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Peace and good, Bona's, now and forever

Dear St. Bonaventure Alumni:

Each time I enter into another set of the many farewells I am marking these days, I have a mental image of my life here as a vast piece of Velcro. I have come to realize that leaving St. Bonaventure's presidency is going to be a lot like unhooking a fastening made of this space-age material. Velcro is composed of countless small loops that interlace so completely that when you try to separate two strands, you suddenly become aware that it is not one physical pulling apart, but countless miniature unhookings that are taking place in ways you cannot see.

Of course, I am not leaving my membership in the Bonaventure Family, that worldwide web of brotherhood and sisterhood. That realization has softened many a moment that would have been very hard to bear in recent months: the last commencement, the last alumni reunion, the last meeting of the A-10 council, the last meeting with our wonderful Trustees ... the list is a long one. However, it has become very clear to me that the work of leading Bona's, given without reserve, has yoked me intimately to this place — this very particular and very beautiful place.

It reminds me of the charge of Polonius to his son, Laertes, in Hamlet: "Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel." Well, my soul has been grappled to hundreds of friends, co-workers, students and traditions that are part of our culture as an institution. It should also go without saying that as a native of Pittsburgh I have a profound respect for the staying power of steel and these bonds are truly that strong.

I knew at the beginning that there would be many days of very hard work to rebuild our good name, our commitment to academic excellence, our hope that our stu-



dents would come to a joyful adult autonomy while in our midst, our need for the staying power of our Catholic and Franciscan roots. I knew at the beginning that this would take reserves of discipline and doses

of self-knowledge laced with a sense of humor.

I also knew that in no way could I hope to transcend the enormous obstacles — financial, legal, organizational — without the dedication and faith of other leaders: cabinet officers, deans, our faculty members both senior and newly minted professors, our friars. Perhaps it should come as no surprise that in many hours when the energy to keep going was in short supply, it was our students whose hopefulness and infectious energy gave me that extra jolt of adrenaline to commit to "one day more," as the chorus of *Les Miserables* sings while facing the battle they know they are called to wage.

Now I stand at the other end of the journey. In multiple celebrations you have all called upon me to look back and join with you in giving thanks for what has been accomplished in my 12 years as the 20th president. You have showered me with words of thanks and affirmation. You have buoyed me up with prayer and pragmatic help as I enter into the work of fighting cancer. You have assured me that my place will always be in this community. You seem to echo the words with which I have sent countless graduates forth: *From this day forward your forwarding address is "Infinite*

Possibilities," but your permanent address will always be "Bonaventure."

Now, I must pray that mantra for myself.

Permit me one more time to thank you for the outrageous spirit of loyalty that makes you — our alumni — the stuff of legends among Catholic universities in this country. Thank you for the generosity that has allowed us to build and improve this campus even in the shadow of an awful recession. Thank you for continually promoting Bona's as a choice to your own children and to prospects with whom you have a connection. Thank you for your lives of honor in your communities, professions, faith-based institutions, and our country's military units. Thank you for the miracles big and small that are recounted every time Bonnies gather and every time Bonnies respond to need, whether in happy or horrible circumstances.

Permit me one more time to ask something of you. The Franciscan Rule by which I am bound says this about one's ability to accomplish goals:

They should not seek glory or even rejoice interiorly at any good word or work that God does through them. Rather, in every place and circumstance, let them acknowledge that all good belongs to the most high God, ruler of all things. Let them always give thanks to the One from Whom all good proceeds. Art. 31.

So, in closing I ask that you take a moment to quietly pray a prayer of praise and thanks to the God who both Francis and Bonaventure knew as a wellspring of goodness, *BONUM*, and a goodness whose desire for us, for our world, is peace, *PAX*.

PAX ET BONUM (one last time!),
Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F.

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Clare of Assisi, the first Franciscan woman, a wonderful woman

By Jean-François Godet-Calogeras, Ph.D.



Francis of Assisi did not know that turning his life upside down to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ would soon start a movement, that men and women would joyfully join him to form a *fraternitas*. That movement, however, would not be what it is without an amazing, wonderful woman also from Assisi, Lady Clare, who became Francis' friend, sister and accomplice in that great endeavor.

For too long and for some obscure reasons, history put Clare, *Chiara*, whose name means the bright one, in the shade, just a chapter in Francis' life, liter-

ally.

But in recent years, thanks to new developments in Franciscan research, Clare has emerged from the shadow. The increasingly visible Clare drew the attention and admiration of Sr. Margaret Carney, who in the late 1980s, after receiving a master's degree in Franciscan studies at St. Bonaventure University, went to Rome "to study the manner in which ... Clare of Assisi manifests the feminine experience of the Franciscan vocation," to study the first Franciscan woman.¹

It was not easy, in those medieval times, for a lay person and a woman to choose her own way of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. But Clare patiently fought a lifetime struggle to be able to live according to what God had inspired her, no matter who would tell her differently. She was a strong, consistent and persistent woman. Assertive and fearless, she lived the realities of her daily life according to the Gospel. In doing so, she brought God's spirit to everything she touched, to everybody she met. Can Clare still touch us today? I believe so, and what follows is a partial litany of possibilities.

Clare's world was based on property and oriented to profit, something that still sounds familiar. Such a world draws an immediate separation between the haves and the have-nots. It generates exclusion. Clare broke away from that and focused on the common good and community.

Clare's world, as ours, was tremendously lacking in compassion. Clare decided to be a sister to everyone. She put love at the base of all interpersonal relationships and expressed it "like a mother cares for her child." We can still learn from Clare how to become more compassionate human beings.

Also, if God created the human being masculine and feminine as we read in the book of Genesis, how can we devalue half of the species and dominate, disrespect and even oppress women? Clare opened the Franciscan movement, when it still was a movement of men, to the feminine and to the full participation of women.

And what about access to health care, another painful issue of our times? Clare was gifted with healing skills, and she graciously used them with everyone. Her focus was on the human being and healing was more important than curing.

Clare's approach to work can also teach us something in our age of fierce competition. She developed a positive practice in which everyone



This woodcut from a Flemish book from the 1500s depicts saints Francis and Clare.

could express her or his talents and skills in mutual service. Instead of competition, she preferred collaboration. Unemployment did not seem to have been a problem. Time management was generating calmness and not stress.

And, finally, the respect Clare paid to each human creature, she extended to all creation. Considering that we are part of creation, like Francis, we should be careful in the way we treat the earth because she is the source of our subsistence.

This litany is far from being exhaustive. I am convinced that Clare has a lot to tell us regarding our life today, as do Francis and the first brothers and sisters. Like all of us, Clare led a real life, with real problems and real people. She showed leadership. She can still inspire us.

(Jean-François Godet-Calogeras, Ph.D., is a professor of Franciscan studies at St. Bonaventure and general and managing editor of the journal *Franciscan Studies*.)

¹ Margaret Carney's research earned her a doctorate in theology, and was published in 1993: *The First Franciscan Woman: Clare of Assisi and Her Form of Life*.

Q&A

with Interim President Dr. Andrew Roth

Dr. Andrew Roth begins work Aug. 1 as interim president and will serve during the 2016-17 academic year. Former president and CEO of Notre Dame College in suburban Cleveland, he has more than 40 years of experience in higher education. His tenure at Mercyhurst College included roles as vice president for academic affairs, chief information officer, vice president for enrollment, director of admissions, and dean of admissions and financial aid. For more on his background, visit www.sbu.edu/Roth.



cocurricular to the extracurricular, plus those that were purely organizational or administrative. I look forward to bringing that experience to bear in helping the university to implement its strategic vision.

6. What would you say to alumni and university friends interested in supporting you during this year?

They can help by telling the Bonaventure story to any and all. It is a great story that needs to be told at every opportunity. By sharing their own experiences of the university, they not only make the story come alive but they spread the good news of a Bonaventure education and its life-enhancing experience. In short, they can be evangelists for St. Bonaventure.

7. Who are your education and leadership inspirations?

Having learned a great deal from the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Notre Dame, I am looking forward to learning a new charism working with the Franciscans. I was educated by Jesuits, so the Jesuits were/are an inspiration. Also, I have a bust of George Washington in my den — he is one of my heroes. I'm an amateur historian who loves colonial American history, the history of the American Revolution and the Early Republic. Washington is a major part of that. He was a natural leader, a visionary, a man of great courage, a lifelong learner and a man of great integrity.

8. Name three people (dead or alive) you'd like to take a road trip cross-country with?

Benjamin Franklin, because his inquisitive mind would want to understand everything; George Washington because his resolute courage and ability to adapt to changing circumstances would ensure we'd arrive at our destination; and Dorothy Day because she'd keep us grounded. Also, Mel Brooks because he'd make sure we didn't take ourselves too seriously!

1. What attracted you to Bona's?

For all of my career — which spans four decades — I have been aware of St. Bonaventure and its reputation for academic excellence and its commitment to a values-based education. That is what attracted me to the opportunity; what convinced me was the confirmation of my impressions I received when I visited campus — quality people imbued with a deep love for this institution who communicate their passion for St. Bonaventure not only in word but in deed.

2. What are the biggest issues facing higher education in America, especially at small, religiously affiliated privates?

As St. Bonaventure's data clearly reveals, what is true elsewhere is also true at St. Bonaventure — we need to help prospective students understand that our value proposition and the excellence of our outcomes make their investment in a St. Bonaventure education a good one. More prosaically, however, is also helping them solve the affordability puzzle. Schools like St. Bonaventure have to demonstrate their value to an increasingly price-sensitive student population. On St. Bonaventure's side, in addition to the obvious need to control expenses, is the need to build the endowment to a level sufficient to support student financial aid.

3. You said "demography is not destiny" in one of your interviews. What do you mean by that?

If one simply looks at the demographic data for Western New York, one might lament the future. But I don't. As someone once said to me, "There is always room for quality people (quality institu-

tions) to find a seat at the table." If St. Bonaventure is open to change, open to opportunity, open to the hard work seizing those opportunities entails, then it will prosper. Creativity and persistence always trump demography!

4. What tools will you depend on most to be successful in your position?

I believe in "MBWA," which is management by walking around and asking questions. So, the "tools" I will count on are my ability to communicate, which begins by listening, my ability to synthesize what I have heard and my ability to motivate. Leadership is all about people — I enjoy working with people and have been very fortunate that many quality people have enjoyed working with me.

5. A yearlong effort to develop a strategic plan just concluded. What do you offer SBU in helping to implement that plan?

My motto is "Think big, start small, move fast." The big thinking has been done. Now we need to identify 2-3 "small" items that can be implemented to sustain the positive momentum. In addition, one of the things I have done at every institution with which I have been associated is implement new programs ranging from the academic to the

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Presidential profile developed, national search begins

Alumni and friends are invited to visit www.sbu.edu/pres-search for updated progress in the search for St. Bonaventure's next president.

Presidential Search Committee members and representatives from the search consulting firm Witt/Kieffer have conducted 12 group listening sessions with students, faculty, deans, administration, staff, alumni, friars, members of the Board of Trustees, and key community stakeholders. Information shared during those listening sessions — as well as feedback

submitted through the Presidential Search Input Form — was integral to the Presidential Search Committee's drafting of the position profile.

This document is now publicly available on St. Bonaventure's Presidential Search website as a national advertising campaign begins.

This Presidential Profile will be given to prospective candidates to help them understand St. Bonaventure's unique history, mission and opportunities.

In the coming months, Witt/Kieffer will

begin identifying, recruiting and evaluating applicants for review by the full Presidential Search Committee.

This process will likely extend into the early fall, at which point the committee will begin interviewing candidates. During this portion of the search, work will be conducted with the confidentiality necessary to attract the strongest applicant pool.

The intention is to name the new president by Dec. 31, 2016, to be effective in July 2017.

SHARING FAITH

SBU friar to help guide relations with Muslims for Order of Friars Minor

Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., director of the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS) at St. Bonaventure, has been named the new general assistant for dialogue with Islam for the Order of Friars Minor.

Fr. Michael will provide the order's general administration with advice and guidance concerning interreligious dialogue and relations with Islam, and promote activities aimed at encouraging such interaction on behalf of the Order.



Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., Ph.D., views the Qur'an with Erik Furgal, '17, and Amina Golden-Arabaty, '19, in the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies at SBU.

Fr. Michael will continue to serve as director of the CAIS at St. Bonaventure, which was established in 2015 to promote an understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures, an appreciation of their historical and contemporary significance in the global community, and respectful relations between Muslim and Christian people.

In his new role, Fr. Michael will serve as president of a

Special Commission for Dialogue with Islam, which comprises three other friars and additional advisers. He will also serve as vice president of the order's broader Commission for Dialogue.

The special commission has a number of initiatives on the horizon, including the preparation of events to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' encounter with Sultan Malik al Kamil, the development of materials for initial and ongoing formation on the importance of dialogue with Islam, and an international resource directory for friars and other Franciscans engaged in dialogue with Islam.

"I am truly humbled by this appointment, and by the trust the Order has placed in me to assist in fostering relations between Franciscan and Muslim communities worldwide at this time," Fr. Michael said. "Whatever abilities I bring to this office, I owe to my educators, to the friars who taught me what it means to be Franciscan, and to my Muslim brothers and sisters who have shared their faith with me. I pray that I may serve them all well."



Director of Athletics Tim Kenney (left) and University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., congratulate Mark Evers, '01, and Brian DiPietro, '94.

Evers, DiPietro inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

Swimmer Brian DiPietro, '94, and baseball player Mark Evers, '01, were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame June 4.

A breaststroke specialist, DiPietro's excellence in his events and on relays helped St. Bonaventure capture its first Atlantic 10 Swimming & Diving Championship in 1993. He was the first St. Bonaventure swimmer ever to win the 100 breaststroke at the A-10 meet, taking first place in the event in both 1993 and 1994 to earn all-conference honors.

Evers was an accomplished athlete and student whose leadership pushed St. Bonaventure baseball to the top of the Atlantic 10 Conference. A two-year team captain and a four-year starting shortstop, the Troy, N.Y., native holds a career batting average of .316. He also hit 19 career home runs, which ranked eighth all-time at Bona at the time of his induction.



During his tenure in Congress, James T. Walsh (left) served as deputy Republican whip from 1994-2006.

CIVIC LITERACY

Walsh returns to Bona's with Congress to Campus

James T. Walsh (R-N.Y.) and Richard H. Stallings (D-Idaho), former members of the U.S. House of Representatives, visited St. Bonaventure March 6-8 as part of the Congress to Campus program.

The duo visited classes and presented a public forum on the 2016 presidential campaign, with a focus on global issues such as immigration, terrorism and trade.

Walsh, a 1970 graduate of Bona's, also led a lunchtime forum for students, faculty and staff on the Northern Ireland Accords as a model for negotiating peace in the Middle East. Walsh is a government affairs counselor in K&L Gates' Washington, D.C., office. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1989, where he served until 2009.

GLOBETROTTERS

Panelists share pitfalls and opportunities of working in the global arena

This year's Kearns Global Business Lecture, "Globetrotters Working Internationally," assembled a panel of international business executives who shared details about how their international work experiences enhanced their leadership and interpersonal skills while honing their global business acumen. The panelists (above) included Brian Kearns, vice president and CFO of BH Aircraft Co.; Jennifer Torneden, vice president and regional sales director for Zurich Insur-



ance Group; and Donard Gaynor, retired senior executive of Beam Global Spirits & Wine. In the Q&A session, the panel addressed how students can best explore global career opportunities and give their insights into corporate international assignment programs.

Dick Kearns, '72, senior adviser for Zurich Insurance Group, was the moderator and host of the lecture series.

NEW ONLINE OFFERINGS

Three new MBA tracks established

St. Bonaventure has established three new academic tracks in its internationally accredited MBA program. Students in the graduate MBA program may now choose among tracks in accounting, finance and marketing, along with the existing general management track, said Brian McAllister, MBA program director.

Students on each track choose four courses from track-specific offerings.

Starting in September, the MBA program will be available for the first time in a fully online format.

Courses offered in the online MBA program have a duration of seven weeks. Students generally take one online course at a time (therefore two online courses would be completed each semester: fall, spring and summer). The anticipated degree completion time varies from 28 months (seven semesters) to as few as 20 months (five semesters).

"The online program was created specifically for the productive adult with a busy schedule," said McAllister.

Learn more at online.sbu.edu.



LEADERSHIP LESSONS: Mass communication alumna Deb Henretta, '83, (left) senior adviser to SSA & Company and retired group president from P&G, visited campus for two days in March as the 2016 Leader in Residence. Henretta, known as an inspirational leader and global brand innovator, delivered presentations on "Developing Your Personal Brand," "Being a Leader of Consequence," "Communication Ethics," and "Women's Issues in the Workplace."

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

New dean to build on school's legacy

Dr. Matrecia James began her post July 1 as dean of the School of Business. She previously was associate dean of Jacksonville University's Davis College of Business and director of its graduate business programs.

James was also Jacksonville's director of Leadership Development Portfolios, an electronic platform she designed and maintained for the storage and tracking of graduate leadership development portfolios.

"I look forward to working in partnership with the corporate community to raise the profile of the school and create an enduring reputation of responsive excellence in both the community and business environments," James said. "The School of Business has a history of academic distinction and community involvement. I plan to honor and strengthen this legacy."

James earned her Ph.D. in business administration from Florida State in 2005.



FIRST PERSON >

Campus Bound / Outward Bound

By JOE CERAULO | Class of 2020

For many high school students, choosing a college can be one of the most arduous decisions they have to make in their 18 or so years. That wasn't at all the case for me.

When I attended my first college fair in October of my junior year at Syosset High School on Long Island, I organized a list of 10 schools in which I was interested. St. Bonaventure was not at all on my radar.

I had known from the start that I wanted to major in something related to the field of radio or sports broadcasting. With that in mind, my mother encouraged me to research the top-ranked college radio stations in the country. As I reviewed the list, I recognized St. Bonaventure, whose radio station was then ranked third. Prior to that, the only time I had heard of SBU was back in 2012 when I vividly remembered rooting for the #14 seed in the NCAA tournament after Andrew Nicholson had led the Bonnies to their first Atlantic 10 men's basketball championship.



Having recognized the school, I added it to the bottom of my list, still without the intention of so much as applying there. When I approached the booth for St. Bonaventure at the college fair, it was the second to last school I had planned on looking into that day and I was tired to say the least.

One of the first things the admissions counselor, Mike Murray, inquired about was my intended major. When I mentioned that I was interested in radio, he lit up. He revealed to me that back in 2009 he was actually the station manager for WBSU. I left the old Nassau Coliseum that day with a totally different mindset as to where I wanted to spend my next four years.

Growing up, I've played football, basketball and, most recently, baseball for my high school. As much as I have always loved playing sports, when I wasn't participating I found myself constantly talking about them, which is why, after taking an Introduction to Radio elective my freshman year, I decided to join WKWZ, my school's radio station, at the start of my sophomore year. I quickly discovered that I had found my niche in talking on the air.

By my senior year of high school, I had been selected as sports director at WKWZ, a title which my current admissions counselor, Chris Scheppner, held at WBSU. I've also come to realize at this point in my life that I hope to have a career in radio.

While its excellent reputation for college radio was a major factor in selecting St. Bonaventure, it wasn't the only reason I'll be coming to Olean in August.

The second I stepped foot on campus last November I immediately sensed that the student body at SBU was not just a class, but a family. I've always wanted to go to a college where you were more than a number, where you felt connected to your fellow classmates, and where 30 years down the line, you'd have absolutely no regrets about where you spent arguably the four most important years of your life. That's why I couldn't be any more proud to be part of St. Bonaventure's Class of 2020.

By JAISREE IYER | Class of 2016

It is hard to believe that I won't be returning to St. Bonaventure this fall. I won't see the beautiful colors of the ivy on Devereux. I won't be surrounded by my roommates or be able to go to my favorite professor and talk to her, not just about my classes, but about life.

Instead I am entering into the real world. This is a place where if I see a fellow Bonnie, I know it is not just a casual, "oh, I went to St. Bonaventure as well," but at least a 15-minute conversation filled with excitement over this little university tucked away in the Enchanted Mountains. Bonaventure touches every single person who steps foot on campus with its warm, friendly demeanor, and leaves a lasting legacy that no one will ever forget.



Our little Bona bubble helped incubate us through our journey, and through it we have found what we liked and what we do not like, our strengths and our weaknesses. We learned more about ourselves than we ever thought possible.

I am proud to say I am not the same woman who entered Bonaventure four years ago. My biology and psychology classes nourished my love for learning and left me in awe of the world we live in. Through the Asian Students In Action Club, I was able to appreciate my culture and share it with my fellow students. Through the tragic loss of one of our classmates, I learned how my Bonaventure family comes together and supports one another. Through all these experiences I learned what it means to be a Bonnie.

Wherever Bonaventure graduates go, we will be fine. At Bonaventure we treat everyone with kindness. We run to help someone if they drop something and hold doors for each other.

At Bonaventure we have created a culture of compassion. Our students are involved with Bona Buddies, Enactus, BonaResponds, and so many activities that spread altruism across our campus and the surrounding area. It is not just our students, but our professors who stand as outstanding examples for us.

Being from Atlanta, traveling to and from St. Bonaventure during the winter oftentimes meant flight delays. One time I had a seven-hour delay, and missed the bus that would take me to Olean. I thought I might have to spend the night in the airport and wait for the morning bus. I was wrong. One of my chemistry professors braved the snow at 9 p.m. to pick up me and a fellow Bonnie at the airport. *This* is what it means to be a part of the Bonaventure community.

We will continue to spread that good ol' Bona's love through making a difference in the media, or cultivating the culture in a business, or changing a child's life, or saving a patient's life, or any other profession we may enter.

We bring a part of that culture of compassion wherever we scatter across the globe. We create little bubbles across the world that inspire people to thrive on compassion.

That is our lasting impact on a world that needs a lot of love and compassion right now. *That* is what distinguishes Bonnies.

Commencement 2016 Photo File

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▲ The university paid tribute to four individuals with honorary degrees at Commencement: Raymond C., '64, and Maureen K. Dee (center of photo), successful entrepreneurs and longtime Bonaventure backers; Dan Barry, '80, (second from left) a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer for the New York Times; and Fr. André Cirino, O.F.M., (right) of Immaculate Conception Province, whose ministerial experience includes parish work, retreats and education. The honorees are pictured with President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., and Board Chair Bob Daugherty.



▲ Eschewing his velvet beret at the outset and donning a Bonnies ball cap at the end, Dan Barry offered up a heady mix of humor, humility and honor to more than 560 students at Bona's 156th Commencement Exercises.



◀ University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., received a standing ovation from more than 1,000 students, family members and university community members after Fr. Greg Dobson, pastor of St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church in Olean, surprised her at Baccalaureate with a medal from Pope Francis.



▲ A Multicultural Stole Ceremony celebrated the academic achievements of domestic students of color.





Bonathon callers celebrate success on #BonaGivingDay.

You made it happen: \$2,498,142!

Thanks to the shared vision of thousands in the St. Bonaventure family, The Bonaventure Fund received nearly \$2.5 million in donations during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, breaking the previous record (set during the 2007-2008 fiscal year) by more than \$100,000!

A large part of this accomplishment can be attributed to the inaugural #BonaGivingDay on April 21, but it takes much more than one big day to break a record.

The fundraising success of this past year was a culmination of many positive forces:

- The undergraduates who were part of our first student philanthropy efforts are now young alumni and giving back at an impressive rate.
- Our reunion classes continue to build momentum as a fundraising force. The 2015–2016 Reunion Class Challenge, which concluded May 31, garnered \$619,583 from reunion classes 1951 to 2011. Here are a few highlights from the classes that celebrated 50-year, 25-year and 5-year anniversaries:
 - The class of 1966 raised \$74,724
 - The class of 1991 raised \$52,822
 - The class of 2011 raised \$2,956

You're invited!

Are you a member of a class year ending in 2 or 7? If so, **please consider serving as a reunion co-chair for The Bonaventure Fund this year.** To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact Karen Heitzinger, associate director of Annual Giving, at (716) 375-2328.



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#BonaGivingDay

Alumni help raise \$326,320 during one-day giving blitz

The most exciting thing about the inaugural #BonaGivingDay was how it grew organically. Following the success of the 2015 Young Alumni Challenge, we were confident the Bona Nation would get behind the idea — and you did, raising more than \$326,000!

The excitement during #BonaGivingDay was not limited to any particular group; rather it was communitywide:

- Graduates from the past 10 years took on the Young Alumni Challenge posed by Don, '59, and Margy Gracyalny, with a total 105 young alumni contributing.
- Reunion classes embraced the Reunion Class Challenge offered by Eileen (Madigan) Kinslow, '86, and Chris Kinslow, '85, with an astounding \$46,562 raised.
- Members of the Class of 1981 surpassed the \$5,000 challenge posted by Rich O'Halloran, '81, donating \$6,175.
- Thirty-four donors, including three young alumni, stepped up to the Devereux Giving Societies Challenge given by Laurie Krupa, '82, making a gift of at least \$1,000 during the fiscal year.

These are just a few examples of how Bonnies coming together can do great things. We were blessed to have the likes of Jim, '76, and Nina, '79, Meyer contribute \$75,000 and Laurie Branch, '04, give \$25,000, but these major gifts were just a part of the overall picture.

More than 60 supporters young and old emerged to make their first-ever gift to the university, helping to bring the total of new gifts that day to 262.

Ultimately, that's what #BonaGivingDay was about: creating excitement and incentive for everyone to get behind the university and better understand how The Bonaventure Fund impacts our students and community as a whole.

Bona Giving Day by the numbers

\$326,320.06 raised

608 total gifts

496 online gifts in one day (setting a new record!)

262 new gifts

105 young alumni donations

61 first-time donors

34 new members to the \$1,000+ Devereux Giving Societies



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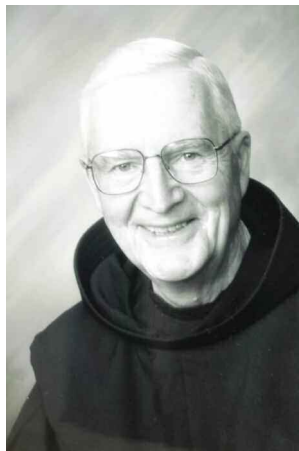
The 2016 Gaudete Medal Awards Dinner recognized Suzanne and John, '88, Berger, Fr. Joseph Bayne, O.F.M., Conv., and Jack Connors for their committed Franciscan service to Buffalo and Western New York. The Gaudete Medal is one of St. Bonaventure's highest awards. It is bestowed to outstanding business and community leaders who exemplify the same spirit expressed through the life and teaching of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi. This year's event raised more than \$35,000 for student scholarships.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS of Giants



John Skehan



Fr. Gervase White, O.F.M.

One renowned swimming coach devoted to developing leaders and two beloved friars focused on maintaining a positive attitude are behind every step to success Al Horton, '66, has found in life.

By Susan Anderson



Fr. Eugene Malek, O.F.M.

He arrived at St. Bonaventure from Louisville, Ky., a high school swimming star finished with competing. But by his sophomore year, the former champion was homesick, struggling academically, and at a loss how to turn things around.

Thanks to the tough discipline and encouragement of two friars and a coach, he got back into the pool and found a path to success. Now as he celebrates his 50th Reunion, 1966 alumnus and Board of Trustees member Albert C. Horton pays homage to these men, long gone but never forgotten: Coach John Skehan (head swim coach from 1958-1978 and director of intramurals from 1958-1985); Fr. Eugene Malek, O.F.M. (director of maintenance, golf team moderator and swim team chaplain from 1962-1966); and Fr. Gervase White, O.F.M. (a 1951 alumnus who served 47 years at St. Bonaventure).

"I attribute my success in life to my father and to these men," Horton said. "They taught me discipline and ignited in me the desire to work hard and succeed. I have all the respect in the world for them."

Horton credits Coach Skehan for helping him to hone self-control, Fr. Gervase for putting him on track academically and Fr. Eugene for offering him a shoulder to lean on and a healthy dose of optimism.

Horton maintained a close relationship with each man through the decades. From his graduation to his marriage and through the years of raising a family and shaping a business, they were with him for every milestone, achievement and heartbreak. "As long as they were alive, I always talked to them," he said.

But perhaps the greatest teacher for Horton was his father, Albert



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They taught me discipline and ignited in me the desire to work hard and succeed.

~ AL HORTON

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Al Horton, '66 (center), and his wife, Barbara, are pictured with their children and grandchildren.

Gray Horton, who at a young age took on the adult responsibility of helping to support his mother and three sisters.

"My father had to quit school in the eighth grade and go to work," he said. There wasn't enough money in the family and the threat of an orphanage loomed, so a young Albert and his mother teamed up and entered the produce business. "He was hauling fruits and vegetables when he was 14."

By the early 1950s, Albert Gray Horton became a pioneer in the pre-packing segment of the produce industry. Not only did he build a successful business from the ground up, but also ensured that each of his sisters and all of his children had the

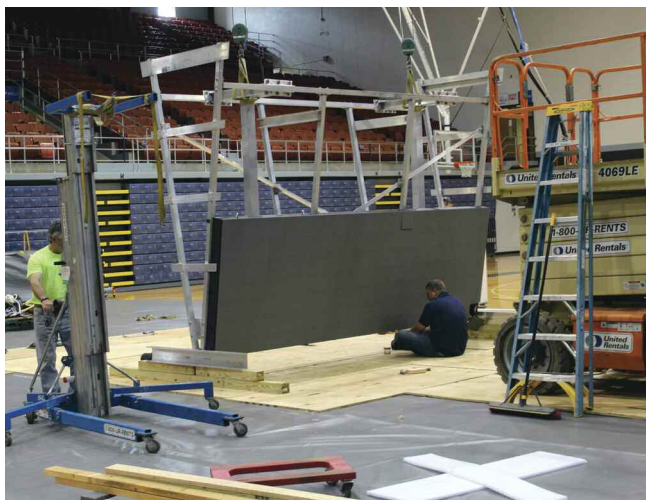
advantage of a college education.

Today, Albert C. Horton is chairman of The Horton Fruit Company founded by his father in 1946. He and his wife, Barbara, make their home in Louisville, where they raised three children: Albert Gray Horton II, who passed away in 1993; Alanson Boden; and Dorothy Jane Woodward. A longtime supporter of St. Bonaventure, Horton has served on the university's Board of Trustees since 2010 and is a former member of the School of Business Advisory Board and the Athletics Campaign Steering Committee.

In memory of the men — mentors, friends and father — who helped mold him into who he is today, Horton has made a leadership gift to the university for upgrades to the pool, conditioning and strength training equipment and the new state-of-the-art videoboard in the Reilly Center Arena.

His hope is that today's students find the same support and motivation he did at St. Bonaventure and that they not take for granted what others have worked hard to pass along.

(Susan Anderson is director of fundraising communications at St. Bonaventure.)



Installation of the new videoboard is expected to be completed by late July.

Upcoming Alumni Events



Join in the fun **October 21-23, 2016**, with your fellow Bonnies in **Boston!** The Office of Alumni Services will present the fourth in a new series of leisure travel adventures, with registration details to come soon. We'll be lodging at the Boston Marriott Copley Place and touring as you wish, concluding with Sunday Mass at our Franciscan home on Arch Street, St. Anthony Shrine and Ministry Center.

► August 16

Rededication of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, campus

► September 23-24

Family Weekend, campus

► October 21-23

Boston Weekend

► November 17

Men's basketball at University of Florida, Lakeland, Fla.

► November 22

Women's basketball at Penn State

► November 21-23

Men's basketball at Austin, Texas

► June 2-4, 2017

Alumni Reunion, campus

Questions? Contact the Alumni Office at (716) 375-2302 or alumni@sbu.edu.

Once a Bonnie ...



Alumni from the Class of 1966 pose for a 50th anniversary class photo. View and download hundreds of photos from Reunion Weekend at www.sbu.edu/bonaflickr.

The sun shone brightly on **Alumni Reunion Weekend 2016**

as 1,000 Bonnies returned home to celebrate friendships old and new. The weekend was blessed with beautiful weather, allowing for best use of the campus – for baseball and Kan Jam competitions, long walks and socializing.

The Rigas Family Theater in the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts was packed for the farewell address of Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president, and later that day Sr. Margaret graciously accepted the 2016 William “Stax” McCarthy Alumnus of the Year Award.

Classes ending in 2 and 7, make plans now for Reunion 2017, slated for June 2-4!



National Alumni Association Board President Kristan McMahon, '97, presented Sr. Margaret with the 2016 Alumnus of the Year Award. The plaque was mounted on a brick from the college's first building, which burned down in May 1930. The bricks were discovered during excavation for the Richter Center.

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DANNY BUSH, '13



There's always time for friendly competition on Saturday afternoon.







The Presidential
Legacy

OF SR. MARGARET CARNEY

By TOM MISSEL



he really had no idea what to do. The scope of the challenge staring her in the face was that daunting. But Sister Margaret Carney had made a commitment to those people entrusted to her care to find a solution. She couldn't turn back. A lunchtime fight had broken out on the playground at St. George Grade School in inner-city Philadelphia. Sr. Margaret was teaching seventh grade.

"I started across the playground thinking, 'What am I going to do when I get there?' Some of these kids were tough," she recalled. "And all of a sudden, two of my biggest boys get in front of me and say, 'Sister, you just drop back and we'll take care of this.'"

Told by the veteran sixth-grade teacher in September that she wouldn't survive until Christmas, the pint-sized Pittsburgher didn't take long to earn the respect of her students. More than 50 years later, the feeling hasn't changed much.

"I'd follow her to the ends of the earth," said Michael Padlo, '16, an Olean native who's interned in the St. Bonaventure president's office the last two years. "I'd do anything for her. She's exactly the type of leader I'd like to become someday."

A leader who never thought she was a serious candidate for the job.



TWELVE YEARS AGO, STARING OUT the window of a Newark hotel room, waiting to be interviewed by university trustees, this 5-foot-1 force of nature harbored the same self-doubt as the schoolteacher marching across that Philly playground 40 years before.

One of three finalists for the unenviable task of healing a university's deep wounds, Sr. Margaret thought to herself: "I have one hour to escape."

"That day, along with the day of my inauguration, was the closest I've had to feeling that you're out of your own body," she said. "I felt like I was being thrown over Niagara Falls."

In the wake of a basketball recruiting scandal that resulted in the dismissal of a president, an athletic director and a coach, Sr. Margaret was asked to become the senior vice president for the Franciscan charism, working in tandem with interim President Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M., to re-establish faith in the institution. Impressed with their efforts, trustees asked them both to apply for the permanent job.

"I really thought they were asking us only because everyone was telling them that they wanted us to stay," she said. "I just saw it as a politically necessary thing out of respect to us."

Even when she landed in the pool of finalists, she was sure she was in too deep.

"I saw the résumés of the other two finalists and thought, 'Wait a minute. I'm not supposed to be here still,'" she said.

Lana Benatovich didn't see it that way at all.

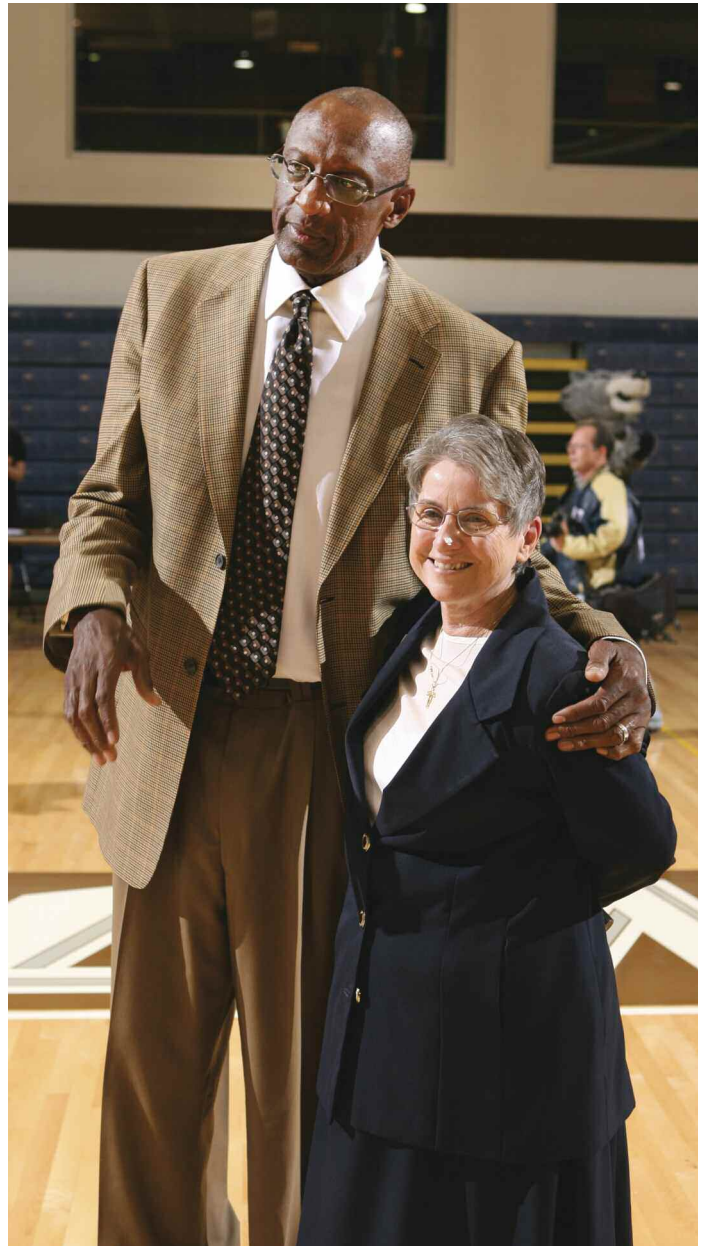
"She just blew us away in the interview," said Benatovich, a trustee on the search committee to find Fr. Dominic's replacement. "She was fabulous. Her answers to the questions were so on the mark, so positive. She not only knew what she was saying, she believed it."

Jack McGinley Jr. was chair of the Board of Trustees longer than anyone during Sr. Margaret's presidential tenure, the fourth longest in school history.

"We were facing a daunting task on a number of fronts and I think those tasks could have been intimidating to a person of lesser courage and confidence," said McGinley, '65, who thought so much of her presidency — and friendship — that he added her name to the university's new ministries center being built with a gift from his family's foundation.

Sr. Margaret's trepidation was soothed by the Board's faith in her.

"The thing that got me over the hump was their belief in me," she said. "Something transformed in the core of my being that made me believe I could do this when I didn't think I could."



TIME LAPSE, clockwise, from top left: 2004, Sr. Margaret's inauguration; 2007, Reilly Center Arena court named in honor of Bob Lanier; 2008, the university's 150th Anniversary Celebration; 2013, Swan Business Center opening; and 2014, BonaResponds packs 108,864 meals for Haiti and the Philippines.

DOUBT WAS LEFT in the rear-view mirror. She only knew one direction: forward.

She led a \$95 million capital campaign to commemorate the university's 150th anniversary in 2008. New buildings sprung up for recreation, rare books, dining, the sciences, business and ministries (to open in 2017). Old buildings and spaces for the sciences, athletics, dining, spiritual reflection and residence life were rejuvenated.

"Every time we went out to raise money, I always thought I could tell a story well about what we needed and why we needed it," said Bob Daugherty, current chair of the Board and leader of the fundraising campaign to build the Swan Business Center. "And then Sr. Margaret would get up and they would want to give her the money as soon as she left the stage because she was so compelling of a speaker."

Give her 10 minutes to prepare, and she could talk about the nuances of the infield fly rule in baseball — and it would be the best speech about the infield fly rule you ever heard. And she rarely spoke from a script.

"She carries an eloquence of expression that is not found in many men or women in leadership capacities," McGinley said. "She may be the best public speaker I have ever heard."

She was just as good in private settings.

"Her capacity on a moment's notice to say just the right thing was remarkable," said Dr. Emily Morris, who served under her for nine years as vice president for university relations. "I would often ask her, 'From where did you get the inspiration to say that?' And she'd say, 'From the Holy Spirit.'"

Morris thought she was joking at first. "But then I came to realize that's probably where it came from," Morris said. "That I worked for a person who truly was driven by and guided by faith was a remarkable experience."

Sr. Margaret was also driven by an almost superhuman work ethic. If an office light was on in Hopkins Hall after 10 p.m., it was almost always hers.

"One of my toughest challenges as Board chair was getting her to slow down every once in a while," said Ray Dee, a member of the Class of 1964 and Board chair from 2012-2015.

Her workload was staggering to everyone but her.

"I don't think it's heroic. It's just what I do," she said. "You could call it work-



holism on the one hand, but it's very much the way that religious embrace their ministerial calling. Personal leisure is a value, but not a priority. I'm here to serve."

Sr. Margaret's tireless commitment was "an extraordinary generosity that we should be grateful for," Morris said. "We had her 24/7/365. She was St. Bonaventure from the time she woke up until the time she went to bed. That's not a realistic expectation for any leader, religious or not."



NO ONE WORKED LONGER with Sr. Margaret than Brenda McGee, who was Sister's chief financial officer for her entire run as president. Early on in her career, McGee gave a business vendor an answer about a contract renegotiation that he didn't care for. So the vendor went over her head to Sr. Margaret.

"She wasn't so much offended that he wanted the contract reviewed because he certainly had that right," McGee said. "But when he said he didn't want to talk to me but to the men of the university who could make a decision ... well, I've never seen anyone so quickly escorted out of a CEO's office – with grace, of course."

McGee laughed telling the tale, but not nearly as hard as she did on March 10, 2012.

The Bonnies had just survived a late rally by UMass to clinch a berth in the Atlantic 10 men's basketball title game in Atlantic City the next day. Sr. Margaret was

sweeping her kitchen right after the game when McGee called. The president wanted desperately to get to the game, but didn't think she could drive herself. McGee offered immediately and off they went.

"In the backseat, she's calling one convent after another, making small talk at first and then revealing, 'The reason I called, Sister, is that my team is playing in the A-10 Championship tomorrow, and I need all of those nuns down on their knees praying for us,'" McGee recalls. "She must have called eight or 10 convents on the East Coast."

Acknowledging the slippery slope of praying for sports glory — "I almost never do that, but I did that day," she said with a smile — Sr. Margaret said she was "spooked out" when she walked into Mass that Sunday morning and heard an Irish hymn she had heard maybe one other time in her life.

"All I could think was that all of my Irish ancestors were going to make sure we won that game," she said.

Standing on the court in the chaotic swirl of the postgame celebration, Sr. Margaret grabbed star Andrew Nicholson and thanked him, then was hoisted in the air and twirled about by injured guard Michael Davenport.

The opportunity to become president emerged because of basketball. Now here she was, nine years later, on the polar opposite end of the emotional spectrum. Personally, she was thrilled. But she was ecstatic for "all the people in the stands



with tears in their eyes who kept the faith, who hadn't given up on us, and for all of those who had bore the pain of getting us through the darkest times."

One day later, the joy was magnified when the women's basketball team erupted with 1,500 fans — the president among them, sitting with the team — in the Reilly Center as they watched ESPN reveal their bid to their first NCAA Tournament.

"To see how little support they had when I first came on as president, to that WNIT game a few years later with 4,000 people in the RC, and then that season and their success in the tournament was very meaningful for me," she said. "That whole experience with the men and women was like being dropped into the middle of a dream — except it's not something you ever dared to dream."



OF COURSE, PRESIDENCIES ARE inevitably pockmarked with disappointment and heartache.

The failure of the Hilbert College alliance was especially painful, she admits. Students John Dlugosz, Matthew Dungan, and Tyler Davis passed away. Racial tensions flared in 2015, and enrollment challenges mounted in the shrinking Northeast, especially since the recession in 2008.

Yet she never shied away from the problems and was always present to help the campus heal in times of tragedy.

"Obviously, there are days when the discouragement is profound," she said. "But you have to decide if you're going to cash in your chips or stay the course and go forward 100 percent."

A passionate advocate of diversity and social justice for more than 50 years, she established #race-

The centerpiece of events to mark Sr. Margaret's 12-year term as president was a May 5 "Celebration of Discovery, Community and Individual Worth," which culminated with a presentation by Sr. Margaret on the Franciscan value of individual worth (above).

matters to increase campus programming about the role of race in society and elevated the director of the Damietta Center for Multicultural Student Affairs to a full-time position.

She pushed for aggressive initiatives to swim in new enrollment streams online and abroad, and encouraged exploration of new academic programs that would meet market demands.

And she was smart enough to know she didn't have all the answers.

This past year, she empowered more than 100 people — from students to vice presidents, and everyone in between — to develop the university's new strategic plan, a recognition that the best way to build morale and consensus was to have so many people invested in the future of the university.

"The thing I like most about the strategic plan is that it puts students at the center, something I've been preaching forever," she said. "I credit (Vice President for Student Affairs) Rick Trietley a lot for shifting the mindset of the student life division — from thinking that students are a problem to be solved to looking at their role as an opportunity to foster leadership. It's one of the reasons why I put so much time in getting out to see the students."

As busy as she was almost every waking hour, Sr. Margaret's ability to build and foster relationships might well be her enduring legacy.

"That kind of ever-presence she took very seriously," McGee said. "On any given Saturday, she could be at three SGA events, a wake, a concert and then a basketball game."

And Sr. Margaret enjoyed it: "For some presidents, that part of the job is painful, but not for me. I really enjoy meeting people."

Tom Buttafarro, her longtime director of operations, marvels at her ability to work a room.

"In a different world, she's a politician — and a really good one," said Buttafarro, who would know; he was an aide for New York state legislators Pat McGee, Cathy Young and Joe Giglio before coming to SBU. "She would be a staffer's dream."

More than anyone, given the sheer volume of time he spent with her, Buttafarro was witness not only to Sister's remarkable public persona, but to those moments off stage when the demands of the job inevitably took their toll.

"As long as Sarah (Stangle, her secretary) and I went on a little bit of a cleaning spree in the office and kitchen area when she was in a mood, her compassionate side would come out pretty quick," said Buttafarro, who delivered a hysterical and heartfelt tribute to Sister at her farewell dinner with trustees June 10.



BUTTAFARRO OFFERED THE story with a big smile, framed around tales of Sr. Margaret's deep desire to get to know more about the people she valued and the history she treasured.

On a drive to an Alvernia College trustees meeting in Reading, Pa., Sr. Margaret encouraged Buttafarro to use the time she was at the meeting to take a trip to the Yuengling Brewery in Pottsville for a tour. But other commitments didn't allow him to go.

The next time Buttafarro drove her to Alvernia, Sister pulled him aside and told him, "Tom, let's leave early and take that



Yuengling tour."

"We had an hour to kill in Buffalo one day and she said, 'Let's go to the art gallery.' She has a real sense of adventure," Buttafarro said. "Finding the Pietrobattista family in Assisi" — the descendants of the university's first president — "was all about her sense of adventure."

One of the byproducts of that quest? Flavia Pietrobattista, who visited with family from Italy when SBU celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008, enrolled at St. Bonaventure in the fall of 2015.



In 2004, the university honored Don Aldo Brunacci with a National Gaudete Medal for his efforts to save more than 200 Jews during World War II. The honor was bestowed in Washington at the Holocaust Museum. Sr. Margaret asked Benatovich, who's Jewish, to attend the ceremony and light a candle with him.

"That moment had such a huge impact on me," said Benatovich, the director of the National Federation for Just Communities of WNY. "To have the experience of lighting a candle at the Holocaust Museum with a Righteous Gentile was extremely powerful. Sister made that happen. These things just come naturally to her. She's brought so much meaning and depth to my life."

The Herculean workload of a college president never stopped Sr. Margaret from taking precious moments out of her day to think of others.

"How many of you have gotten a handwritten note from Sr. Margaret? How many have gotten that note?" Daugherty said.

Hundreds, at least. Likely more. Buttafarro and McGee have stacks of them, each pulling one out occasionally for a spiritual lift. Alumni director Joe Flanagan has received them, and a phone call, too. In January 2008, Sister called Flanagan to invite him to lunch at the SBU Clubhouse. He wasn't sure why.

"I thought it was some issue with alumni, but my brother John had just died in December, and she just wanted to extend her condolences and see how I was doing," Flanagan recalled. "That just really touched my heart. She's the president of the university. She didn't have to do that."

"The thing about Sister is that I never forgot that she was a Franciscan first. She was exactly what the university needed at the time. She had the right stuff."

Buttafarro put a bow on her presidency: "Everything she's ever done here — everything — is about love."

View the tribute video produced by Multimedia Specialist Danny Bush

"An Extraordinary Legacy of Leadership:
Sister Margaret Carney"

www.sbu.edu/CarneyStrong



THE RECIPROCITY OF THAT affection was never more evident than the night of Feb. 24, 2016, just hours after Sr. Margaret revealed to the campus community that she had been diagnosed with cancer.

Mike Padlo said his political science class went stone silent when the news was released that morning. But Padlo and SGA colleagues JW Cook and Jessica Laursen shook off their sadness and rallied the student body on social media to get to the men's basketball game at the RC that night.

The student section, typically half full for a weeknight game during midterm exams, was packed. They waved signs of support declaring #Carneystrong and serenaded her from across the arena with chants of "SISTER MARGARET!"

Touched by the outpouring, Sr. Margaret left her seat at center court and joined the students in the bleachers for the last 10 minutes of a nail-biting win over Duquesne. She lingered for 20 minutes after with students who just wanted to hug her.

Buttafarro, emotionally beat up by the right cross about retirement and the upper cut about cancer, watched the game on TV from his living room couch. Seeing the support from the students and her desire to cross the arena to thank them was more than he could bear.

"Without a doubt, that was the proudest moment I've had in the 10 years I've been here," he said. "The fact that we have a president who would go down there to wave pompons with the students was amazing, and then when they started chanting her name ... I just started balling."

Not surprisingly, the person who took the news of her cancer diagnosis the best was Sr. Margaret. Talk to her about it and it's just a pothole that will "slow her down from 80 mph to 55." She'll even admit she feels lucky.

"I've had extraordinary health my entire life, so at 75, I can't complain," she said. "Compared to some of the people I see at Roswell (Park), I feel blessed. I have something difficult to deal with, but I'm getting the best possible care. And I've received more support than I deserve, especially when I see others, many so much younger than me, who are very isolated as they deal with this."

Sr. Margaret won't feel isolated the morning of Monday, Aug. 1, the first day she doesn't have to report to Hopkins Hall, but she admits it's "going to be a very weird day. There will be a period of grieving because as hard as the work is, it's the everyday relationships and friendships that I'll miss. The letdown will be a significant personal challenge I'm still trying to figure out how to deal with."



THE SENTIMENT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. She's been a Bonaventure girl for almost 60 years.

True story: Ellen Carney (Sister's given name) desperately wanted to be Bonaventure before Bonaventure desperately needed her. Fantastic summers helping to organize Franciscan youth conferences on the SBU campus left an indelible impression on the Pittsburgh teenager.

"We'd have 300 to 400 Franciscan high school students come up here, with big signs, 'St. Bonnie's or bust!'" she recalls. "And we just had a fabulous time, so I decided I wanted to take the name Bonaventure."

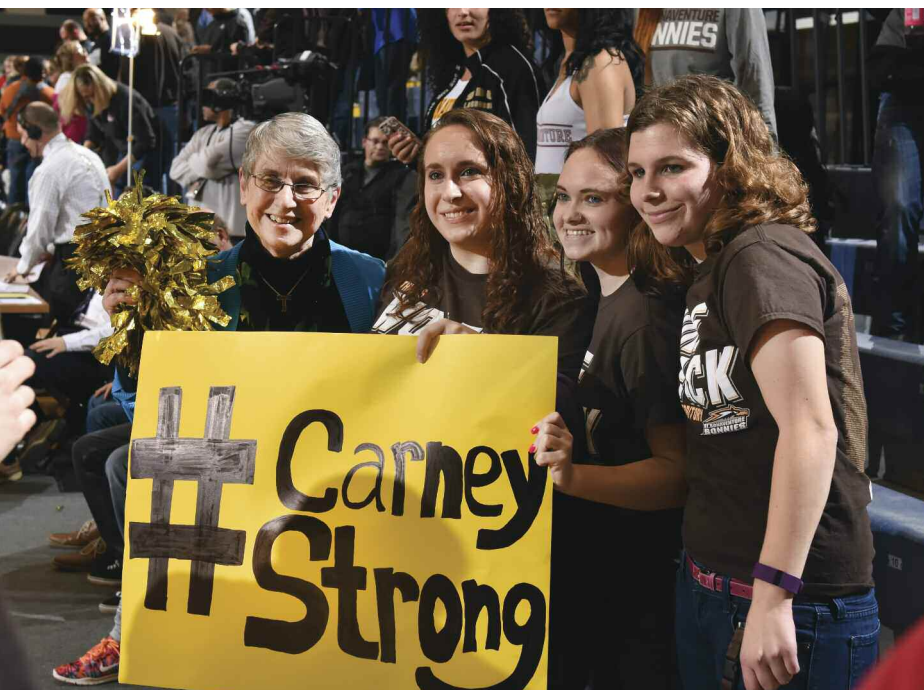
Just one roadblock: a frail, elderly nun schlepping dishes in the convent kitchen.

"I really wanted the name Sister Mary Bonaventure, but we already had one, and the other postulants said, 'You can't pray for her to die, so you better come up with another name,'" she said, her words muddled by full-throated laughter.

Two months to the day before taking her final vows, her mother, Margaret, passed away. Ellen Carney became Sister Margaret Carney, Order of St. Francis.

"Doesn't our God have a wonderful sense of humor," she said. "I didn't get the name. I got the place."

(Tom Missel is interim vice president for University Relations at St. Bonaventure University.)



◀ SBU students came out in force Feb. 24, the day Sr. Margaret shared that she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. ▶ The university community took to their bikes in June for the annual Ride for Roswell fundraiser for the Buffalo cancer research center. Among the 26-member team were 14-year-old team captain Samantha Van Wicklin and faculty members Jean-François Godet-Calogeras (left) and Chuck Walker.



Jennifer (Gantt) Blakely feels great following a March kidney transplant.

Photo courtesy of Lauren Sikora/Boston

A Bonnie's gift

Organ donation brings two alumnae closer than ever

By Beth Eberth

Bleeding brown has taken on new meaning for 1993 classmates Michele (Fehr) Garcia and Jennifer (Gantt) Blakely. Their Bonaventure past — tied through their undergraduate experience — is now forever tied by their common blood type and a small quarter pound organ.

In March, surgeons at Tufts Medical Center in Boston removed one of Garcia's kidneys and transplanted it into Blakely.

Garcia downplays the donation and was grateful to be able to help a fellow Bonnie. For Blakely, it was the gift of a lifetime.

Their story is one with strong ties — not just to Bonaventure, but threads that randomly kept pulling them together.

The women have known each other since high school; both graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School near Syracuse. They were casual friends who independently chose St. Bonaventure. Garcia majored in mass communication. Blakely was active in the Black Student Union and pursued a degree in social science.

Then came life: graduation, jobs, marriage, kids, and Boston. Both happened to be living in Boston in 2015 when Blakely's doctors at Tufts recommended pursuing a kidney transplant.

Blakely had relocated to Boston in 2010 from Michigan and was working at Suffolk University.

Garcia, who moved to Boston in 1994, was working in human resources for the private bank Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. when she saw a Facebook message posted by her classmate: *Do any of my friends have type O blood?*

In an effort to cast as wide a net as possible for a potential donor, Blakely shared the Facebook message in March 2015 — National Kidney Month — asking if anyone had O negative or positive blood and, if so, if they'd consider being tested as a potential match. A year later, the women were at Tufts being prepped for surgery.

It had been about 12 years since Blakely was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease. She was grateful to remain healthy and active for much of that time, seeing doctors regularly to monitor her kidneys. In 2015, the new year brought news that Blakely's kidneys were working at only about 20 percent. By spring 2016, her kidney function had declined to 14 percent of normal function and she was close to being placed on dialysis.

"There is usually a five- to six-year wait on the transplant list. I was very lucky," Blakely said. "I posted the message and Michele messaged me privately. It makes me emotional, she never hesitated."

"There could not have been a better set of circumstances," said Blakely, who has doctor visits every two weeks to monitor the kidney and has returned to her job full time as head of circulation at Suffolk University's library.

A lifelong blood donor, Garcia wasn't intimidated by the score of medical tests that awaited her in the coming year: blood tests, EKG, X-rays.

"I knew it would be major surgery, but I didn't feel it was insurmountable," Garcia said.



Michele (Fehr) Garcia gives two thumbs up following surgery to remove one of her kidneys.

"I felt like it was the right thing to do. I can't say it any other way. She was facing a huge challenge and I'm in really good health."

After a month of recovery, Garcia returned to work, and a short time later to her running regimen and volunteer work reading to a woman who is blind.

"I feel like I slept most of March," Garcia jokes. "I'm fine now."

Garcia and her husband, Sergio, and their 10-year-old son recently relocated to Central New York.

Originally from Olean, Blakely's family moved to the Syracuse area during her sophomore year of high school. She was drawn back to Western New York when she considered colleges because of St. Bonaventure's strong academic reputation and her family legacy. Her stepfather, Matt Gantt, is a 1972 graduate who was on the Bonnies' 1970 NCAA Final Four team and was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

Most people in need of an organ donation start with their family members, Blakely said. In her case, only her stepmother was her blood type; after undergoing some initial tests, other health concerns prohibited her from being a candidate.

"I am so thankful to Michele. It's amazing to hear her say, 'what else would I do?'" Blakely said.

"There are really not words adequate enough to describe the wonderful gift that Michele has given me," she said. "Her willingness to offer to be a donor came immediately upon my request on Facebook. She never wavered. It still amazes me that someone would be so willing to undergo major surgery to help a friend. I will be eternally grateful to her for that."

Their renewed connection has had both women reflecting on their Bonaventure days, the university's mission and the fu-

ture.

"I think it's that sense of community and wanting to help someone if you can. There are such good values there," Garcia said.

Blakely said the campus embraces you and helps transform your values and perspectives on life.

She's proud that those values will be instilled in a third generation in her family. Her son, Isaiah, will be a freshman at St.

Bonaventure this fall and plans to study journalism and mass communication. She and her husband, Anthony, also have a 16-year-old daughter, Arianna.

Blakely is looking forward to being back on campus for her son's orientation this summer.

"I follow Mt. Irenaeus on Facebook. I read Fr. Dan (Riley's) posts and reminisce about when I was a student. It's such a wonderful place," she said.

(Beth Eberth is director of university communications at St. Bonaventure.)

Fast Facts

► The American Red Cross estimates less than 7 percent of the population in the U.S. has O negative blood. O negative is known as the "universal donor" because patients with any blood type can receive O negative blood.

► Tufts Medical Center has become one of the leading medical institutions in the country for kidney transplantation since its program began in 1971. The Boston hospital's transplantation services has performed more than 1,200 kidney transplants.

► According to the National Kidney Foundation, there are some 121,678 people waiting for lifesaving organ transplants in the U.S. Of these, 100,791 await kidney transplants (as of 1/11/16).

The ultimate team player

Senior Katie Sinclair agrees to bone marrow donation, knowing it could sideline her softball season

By Scott Eddy, '08

Like most college seniors, Katie Sinclair entered her final days as a college student with a lot on her mind — school, potential job prospects and a full schedule as part of the St. Bonaventure softball team.

A few months ago, she could have never imagined temporarily putting some of those things on hold to help potentially save the life of a complete stranger.

Sinclair, a native of Cortland, N.Y., received a call from the Be The Match National Marrow Donor Program last October notifying her that she was a match for someone in need of a bone marrow transplant. Like many of her teammates, she had a cheek swab done to identify potential donors when the Be The Match registry program visited campus in February 2015. She never thought she would turn out to be that match someone was waiting for, however.

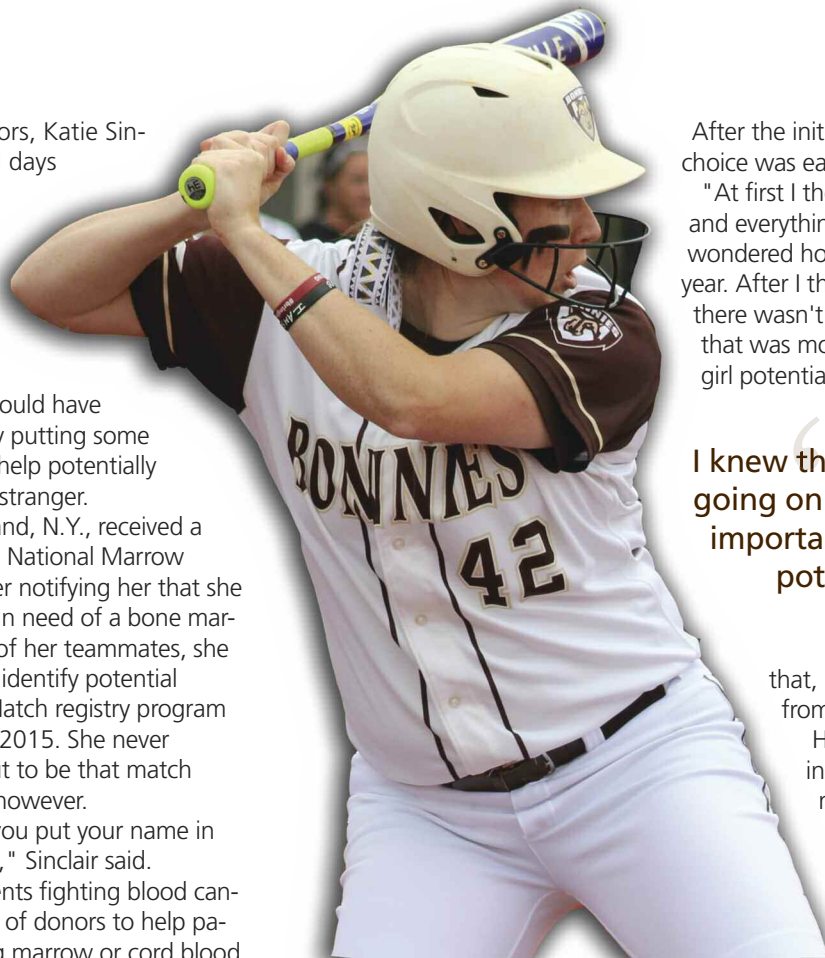
"You never think that if you put your name in you will be the one chosen," Sinclair said.

Be The Match helps patients fighting blood cancers, forming a community of donors to help patients receive the life-saving marrow or cord blood transplant they need. According to Be The Match data, 70 percent of patients do not have a donor in their family and therefore rely on those who are willing to donate through the program.

With the potential to be someone's match now a reality, Sinclair found out exactly what that entailed. If she decided to move forward, she would undergo a surgical procedure to extract bone marrow from her pelvic bone to go toward the patient in need.

And to consent to an often painful procedure, she would know little more about the person she was donating to other than that it was a female patient — the Be The Match program remains completely anonymous.

Further, there was also her softball career to consider. Set to enter her senior season with the Bonnies, Sinclair enjoyed her best year as a junior. She helped lead the Bonnies to their first Atlantic 10 Tournament appearance since 2008 by hitting .303, pacing the team in doubles, home runs and slugging percentage.



After the initial shock wore off, though, the choice was easy.

"At first I thought about softball and school and everything I have going on," she said. "I wondered how this would impact my senior year. After I thought about it, I knew that there wasn't anything going on in my life that was more important than helping this girl potentially live longer. Once I realized

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that, I knew nothing would stop me from doing this."

Her surgery was set for January in Rochester. After having her marrow removed, she would then need to take a blood transfusion due to blood loss following the procedure.

"I knew that it would impact softball, I just didn't know how drastically," she said. "We didn't know exactly how I would feel after surgery. My

teammates and coaches were really understanding and super supportive. They've been behind me through the whole process."

A four-year starter for the Bonnies, Sinclair was in the Bonnies' lineup when the season began in February. Though it was an ongoing process to regain her stamina, she finished the season strong, ultimately hitting .290 with five home runs.

Sinclair still has precious few details of the person to whom she may have given a new lease on life. Through the Be The Match program, details on patients remain anonymous even after donation.

"She's still a stranger to me," Sinclair said.

A year after the surgery, both parties may give consent to pass on information to each other through a Be The Match coordinator. Until then, Sinclair can only hope that her sacrifice will help someone else enjoy some of the things many of us take for granted.

"You never know when or how you will be able to impact someone's life," she said. "I knew that if I was in that position and needed this, I would want someone to be generous enough to donate to me. I hope this helps this person live the life that she loves."

(Scott Eddy is assistant sports information director at St. Bonaventure.)

Fiction writer and former marketing copywriter **Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, '82**, debuted her first novel, "The Nest," in March. Published by HarperCollins, the book has gotten as high as No. 2 on The New York Times Bestseller's list and continues to remain close to the top.



Gathering inspiration from her own family experiences growing up, D'Aprix Sweeney writes a warm, funny, and acutely perceptive novel about four adult siblings, and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their relationships, their choices, and their lives.

On an unseasonably cold afternoon in New York City, years of simmering tensions finally

reach a breaking point as Melody, Beatrice, and Jack Plumb gather to confront their charismatic and reckless older brother, Leo, freshly released from rehab. Months earlier, an inebriated Leo got behind the wheel with a 19-year-old waitress as his passenger.

The ensuing accident has endangered the Plumbs' joint trust fund, "The Nest,"

which they are months away from finally receiving. Meant by their deceased father to be a modest mid-life supplement, the Plumb siblings have watched The Nest's value soar along with the stock market and have been counting on the money to solve a number of self-inflicted problems.

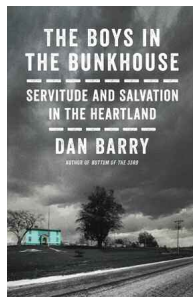
Brought together as never before, the siblings must grapple with old resentments, present-day truths, and the significant emotional and financial toll of the accident, as well as finally acknowledge the hand they have in their own fates.

"The Nest" has received much praise, from People Magazine calling it "Hilarious and big-hearted a stellar debut" to The New York Times Book Review calling it "Humor and delightful irony abound in this lively first novel."

D'Aprix Sweeney lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons. She has an MFA from The Bennington Writing Seminars. She lived and worked in New York City for more than two decades, writing copy for a variety of clients, including American Express, McDonald's and more defunct internet startups than she cares to count. Her nonfiction essays have been published in The New York Times Magazine and Martha Stewart Living. Read more about "The Nest" at www.cynthia-sweeney.com.



St. Bonaventure chose the nonfiction book "The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland" by **Dan Barry, '80**, as its common read for 2016-2017. This All Bonaventure Reads selection explores how and why 32 men with mental disabilities came to live in an Iowa schoolhouse and were woefully underpaid, physically and emotionally abused, and nearly forgotten for many years.



"The Boys in the Bunkhouse," released by HarperCollins May 17, tells the story of men with intellectual disability who endured decades of exploitation — living in an old schoolhouse and working at a turkey-processing plant for little pay — before finding justice and freedom. Through exhaustive interviews, Barry dives deeply into the lives and testimonies of the men, recording their memories and suffering, their small moments of joy and persistent hopefulness for better times ahead.

Barry explores why this small heartland town remained all but blind to the men's plight, details how those responsible for such profound neglect justified their actions, and chronicles the lasting impact of a dramatic court case that spurred advocates to push for just pay and improved working conditions for people with disabilities.

Barry, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and New York Times reporter and columnist, also lays out how state social workers and one local reporter doggedly stayed on the case, and how a determined labor lawyer worked day and night to hold the accountable parties responsible for their profound and chronic negligence.

First-year students received copies of "Bunkhouse" during orientation in July and were asked to read the book prior to the fall semester. Students will be engaged in conversations about the book's themes in their University 101 course and various campuswide events during the academic year, including a keynote address Barry will deliver to the Class of 2020 at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the Reilly Center Arena.

"Netta's Journal" is a thoughtful and beautifully written new novel by 1974 Hellinger recipient, **Donald J. Then**. In this book, Riley Harper, a best-selling novelist, returns home to Francisville, Ky., for the funeral of his deceased nanny, Netta Player, a woman who died in her 90s. The impetus for Harper's sad-but-enlightening homecoming is an email from Katie Sanborn, his estranged love. Katie and Riley grew up together in Francisville and Netta was Katie's nanny, too. Sadly, Riley and Katie have not spoken in 17 years.

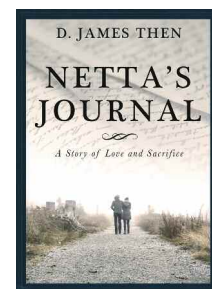
After his arrival, Harper learns from Katie that, on her deathbed, Netta spoke of a mysterious journal, a memoir that revealed her true identity. An inspirational ending of "Netta's Journal" provides several surprises, including the modern identity of Father Charles, the priest who helped Netta escape from Poland after World War II.

Then is a resident of Northern Kentucky, a native of Western New York, a former owner and publisher of an award-winning Sunday newspaper, and a 30-year marketing executive.

His previous books include "As Sure as The Sun Rises," "The Heart by Which We Live," "That Tender Light," "McToon's Final Shot," and "Spencer Mouse's First Great Adventure," all of which are available on www.amazon.com. To read more about his novels of adventure, intrigue, and rebirth, visit www.djamesthen.com.

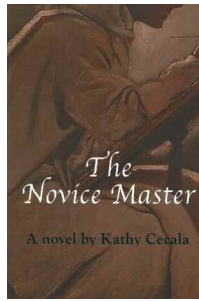
Kathy (Petersen) Cecala, '78, is the author of "The Novice Master," a contemporary, coming-of-age book. Touching on issues such as spirituality, sexual maturity and compassion fatigue, as well as adolescent angst and the disillusionment of older age, it should appeal to both mature readers and "new adults" age 18 to 30.

As a freshman college student boarding at his history professor's house, Evan Claver unravels the professor's secret past as a devout monk ministering to the sick and dying at a



monastery hospice before renouncing his faith.

Cecala, who says she was deeply influenced by the writings of Thomas Merton, seeks to explore, through fiction, issues of faith and belief in a secular 21st century world. Cecala's blog, the Persistent Writer, can be found at kathycecala.com.



Patrick E. Brennan, '81, has published his first children's book, "Henry Loves Hills," the tale of a school bus named Henry. The friendly bus, with Driver Ed at the wheel, travels the countryside near Perry, N.Y., in rural Wyoming County. He overcomes his biggest challenge during a raging snowstorm, inspired by the Blizzard of '77, with the help of Sally the Snowplow.



Brennan says there are three levels of meaning in the story. First, it is a simple children's book with an engaging storyline about service, bravery and teamwork. On a second level, it includes more than 30 references to the Perry area, part of why it was awarded its status as the "Official Bicentennial Book of Perry."

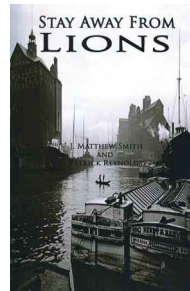
"At a more philosophical level," said Brennan, "Henry represents each of us, guided through life by our 'driver' (God) who 'opens the door' to let people enter

and leave our experience ... and when faced with adversity (the snowstorm) we must often depend on others (the snowplow) to guide us safely back home."

Brennan is a 24-year corporate communications leader at GE and a former managing editor of the Knights of Columbus magazine COLUMBIA and Western New York Catholic publication. He and his wife live in Stratford, Conn. More information about the book is available on the "Henry Loves Hills" Facebook page.

Buffalo natives **Matt Smith, '89**, and **Patrick Reynolds, '90**, are the authors of "Stay Away from Lions," crime fiction with a black comedy twist published by No Frills Buffalo.

Tommy Patton is a small-time crook from Buffalo's gritty Irish-Catholic First Ward who's always been committed to never living a law-abiding day in his life. Upon being sprung from the Erie County Jail for his latest indiscretion, Tommy learns he's being held responsible for a debt owed to a local crime boss due to a past robbery gone wrong.



With the payback deadline winding down, a two-faced mob soldier charged with collecting the debt goes behind his boss's back and hatches a scheme designed to benefit all involved. But eventually, the soldier's plan goes terribly awry, exposing unholy secrets and costing people their lives. And Tommy Patton finds in his bid to stay alive that when it comes to being forgiven for his sins, no one can be trusted — not even his parish priest.

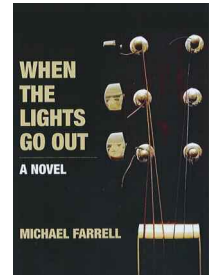
The book is available from No Frills Buffalo and Amazon.

A barroom guitarist strumming between two lives. A faded bluesman drunk on his own legend. A rock pianist who responds to a higher calling.

These compelling characters clash to drive the drama of author **Michael Farrell's** second Buffalo-set novel, "When the Lights Go Out."

What happens to a musician when his life strays from the stage? Does he settle into his marriage to a barroom waitress? Does he try to smooth past friction with the city's most prominent bluesman? Or does he lean

on the scene's only garage band-leading Catholic priest to find his voice with or without the microphone? Throughout his journey from rock clubs to familiar crisis and rediscovery of music's revelatory meaning, Johnny "Nighthawk" Nolan will find out how life unfolds when the lights go out.



Farrell is a 2000 graduate of St. Bonaventure whose work appears regularly in The Buffalo News and Buffalo Spree and whose first novel, "Running with Buffalo," debuted in 2007.

Dr. Barbara Trolley, professor of counselor education at St. Bonaventure, has co-edited and authored two chapters of a book titled "Working with Students with Disabilities: Preparing School Counselors."

The book is part of Parson & Zhang's series of books, "Counseling and Professional Identity." Trolley co-edited the book along with Vicki McGinley, a professor of special education at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

St. Bonaventure faculty and alumni joined Trolley in contributing to the book. Chris Siuta, assistant professor of counselor education; Alan Silliker, associate professor of counselor education; Diana Lawrence-Brown, professor of differentiated instruction; and alumnae **Heather Haas, '06**, and **Tamara Reynolds, '10**, also authored chapters of the book.



Christopher Dell's poem "Edward" was selected for publication in Pudding Magazine. Pudding Magazine is a small-press literary publication with an emphasis on poetry, although the content can include very short fiction, essays, book reviews, art and photography.

Dell is a member of the Class of 2007. His poem is about Edward Hopper's classic painting "Nighthawks" (pictured above).

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Message from the NAAB President

SHARE Bona's

Dear fellow alumni and friends,

Reunion Weekend is always a special experience for me. I had the great fortune to tag along with some friends from the Class of 1996 to their reunion this past June. I love to hear the alumni stories — your favorite memories from your student days, the shenanigans with friends, how you met your spouse — and how all that fosters your connection with our alma mater and drives you to share that with others.



Bob Daugherty, chair of the Board of Trustees, has written and spoken on the critical need for alumni to participate in the recruitment of students to become future Bonnies. Vice President for Enrollment Bernie Valento and his team have implemented creative projects to bring high school students and guidance counselors to campus, enable alums and current students to share their thoughts and advice with prospective students, and branch out into new territories for recruitment.

As a result, our total enrollment for incoming freshmen this fall is more robust than it has been the last few years. A lot of this was done with your active participation. Thank you!

But ... we need to continue to build on this momentum. To do that, we need your help!

On the university website, there are two avenues for you to participate in recruiting future Bonnies. Both of these appear on the Alumni webpage, www.sbu.edu/Alumni.

The first is to join SHARE Bona's (Supporters Helping Admissions Recruiting Efforts). In addition to college fairs and letter writing, you could provide local information to help recruiters, participate in local recruiting events, or even host an event. There are myriad ways to get involved. Please sign up!

The second is the "Refer a High School Student" link. You provide the name and information of the student, and the Admissions Office takes it from there. Surely, you know a family member, neighbor, co-worker's child, fellow parishioner, organization participant (I could keep going) who deserves to become a Bonnie.

There are more than 28,600 alumni of St. Bonaventure. If each of us recruited one student, we would create a strong foundation to ensure the continuing success of our alma mater.

Pax et bonum,

Kristan McMahan, '97

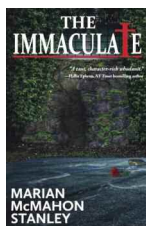
President, National Alumni Association Board

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To submit information for the next issue of Bonaventure magazine, drop us a note in the enclosed envelope or fill out an online form at www.sbu.edu/BonaMag.

1951 — Michael Martone, who marked his 65th reunion this year, reflected on how he made the basketball team at Bona's and the many wonderful friends he made during his time at the school. After graduating from high school, Martone joined a semi-pro local basketball team and initially didn't consider going to college. When the coach offered to write him a letter of recommendation to Siena or St. Bonaventure, Martone selected Bona's "because it was farther from home and I liked the idea of travel." At first he didn't have a room on campus and stayed with an elderly couple in the area. Before the first official basketball practice, Martone said guys on campus would meet at the gym after class for pickup games. "The first day it was quite a while (before) I was picked. The next day I was selected by the varsity players quickly," Martone recalled. He also remembers the first day of tryouts — Oct. 15. After practice at the Olean Armory he was given a room, board and a scholarship for tuition. "No one was ever more excited than I — except my mom and dad."

1965 — Marian McMahon Stanley has published a well-received Boston-based mystery novel titled "The Immaculate," a story about the murder of an elderly, social activist nun in the days before the Boston Globe Spotlight investigation. McMahon Stanley is a retired vice president of Polaroid Corporation and,



more recently, of Northeastern University. She and her husband, Bill, live in Concord, outside Boston. They have four children and a small pack of adorable grandchildren. **Marv Stocker** and his wife, Donna, represented the university's Board of Trustees and Stocker's classmates who served in Vietnam at the April Military Ball. The event celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the 80th anniversary of ROTC's found-



ing at Bona's. Stocker served in Vietnam from May 1966 until June 1967.

1966 — Francis Higbie and his wife, Lois, are enjoying good health and visiting with their three grandchildren. After five years away from community theater, Higbie has returned to the stage and is enjoying it. **Tom McKeon** will retire as executive director of the Roanoke Higher Education Center at the end of the year. The center is an incubator for innovative approaches to learning that include a mix of traditional classroom instruction, computer assisted instruction, and distance learning instruction that meet a wide variety of student learning styles and needs. McKeon has led the center since its construction began in 1999, creating a hub for adult learning that today supports 310 jobs and



an annual economic impact of \$32 million per year. More than 9,000 people have completed degree, certificate and workforce training programs at the center since it opened in 2000. Active in his community, McKeon serves as a member of the board of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce and is chair of the Roanoke Arts Commission. He also served on the boards of The Taubman Museum of Art, Downtown Roanoke, Inc., the United Way of Roanoke Valley and the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau. Before joining the Roanoke Higher Education Center, McKeon was the director of the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also was a clinical professor of educational leadership.

1968 — Dr. William J. Powers was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center in Fayetteville, N.C. The center is associated with Duke University Medical Center, which supports a family practice medical residency program and continuing education for health care professionals in the region. Powers is also a faculty member at Fayetteville Technical Community Col-

Bastian named CEO of Delta

Ed Bastian, '79, became chief executive officer of Delta Air Lines on May 2 after nearly 18 years with the airline. In his previous role as president, Bastian focused on leading Delta's commercial and international functions and strengthening Delta's financial foundation through innovation, debt reduction, revenue growth and bolstering the airline's global network.



Bastian played a pivotal role in finalizing Delta's acquisition of Northwest Airlines in 2008 and managing the airlines' successful integration. Since that time, Bastian and his team have led Delta's continued transformation by developing strategies to make the business less vulnerable to economic cycles. Bastian joined Delta in 1998 as vice president of finance and controller and was promoted to senior vice president in 2000. He left Delta in early 2004 to become senior vice president and chief financial officer of Acuity Brands before returning to Delta six months later to serve as the company's CFO. Bastian was appointed to serve as Delta's president in September 2007.

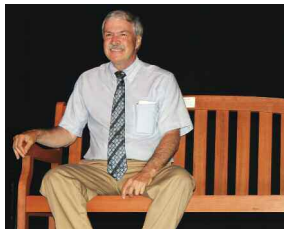
Bastian also served as chief restructuring officer between 2005 and 2007, playing a crucial role in the airline's swift and successful Chapter 11 reorganization. Bastian has broad finance and audit experience, including serving as vice president of finance for Pepsi Cola International, vice president of business processes re-engineering for Frito-Lay, vice president of finance and controller for Frito-Lay International, and as a partner in the New York audit practice of Price Waterhouse specializing in the entertainment, advertising and manufacturing sectors. He also served as the strategic planning partner for Price Waterhouse's New York region.

Bastian was awarded an honorary degree from his alma mater in 2008.

lege, where he serves as chief clinician in the Department of Dental Hygiene. **Jacqueline Trescott** will be inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame on Aug. 5. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor NABJ gives for professional excellence and advocacy on behalf of black journalists.

1971 — Dr. Daniel Rochowiak was named director of The University of Alabama in Huntsville's (UAH) Quality Enhancement Plan and Collaborative Learning Center. Rochowiak is an associate professor in computer science and philosophy and served previously as associate dean of the College of Science. Rochowiak's research agenda blends theory and practice and focuses on explanation, collaboration and communication. His research efforts have been funded by the National Science Foundation, Marshall Space Flight Center, the U.S. Army Missile Command, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and the Tennessee Valley Authority in areas ranging from intelligent control of AGVs to process planning for composite materials and high performance networks. His current research interests concern computer supported critiquing, collaboration, argumentation, and knowledge presentation. His teaching interests focus on artificial intelligence, software development, the epistemology of science and technology, and professional ethics. Rochowiak holds a Ph.D. in Logic and Philosophy of Science from the University of Notre Dame.

1972 — Richard Myers retired from Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women in Rochester after 41 years of service at the school. A bench was donated to the school in his honor. Myers, who started at Our Lady of Mercy in fall 1975, has taught social studies, English, Afro-Asian culture, European culture, U.S. history and government, advanced placement U.S. history and civics. In addition to teaching, Myers has coached softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball and bowling at the school, and has also served as coordinator of recruitment/publicity, athletic director, director of academics and assistant principal for academics during his tenure. Myers was active as a moderator or adviser for numerous events and clubs, including Model United Nations, the freshman class, National Honor Society, yearbook, MasterMinds, Academic Challenge Bowl and the Colleen Harrington Walk.



1976 — Lisa Biedenbach is director of operations for Central Connections, a senior center in Middletown, Ohio. She oversees communications, marketing, membership, volunteers, and administrative functions.



Michael A. Biondolillo is managing client searches and assisting with business development at Salveson Stetson Group, a retained executive search firm in suburban Philadelphia. Biondolillo previously served as senior vice

president of Human Resources for Henkel. Biondolillo has 33 years of extensive human resources experience and leadership. During his career, he led global human resources initiatives for several blue chip clients in addition to Henkel, including QVC, Inc.; Wyeth Pharmaceuticals; Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company; MG Industries; and General Electric.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf, Ed.D., was selected to serve as the vice chair for the United Service Organizations (USO) of North Carolina.



1977 — Dave Bohrer was named editor of The Meridian (Miss.) Star. Bohrer, who has 38 years' experience as a community journalist as an editor, designer and reporter, most recently was content editor of the Star-Gazette in Elmira. Prior to that he was senior editor of The Ithaca Journal, regional assistant managing editor for the Star-Gazette and The Ithaca Journal and, from 1999-2009, assistant managing editor of The Ithaca Journal. He has won individual and team awards from the New York State Associated Press Association, New York State Publishers Association and Gannett Co. Inc. for writing, design and leadership. **Barbara Heins** was named executive assistant to town of Greenwich, Conn., First Selectman Peter J. Tesei. Heins is the founding editor of Greenwich Patch.com, a local online news site she has developed and managed for the past five years along with eight other Patch sites in Connecticut. She has more than 35 years' experience as a traditional newspaper and online journalist, and as a public relations consultant. **Joe Marren** was named the town historian for the town of Colden.

1979 — Chris LaPlaca, senior vice president of Corporate Communications at ESPN, was inducted into the PR People Hall of Fame sponsored by PR News. LaPlaca, a 35-year veteran of ESPN, 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



Dan Cully, '73, and his wife, Linda, marked February's Bona Pride Day at the Petrified Forrest in Arizona (with a balmy 74 degrees!).



These alums show off their Bona pride at CrossFit 716. Pictured from left are Jonathan Garbin, '13, Michelle Andhor, '06, Erin Haskell, '07, Stephanie Karnas, '06, Emily Ciralo, '08, and Paul Tuite, '99.



Ray Schey, '83, chats with former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during a reception for the Valley Leadership Man and Woman of the Year Award, a recognition program in the Phoenix Metropolitan area.



Major General Norbert Rapp, '52, (left) and Marv Stocker, '65, are pictured at the 2016 Military Ball. The two hadn't seen each other in more than 40 years. After Stocker returned from Vietnam in 1967 he was assigned to complete his five-year ROTC commitment in the 98th Battalion in Rochester. When he reported for duty, the commanding officer, then-Col. Rapp, welcomed him and said, "Lieutenant, we have something in common" and held out his SBU class ring. Rapp went on to become one of the highest-ranking officers of more than 1,000 St. Bonaventure ROTC graduates, retiring as a major general. "It was an honor to serve under Col. Rapp for three years," said Stocker.



Jean Lapp Aberle, '85, and Fr. Jay Seymour are pictured atop Mt. Tabor in the Holy Land. In an amazing trip, Aberle and her husband, Tim, renewed their wedding vows at Cana, went out on the Sea of Galilee, visited each site of the 20 mysteries of the rosary, and assisted at Mass in the tomb of Jesus' resurrection. She offers "many thanks to the Franciscans who maintain holy sites there!"

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oversees the company's day-to-day working relationship with The Walt Disney Company's corporate communications and investor relations groups. In 2014, LaPlaca received the Corporate PR Professional of the Year Award from PR News, one of the industry's highest honors. LaPlaca was honored by his alma mater in 1995 with the Jandoli School's Alumnus of the Year Award. In April 2003, LaPlaca became the seventh alum in the program's 54-year history to be inducted onto the J/MC school's Wall of Fame, which includes five Pulitzer Prize winners. 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.

1981 — Gary Frigo, after 29 years of service, retired from Nissan North America as regional vice president for the Northeast Region.

1982 — Anne Sweeney Holliday won a Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters award for Outstanding Local Newscast for coverage of a Bradford water crisis in February 2015.

1983 — Dr. Eddie Downes, a professor at Boston University's College of Communication, was one of 25 "Frank Scholars" chosen to participate in an original conference sponsored by the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communication. The conference focused on the value of science-based/data-driven approaches to strategic public communication, and a receptiveness to interdisciplinary scholarship, to create "meaningful and lasting social change in the public interest." St. Anthony Messenger Magazine's February issue featured an article by **Bob Kunzinger** about his pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain with his son, photographer Michael Kunzinger.

1984 — Dr. Mary (Shannon) Colson graduated from the State University at Buffalo in May. Her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree was earned as a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner. Her thesis project entailed writing and researching a distraction iPhone app titled "My Shiny Thing" for adolescents who self-injure. Her specialty is adolescent mental health and she began working with area adolescents in June at Gateway Longview and Mid-Erie psychiatric clinics in Buffalo. **David Whalen**, director of Niagara University's First Responders Disability Awareness Training program, was named Advocate of the Year for 2016 by Deaf Access Services of Buffalo. The Disability Awareness Training program is customized for each first responder discipline — emergency management, firefighters, 911 opera-

tors/dispatchers, emergency medical services and law enforcement. Created in cooperation with all major first responder associations, councils and state offices, the training is designed to give first responders the knowledge necessary to best serve and respond to individuals with disabilities. Whalen has facilitated statewide first responder disability training in New York, Arkansas and New Jersey. **Randy**

Agness and David Lanzillo

partnered to start Agness Wine Cellars, launching its first vintage, a 2015 Finger Lakes semi-dry Riesling.



1985 — Ray Collins won the 2016 Florida Associated Press award for General Assignment Reporting. Collins works for WWSB-TV in Sarasota. He also operates a communications consulting firm (Ray Collins Media), is the immediate past-president of the Broadcasters Club of Florida, and is a member of the WSBU-FM



Hall of Fame. **Russell Joy** has completed a personal wine project by releasing his first vintage, a 2012 single vineyard Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon called Joya. The wines are being sold exclusively in restaurants and retail shops in the Buffalo and Rochester markets. **Dr. Timothy Ireland**, dean of Niagara University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been chosen as a recipient of the University at Albany School of Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumni Award. Ireland earned his Ph.D. in criminal justice from SUNY Albany. Among Ireland's numerous research interests are the causes and consequences of exposure to family violence and drug abuse. An article Ireland coauthored on intergenerational continuities and discontinuities in intimate partner violence was selected as one of the 10 best violence research publications of 2011 by the Psychology of Violence multidisciplinary research journal.

1986 — Alexander P. Nazemetz celebrated 16-plus years at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where he was promoted to associate vice president of enrollment management/director of admissions. He encourages "those alums I've known throughout the years to hit me up and say hello!"



1989 — Sean Boyce, Freehold Regional

High School District assistant superintendent for business administration and board secretary, was honored by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) with a 2016 Distinguished Service Award for his long-term, continuous exemplary service. As part of the award, Boyce had the honor of presenting two \$500 scholarships from NJASBO to two senior students, both of Hamilton. Boyce serves the Monmouth County Association of School Business Officials as past president and has held numerous other offices and committee memberships in the organization. Prior to his current appointment, Boyce was BA/Board Secretary for Freehold Township Schools and Washington Township Schools.



1990 — Sara (Scharf) DeSmith has been named assurance leader for Sustainable Business Solutions at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. She is a partner in PwC's Capital Markets Accounting Advisory Services practice specializing in M&A complex accounting, U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles/International Financial Reporting Standard (GAAP/IFRS), and bankruptcy consulting. DeSmith is a board member and treasurer of the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is a licensed CPA in New York and New Jersey. **Todd Havens** accepted a position with Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., in May. As vice president of internal audit, he leads a team of 10. He and his wife, Colleen, and their four children live in Nolensville, Tenn. **Hank Russell**, public relations director at The Public Relations and Marketing Group (PRMG), was named by Long Island Business News as one of the "50 Around 50" honorees for his continued success in the field of marketing and communications. Since 2008, when he joined The PRMG, Russell has secured major media coverage for several clients, including Gershow Recycling, The Law Office of Frederick K. Brewington, School-Business Partnerships of Long Island (SBPLI), Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. and The Cochran Firm. He is overseeing the public relations and campaign initiatives for Suffolk County Executive Republican candidate Jim O'Connor.

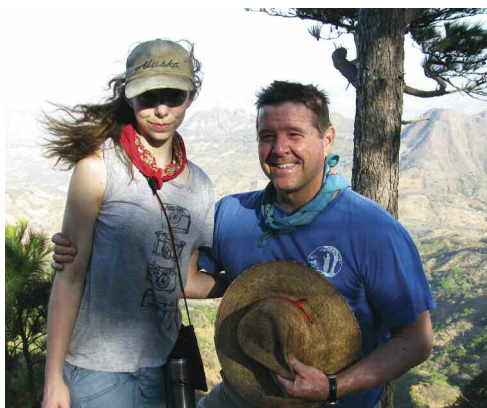
1991 — Alan Delozier earned a Doctor of Letters degree in Irish studies from Drew University and was named one of the 2015 Irish Education 100 by the Irish Voice. **Michael Fenn** was named the executive di-



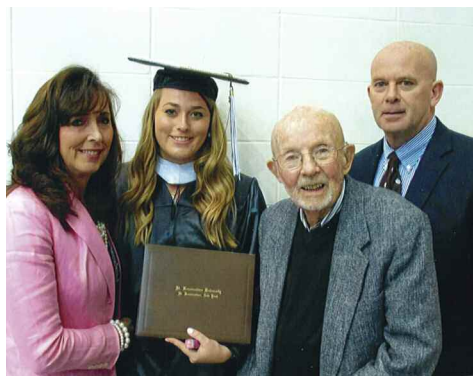
Alumni **Fran Machina, '82**, **Pete Bonanno, '69**, and **Mario Russo, '82**, ran into each other at a Florida ballfield. Machina and Russo were watching an over-60 softball tournament in Plant City, Fla., when Bonanno approached and informed them that he was a 1969 graduate. Bonanno was playing for the Hilton Head traveling team. They shared stories of their wonderful times at Bonaventure and all agreed it is a magical place.



Alumnae of Gardens D & F East from the Class of 1984 gathered April 15-17 for their annual reunion in Skaneateles, N.Y. Pictured from left are **Ruth (McKenna) Loftus**, **Denise (Rekettye) Pateros**, **Lori (Trimper) Piotrowski**, **Marian (McCarthy) Roohan**, **Christy (Chirlin) Everett**, **Linda (Smith) Abbaszadeh**, **Kate (Nolan) Clemens**, **Martha (McNeil) Auster**, **Kim (Wassel) Robinson**, and **Patty (Kohlman) Finnerty**.



D.J. Kitzel, '86, and his daughter, **Lehna**, returned from helping build a school in Las Mercedes, a small community in the mountains above El Sauce, Nicaragua. They are part of a group called Linking Hands for Learning, and lived with the people of El Sauce while laboring to construct the school. Last year, Kitzel joined the board of Earth Works Institute to support environmental education in the Rochester area and he's worked as a guide for Pack, Paddle, Ski Corp. for 25 years. Kitzel also teaches English and wilderness skills for Canandaigua City Schools and builds with stone during the summer.



The Franz family celebrated three generations of Bona's graduates in May: Pictured from left are **Kathleen Donaldson Franz, '82**; **Caroline Franz, '16**; **F. Shane Franz, '50**; and **Eric Franz, '83**.



Bill Lawley Sr., '57, and **Jack Berger Sr., '60**, scored holes in one on two consecutive days of golf at the Coral Ridge Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in February.



We've lost touch with a number of alumni and need your help! Of the many missing alumni, our hope is to start finding lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion in 2017. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at www.sbu.edu/foundalumni.

- Hugh G. McGovern, '57
- James M. Moran, '57
- Beth A. (Serio) Nelson, '62
- Robert J. Manning, '62
- Robert L. Guarino, '62
- Phillip N. Sgamma, '62
- Jeremy R. Wilkin, '62
- James F. Zehnder, '67
- Gail G. (Karper) Bollin, '67
- Kenneth H. Kirk, '67
- David M. Ciampo, '67
- Michael T. O'Bryant, '67
- Mark D. Ondrako, '72
- Joseph G. Fritsch, '72
- Marie J. Shaw, '72
- Sherry J. Hall, '77
- Jeffrey W. Hoffman, '77
- Kimberly A. Cronin, '82
- Michael J. Shea, '82
- Carole L. (Martin) Walentynowicz, '82
- Christopher Niven, '82
- Joseph A. Bantelman, '87
- Robert J. Camoin, '87
- Jacqueline M. (Lechase) Frate, '87
- Eileen F. (O'Meara) Horan, '92
- Conon M. Green, '92
- Matthew J. Wiens, '97
- Kelly L. (Bigg) Tomaseski, '97
- Christopher T. Shea, '97
- Matthew Pochily, '02
- Matthew Strollo, '02
- Jeffrey R. Nogaj, '07
- Amie L. Marasco, '12
- Abhimanyu Aggarwal, '12

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rector of Mt. Irenaeus. Fenn has been involved with Mt. Irenaeus since 1987 as a freshman at St. Bonaventure, and he lived in community with the friars during the summers of 1990 and 1991. After his three daughters began to grow older, he sought out more involvement. He was invited to join the Board of Trustees in 2007, eventually taking the role of chair in 2014.



After working in the corporate world for the past 24 years, Fenn began to recognize the need for a dramatic change in his professional life. One of Fenn's initial projects is developing the Mountain Companions ministry, which will reach out to women and men, lay and religious, in the Franciscan family and beyond to live amongst this Gospel-based community. **Jeremy McGuire** was promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel in the United States Army. Due to health reasons, **Joe Tebo** has retired from his job at the St. Lawrence University Bookstore. He would like to hear from friends via email at jtebo001@twcny.rr.com. **Steve Williamson** was named regional sales manager at ZESTRON, a leading provider of high-precision cleaning products, services and training solutions in the electronics manufacturing and semiconductor industries. Williamson is focusing on growing ZESTRON's product and services business while expanding the customer base in the eastern American and Canadian regions.

1993 — Roy Bielewicz was named CEO of Full Throttle Parts, www.fullthrottleparts.com, an online retailer of automotive after-market parts and accessories for trucks, Jeeps and SUVs. Full Throttle has offices and a warehouse in North Olmsted, Ohio, as well as a retail store and warehouse in Quincy, Ill. He is also a principal and co-founder of Apotheca (www.apothecadigital.com), a marketing and analytics agency also based in Ohio.



1994 — Gregory A. Mattacola has joined Hancock Estabrook, LLP as counsel in the Health Care Practice and will concentrate his practice on health law, labor and employment law, litigation, real estate, estate

planning and municipal law. In addition to his law degree, he has certification in healthcare compliance (CHC) from the Compliance Certification Board. Previously, Mattacola was the owner of The Mattacola Law Firm and was the vice president/hospital counsel for Rome Memorial Hospital. Mattacola will oversee the Hancock Es-

Conneely tapped as president of University of Maine, Augusta



Dr. James F. Conneely, '80, began his term as the president of the University of Maine at Augusta on Jan. 19. Conneely has spent more than 30 years in higher education.

Conneely previously served as president of Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore, the only man to hold that post at the historically female school, as well as associate provost and vice president of student affairs at Eastern Kentucky University and assistant vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of Arkansas.

With campuses in Augusta, Bangor and University College Centers in eight rural or underserved communities, the University of Maine at Augusta has a statewide mission of expanding access to higher education for learners of all ages, locations and backgrounds. Conneely holds a doctorate in higher education from Georgia State University.

tabrook Rome office.

1997 — Marc J. DelMonico received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. His doctoral dissertation examined the understandings of the church in the writings of two contemporary North American Roman Catholic theologians, Gregory Baum and Fr. Patrick Granfield, O.S.B., and focused on the ecclesiology of communion and its implications for reform and renewal of church structures. DelMonico has taught theology in Washington, D.C., and served as a ministry and liturgical consultant with a number of parishes, Catholic religious communities and advocacy organizations. In 2012, he co-founded a website design and online digital communications studio, Perisphere Media, with fellow alumnus **Matthew Smith, '99**, and has launched a new portfolio website for his consultation services and academic activities at churchMD.com.



2000 — Eric R. Wischman was promoted to administrative vice president at M&T Bank. Wischman has been with the bank for 15 years, most recently as vice president, risk manager in risk governance and administration.

2001 — Scott Heffner graduated with honors from the American Bankers Association School of Bank Marketing & Management, a two-year professional school in Atlanta. Following graduation, Heffner earned his Certified Financial Marketing Professional certification (CFMP) through the Institute of Certified Bankers. He is assistant vice president/assistant director of

marketing at Chemung Canal Trust Company, a \$1.6 billion community bank headquartered in Elmira with 34 branch offices throughout upstate New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

2002 — Michael W. Bigley is deputy director of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, which is the government agency that provides grant funding to non-profit organizations and individual artists. He oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency, including its infrastructure, grant making and special programming. It has a budget of more than \$15 million.

Adam Jester received Leadership Cattaraugus' 2015 Alumnus of the Year Award. In addition to his service to Leadership Cattaraugus, Jester has assisted a number of local organizations — including the Challenger Learning Center and the Olean Area Chamber of Commerce — by providing information technology services and professional assistance. **Devin Murphy** has sold his first novel to HarperCollins. "The Boat Runner," scheduled to hit bookstores in fall 2017, is the story of a wealthy Dutch family, industrious owners of a lightbulb factory in a small town, whose world is upended over the course of four years during the WWII Nazi occupation. The story follows the youngest son through the forests of France, the stormy beaches of England, and deep within the secret missions of the German Navy as he is confronted with the moral dilemma that will change his life forever. Murphy said there has been international interest in translating the book since trade journals announced the book in May.

Meredith Van Scoy is manager of the Costume Shop for the Department of Drama and Dance at Hofstra University. She supervises students and staff in the construction of costumes for four productions each semester. In addition, she assists teach-

ing construction class, mentoring students designers, and coordinates with staff and guest designers. Van Scoy also designs costumes for the dance concert and various drama productions. She continues to teach musical theatre dance classes, both beginning and advanced, at Adelphi University.



2003 — Kate (Mannion) O'Reilly is the walk director for the Alzheimer's Association-New York City Chapter.



2004 — Nicole Moore Eisenberg is founder and director of Veg Option Allies & Advocates (VOAA). VOAA is a New York City-based educational non-profit dedicated to knocking down barriers to vegetarian food

options and nurturing a community of veg advocates and their allies and can be found online at voaa.org. **Jill Fecher**, vice president of Client Services at FARM, an idea cultivation agency, was elected to serve on the 2016 Board of Directors for the Professional Insurance Marketing Association (PIMA), a national professional organization for the affinity benefits industry. FARM includes insurance as one of its specialties, along with retail, energy, financial services, and automotive. Fecher, who lives in Lancaster, has been with FARM since 2004 and has been a member of PIMA since 2008. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society of Western New York. Formerly SKM Group, FARM is an award-winning agency that has been providing strategic marketing solutions for nearly 30 years.



2005 — Fr. Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., presided at a Eucharistic liturgy and gave two workshops at the 2016 Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, Calif., in February. His workshops were titled "Incarnation Anyway: The Spirituality of Why God Became Human" and "The Name of God is Relationship." The event, the nation's largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics, is sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Religious Education. This fall, Horan will join the faculty of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago to teach systematic theology. **Thomas Kirchgessner** received his master's degree in adult and continuing education at Kansas State University in May. He is still on active duty in the

Army and was promoted to major in January. Following graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in June, Kirchgessner and his wife, Kathrin, and son relocated to Vicenza, Italy, where he assumed duty as the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne) executive officer. Since graduating from St. Bonaventure, Kirchgessner has deployed three times to Afghanistan.

2006 — Jennifer (Schiffino) Pineo was a recipient of Harris Corporation's inaugural Ten under Ten award. The award honors emerging leaders — all within 10 years of obtaining their undergraduate degree — for their professional success and demonstrated leadership both at Harris and within their communities. Pineo, who joined Harris in 2005, negotiated one of their first strategic partnership agreements. She also serves as secretary and treasurer of National Contracts Management Association, Finger Lakes Chapter. These achievements helped her stand out from the more than 100 nominees, making her one of 10 honorees selected. Pineo earned an MBA in 2011 from the University of Rochester and master's certificate in contract management from ESI Training Institute/George Washington University in 2012.



2007 — J.P. Butler, a sports writer for the Olean Times Herald, won a 2015 New York State Associated Press award in the Best Sports Column category. Naples-based Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida has named **Reagan Terry** its marketing manager. Terry directs the hospital's integrated business and consumer marketing efforts and provides communications counsel. Her responsibilities include developing branding, advertising and social media campaigns; cultivating industry and client relationships to build referrals; planning community outreach events; managing media relations; and overseeing employee communications platforms. A Bonita Springs resident with more than nine years of communications experience, Terry most recently served as senior marketing communications specialist with Corning Incorporated. During her eight years with the Fortune 500 company, she earned 10 professional excellence awards.

2008 — Holly (Gendron) Dutcher was promoted to executive director of the CURE Childhood Cancer Association in Rochester, N.Y. **Scott Eddy** earned National Story of the Year honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for

a feature on St. Bonaventure softball player Katie Sinclair. He collected the highest award with his entry titled "Ultimate Team Player: St. Bonaventure's Sinclair Takes Part in Bone Marrow Donation Program." The story was entered in the Athlete Profile category. Submissions were first judged at the district level with district winners advancing to a national committee. **Chris Michel** is director of marketing and communications at Olean Business Development Corporation. He previously was the city editor at the Olean Times Herald, where he won two 2015 New York State Associated Press awards in the Best Public Service and Best Business Writing categories. He also shared in a third award, Best Digital Presence, for managing the newspaper's website with Kelsey Boudin, '12.

2011 — Christine Holynski graduated with a bachelor's in nursing in June 2015 and is working as a registered nurse at Elderwood at Wheatfield in Niagara Falls. **Mary (Schrader) Burke** is the Special Collections manager at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. She is responsible for the care, preservation, and research of the university's collection of historic documents, books, artwork, and memorabilia. Previously, she was the education outreach coordinator at The Old Jail Art Center, a fine-arts museum. **Tony Jones**, after four years as an intern in the University of Notre Dame Athletics Communications office, was promoted to the full-time position of athletics communications assistant director. He serves as the media relations contact for the nationally ranked Notre Dame softball and men's soccer teams, and will be assuming a larger communications role with the Notre Dame football program beginning with the 2016 season. **Marissa Sangiacomo** is a marketing manager at St. Martin's Press in New York City. She is responsible for strategizing and overseeing marketing plans for a broad list of mass market, trade paperback, and e-book romance titles. Previously she worked as a publicist at Grand Central Publishing, a division of Hachette Book Group. **Meghan (Haley) Schofield** was named assistant director of marketing for Transportation and Parking — a subdivision of Student Affairs — at Binghamton University. **Christy (Andrzejewski) Kern** is the 4 p.m. weekday newscast anchor at WIVB-TV Buffalo. She previously was an anchor at WZVN-TV in Fort Myers, Fla.

2012 — Kelsey Boudin, city editor at the Olean Times Herald, won two 2015 New York State Associated Press awards in the Best Depth Reporting and Best Column Writing categories. He also shared in a third award, Best Digital Presence, for managing

the newspaper's website with Chris Michel, '08. **Michael Mesaros** was promoted to lead geophysical technician at Delta Geophysics of Catasauqua, Pa. **Shannon Shepherd** joined WIVB News 4 of Buffalo after two years in Syracuse as a sports reporter for WSYR. Prior to her time in New York state, Shepherd was the weekend sports anchor at WSAW in Wausau, Wis.

2013 — Riley (Archer) Mesaros is an investigator with Philadelphia Corporation for Aging's Older Adult Protective Services. Following graduation from St. Bonaventure, Mesaros earned a master's degree in criminal justice at Saint Joseph's University. **Adam Scott** was promoted to marketing account manager at Brymark Promotions, Inc., one of Canada's largest suppliers of branded promotional marketing products. Scott, based in Ottawa, works with hundreds of clients all over the continent, including many SBU alumni. He has won several awards of excellence in sales and customer service during his time at Brymark. **Jenna Torella** successfully completed the requirements to practice as a certified public accountant (CPA). She is employed at Lumsden McCormick in Buffalo. **Angela Work**, a McKean County, Pa., juvenile probation officer, was recognized as the Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year at the 2015 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. She began her career with the juvenile probation department as a school-based probation officer in 2006, then transitioned to monitoring juveniles in placement. In 2013, Work was promoted to the position of quality assurance specialist to assist the department in the implementation and facilitation of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. While in her position as



a school-based probation officer, Work was asked to create, organize and co-chair the school's Criminal Justice Club and was an active member of the school's Student Assistance Program. She is a director for the north central region of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals and is also involved in county coordination for efforts to reduce truancy in local schools as a member of the McKean County Truancy Roundtable Steering Committee.

2014 — Samantha Berkhead accepted a position as the English and engagement editor at the International Center for Journalists in Washington, D.C. **Mary Best** is a public relations and events supervisor at Darien Lake Resort. **Marisa Bruno** is heading to the Olympics in Rio De Janiero, Brazil, as a production associate with NBC Olympics. She will be covering the athletes in feature story segments and assisting the producers with editing, as well as creating promos and teasers for the Olympic broadcast. This is a temporary assignment for Bruno. Follow her on Twitter @MarissaCBruno. She will conclude her assignment the day after the closing ceremonies and return to Buffalo before going back to NFL Films in New Jersey for the start of the football season. **Kerri Linsenbighler** of Alden has joined Gelia as a public relations account coordinator and copywriter. Prior to joining Gelia as a full-time employee, Linsenbighler was a copywriting intern with the agency. Founded in 1961, Gelia supports a nationwide client base with strategic planning, advertising, public relations, new media, direct marketing, market research, and website architecture and design. With \$82.5 million in annual capitalized billings, Gelia is headquartered in Williamsville, N.Y., and also operates offices in Cary, N.C., Peoria, Ill., and Toledo, Ohio. **Nicole Albricht** is a



history teacher at Deep Run High School in Richmond, Va.



2015 — Chaelon M. Brennan is a staff accountant in the tax department at the certified public accounting firm Brock, Schechter & Polakoff, LLP. The firm has offices in Buffalo and



Wellsville. **Jenna Crab** joined Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP as a staff accountant. The firm is located in Amherst. **Brianna Roberts** was offered a four-year teaching assistantship in the Ph.D. program in classical philology at the University at Buffalo. Roberts, a classical languages major, was the General Excellence in the Humanities Award winner at St. Bonaventure in 2015, with the highest GPA in the arts curriculum. She had a minor concentration in women's studies, which she'll expand in graduate school.

2016 — Sebastian Bellm will begin a post at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago this fall. **Emily Doherty** is a talent liaison at SiriusXM Radio, where she coordinates and handles celebrities and guests visiting the SiriusXM New York City facilities. **Connor Grey**, a right-handed pitcher for the Bonnies, was selected in the 20th round of the 2016 Major League Baseball Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks. He was assigned June 15 to minor league team Missoula Osprey. Grey set the Bonnies program record for strikeouts in a season with 95 and also moved into fifth place in program history with 201 career punch outs. His 95 strikeouts this past spring ranked second in the Atlantic 10 while he was also second among all A-10 pitchers in batting average against, limiting opposing hitters to a .206 mark.

Births / Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Bryn Nelligan to **Emily (Carden), '92, '94**, and Paul Horvath
 Sasha Arielle to **Deirdra Ross Moshette, '93**, and Sydney Moshette III
 Daniel Thomas to **Jennifer (O'Reardon), '96**, and David Meehan
 Cody Jack to **Janeen Bartlett Bruhn, '98**, and Chad Bruhn
 Grace Helene to Erika and **Todd Lewandowski, '99**
 Cali Madison to Lisa and **Christopher Barrie, '01**
 Claire Elizabeth to **Christina (Illig), '07**, and **Richard Campbell, '02**
 Lucas Coyle and Zachary Edward to Erin and **Ryan Amore, '03, '04**
 Olivia Gray to **Lauren (Krieger), '05, '06**, and **Randall Kozlowski, '04**
 Charleigh Anne to **Lindsay (Folsom), '05**, and Jason Croteau
 Mia Kate to **Colleen (Kane), '05**, and **Brian Jackson, '05**

Jakob Michael to Kathrin and **Thomas Kirchgessner, '05**
 Justin Everett to **Callie (Riorden), '06**, and **James Banko, '02**
 Henry Edward to **Brennan (Sprague), '06**, and Kieran Frawley
 James Matthew to **Katherine (Vorndran), '07, '08**, and **Matthew Strusienski, '06**
 Charlotte Regan to **Holly (Gendron), '08, '09**, and Christopher Dutcher
 Brady James to Jennifer and **Daniel Quirk, '09**
 Bryce Wallace to **Kari (Tarnowski), '09, '10**, and Jeffrey Potter
 Charlotte Anne to **Erica Mungall, '12**, and **Thomas Meylor, '11, '12**



Mary Dennison and Brian Coveleskie, '98, '00



Courtney Bertnick and Kevin Gilligan, '01



Lauren Ricci and Jay Essley, '02



Lauren Washington and Chris Esposito, '02



Mary Lou Letina, '03, and Aaron Land



Danielle de Manincor, '04, and Nick Barbera



Erin McCabe, '04, and John Gerken Jr.



Molly McCarthy, '06, and Kieran Malone, '07

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Caitlin Ely, '10, '11, and Robert Ryer, '11



Danielle Ruffino, '06, '07, and John Grzymala



Alexandra Fioravanti, '10, '11, and Christopher Novak, '08



Riley Archer, '13, and Michael Mesaros, '12



Deirdre Lennon, '10, and Joe Tripodi, '06

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Additional Announcements

Amy Constant, '95, and Michael Schott

St. Bonaventure University takes pride in its alumni and joyfully shares the news of their lives and achievements. Supportive of our Catholic Church's teachings, publication of announcements provided to us by our alumni does not necessarily imply an endorsement by St. Bonaventure University.



Kady Cash, '08, and Matthew Lubin



Kerri Anne Burke and Alan Delozier, '91



Danielle Grobmyer, '06, and Brian Thomas



Brighan Ulicki and Sam DeFazio, '07

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 An interdisciplinary academic event will provide a forum for scholarly presentations from an array of perspectives.

Stay overnight and be sorted into one of the Hogwarts Houses!

Attend feasts at the "Great Hall"

Join us for Quidditch & Wizards Chess!

Take a class in Potions, Charms, Defense Against the Dark Arts and other Hogwarts subjects!

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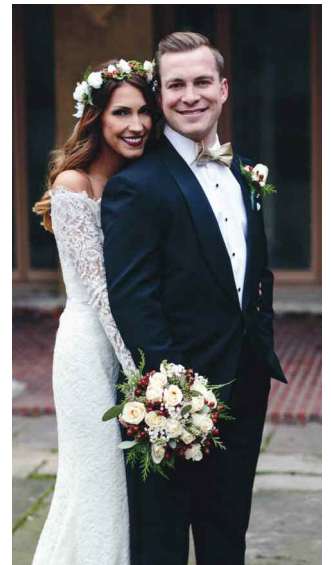
Kaileen McDonald, '09, and Ryan Gerevics



Nikole Japuncic and Matthew Culo, '10



Katie Klimek, '11, '12, and Robert McFall, '11, '12



Carly Neal, '10, and Jordan Ross



Erin Fernaays, '09, and Patrick Culhane



Sarah Marciniak, '11, and Scott Shelters, '11

SBU notes passing of former presidents

Fr. Mathias Doyle, O.F.M.

Fr. Mathias Doyle, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure for 15 years, died June 16 at age 82. A Franciscan friar for 58 years and a priest for 54, Fr. Mathias was president of St. Bonaventure from 1975 to 1990, the third-longest presidential tenure in university history.

"His leadership style was quiet and lacking in drama but his steady hand on the wheel kept the university moving forward while integrating new demands and welcoming new generations," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president. "The fact that Matt was happy to live out his days at Siena says much about his commitment to higher education. I was always grateful for his warm welcome and supportive words."



Fr. Mathias led St. Bonaventure during a time when major institutional changes were underway. The Board of Trustees appointed its first lay leaders. Mt. Irenaeus, the Franciscan mountain retreat in Allegany County, was established. Christ the King Seminary had just moved in 1974 from Francis Hall to East Aurora. Athletics moved to Division I in all 14 sports.

On campus, major additions included the John J. Murphy Professional Building, the Garden Apartments, a new friary, the observatory, and an addition to Plassmann Hall.

"During these years, the work to build endowments, professionalize fundraising, and manage the ever-present twin realities of enrollment and finances kept Fr. Matt focused on keeping the university in good institutional health," Sr. Margaret said.

Fr. Mathias earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Siena College in 1955. He was received into the Order of Friars Minor, Holy Name Province, on July 14, 1956. He was ordained to the priesthood in Washington on March 17, 1962. He received his master's degree from Catholic University of America in Washington in 1965, and completed his Ph.D. in political science from Notre Dame University in 1968.

Fr. Mathias' first assignment after studies was to Siena College, where he was a professor of political science from 1968 to 1975. In 1975, Fr. Mathias was elected the 17th president of St. Bonaventure. The youngest friar ever selected for the position, his 15-year term in office is exceeded only by that of Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., who served 29 years, and Fr. Joseph Butler, O.F.M., who served 24 years. Doyle Hall on campus is named after him.

From 1990 to 1991, Fr. Mathias served as the first Administrator's Fellow with the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) in Washington, D.C. He was also special consultant to the office of Congressman Amory Houghton.

Fr. Mathias was assigned to St. Anthony Shrine in Boston in 1991, where he ministered for two years. Then, in 1993, he returned to St. Bonaventure as professor of political science and served in that capacity for the next seven years.

Dr. Robert J. Wickenheiser

Dr. Robert J. Wickenheiser,* the 19th president of St. Bonaventure and the university's first lay president, died Nov. 25, 2015.

He was the former president of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where, at one time, he was the youngest college president in the United States, and where he served for 16 years. The Maryland State Senate recognized his "exemplary leadership" during his tenure at the Mount. He also served as president of the Princeton Adult School and was an assistant professor at Princeton University in New Jersey, where he taught for seven years.



"Bob Wickenheiser was brought to this university at a time of dire financial stress. His work in turning that around created both support for his leadership and criticism of his means of fulfilling that need," said University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F.

"While those disagreements were always part of the SBU landscape, Bob continued to serve with energy and hopefulness and to welcome new faculty in whom he saw a bright future. I hope that he has found the great peace that is the promise of God, whom he sought to serve throughout his life," she said.

Wickenheiser received his doctorate and master's in English literature from the University of Minnesota in 1970, and his Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from St. Benedict's College and Abbey in Atchison, Kan., in 1965.

He was a collector of books, passionately specializing in the 17th century poet John Milton and the contemplative poems of George Herbert.

A scholar of John Milton, he amassed one the largest libraries of his works. He built his collection over the years, and devoted his life to preserving and enhancing the reputation of John Milton.

Today, his collection of books and artwork, more than 6,000 volumes, is housed at the University of South Carolina. Its special focus on illustrated editions makes it perhaps the most comprehensive collection ever of Milton illustration, from the first illustrated edition of "Paradise Lost" (1688) through all the major illustrators that follow.

A descriptive catalogue, "The Robert J. Wickenheiser Collection of John Milton at the University of South Carolina: A Descriptive Account with Illustrations," was published in 2008.

Wickenheiser was a devout Catholic, spending some time with the Benedictine order followed by a life of devotion to Catholic education and scholarship, which was in evidence as he sought to support regional Catholic high schools during his term as president.

He was an active member of St. John's Parish in Olean.

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Alumni Deaths

A directory of deceased alumni is available on Bona's Online. Not a member of Bona's Online? Register at www.sbu.edu/alumni.

Msgr. Salvatore P. Mitchell, '38, *Hermitage, Pa.**
 Robert C. Fenzl M.D., '43, *New Smyrna Beach, Fla.*
 William R. Blood, Esq., '49, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Thomas G. Geoghegan, M.D., '49, *Bedford, Ohio*
 Beryle (Douglas) Cole, '50, *Chittenango, N.Y.*
 Thomas A. Salciccia, Esq., '50, *San Jose, Calif.*
 George W. Weider, '50, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 Joseph T. Dunbeck, '51, *Cary, N.C.*
 Daniel L. Lienert, '51, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
 Alfred H. Miller, '51, *North Rose, N.Y.*
 Helen D. Powers, '51, *Fillmore, N.Y.*
 Paul W. Vail, '51, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 Hon. William J. Birney, '52, *Pasadena, Calif.*
 Anthony J. La Paglia, '52, *Marco Island, Fla.*
 Robert V. Nolan, '52, *Boston, Mass.*
 Richard J. O'Connor, '52, *Frederick, Md.*
 Robert J. Routier, Esq., '52, *Columbia, Mo.*
 Vincent A. Stallone, '52, *Franklin, Pa.*
 Rev. Joseph F. Girzone, '53, *Altamont, N.Y.*
 Joseph M. Kerekes, '53, *Tallahassee, Fla.*
 Theodore J. Marchibroda, '53, *Weems, Va.*
 Audrey M. (Kryzynski) Routier, '53, *Columbia, Mo.*
 Dr. John F. Sommer, '53, *Charleston, Maine*
 Thomas W. Boland, '54, *Phoenix, Ariz.*
 Paul R. Prunier, '54, *Lakeland, Fla.*
 John P. Spindler, '54, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 William J. Winkler, '54, *San Antonio, Texas*
 Rev. Angelus Gambatese, O.F.M., '55,
New York, N.Y.
 Werner J. Rose, '55, *Defiance, Ohio*
 Lt. Col. (Ret.) George D. McLaughlin, '56,
Emerald Isle, N.C.
 Peter R. O'Brien, '56, *Oceanside, N.Y.*
 Stephen E. Cavanaugh, '57, *Orchard Park, N.Y.*
 James E. Croker, '57, *Bradford, Pa.*
 Rev. Daniel Carroll, O.C.A.R.M., '58, *Chicago, Ill.*
 Donald E. Heysel, '58, *West End, N.C.*
 Sr. Mary N. Kelly, R.S.M., '58, *Water Mill, N.Y.*
 Autumn P. Finlan, '59, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 Donald M. Green, '59, *Hammondsport, N.Y.*
 Raymond L. Keenan, '59, *Minato Ku, Tokyo*
 Robert N. Rolfe, '59, *Horseheads, N.Y.*
 Thomas P. Sweeney, '59, *Penfield, N.Y.*
 Dr. Charles E. Doll, D.D.S., '60,
Chenango Bridge, N.Y.
 Patricia A. Heister, '60, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Arthur J. Higby, '60, *Cuba, N.Y.*
 Herbert F. Rorke, '60, *Minneapolis, Minn.**
 David G. Schryver, '60, *McLean, Va.*
 Jack E. Myers, '61, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 Peter L. Petrosino, '61, *Bay Head, N.J.*
 Daniel R. Barnes, '62, *Coshocton, Ohio*
 Clifford T. Jefferson Jr., '62, *Shrewsbury, Mass.*
 Kenneth G. Prigg, '62, *Hamburg, N.Y.*
 William J. Schmidt, '62, *Neptune, N.J.*
 Dr. John V. Betz, '63, *Spring Hill, Fla.*
 William J. Straessley, '63, *Girard, Pa.*
 Justin C. Burns, '64, *South Dartmouth, Mass.*
 David F. Giannuzzi, '64, *South Hero, Vt.*
 Phyllis (Gostomski) McMahon, '64, *Bradenton, Fla.*
 Beatrice W. McKenzie, '64, *Northampton, Pa.*
 Richard S. Monahan, '64, *Erin, N.Y.*
 Brian J. Sweeney, '64, *South Pasadena, Fla.*
 Ralph G. Auletta, '66, *Cheshire, Conn.*

Rev. John P. Fenlon, '66,
Jamesville, N.Y.
 Rev. Joseph J. Malloy, '66,
Stamford, Conn.
 Sr. Frances Cardillo, O.S.F., '67,
Allegany, N.Y.
 Gary A. Grandusky, '67, *Miami, Fla.*
 Niles E. Klee, '67, *Madison, Ala.*
 Patrick D. Wells, '69, *Manassas, Va.*
 Phyllis M. Bonney, '70, *Saint Cloud, Fla.*
 Sr. Lartigue C. Cools, '70, *Kingston,
 Jamaica*
 James R. Cross, '70, *Cuba, N.Y.*
 Sr. Anthony C. Reiman, '71,
West Islip, N.Y.
 Peter C. Gerrer, '72,
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
 Rev. Roland J. Jaskulski, O.F.M., '72,
Garfield Heights, Ohio
 Barbara A. Redditt, '72,
West Chester, Pa.
 Laurence J. Burns, '73, *Pennsauken, N.J.*
 Peter F. McCoy III, '73, *Bradford, Pa.*

Judith M. (Shabala) Brennan, '74,
Olean, N.Y.
 Edward L. Hasselman, '76, *Ridgway, Pa.*
 Lindsay A. (Morris) Regan, '79,
Fenton, Mich.
 Eileen M. (Gildea) Bednar, '80,
Elkridge, Md.
 Thomas P. Kellenstine, '81,
Williamsport, Pa.
 Rudy J. Rote, '81, *Rockville, Md.*
 Michael R. Stokes, '81, *Huntington, N.Y.*
 Paul W. Rymer, '82, *Ridgewood, N.J.*
 Ronald Angood, '85, *Coudersport, Pa.*
 Frances A. Ambroselli, '86, *Moultrie, Ga.*
 Michael A. Muench Jr., '88,
Alexandria, Va.
 John L. Flannery, '92, *Pearl River, N.Y.*
 Jonathan M. Fabian, '95, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
 Mark T. Culley, '96, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
 Heather M. (Schultz) Hedlund, '96,
Smithtown, N.Y.
 Kim S. Sweet, '01, *West Seneca, N.Y.*
 Keith T. Young, '02, *Cattaraugus, N.Y.*

In Memoriam

Arthur J. Brown Jr., retired director of Maintenance and Operations at St. Bonaventure, died March 31 in Olean. Brown retired from the university in 1999 after 21 years of service.

Theodore "Ted" Marchibroda, '53, who spent six decades in pro football as a quarterback, a head coach for three teams with roots in Baltimore, an offensive coach and a broadcaster, died Jan. 16. A star quarterback at St. Bonaventure and then at the University of Detroit (now Detroit Mercy) when St. Bonaventure discontinued its football program, Marchibroda was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first round of the 1953 NFL draft. As offensive coordinator for the Buffalo Bills (1987-91), Marchibroda choreographed the Bills' high-powered no-huddle offense led by Jim Kelly that sparked four straight AFC titles. Marchibroda was inducted into the university's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1970 and awarded an honorary doctorate from his alma mater in 1996.



Steelers coach Buddy Parker is pictured in the 1957 preseason with quarterbacks Ted Marchibroda, Jack Scarbath and Len Dawson.

Photo courtesy of Raymond Rolak

Alumni couple **Robert, '52, and Aubrey (Kryzynski), '53, Routier** died within five months of each other on Jan. 4 and June 9, respectively. Robert was a partner in a Washington, D.C., law firm and Aubrey was a teacher. In retirement, they split their time between Morgantown, W.Va., and Ocala, Fla., eventually moving to Columbia, Mo. In 1990, the Routiers established the Robert and Aubrey Routier Scholarship, which has been awarded to students who are in need of financial support and may want to pursue a career as a lawyer.



Fr. Allen Weber, O.F.M., who was a Franciscan friar for 33 years and a priest for 50 years, died Dec. 25, 2015, in Hackensack, N.J. In 1987, Fr. Allen was assigned to St. Bonaventure, where he would spend most of his Franciscan life. He worked first at the university's counseling center. After he completed his doctorate in counseling in 1990, he was appointed assistant professor in the School of Education. He taught in the university's graduate counselor education program, as well as in Clare College, the university's core curriculum.

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Gorgeous Grotto in bloom

The newly renovated Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes is blooming with color and pride. The makeover of this favorite reflection and prayer space included new lawn, walkways, lighting, a wheelchair-accessible ramp, stone terrace seating, benches and a new statue of St. Francis.

The stone utilized for seating and steps in the Grotto was recycled from elsewhere on campus. Original stonework in the more than 90-year-old shrine was cleaned and repaired.

Janice Zampogna spent time at the Grotto during Alumni Reunion Weekend. While not a graduate herself, Janice shared her sentiments about the campus.

"Bonaventure has always been a part of our lives (and) very meaningful," she said, while leaning against the sun-warmed stones of the newly restored Grotto, placing rosary beads blessed by Pope Benedict XVI.

"These rosaries were blessed at my son's (Christopher) wedding in Rome. I want everyone to take them."

Her husband, Dr. Joseph Zampogna, '59, served as a language arts professor at St. Bonaventure for more than 10 years, retiring in 2006. His brother, Tony Zampogna, was the first director of Housing and Dining at the university.

"When the German priests were here, they had meat and potatoes. Tony introduced sauce," giggled Janice, as she carefully tore more tape to adhere a pink rosary on a rust-colored stone.

The renovations at the Grotto were made possible by many donors — especially the classes of 1964, 1965 and 2015. A rededication ceremony is being planned for Aug. 16.

► *Joseph, '59, and Janice Zampogna*





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Alumni answer the call

The best thing about St. Bonaventure is the alumni. Just ask Pamela Ferman, assistant director and employer relations coordinator for Bona's Career and Professional Readiness Center (CPRC).

Ferman regularly receives offers from alumni around the globe interested in sharing their knowledge with today's students, which is why the CPRC created Bonnies4Bonnies, a career networking event that launched in February and will be held annually.

Bonnies4Bonnies offers students the chance to connect with alumni professionals, discuss career options, and discover internship and job opportunities.

Kevin Cleary, '02, marketing manager of sponsorships and promotions for Nestlé Waters North America, was the keynote speaker for the inaugural event. He discussed "The Power of the Bonaventure Alumni Connection" and offered tips on how to network.

More than 100 students attended the gathering that featured nearly two dozen notable alumni from New York City, Washington, D.C., Buffalo, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Charlotte, and Rochester. Companies with representation included SiriusXM Radio, New York Life, Toyota, Nissan North America, Scholastic, Constellation Brands, Rohrbach Brewing Company, Fisher-Price, and M&T Bank.

Do you want to join the 2017 event? Contact Ferman at (716) 375-2384 or pferman@sbu.edu.

