides approximately 21 articles of free clothing to low-income school children in Colorado. To date, the organization has served more than 20,000 children.



**Stephen Ullrich**, professor of immunology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. AAAS Fellows are nominated by their scientific peers and election is based on meritorious efforts to advance science and its applications.

**1976 — Lisa Robert Lewis**, editor of The

Record, The Saratogian and the Community News, was named Media Person of the Year by the Women's Press Club of New York State. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a person who is active in print or broadcast journalism in the state. Lewis joined The Record staff in 1976. She held various reporting and editing roles before being named editor in 1999. In 2013, when the staffs of The Record and The Saratogian were merged, she assumed the additional responsibilities of editor of The Saratogian and the newspapers' other products, including the weekly entertainment section. Lewis serves on the New York State Associated Press board, the New York News Publishers Foundation, the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce board, The Arc of Rensselaer County Foundation Board and recently joined the advisory board for the Salvation Army in Troy after completing a six-year term on the board of the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region.

**Paul Nunnari** was named president of KAO Canada. His previous assignment was U.S. vice president of sales. Nunnari began his career with Procter & Gamble and spent 25 years at Johnson & Johnson, where he held numerous positions and was a 14-year member of the companies' management boards. Among the many KAO Canada brands are Jergens Lotion, John Frieda Haircare and Biore Skincare.

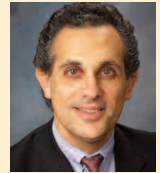
**1977 — Mark Thompson** was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors at the organization's 2014 Annual Conference in Chicago. Thompson has served as the director of Colgate University's counseling center since 1997. His wife, **Nancy, '82 MSED**, is the vice president and dean of students at Hamilton College.

**1980 — Joe Baucom**, southeastern regional vice president at Marmon/Keystone, LLC, has gained overall responsibility for the northeastern region's seven locations in addition to his oversight of the seven southeastern region facilities. Baucom joined the company in 1983 and has held positions in inside and outside sales, product management, and national accounts management. He became Charlotte branch manager in 1996 and was promoted to VP of the southeastern region in 2012. He has also served two terms as president of the South Atlantic Chapter of the Metals Service Center Institute. Baucom and his wife, Maggie, live in Charlotte, N.C., and have two children. **Jeanne FitzGibbons Herrmann** has been working for the West Bloomfield School District for the past two years and is raising



## ESPN's Chris LaPlaca receives national award

**Chris LaPlaca, '79**, received PR News' Corporate PR Professional of the Year award in December 2014. LaPlaca, a 35-year ESPN veteran, was selected from a list of public relations pros from across many industries.



As senior vice president of corporate communications, he is responsible for the company's worldwide internal, public and media relations strategies, including oversight of consumer, corporate and employee communications for ESPN's 50 business units. He also oversees the company's day-to-day working relationship with The Walt Disney Company's corporate communications and investor relations groups. He is based in ESPN's Bristol, Conn., headquarters.

He has served on several industry programming boards, and the boards of several Bristol or Connecticut community organizations, including the United Way and Bristol's Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, LaPlaca was awarded the Fred Soliani Award for his overall contributions to Bristol's Caring About People program, which provides mentors to at risk children in need of positive role models.

LaPlaca also remains active in support of the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



## Bonnies, fellow parishioners connect

**Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf, '76**, connected with fellow parishioner and Bona grad **Joe Dunbeck, '51**, after Mass one day when she saw him wearing a St. Bonaventure shirt. Keenan-LeBoeuf and Dunbeck are both readers at Green Hope Station in Cary, N.C.

three children. She has been living in Michigan for about 26 years and still loves to work with kids and is active in her church.

**1982 — Anne Sweeney Holliday** received the 2015 Outstanding Radio Public Affairs Program award from the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters for her program "Live-Line: Reflections on Vietnam." Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo has appointed **Kevin Keenan** as his representative on the New York State Catholic Conference Public Policy Committee. Keenan is a founding partner and president/CEO of Keenan Communications Group in Buffalo. He is former director of communications for the Diocese of Buffalo.

**1983 — Daniel Kerr** earned a Ph.D. in biology from the City University of New York Graduate Center. The title of his thesis was "The function of the phospholipid flippase Atp8a1 in neurotransmission, brain development, and autistic behavior."

**1986 — Lois Bulger** retired as children's librarian at David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville after 25 years.

**1987 — Cathy Wilde** is the communications director for the University at Buffalo Research Institute on Addictions.



**1988 — John Berger** was inducted into the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Signum Fidei Society, the school's most prestigious honor. Signum Fidei (sign of faith) is the characteristic spirit of the Christian Brothers, that attitude of faith that expresses itself in love and zeal for the welfare of others. A member of the Signum Fidei Society is an alumnus of St. Joseph's who has distinguished himself in his professional career and community activities.

Berger holds volunteer positions on the board of directors and committees for various Western New York organizations, including the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Advancement Committee. In 2014, Berger and his wife, Suzanne, served as chairs of the Lasallian "Bright Futures" Dinner and Auction. **Christopher Rose** is a vice president investment officer within the Trust Department at Adirondack Trust Company. He joined the company in June 2014 and is responsible for the portfolio management of various personal trusts, investment management, employee benefit and institutional accounts. Rose has more than 25 years of investment management experience.

**1989 — Lisa (Romano) Moore** was appointed vice president of development and executive director of the Onondaga Community College Foundation.

**1991 — Derek Champagne** was appointed co-chairman of the state Permanent Commission on Sentencing. Champagne, who had served as vice chairman of the commission, will now head the organization with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. The commission was established in 2010 to evaluate New York's sentencing laws and practices and to make recommendations to improve them. In November, Champagne was elected to the Franklin County Family Court judgeship. He also serves as co-counsel for the State Law Enforcement Council, a member of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman's Advisory Committee on Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law, and on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar's Criminal Law Subcommittee. He was a member of the Moreland Commission, which New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo created to investigate corruption in state government but disbanded to widespread criticism. He is also a board member and for-

mer president of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, which in 2013 named him Prosecutor of the Year.

**David Schroeder** participated in a Men's Senior Baseball League (MSBL) World Series Tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz., in November 2014. The team was made up of 14 all-star players that participated in hardball during the summer months in



Chicago, Ill. The tournament was a six-game series played on spring training facilities of the MSBL. The Chicago team placed eighth out of 32 teams from across the U.S. Schroeder lives in Lake Forest, Ill., with his wife, Stacy, and two children. He is the national sales manager of SCM Corporation.

**1992 — Brian Fitzsimmons** is a product development manager at Homebridge Financial Services in Iselin, N.J. He lives in Middletown, N.J., with his wife, Kathy, and three daughters, and is looking forward to his 25-year reunion in 2017. **Jennifer (Kayal) Speck** has published her first children's book, "Only Three."

**1993 — Ana Bonilla-Galdamez** was named National Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Her implementation of after-school programs for ELL students at the Minnie Howard campus of T.C. Williams High School and at Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., as well as her involvement in mentoring students and exposing them to career opportunities, have made a huge impact on Alexandria's struggling youth. **Kathleen Cole Hardiman** is now a licensed clinical social worker. She works full time as a mental health therapist for Catholic Charities and part time as an in-home community integration counselor for Venture Forth, a traumatic brain injury program. In December of 2012, Hardiman completed training provided by the Child Trauma Institute for Progressive Counting, a research-based treatment proven effective for PTSD and trauma resolution. In addition to therapy, she co-facilitates a weekly domestic violence support group and facilitates Our Kids Parent Education Groups for parents who are divorced or separating in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. She provides private trauma resolution. Hardiman was recognized for her service and ad-



## Former roommates get together in Nashville

Former roommates and members of the Class of 1990 met in Nashville, Tenn., in March. Pictured are Collen McCarthy O'Hern, Terri DeClerck Ohlweiler, Sheryl Kujovich Green, Michelle Phelps Ramsey, Amy Allan Duff, Leslie Butterfield Fry, and Jennifer Royce Sutton.



vocacy for women in a Yellow Rose Ceremony by Zonta Club of Olean in 2014. She is also the owner and moderator of Olean Area Hiking.

**1994 — John Stahley** was appointed to the Jamestown Community College Board of Trustees. Stahley is general manager of Dresser-Rand's Olean operation. **William Tehan** was promoted to chief operating officer at The Pike Company, a construction firm founded in 1873. He started his career at Pike in 2001 as treasurer



and corporate secretary after working at KPMG as a senior manager. He comes from a family of construction, with both his grandfather and uncle working in the business for decades. In his nearly 15 years with Pike, Tehan has held multiple leadership positions,

including executive vice president and chief financial officer, the latter title he will continue to hold with the company. He also will continue to provide oversight of Pike Development. In the community, Tehan serves on the Finance and Audit Committee for the Catholic Family Center and has served on the Memorial Art Gallery Advisory Board and the Finance Committee of Monroe Golf Club. He lives in Victor, N.Y., with his wife and three children.



**1995 — Andres Calderon** joined the foreign service as a consular officer in January. After completing training in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of State sent Calderon to the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, in

May, where he will spend his first two-year tour adjudicating immigrant and non-immigrant visas.

**1997 — Brendan Chambers** was named commercial banking and middle market sales director for First Citizens Bank in the Triangle and Charlotte Metro areas of North Carolina and South Carolina Metro areas.



**1998 —** After more than 15 years in various marketing roles, **Rachael Colacino** has started her own marketing communications agency, Colacino Communications. The agency specializes in public relations, strategic marketing, business writing and marketing communications. She credits everything she has learned as a journalism major at St. Bonaventure with preparing her to write, especially under deadlines and heavy pressure. She welcomes contact at [www.colacinocommunications.com](http://www.colacinocommunications.com). **Michael Mead** was named superintendent of schools at Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District. **Rychelle Weseman** is an intensive case manager serving children in Allegany County. She lives in Olean with her husband, Brian, and their two children.

**1999 — Peter Donnelly** was ordained as a permanent deacon by Bishop Richard J. Malone of the Diocese of Buffalo. While studying at the Pastoral Ministry at Christ the King Seminary from 2011-2015, he was serving his home parish, St. Gregory the Great Church in Williamsville, in ministry assignments as a team member for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program. Donnelly also became a student chaplain at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Williamsville, and he served as an English instructor at The Vive la Casa Refugee Center in Buffalo. Donnelly also served in the U.S. Navy. **Maureen E. Kinney** received the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Academic Advising Administrator of the Year Award for the 2014-2015 academic year. Former goalkeeper **Rob Vartughian** is an assistant coach for the New York City Football Club, a new franchise in the Major League Soccer. Vartughian has also been the goalkeeping coach and scout for United States U15 to U23 national teams and he spent five seasons with the Philadelphia Union of the MLS as an assistant coach and technical director.

**2000 — Maj. Mark P. Frank** of the New York Army National Guard is the executive officer for the Office of the Adjutant General Joint Force



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 2016. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at [www.sbu.edu/foundalumni](http://www.sbu.edu/foundalumni).

- John J. Lacey, '56
- Jack J. St. John, '56
- Robert G. Bubbs, '61
- William J. Driscoll, '61
- Richard R. Landwehrle, '61
- John W. Rockovits, '61
- James R Ross, '61
- Jerome P. Best, '66
- Anthony A. Euk, '66
- Martin L. Frezza, '66
- Richard K. Wright, '66
- James L. Boyce, '71
- William R. Jackson, '76
- Katharine L. Bevins-Peachey, '81
- Michael P. Cashman, '81
- John F. Kramer, '81
- Steven C. Lockwood, '81
- Mark C. McCarthy, '81
- John M. Roche, '81
- Nancy (Iyoob) Russo, '81
- Lori J. (Danielson) Tritt, '81
- Mary B. McAvoy, '86
- Daniel D. Wright, '86
- Tony Anderson, '91
- Kristin J. Balcerzak, '91
- Thomas F. Weaver, '91
- Carla E. Strong, '96
- Stacey L. Venezia, '96
- Christine B. Beichner, '01
- George A. Buell, '01
- Jeffery G. Kostusiak, '01
- Timothy J. Sahd, '01
- Kathryn T. Steadman, '01
- Michael J. Bracci, '06
- Christopher J. Capaldi, '06
- Michele S. Flint, '06
- Timothy J. White, '06
- Nicholas A. Saylor, '11

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### All in the (SBU) Family

**Maranda Louise Fleet** of Stafford Springs, Conn., a member of SBU's Class of 2015, was the third generation of the Brancaccio family to walk across the St. Bonaventure stage for graduation. She's pictured in the Grotto following Commencement May 17 with her mother, **Maria Brancaccio Fleet, '81**, and **Ralph Francis Brancaccio, '54**, of Vernon Rockville, Conn. Family members say Ralph is one of Bona's proudest alums, always finding a way to make family road trips include a stop at his alma mater. And if the men's basketball team was playing within driving distance, he would make sure his grandchildren were there to support the Bonnies. Maria feels so blessed that her father was able to see his granddaughter cross the stage to receive her diploma from a place so dear to him.

Headquarters of New York. Frank works directly under Maj. General Patrick A. Murphy, the Adjutant General of New York. In this capacity, Frank is responsible for leading and supervising all military administrative staff and actions within the office, including the review and recommendations on all incoming packets, awards, policy and other initiatives prior to submission to the adjutant general and the chief of staff.



**2001 — Maureen Henderson** was chosen as one of Buffalo Business First's "40 Under 40" for the year 2014. **Peter Kendron** is managing editor of the Press Enterprise newspaper of Bloomsburg, Pa. He has been a reporter at the paper since his graduation from St. Bonaventure. **Lynn (Monteleone) Mincey** earned her doctorate of pharmacy degree from the University at Buffalo in May 2007. Mincey relocated to Atlanta, Ga., after graduation and has been working as a staff pharmacist for CVS since then. **James Tamol** was appointed administrative coordinator for the Services Division of the Department of Social Services for Erie County. **Kate Torok** was promoted to director of marketing and communications at St. John Fisher College. **Kimberly Voss**, a Hammondsport High School science teacher, completed the Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship program and earned the distinction as senior fellow with the foundation. Voss began her career as a research associate at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute in Buffalo and later worked as a research specialist and technical director of a research lab at the University of Rochester.

**2003 — Renee Gordon** received her doctoral degree in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University in December 2014. Her dissertation was a descriptive study on the social and educational services available to refugees during resettlement. Gordon is a high school principal in Erie, Pa., and an adjunct professor at Gannon.

**2005 — Jim Miller** received two awards in the New York State Associated Press Association's 2014 contest. He earned second place in the Continuing Coverage category and first place in the Arts/Entertainment category for his work at the Finger Lakes Times. **Patrick Noel** was named the varsity girls basketball coach at South County High School in Lorton, Va. Noel has served as a boys basketball coach at South County for the previous seven seasons, compiling a record of 55-22 over five years as the freshman and junior varsity coach. He is also in his ninth year

of teaching K-6 physical education for Fairfax County Public Schools. **Tera White** is a marketing manager for the Mass Merchant, Specialty and Hardware channels at ClosetMaid, a division of Emerson Electric in Ocala, Fla. ClosetMaid is the worldwide leader in home storage and organization products.

**2006 — Greg Biryła** was named executive director of Unshackle Upstate. Biryła, who previously served as Unshackle Upstate's director of development, oversees the organization's extensive advocacy efforts, grows its network of pro-business partners and raises awareness about the challenges facing Upstate New York taxpayers and employers. **Matthew Cressler** will join the faculty of the College of Charleston in South Carolina as an assistant professor of religious studies in August. **Danielle Grobmyer** is assistant



### Alumna finds 'a life-changing experience' in Georgia

**Kim (Yaekli) Dixon, '78**, celebrated her first anniversary as a Peace Corps volunteer in the country of Georgia, a former Soviet Union satellite. She lives in a refugee camp with survivors from the Russian conflict of 2008 in big ex-Soviet barracks, converted into small apartments. She writes, "I feel fortunate to live among the most uplifting, sharing, and loving people imaginable. I am teaching employability skill building and business development to help the residents move on to new jobs after their homes and livelihoods were destroyed. The Peace Corps has been an interesting and challenging experience. It has been a life-changing experience." She said the new language, food, living arrangements and culture have been tough, but the Peace Corps is supportive with language, safety and cultural training. She invites alums to check out her blog ([kimgeorgia2014.blogspot.com](http://kimgeorgia2014.blogspot.com)) or contact her via email at [kydixon@earthlink.net](mailto:kydixon@earthlink.net).

director of development for the University of Massachusetts Athletics Department.

**2007 — J.P. Butler** of the Olean Times Herald received second place in the Sports category in The New York State Associated Press Association's 2014 Writing Contest.

**2008 — Catherine Donahue, D.O.**, of Lansing, Mich., was named the 2015 Resident of the Year by the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) on March 12 during its annual convocation in Louisville, Ky. For Donahue, the award capped off a year in which she served as the first official resident member on the AAO Board of Trustees and in which she chaired the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy's Executive Council. Donahue is a resident in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM-OMM) at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. She teaches small groups and weekly didactic sessions, serves as a preceptor at the college's student OMM clinic, and lectures to more than 300 first- and second-year students studying osteopathic manipulative medicine. **Elizabeth Gould** was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Paul C. Scott, Mary Cariola Children's Center Employee of the Year Award. Gould, a special education teacher, has worked at Mary Cariola since 2009. She was nominated for the award by her peers. The Rochester Children's Center provides education and life skills development for children and young adults with complex disabilities.



**Christopher Michel, '10**, took third place in the New York State Associated Press Association's 2014 Writing Contest's Business/Finance category for his two-part story, "The end of Bonaventure Square?" The award is his third. Michel, a native of Wilson, N.Y., is the city editor at the Olean Times Herald. **Lizz Schumer** was lauded by Editor & Publisher and named among its 25 Under 35 for 2015. A story in E&P described how the editor of The Sun in Hamburg, N.Y., revamped the paper's social media presence and expanded its arts coverage. **Justin Wild** was promoted to manager at Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner, LLP in Amherst. He joined the firm in 2011.

**2009 — Colleen Beaudette Harnisch** is associate director of cause marketing at the Alzheimer's Association. She works with large corporations to build mutually beneficial cause marketing platforms. **Amy Steger** was the first teacher in her school district and one of only 1,712 teachers in New York state to

## Alumnae meet in China



**Anne Ruisi, '81** (left), and **Lauren Reidy Scheib, '82**, were brought together in Beijing, China, by Bonaventure magazine. Scheib, a veteran journalist from Rochester, N.Y., who is an editor with China Daily online ([www.chinadaily.com.cn](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn)) posted an update about her position in the Bonaventure magazine

last summer. She made a note that "any Bonnie visiting Beijing" would be welcome to look her up. Ruisi, also a veteran journalist and now chief operating officer of an international trade association ([www.testpublishers.org](http://www.testpublishers.org)), was planning her third annual trip to Beijing, so she took Scheib up on her offer! "We had an excellent night out in Beijing," said Scheib. "Anne can order up Chinese food like a native and she was polite enough to overlook my inept chopstick skills!"



## Alumna brings students to campus

Alumna **Jaclyn Haskell, '13**, was thrilled to be on campus in December 2014 to show "her school" to her Jamestown elementary school students. The third-graders toured "La Ofrenda: Day of the Dead" exhibition at the Quick Arts Center and participated in hands-on cultural activities at the center and Friedsam Library. The students from Samuel G. Love Elementary School were among hundreds of area students who visited the exhibition during the fall semester.

## Virginia sixth-graders catch Bonnie Fever



ual Determination) school. AVID is an organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and post-secondary opportunities, and this project worked toward this goal by asking each class to choose a college or university to research and then decorate their classroom door with information about it to be presented at the event.

"Naturally, my students wanted to study UVA or JMU: universities in our backyard. I encouraged them to look beyond Virginia, however, and introduced them to SBU," said Herman. "They saw my passion for the school and it sparked their interest."

The students wrote letters to professors, alumni, and the undergraduate and alumni offices requesting brochures and information about St. Bonaventure as well as any gear that they could wear to show their spirit on the night of the event.

"The project that was assigned asked the students to decorate the classroom door with research from the university, but they were eager to go above and beyond. They ended up decorating the entire classroom, door, and adjacent hallways," Herman recalled with pride.

The students received abundant information



*Alumna Lynne Herman (left) and her sixth-graders celebrate SBU.*

about the school from alumni, faculty and staff, as well as flags, banners, T-shirts and sunglasses. With all of this at their disposal, it's no surprise that Herman's ambitious students went all out for the night of the event.

"They wore face paint and their own Bonaventure T-shirts, and they made pom-poms and cheered outside my classroom for two hours," said Herman. "They gave many families, students, and staff a tour of St. Bonaventure University inside and outside of my classroom and proudly told them all about my amazing alma mater."

The event turned out to be a competition, of which Herman's class was the overall winner, but the biggest reward for Herman was seeing her students, some of whom had never even considered attending college after high school, write in their thank-you notes to the Bonaventure community: "I hope to be a Bonnie one day!"

**Lynne Herman, '08, '09**, and her sixth grade class at Walker Upper Elementary School in Charlottesville, Va., learned the true power of a Bonnie this year at Walker's "Dream Big and Make it Happen" college and career night.

"Dream Big and Make it Happen" was the culmination of a six-week research project undertaken as part of Walker's initiative as an AVID (Advancement Via Individ-



### Former Bona swimmers meet at Masters Swimming Championships

Former Bona swim team co-captain **Kevin Culhane, '68**, and former captain **Nate Destree, '13**, met at the 2015 Colonies (Maine to Virginia) Masters Short Course Yards Swim Championships. The championships were held at George Mason University from April 10-12 with more than 580 swimmers of all ages competing. Both former Bona swimmers had great days in the pool with Culhane competing in the 65-69 age group and Destree in the 18-24 age group. Culhane swam four events and finished with a first, two seconds and a third in the 50-yard events of each stroke. Destree was a star with five first-place finishes including three short-course records and two meet records, highlighted by a smoking 49.92 in the 100-yard fly. Culhane and Destree shared many tales of Bona swimming both present and past: Culhane was the first swimmer in the then-brand new Reilly Center pool (1967) and Destree led the Bonnies to an Atlantic 10 Championship in 2013. Destree is a graduate assistant coach at West Virginia University and Culhane is retired and living in North-ern Virginia.



### Business students network in Charlotte

The BIS (Business Information Systems) Club traveled to Charlotte, N.C., and met with several alumni on April 17. Pictured from left are BIS Club adviser Dr. Carl Case, '80, '82; Gina Synder, '15; James Srutowksi, '15; Mark Evers, '01, '06, Capital Markets Director at Wells Fargo Securities; David Culligan, '15; Adam Ditcher, '17; and Andrew Culligan, '15.

### Class Notes

achieve National Board Certification. Only about 3 percent of teachers nationwide hold this certification. The process is rigorous and performance-based, Steger says. It is voluntary and based on National Teaching Standards, which outline what accomplished teachers should know and do to advance student learning. Achieving National Board Certification is seen as the "gold standard for accomplished teaching."

**2010 — Michael Post** has accepted the regional sales position covering the entire Midwest from the John Morrell Food Group. Post is in charge of driving sales for the Eckrich and Armour product lines and supporting the Direct Store Delivery Team. **Robert Torella** was promoted to manager of Lumsden & McCormick, LLP's auditing and accounting department. Torella primarily works with exempt organizations, specifically nonprofit organizations and educational institutions, as well as employee benefit plans, auto dealerships and other commercial entities. Torella joined Lumsden McCormick in July 2010 as a staff accountant after completing a summer internship with the firm in 2009.



**2011 — Samantha House** and her team at The Citizen, Auburn, received first place in the Depth Reporting category in the New York State Associated Press Association's 2014 contest. **Jacob Sonner**, a State University of New York at Buffalo Law School graduate, was sworn in as an attorney at the Appellate Division, Fourth Department's bar admission ceremony held in Rochester. After joining the New York State Bar, Sonner is now an associate at Damon Morey, LLP. Sonner practices in the firm's commercial and general litigation departments focusing on general negligence and casualty as well as construction litigation. **Sam Saeli** graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry in May 16 and began his residency at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center in July.

**2012 — Kyle Croker** joined Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. as a staff accountant in the Olean office. As a staff accountant, Croker is involved in preparing financial statements related



to compilations, reviews and audits. In addition, she is responsible for preparing tax returns for a variety of individual and business clients. **Chris Graham** is editor of The Orchard Park Bee, the local newspaper of the Buffalo suburb Orchard Park. **Charles Shevlin** of Randolph joined Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. in its Jamestown office location as a staff accountant. Shevlin has also earned the designation of certified public accountant in the state of New York. Shevlin is involved in preparing financial statements related to compilations, reviews and audits, in addition to preparing tax returns for individual and business clients.



**2013 — Thomas "Robbie" Chulick** relocated to the Syracuse area, where he accepted a position in the Office of Campus Life and Leadership at Le Moyne College. As an area director he coordinates student leadership development and other campus programming. **Aleda (Leis) Thompson** accepted a job as a research analyst for the University of Michigan Department of Anesthesiology.



**2014 — Fred Alvarez** of Syracuse was named associate producer at WCNY Public Media, a member-supported affiliate of the Public Broadcasting Service. **Dominic Matacale** has joined Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro as a staff accountant. **Skye Tulio** accepted a full-time communications assistant position with the Pottstown (Pa.) Area Health & Wellness Foundation upon graduating from SBU's Integrated Marketing Communications 4+1 graduate program in May.



**2015 — Caitlin Brown** is enrolled at Michigan State College of Law. **Melissa Curran** was accepted into St. Bonaventure's English master's degree program for fall 2015.

## Alumni Deaths

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

Rev. Francis J. Jann, '43, *Clarence, N.Y.*  
John J. McGrath, '43, *Venice, Fla.*  
Rev. John J. King, '44, *Starrucca, Pa.*  
Alice N. (Noonan) Fromme, '45, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Rev. Leon Ristuccia O.F.M., '45, *Winsted, Conn.*  
Mary G. (Welch) Kammerer, '48, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
M. Jeanne Brunner-Osborne, '49, *Binghamton, N.Y.*  
Robert L. Horey, '49, *Greenacres, Fla.*  
Edward J. Reilly, '49, *Pine Plains, N.Y.*  
Thomas F. Shannon, '49, *Tinton Falls, N.J.*  
David T. Whitten, '49, *Orange Beach, Ala.*  
William R. Cahill, '50, *Manlius, N.Y.*  
John P. Egan, '50, *Plymouth, Mich.*  
Rev. Robert A. Gavin, O.F.M., '50, *New York, N.Y.*  
Paul J. Gofran, '50, *Endicott, N.Y.*  
Anthony R. Iacovino, '50, *Tampa, Fla.*  
John W. McCarron, '50, *Muncie, Ind.*  
Frank Ruggeri, '50, *Ogdensburg, N.Y.*  
Charles A. Spreter Sr., '50, *Camillus, N.Y.*  
Frederick E. Wahl, '50, *Elmira, N.Y.*  
Sr. Frances T. Gavin O.S.F., '51, *West Palm Beach, Fla.*  
Paul J. Guerrein, '51, *Fairport, N.Y.*  
Thomas J. Hayes, '51, *San Antonio, Texas*  
Joseph E. Resch, '51, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
William J. Vierhile, '51, *Naples, N.Y.*  
Fred J. Bianco Jr., '52, *Peekskill, N.Y.*  
Gerald B. Hanna, '52, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Francis P. Murphy, '52, *Marcellus, N.Y.*  
Joseph F. Conti, '53, *Norwood, Mass.*  
Ruth A. Ness, '53, *Campbell, N.Y.*  
James J. Quagliana, '53, *Corning, N.Y.*  
Richard O. Robinson, '53, *Amherst, N.Y.*  
Edward A. Silvent, '53, *West Wyoming, Pa.*  
John L. Thume, '53, *Plattsburgh, N.Y.*  
William W. Walsh, '53, *Lake City, Fla.*  
John J. McCarthy, '54, *Hornell, N.Y.*  
Richard F. McGrath, '54, *North Oaks, Minn.*  
Joseph E. Zeller Jr., '54, *Nutley, N.J.*  
M. Bernard Cawley, '55, *Tonawanda, N.Y.*  
Joyce M. (Guinnip) Gilroy, '55, *Olean, N.Y.*  
James R. Hillery, '55, *Buffalo, N.Y.*  
Sr. Mary Rosaline Igielska, '55, *Hamburg, N.Y.*  
Henry E. Kearns, '55, *Huntley, Ill.*  
Casper J. Urban, '55, *Clarence Center, N.Y.*  
Joseph P. Feeley, '56, *West Seneca, N.Y.*  
Rev. Capistran J. Hanlon O.F.M., '56, *Loudonville, N.Y.*  
William T. Johnston, '56, *Naperville, Ill.*  
John Y. Carlin, '57, *Morristown, N.J.*  
Rev. R. Patrick Fitzgerald, '57, *New York, N.Y.*  
Richard L. Harrington, '57, *Palm Springs, Calif.*  
Marlin R. Smith, '57, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Winona (Haselhoff) Yahn, '57, *Olean, N.Y.*  
William J. Kalamanka, '59, *Webster, N.Y.*  
George C. Peacock, '59, *Phoenix, Ariz.*  
Franklin Strickland, '59, *Decatur, Ga.*  
Gordon G. Burdick, '60, *Smethport, Pa.*  
Norman R. Mancuso, '60, *Natick, Mass.*  
Brian V. Ahern, '61, *Ft. Myers, Fla.*  
Sr. Ann P. Keady O.S.F., '61, *Allegany, N.Y.*  
Sr. Mary B. Laffey O.S.F., '61, *Lewiston, N.Y.*

Col. (Ret.) David W. Hazen, '62, *Matamoras, Pa.*  
Hugh McCluskey Jr., '62, *Asbury Park, N.J.*  
Mark L. Knight, '62, *Hendersonville, N.C.*  
Richard W. Loftus, '62, *Lake Lure, N.C.*  
Sr. Mary (Joan) Thompson, S.S.M.N., '63, *Buffalo, N.Y.*  
Col. George M. Connell, '64, *Naples, Fla.*  
William B. Grothaus, '64, *West Hartford, Conn.*  
Paul H. Enderle, '65, *Danville, Ky.*  
Richard H. Freeman, '65, *Babylon, N.Y.*  
Dr. Michael D. Greco, '65, *Jarrettsville, Md.*  
Howard E. Kron, '66, *Washington, N.J.*  
Francis J. Mahar Jr., '66, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Dorothy M. McNabb, '66, *Mulberry, Fla.*  
Mary Ann Sutter Pupo, '66, *Chili, N.Y.*  
Rudolph W. Reinprecht, '66, *Wellsville, N.Y.*  
Sr. David M. Tyrell, '66, *Allegany, N.Y.*  
Dr. David E. Cunningham, '67, *Hershey, Pa.*  
Robert E. Murrin, '67, *Tampa, Fla.*  
Radley J. Rehnborg, '67, *Murfreesboro, Tenn.*  
James V. Rogers Jr., '68, *Charlotte, N.C.*  
Francis E. Borer, '69, *Jamesville, N.Y.*

Sr. Leonilda Avery, '70, *North Syracuse, N.Y.*  
John A. Boyce Jr., '71, *Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y.*  
Dean J. Eberle, '71, *Great Valley, N.Y.*  
Helen G. Hammond, '71, *Ellicottville, N.Y.*  
Joseph P. Lomio, '72, *Palo Alto, Calif.*  
Daniel E. Perry, '75, *Howard, Ohio*  
Mary Ellen (McMahon) Carollo, '77, *Ithaca, N.Y.*  
Sr. Frances A. Thom O.S.F., '77, *Syracuse, N.Y.*  
Clarence "Jack" Huselstein, '78, *Allegany, N.Y.*  
Debra L. Wells, '78, *Southlake, Texas*  
John P. Meade, '80, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Donald A. Robbins, '80, *Prentisvale, Pa.*  
Patricia (Ford) Money, '83, *Fairfield, Conn.*  
Sr. M. Adrian Wise, '85, *Fulton, N.Y.*  
Loretta M. McCormick, '85, *Oneonta, N.Y.*  
Judith (Sherman) Chiariello, '86, *Franklinville, N.Y.*  
Paul P. Corcoran, '86, *Smyrna, Ga.*  
Jane E. Schuck, '88, *Irmo, S.C.*  
Michael Fitzell, '89, *Yorktown Heights, N.Y.*  
Joan O'Brien, '93, *Portville, N.Y.*  
Lorenzo Altadonna, '97, *Binghamton, N.Y.*  
David Washington, '16, *Allegany, N.Y.*

## In Memoriam

**Francis E. Borer, '69**, died Dec. 5, 2014, in Jamesville, N.Y. He and his mother, the late Gertrude Borer, established the Dr. Arnold T. Borer Fellowship in honor of his father in 1992. The fellowship provides stipends for St. Bonaventure student research in biology during the summer months. Frank Borer was the founder and CEO of Petr-All Petroleum Corporation and Express Mart Convenience Stores.

**Dr. Richard W. Gates**, a longtime professor in the School of Education, died April 26. He taught at St. Bonaventure from 1970 to 2000, serving for a brief period as the dean of the School of Education. He served as a board member for the Olean Public Library, the Olean Planning Board, and for 20 years was a member and longtime president of the Olean City School District Board of Education.

**Dr. Roderick P. Hughes III**, a member of the Department of Philosophy from 1970-2014, died Jan. 30. One of

the university's most beloved faculty members, he received the university's Excellence in Teaching Award, served as chair of the Faculty Senate, and was the longtime chairman of the Department of Philosophy. Over his 45 years at St. Bonaventure, he taught critical thinking from a book that he authored to more than 6,000 students.

**Janet A. Lippert**, who worked her entire career at St. Bonaventure as a librarian, died Jan. 22. She retired in 2003 after 32 years of service.

**John "Jack" J. Murphy**, a former University trustee, died May 1 in Highland Park, Texas. Murphy served as a trustee from 1978-1992 and chair of the Board of Trustees from 1985-1992. The University honored him with an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree in 1994 and in 1997 renamed the former Mecom Building, the John J. Murphy Professional Building. Murphy spent most of career with Dresser Industries. He served as chair of

Dresser from 1983-1996 and president from 1982-1992.

**Doris Rigas** died Dec. 10, 2014, in Coudersport, Pa. She was the wife of former trustee John Rigas.

**Dr. Joseph S. Tedesco**, a longtime faculty member in the Department of English, died July 5. In his 42 years of teaching, his specialties included oral and written composition, and the playwright George Bernard Shaw. He served multiple terms as the chair of his department, frequently presenting at the scholarly conferences and furthering the advancement of the university community through his roles on the Faculty Senate, the Campus Ministry Council and the Long Range Planning committee.

**Rosalie "Bunni" Witherell**, who retired from the university's Admissions Office after 25 years of service, died April 9.



**Bridget Hurley, '08, and Brannan Karg**



**Vivian Romagosa and Joe DeMaria, '79**



**Melissa Roldan and Timothy Travers, '97**



**Emily Page and Joe Abriatis, '06**



**Kari McKinney and Tim Parks, '15**



**Maggie Warren and Matthew Braunscheidel, '06**



**Kelly Boquard, '05, and David Korzak**



**Kathleen Schreier, '01, and Jason Rudgers**





Heather Croke, '02, and Jack McCarthy



Andra Anisorac and Vasile Godenciu, '06



Lindsay Tracey and Michael Sullivan, '01



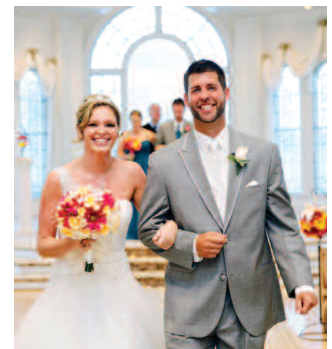
Cathryn Kittelberger and Jon Gonzalez, '05



Erica Buschner, '04, and Jerod Benjamin



Katie Mohagen, '08, and Connor Daugherty, '09



Amy Button, '09, and Brad Ervin

Additional Wedding Announcements

Lynn Monteleone, '01, and Branigan Mincey  
Deirdra Ross, '93, and Sydney Moshette III



Jody Bill, '08, and David Bachler



Andrea Edd, '07, and Chris O'Brien, '06



Melissa Emerling, '08, and Michael Sullivan Jr.



Katie Pazda, '09, '10, and Michael Avillo, '09



Deandra Danch, '09, and Pat Henahan, '09, '10



Ashley Borrelli, '06, and Greg Biryła, '06

## Wedding Guidelines

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## Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

### Births / Adoptions

Savannah Rae to **Deirdra (Ross), '93**, and Sydney Moshette III  
 Kaelyn Lauraine to Heather and **Patrick McCarthy, '95**  
 Lainey Brielle to **Mindy (Stallard), '95, '98**, and Kerry John  
 Samuel Kingsley to **Maureen (Langton), '01**, and Charlie Henderson  
 Brayden Robert to **Lynn (Monteleone), '01**, and Branigan Mincey  
 Peyton William to **Casey (Weishan), '01**, and Patrick Welch  
 Dylan Michael and Layla Grace to Shanna and **Greg Anderson, '02**  
 Charles Edward to **Shannon (Franklin), '03**, and **Edward Corbett, '02**  
 Stella Grace to **Carla (Grosso), '02**, and Aaron Bartz  
 Ripton Thomas to **Meg (Lush), '02**, and Ryan Camire  
 May Elizabeth to **Beth (Dunn), '02**, and Barry Weiss

Ruby Mae to **Kathryn (Dickinson), '03**, and Robert Charboneau  
 Elijah Christopher to **Grace Dudek, '04**, and Paul N. Macakanja  
 Mary Kathleen to **Kathleen (Christy), '04**, and Eric Miller  
 Conor Joseph to **Siobhan (Kane), '04, '06**, and **Joseph Rolfes, '05**  
 Liam Townsend to **Lyndsay (Jones), '05, '06**, and Matthew Niemiec  
 Erin Elizabeth (2013) and Honora Martha (2014) to **Elizabeth (Starkey), '05**, and Kristopher Gearhart  
 Camilla Marie to **Kendra (Chimera), '05**, and **William Kistner, '05**  
 Arya Grace to **Danielle (Frownfelter), '08, '10**, and **Christopher Michel, '08, '10**  
 Jack Edward to Svetlana and **Jeffrey Salzer, '11**

# #BonaBeauty

A photo contest created by the Franciscan Center for Social Concern and the SBU Land Use Subcommittee showcased the school's snowy woodlands and encouraged students to get outside and enjoy the beauty of our natural campus in winter. Submissions were posted on social media with the hashtag #bonabeauty.

The contest was a way to show the campus community that natural areas of campus can be enjoyed in all four seasons in addition to celebrating both the 100th birthday of Thomas Merton and St. Francis being named the patron saint of ecology. These 10 images received the most votes. See more at [www.sbu.edu/BonaBeauty](http://www.sbu.edu/BonaBeauty).



1st place

*The groves were  
God's first temples.*  
~ W.C. Bryant

By Brianna Roberts



By Rachel Konieczny  
*In the depth of winter I  
finally learned that there was  
in me an invincible summer.*



By Joe Ferencik  
*And the light shines in dark-  
ness; and the darkness com-  
prehended it not: John 1:5*



*St. Bonaventure  
is beautiful, even  
in the winter.*

By Lian Bunny



By Kathryn McTyre  
*Snowy sunset walk along the  
Allegheny River Trail*



By Raj Goyal  
*We are living in a world [where] the  
divine is shining through it all the  
time. ~ Merton*



*Take a hike*

By Laura  
Zakrzewski



By Matt Tack  
*The old that is strong does not  
wither, Deep roots are not reached  
by the frost. ~ J.R.R. Tolkien*



By Harrison Leone  
*A cold greater than can be thought,  
Allegheny River.*



*The deer have  
made their own  
pathway in the  
forest - Behind  
Francis Hall.*

By Sameer  
Singhal



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