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A new chapter in my Franciscan story

I am pretty sure my wife thought I was crazy.

"How many times are you going to read that press release?" Sherry said, her words jostling me awake, my computer propped open on my lap late at night.

Enough times to prove to myself that it wasn't just a dream. I really was named the 21st president of St. Bonaventure University.

The period between being named president Nov. 18 and officially taking over for Andy Roth often felt like a pregnancy: the anxiety and anticipation, the excitement and the sleepless nights, wondering how the people about to enter my life June 1 would accept me.

It didn't take long to feel welcome.

I was greeted by a huge banner strung outside Devereux Hall welcoming me to Bona's. Just a day later, as almost 1,000 of you began flocking back to this place you cherish for Reunion, I was humbled by the warmth of your embrace.

From the class dinners Friday night to the huge cocktail reception Saturday night on Bob Lanier Court, your kind words and well wishes all weekend meant more to me than you can know as I assume the leadership of this remarkable institution.

And your sincere forgiveness for my Canisius College heritage was truly appreciated.

Of course, I took the ribbing in the good-natured spirit it was in-



University President Dr. Dennis DePerro and his wife, Sherry, had an audience with Pope Francis on May 3.

tended. The Jesuits at Canisius and for the last 22 years at Le Moyne played a significant role in my formation as a leader rooted in faith and character. I'll always be grateful to them for their belief in me and the guidance they provided.

But as I said at my introduction to the campus community at the Quick Center in November, my foundation is Franciscan, formed by the friars at Bishop Timon in Buffalo.

It's true, the tale you might have heard by now.

John Kilcoyne, a Timon classmate of mine who graduated from Bona's in 1981, saw Les Quick, one of our most revered trustees and co-chair of SBU's Presidential Search Committee, at a Manhattan dinner three days before I was introduced as president-elect.

The next day, John opened our Timon yearbook and sent Les an email. Next to my senior photo I wrote to John: "I hope you like Bonnie's. I wish I were going there."

Here I am, 40 years later, beginning a new chapter to my Franciscan story.

Just four weeks before I took office, that chapter opened with a profound journey, following in the footsteps of Francis and Clare on a pilgrimage with a handful of university trustees through Assisi that ultimately led to St. Peter's Square and a moment I never dreamed possible – a personal audience with the pope.

That brief time Sherry and I had with Pope Francis was such a precious gift. When I muddled through a little broken Italian to let him know I was

the new president of St. Bonaventure, he immediately reached out his right hand and gently placed it on my forehead, blessing not only me but our university.

And so I go forward in service to this great university, with the blessing of Pope Francis and the support and prayers of so many good people affiliated with St. Bonaventure.

The road ahead in higher education is littered with potholes, some – like New York's new "free public tuition" plan – that appear when you least expect them.

But collaboratively and creatively, I'm confident Bonaventure will emerge stronger than ever, establishing a sound academic and financial foundation to ensure we will be around for another 160 years. I'll need the help of everyone around me, our 30,000-plus alumni included, to make that happen.

This really is a special moment in my life. When historians look back at the years I was president of St. Bonaventure, I hope that they can say this was a special moment in our history.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for welcoming me into the Bonaventure family.

The Inauguration of

Dr. Dennis DePerro

as the 21st President

of St. Bonaventure University

Friday, November 3

10:30 a.m. – Inauguration Mass

2:30 p.m. – Installation Ceremony

The circle that has no center and whose circumference is everywhere

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



I recently had a wonderful experience at Mt. Irenaeus. Eighteen members of the incoming Class of 2021 joined Amanda Naujoks, associate director of University Ministries; Jeff Sved, director of

the Franciscan Center for Social Concern; the friars at Mt. Irenaeus — Fr. Lou McCormick, O.F.M., Br. Kevin Kriso, O.F.M., Br. Joe Kotula, O.F.M., Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M. — and me, for a Mission and Ministries Day. These incoming first-year students arrived the day before their Orientation session to explore who, what, and why we are a Catholic Franciscan institution.

The weather was gorgeous. The sunny blue sky was accented by those white clouds that mark a great summer day. During our first session of introductions, Fr. Dan referenced an image of God that has captured my imagination for a long time.

He said, “God is like a circle that has no center and whose circumference is everywhere.” As we sat in our circle in the grass beside the main house, we imagined the God that has no end, no beginning, and constantly calls all of us into unity.

I have often used that quote at wedding ceremonies when preparing to bless the wedding rings just before they are given away to their husband or wife. It is my hope that the couple will remember that image of God through their rings.

They are in a covenant with each other and that covenant “foreshadows the covenant between God and the Church.” It is a bond that unites us, that holds us fast, and that can never be broken.

God’s love has no beginning or end for us and we are called to live in that same infinite circle.

I don’t know about you, but for me, that is an amazing invitation. We are called to live within that circle of life that we call God.

Unfortunately, some of today’s media

bombard us with messages of how much we are *not* united. By now it has become trite to say, but I want Walter Cronkite back. Is there a way that we can become informed of what is going on in our world without “spin” or political agenda?

I don’t know. Quite honestly, I’m not old enough to know whether or not Walter Cronkite had an agenda. I think it is safe to say that in reality, we all have agendas — or perhaps, better said, perspectives.

As part of our time at Mt. Irenaeus with our first-year students, we celebrated Mass in Holy Peace Chapel. As is common at the Mountain, after the homily we are

minded us that no matter what is going on in the world, “As long as we do our best and continue to remember that God is with us, it’s all going to work out.”

We do need to do our best, that’s for sure, but we don’t always remember that God is with us. We forget that we are called to be, not just in this world but of the unending circle of God’s infinite presence. We are in a covenantal relationship with a God who will not forget us, forsake us, or abandon us.

The world is divided, but always has been. The world doesn’t always accept our message, but it never did.



Br. Kevin Kriso, O.F.M., (left) is pictured with freshmen on the dock at Mt. Irenaeus.

all invited to share a reflection on the readings or on what we heard. Someone commented on how scary the world is and how difficult it is to enter now because it has become so dangerous. There were nods of agreement throughout the chapel, and perhaps even some sighs.

Then, one of the elder members of the community spoke. He recalled that when he graduated college 50 years ago, his classmates thought the world was dangerous, too. “The world is always a dangerous place,” he said. He referenced the Vietnam War, the fear of nuclear proliferation, and racial injustice. (The ‘60s were an interesting time!) But then he re-

Part of the fabric of our Franciscan lives is that we don’t contribute to that division but respond to it and bring love where there is hatred, healing where there is injury, faith where there is doubt, hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and joy where there is sadness.

I will tell you this, I met 18 wonderful young men and women who not only call themselves Bonnies but are ready to embrace our Franciscan call to be instruments of peace.

The circle of life continues and God’s eternal embrace is ours for the taking.

(Di Spigno is executive director of University Ministries at St. Bonaventure.)



Randy Mearns

ATHLETICS

Lacrosse added to Division 1 lineup

St. Bonaventure will add men's lacrosse to its NCAA athletics lineup beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, and has hired Randy Mearns to lead the program.

Mearns has directed the men's lacrosse program at Canisius College for the past 19 seasons. During his time in Buffalo, Mearns led his program to a pair of Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances in 2008 and 2012.

In 2014, he added a gold medal to his head coaching résumé by leading the Canadian National Team to the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Championship.

In his nine-year playing career in the National Lacrosse League (NLL), he was a part of two championship teams and named NLL All-Star Game MVP in 1999.

He is a member of the Canadian Lacrosse, Ontario Lacrosse, Rochester Knighthawks and Canisius College halls of fame and also earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Canisius.

Men's lacrosse will become the 17th NCAA Division I varsity sport at St. Bonaventure. The university previously sponsored men's lacrosse as an inter-collegiate team from 1989-93, when the program was moved to its current club level.

St. Bonaventure has sponsored varsity women's lacrosse since 2000. The women's team currently has 27 student-athletes.

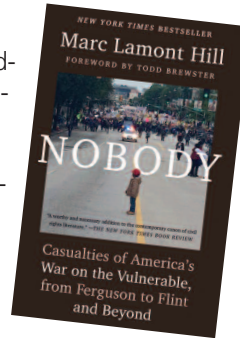
ALL BONAVENTURE READS

'Nobody' author to visit campus Sept. 25

SBU has chosen "Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond" by scholar and journalist Dr. Marc Lamont Hill as its common read for 2017-18.

"Nobody" considers a string of high-profile deaths in America and incidents of gross negligence by the government. To make his case, Hill recounts the details of tragedies like the death of Michael Brown and draws upon first-hand reporting and careful historical analysis to show how the "Nobody" class has emerged over time and how forces in America have worked to preserve and exploit this group.

SBU will welcome Hill to campus Sept. 25 to deliver a keynote address to members of the Class of 2021. Hill is considered one of the leading scholars of his generation.



400

The number of people who sought no-cost medical, dental or vision care during a Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic held at the university in June. The clinic was held in partnership with local and regional health care partners, many of whom volunteered their time at the clinic or were on site to share information about medical services they provide for the region's underinsured.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

University welcomes new leadership in Education, Allied Health, Cybersecurity

Two new academic deans and a new director of St. Bonaventure's cybersecurity program were welcomed to campus in June. Dr. Lisa C. Buenaventura, dean of the School of Education, and Dr. Hossein Sarrafzadeh, director of the bachelor's degree program in cybersecurity, arrived on campus June 1. Dr. Douglas Pisano, founding dean of St. Bonaventure's new School of Allied Health, began his duties June 19.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Buenaventura, who has more than 30 years of experience in K-12 and higher education, was previously special assistant to the provost for special projects at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Her tenure there included roles as assistant vice chancellor for co-curricular learning and assessment, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and adjunct faculty member in Asian American Studies and the Higher Education Doctoral Program.



She previously served as a faculty member for the Office of the Chancellor and School of Behavioral Sciences and Education at Penn State-Harrisburg, and as a director for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Educational Resources Group.

"I am quite excited to join the St. Bonaventure community and the School of Education during a time of new leadership and initiatives for the university," Buenaventura said. "People here are deeply committed to the university and genuinely care about the well-being of others. I look forward to working with faculty in the School of Education, as well as collaborating with colleagues across the campus."

Buenaventura earned her doctorate in educational leadership from Seattle University in 1997.

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH

Pisano, the first dean of St. Bonaventure's new School of Allied Health, was previously vice president for Academic Affairs and provost at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, where he's worked since 1984 in a variety of roles, including dean of the School of Pharmacy.



Pisano earned his doctorate in Law, Policy and Society – Health Policy and Law from Northeastern University in 1997.

"St. Bonaventure is a proven winner whose team is looking to a long and successful future where the health professions complement an already stellar academic

community. I'm excited to be a part of this future," he said.

St. Bonaventure now offers a bachelor's degree program in health science as part of its Allied Health Initiative. The major will serve as a feeder program for graduate programs in the School of Allied Health, which are in development.

CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Director Sarrafzadeh is a global expert in computer technology and security who comes to SBU from Auckland, New Zealand, where he was a professor and director of the High Tech Transdisciplinary Research Network at Unitec Institute of Technology. He is also the founder and co-director of New Zealand's first Cybersecurity Research Center, which collaborates with universities and research centers around the world.



Sarrafzadeh has extensive experience in research, leadership and teaching, and in the development and administration of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science from University of Wollongong in Australia.

"I'm very excited about working with the already strong team at St. Bonaventure," he said.

New Gen Ed, grounded in cultural openness, offers more flexibility

Incoming St. Bonaventure freshmen will now think of Clare only as a saint.

The Clare College core curriculum is being phased out, replaced with a more traditional General Education curriculum that still adheres to the foundational principles of the university's Franciscan heritage, but has more flexibility for current students and potential transfers.

The aim of the new core is to provide students with foundational knowledge for all majors that aligns with the university's

learning goals.

"Within the framework of these goals and the university's mission, the new Gen Ed curriculum offers students an educational experience that encourages them to examine critically their own cultural assumptions and to explore openly and fairly other perspectives and cultures," said Dr. Joseph Zimmer, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"This deepening appreciation of their own heritage and sensitive openness to alterna-

tive frameworks should prepare students to take their place as thinking, moral individuals in a global community," he said.

The 37-hour program has 15 required credits, including a one-credit course in Contemporary Diversity and the three-credit "The Way of Francis and Clare," and one course each from seven distribution groups: Franciscan Studies/Theology, Historical Studies, Literature and the Visual and Performing Arts, Natural Science with a lab (4

credits), Social Science, Philosophy and Quantitative Literacy.

From those seven groups, at least one course must be classified as intensive writing, and one must have a significant diversity component.

Students must also demonstrate assessed proficiency in information and computer literacy, and education in technological competency.

Seniors and some juniors will be allowed to complete Clare College course obligations still being offered for the next couple years.

HALLS OF FAME



Athletics honors three standouts

Three outstanding former student-athletes — Kelly (Chevez) Bartlett, '06, Tom Middleton, '63, and Heather MacDougall, '06 — were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame as the Class of 2017.

Bartlett remains St. Bonaventure's all-time leading women's lacrosse scorer with 121 goals and 119 assists for 240 points. Over her four seasons, the Bonnies went 32-26 and qualified for the A-10 Tournament twice (2003, 2004) — the first-ever A-10 postseason berths for the program.

A smooth-swinging and fleet-footed center fielder, Middleton was not only the best baseball player on campus from 1960-63, he was renowned throughout the region. A three-time all-star selection by the Western New York College Baseball Conference, Middleton led Bona's in batting, RBI, runs, hits and on-base percentage three years in a row.

As a senior, MacDougall earned All-Atlantic 10 soccer accolades after tallying a team-high 24 points on 11 goals and two assists. Her 36 career goals and 83 points rank third and fourth, respectively, all-time in the Bona record books. Read more about the inductees at gobonnies.com.



Four inducted into ROTC Hall of Fame

The Seneca Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at St. Bonaventure inducted four alumni into its ROTC Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 1.

Pictured above from left are Lt. Col. Sean Coulter, professor of military science; Master Sgt. James Andrews, senior military science instructor; Marvin Stocker, '65, former Army captain; Margret Emborsky Merino, M.D., '90, retired colonel; Peter Bradley, '59, retired colonel; Michael C.H. McDaniel, '79, retired brigadier general; Richard C. Trietley Jr., '86, retired lieutenant colonel; and Provost Dr. Joseph Zimmer.

The induction ceremony was held at the University Chapel following an ROTC Cadet Awards ceremony honoring current cadets for military excellence and academic achievement. The day of recognition concluded with the annual ROTC Military Ball at the Old Library in Olean. The keynote speaker at the ball was retired Brig. Gen. McDaniel.

Read more about the distinguished graduates at www.sbu.edu/ROTC.



Team SBU hits the pavement in annual Ride for Roswell

Pictured above are some of the 38 members of Team SBU #CarneyStrong at the 22nd annual Ride for Roswell in Buffalo. The bike riders raised more than \$53,000 for cancer research in honor of President Emeritus Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., who has been treated at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

SAVE THE DATE!

Communication School to host Hellinger event

St. Bonaventure's School of Communication will honor Hellinger Award winners Andrew Bebevino, Class of 2016, and Lian Bunny, Class of 2017, during a fall program in Manhattan.

The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Hearst Tower, Manhattan.

The program will also feature a "fire-side chat" moderated by Mike Spain, '74, associate editor at the Albany Times Union, who will discuss journalism and communication today and into the future.

Additional details will be forthcoming, but alums who would like more information can contact Sue Ciesla at sciesla@sbu.edu or (716) 375-2520.



[Class of 1982]



[President's Welcome]

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2017

Welcome home, Bonnies

The temperature was a little cool for June, but hearts were warmed as more than 900 alumni and guests rekindled friendships during Reunion Weekend 2017. Sentiments such as “It’s so good to be back” and “it’s so good to see you again” filtered through the air as alumni embraced, laughed and smiled all weekend. Two highlights from the festivities — alumni gave a warm welcome to our new president, Dr. Dennis DePerro (top, center), who began his duties as our 21st president June 1; and our three-hour Saturday evening social was a winner! And yes, we will bring it back again next year! Speaking of next year, Reunion 2018 will be held June 1-3.



Richard P. Kearns, '72 (center), was recognized Reunion Weekend as the 2017 William P. “Stax” McCarthy Alumnus of the Year for lifelong service and dedication. He is pictured with his wife, Mo, and children Nora, Erin and Brian.





[Saturday Social]



[Class of 1972]



[Class of 1967]

PARALLELS

First Person > My Bonaventure Legacy



By BRANDON SAPIENZA
CLASS OF 2021

Sapienza is a JIMC major who does two podcasts: X-Squadron (he and his friends discuss movies, comics, TV shows and video games) and Blueshirt Talk (New York Rangers and hockey in general).

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, has been interesting. Being a part of the biggest city in the world has its advantages and disadvantages. However, growing up here means I was lucky enough to be able to attend the school that has done so much for me, Xavier High School.

At Xavier, I was surrounded by a wonderful and dedicated faculty and staff. Two people come to mind specifically: My biology/anatomy teacher, Mr. Steve Iannuccilli, and my journalism/A.P. U.S. Government teacher and headmaster, Mr. Michael LiVigni. Those two well-rounded individuals gave me a platform to share my talents with a large audience. In my journalism class, Mr. LiVigni inspired and pushed me to be the best possible writer I can be. After a rocky start, I believe I did that. Mr. Iannuccilli started a podcast with me that is

listened to by hundreds not only at Xavier, but around the city.

Besides being in a podcast, I was a captain in the Xavier Regiment, a well-known Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It is here I learned what it means to not only lead by example, but to do my best to serve others. In my time in high school, I have completed more than 100 hours of community service, following the motto of my school, "Men for others."

My college counselor saw my potential and without hesitation recommended St. Bonaventure University. My parents and I did some research, visited campus and by July of 2016 I knew that I was destined to be a Bonnie.

The journalism program at SBU has produced some of the most influential journalists in the country and around the world. This includes five Pulitzer Prize winners,

which means a lot to me because it is my goal to one day win that award.

At SBU, I hope to continue bringing forth everything I learned in high school. Xavier set a foundation for me that allows me to use my talents and abilities to serve others and create new opportunities for myself and those around me.

I believe I bring to campus a new perspective on broadcast journalism. My experience in creating two podcasts is an advantage for not only me, but for my fellow classmates.

I am excited to be a Bonnie and I am ready to take on the new challenges that lie ahead. I am very grateful for my parents for giving me this opportunity to attend such a prestigious university, and to all those at Xavier who have inspired me to do what I love.



By JULIE CURRAN
CLASS OF 2017

Curran earned bachelor's degrees in psychology and music in May. She is returning to SBU this fall to work on her MSED in clinical mental health counseling.

I had heard about Bonaventure all my life. And when I applied as a senior in high school, my family explained to me that I would be a legacy student. My parents, Patricia Flynn, '83, and John Curran, '84, my uncle, and my cousin all had glowing things to say about this place, and I thought I might like it, too.

As a freshman, I realized almost immediately that I was right. I was surrounded by pretty incredible people: student leaders, resident assistants, professors, advisers, and students who had profound effects on my experience. I saw what they had accomplished — the jobs, internships, or positions they juggled on a daily basis — and I marveled at how they still made time to answer my silly questions. The transition to college life is never easy, and I looked to these people for guidance.

After a semester or two of taking a break from extracurriculars and adjusting to college academics, I got involved with everything I could. I started with the activities I

loved in high school: I joined the Music Department, played on an intramural basketball team, and spent lots of time with my friends.

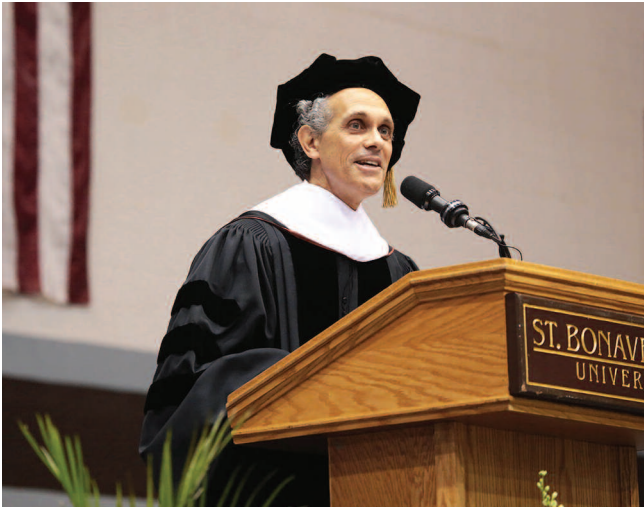
For the first few years, I constantly worried that I wouldn't get the positions I wanted, or that I wasn't involved enough in community service. I wanted the full experience, but I also had to balance the responsibilities. Eventually, I branched out more, applying for positions across campus and building my résumé. Following in my mentors' footsteps, I found new loves as a student ambassador, Orientation Team leader, and co-founder/co-captain of the women's club basketball team. Each new title felt like another little win, and holding leadership positions gave me opportunities to pay forward the kindness I was shown.

My junior year, I was given advice that I will never forget: "Bloom where you are planted." I took this to mean that it's not about being involved in everything. It's about using your talents,

doing what makes you happy, and taking the time to be a positive influence.

It's the summer of 2017 now, and I'm a graduate. I've been thinking about my college years, and I realize that my most influential experiences stemmed from someone showing me the kindness, compassion, and humanity that Bona's is famous for. I've come to realize that your legacy isn't defined by your family history, or the titles you hold — it is measured by how you choose to spend your time and your talents.

Legacy is about love. It's about affecting change every day by lending a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, or a listening ear. When I think about what kind of legacy I hope to have left at Bonaventure, I'm reminded of all the people who laughed with me, cried with me, and were there when I needed them. My Bonaventure family taught me how to share the love I have been shown, and I'm incredibly grateful to be a product of this community.

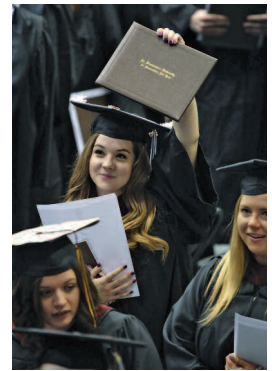


Commencement 2017

Some 500 undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded May 14 during the 157th Commencement Exercises.

ESPN executive Chris LaPlaca, '79, received an honorary degree and gave the Commencement Address.

View a collection of 1,500 photos from Commencement Weekend on the university's photo-sharing account at www.sbu.edu/bonaflickr.



You are always being watched. You are always being judged by someone who can perhaps help you get to where you want to go. Make sure they like what they see.

Keynote speaker Chris LaPlaca, '79



Alumni far and wide reach their hands out in support. It's such a big thing for such a small place.

**Student speaker
Emma Stappenbeck**

[right]





Enactus adviser Dr. Todd Palmer welcomes to campus members of the University of Bahamas Caribbean Association for Student Action, one of the spinoffs that has organically grown from Enactus. In addition to leadership training, the students participated in several service activities, including making a traditional Bahaman meal at The Warming House soup kitchen (below).

Enactus in Action

This social enterprise incubator is transforming lives from Olean to Uganda

By Beth Eberth

In 2002, Alicia Moss’ mother enrolled the elementary school-aged girl in a day camp offered in her community on Grand Bahama Island. It wasn’t until Moss was in college herself that she learned the camp was organized by a group of students from a small university in the United States called St. Bonaventure. In March, Moss and six fellow University of Bahamas students found themselves at St. Bonaventure for a week of leadership training.

Fifteen years ago, St. Bonaventure professor Dr. Todd Palmer introduced the campus to an international program, Students in Free Enterprise (now known as Enactus), that helps university students to create community empowerment projects. A service trip to the Bahamas was one of its first initiatives.

This year, with mentoring from St. Bonaventure, the University of Bahamas has created its own student organization. CASA — Caribbean Association for Student Action — is just one of the spinoffs that has organically grown from Enactus. Originally “just a business club,” Enactus has morphed into an social enterprise incubator for a number of programs, projects and organizations at St. Bonaventure, all with an eye on lead-



ership development and a social entrepreneurial spirit.

“We have provided not just startup funding, but, more importantly, startup infrastructure and leadership development to make a lot of things happen in the last 15 years,” said Palmer, Enactus adviser and associate professor of management in the School of Business.

Today, Enactus is a yearlong commitment for students of all majors and has faculty and staff support from across the curriculum. The 200 students who work with Enactus annually find themselves open to new opportunities — organizing events, learning new software management systems, developing leadership skills — and open to learning about themselves.

The 10-day Bahamas Entrepreneurial Service Trip each January remains a stalwart of the organization. The trip was de-



The Pingelski family (from left): Michael, '16, '17, Stan, and Hannah, '18.

signed to serve as an engaging, inexpensive entry point for international service. The fall semester is spent planning the trip and training students new to the club. It's also when Enactus conducts what are called legacy projects. These are student-generated spinoff organizations and stand-alone projects that include:

- Embrace it Africa, now a separate 501c3 organization with a St. Bonaventure chapter.
 - Canvas for a Cure, which has raised some \$15,000 for pediatric cancer patients in three years.
 - Dream It. Do It 500, a rubber band-powered car race that attracted more than 200 middle and high school students in 2016. This event has been named a best practice by the Manufacturing Institute and versions of it have been implemented throughout the U.S.
 - C4 Consulting, a student consulting group that has more than 40 members and has worked with nearly 20 Olean-area companies and nonprofits in the past two years.
 - Bonareach, a brand-new tutoring program targeting middle school and high school students.
- "A hallmark of all that we do is that all of these organizations are primarily student run. Projects are student generated and implemented. I work to provide training, infrastructure and vision. The students provide the rest," said Palmer.

Bahamas Entrepreneurial Service Trip

Hundreds of SBU students, faculty and staff have gone to Grand Bahama Island in the 15 years since Enactus (formerly SIFE) was formed. Each year, about 50 SBU students work in the schools teaching science, consult with local businesses, provide training in business and technology, and conduct research on learning outcomes in primary and high

schools. Many of the university's education majors student teach in Grand Bahama Island schools, and many of the computer labs in the schools were built by SBU students.

Among the areas of focus are:

- Business seminars offered three evenings for entrepreneurs.
- SciencePacks, lesson plans and teaching tools created by Bona's education and science students for the schools the university works with while in the Bahamas.
- Beacon School, where SBU students — all are certified in Special Olympics — provide physical education instruction to kids with special needs and run a field day for the entire school.
- General service, including hurricane relief. Grand Bahama Island has been hit by three major hurricanes in the past 15 years, including extensive damage from Hurricane Matthew last fall. Enactus raised more than \$10,000 for service teams to repair roofs in January 2017.

Hannah Pingelski, '18, knew all about the university's annual trip to the Bahamas even before she enrolled at Bona's as a marketing and management major. Her sister Lauren, who earned her accounting (2012) and MBA (2013) degrees at Bona's, is a former SIFE president. In fact, Hannah and her brother, Mike, followed in Lauren's footsteps to St. Bonaventure and to the leadership organization. Mike completed his accounting degree in 2016 and completed his MBA in May.

"She would come home with so many great stories about her experiences and all the great work she did. I'm thankful I had such a great role model in Lauren to lead the way down the path of going to SBU and joining Enactus," said Hannah, who was a service team leader for the Bahamas trip in January.

Although Lauren wasn't able to join Hannah and Mike in January, they did draft a third member of their family – their father, Stan. Hannah describes her dad, recently retired from Campbell's Soup Company after 30 years, as a "pretty handy guy" who can usually "MacGyver something" he doesn't know how to fix. A dedicated community volunteer, including with Habitat for Humanity, Stan was a great addition to the service team, which spent most of its time repairing two houses damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

"We've gone on family vacations before but never did service together. Being



Photo by Kathryn McTyre, '17

Finance professor Dr. Jim Mahar works on fencing damaged by a hurricane at the Grand Bahama Sports Complex. Mahar is one of more than 20 faculty, staff and alumni who has accompanied Palmer on his trips abroad.

the service team leader, it was kind of fun telling my dad what to do – but when he found out I knew how to paint and clean up, that unfortunately gave me more chores at home,” Hannah said. “But he was able to see me in action as a leader and I was excited to show him that side of me.”

Because last fall’s hurricane had knocked out many communication channels on the islands, Hannah wasn’t able to solidify many plans until they arrived in the Bahamas.

“Enactus pushes you outside your comfort zone and you have to adapt and pivot constantly in order to be successful,” Hannah said.

In addition to her planning work for the Bahamas trip, she has been involved with a number of other Enactus programs, including the Dream It Do It 500, Give Back Bash Weekend, and the International Global Summit, which was a week of leadership training for the seven CASA members from the University of the Bahamas.

Seeing the Global Summit and Bahamian students like Alicia Moss travel to the U.S. made Palmer feel his teaching career has come full circle. St. Bonaventure’s partnerships in the Bahamas extended to the University of the Bahamas in 2014 and resulted in nearly 30 of their students working with Enactus in service, consulting and seminars.

As a result, the UB students formed CASA, a student service organization that is integrated with SBU Enactus via social media. CASA has hosted a seminar for high school students, professional and entrepreneurial service activities, and is exploring how to connect with college students in other countries. Spring 2018 will see the second International Global Summit as UB has committed to bringing 20 students to SBU.

C4 Consulting

SBU students typically provide business consulting work with three to five companies during the annual Bahamas service trip. This was the genesis of C4 Consulting, which is already building a name for itself in the Olean area through its work with businesses and non-profits and by partnering with development entities such as the Olean Business Development Corp. and Southern Tier West.

Palmer’s C4 co-adviser Mike Kasperski, an accounting lecturer and internship coordinator in the School of Business, doesn’t refer to C4 as a club, but as a company.

“The students apply their major knowledge to actual work and engagement,” said Kasperski.

A lot of the clients are startups, new businesses that need assistance with budget forecasting or marketing, but don’t know where to start. And that’s where C4 comes in. The students manage the entire operation — from making assignments and managing projects through completion to finding and cultivating companies to work for.

Nicholas DiBenedetto, a junior management major from Stewartsville, N.J., joined C4 his freshman year.

“In addition to the experience of working alongside professionals in the area, I think the most valuable thing that C4 has to offer is the opportunity to develop communication and teamwork skills. Not only do you work alongside your peers, but you actively en-



In order to understand how professionals and businesses operate, you have to remove yourself from your comfort zone and put yourself out there. C4 is the perfect opportunity for students to do that while also benefiting the local community. There is no greater feeling than knowing you helped someone get that much closer to achieving their goals.

~ Natalie Costello
Class of 2017

gage with experienced professionals, such as professors and local business owners,” he said.

When he was interviewing for a summer internship, DiBenedetto could tell his confidence and communications skills had grown in two years.

Josh Lewis, who earned his undergraduate degree in accounting and MBA at Bona’s, said C4 “offers students unique opportunities that are not often presented in the classroom, where technical knowledge is the focus. I believe C4 has been a valuable supplement to my education.”

As an engagement leader for one of the C4 clients, Lewis led a team of six consulting students working with a new business startup. The team designed menus, flyers and social media platforms to aid marketing efforts along with financial analysis and projections for the client.

“One of the most important skills that I developed through C4 was the ability to actively listen when engaging clients. It is imperative to listen first and truly understand the issues, desires and needs of the client prior to giving your thoughts and opinions. After meeting with the client, teams go through the process of brainstorming and proposing ideas and potential solutions to problems — including alternative options, which allows for a different problem solving approach,” Lewis said.

Natalie Costello, ‘17, was already a member of Enactus and had consulted on Grand Bahama Island when she was asked to be an engagement leader for one of C4’s first clients.

She managed a group of students who devised a marketing plan for a new business — soup to nuts — from a logo and business cards to a website and research plans for growth. As president of C4 her senior year, Costello organized a Consulting Day event in which alums came to campus to share advice and industry tools in a panel discussion and small seminars.

“I will carry the skills that I acquired from C4 throughout the rest of my professional career. C4 not only allowed me to obtain a leadership role, but helped further my ability to communicate and work well with others, think on my toes, apply what I learned in the classroom to solve real-world problems, and learn to establish relationships with not only clients, but the members of C4,” Costello said.

A strategic communications graduate from Corning, Costello is a sales specialist at Watkins Glen International Speedway and she hopes to continue a career in the sports industry.

Kasperski said C4 provides a perfect niche service to startups and small businesses and engages students during the academic year when it’s often difficult to manage an internship and studies.

The student consultants work with clients on strategic planning, budget forecasts and marketing/communications.

“Most businesses in the world are small businesses, and the students bring a lot of enthusiasm to an entrepreneur. They are young and have a lot of ideas. It also gives the students a practical application of what they’re doing in the School of Business,” Kasperski said.

Science Education & Outreach

What do you get when you combine glue, Borax, water and 20 Girl Scouts? Twenty globs of slime and 20 giant smiles.

On April 1, about 20 Girl Scouts from the region were welcomed to campus for a new event sponsored by Enactus called Scouts Promise. The girls explored four science stations — slime, acid and bases, ice cream, and molecules. Scouts Promise is one of more than 20 STEM projects that Enactus members have crafted over the past 15 years.

The parents and troops left with two lesson kits they could explore later at home or at a future Scout meeting.

“We were amazed to see that troops came from Buffalo and Rochester for this event,” said one of the organizers, Mya Cappellino, a junior from Clarence Center, N.Y., who joined Enactus a year ago.

“I’m very involved in school and wanted to join Enactus because of the work they do throughout the year leading up to and after the annual Bahamas trip,” said Cappellino, who has gone on mission trips to Honduras with her mother since the age of 13.

“College can have a lot of distractions and can be really fun but maintaining a good balance between fun, school and co-curricular activities will give a student the full college experience in a positive way,” she said.

As Enactus education coordinator for the past two years, Taylor Douglas, ‘17, had a variety of responsibilities — from creating science lesson plans that were utilized in the eight partner schools in the Bahamas to training materials for the SBU students who would be working in the schools.

“Two years ago, the lesson plans were focused on chemistry, while this year the plans were focused on earth science. The lesson plans that are created must be hands-on and interesting in hopes of sparking more children’s interest in science at an early age,” said Douglas, who is from North Salem, N.Y.



~ Mya Cappellino
Class of 2019

This year for Scouts Promise we had four main science topics — slime, acid and bases, ice cream and molecules. The responses from this day were all positive and we want to grow Scouts Promise and focus our attention on creating a business out of it.

Douglas completed her undergraduate degree in biology in May and will return in the fall to pursue her MBA.

“Through Enactus I found myself, in that I want to combine my passion for people, medicine and business, and enter the health care administration field. Dr. Palmer — and Enactus — have had nothing but a positive impact on my life that led me to make a very important discovery about myself throughout my college career,” Douglas said.

Embrace it Africa

Dr. Pauline Hoffmann became involved in SIFE shortly after joining the journalism faculty in 2006, helping the students develop their communication and presentation skills.

She remembers clearly the day that Palmer first broached the idea of going to Africa.

“Hey Pauline, do you want to go to Africa?” Palmer yelled to her through the doorway at her Murphy Building office.

“Yeah, Todd, I’ll go to Africa,” Hoffmann responded.

If only the rest had been that easy.

The first team of six St. Bonaventure students and several fac-



Taylor Douglas, ‘17, works with a student on a project at a Bahaman primary school. Through Enactus, she says she found her calling to combine her passion for people, medicine and business.

ulty members went to Bethlehem, Uganda, in the summer of 2008. What they learned from Bethlehem residents was that for Embrace it Africa to be able to truly contribute to sustainable development, they would need to address the key issues of poverty, education and public health. From those issues, EIA developed three of its main programs: Mikwano Microfinance, a government-registered savings and credit cooperative; a student sponsorship program pairing people around the world with students at the Bethlehem Parents School and Orphanage; and public health awareness.

From the first trip in 2008, one of EIA’s goals was to set up microfinance opportunities for the Bethlehem community. Since then, 63 microloans have been granted and there is now a building that houses the microfinance center.

During his junior year, Zach Rodriguez, ‘09, read Muhammad Yunus’ book, “Banker to the Poor,” in which the author explains how he developed the idea of microfinance in his home country of Bangladesh. Inspired by the book, Rodriguez contacted several organizations to volunteer in the industry the following summer, but was advised to wait until he graduated. It was at this point he met Embrace it Africa co-founders Lindsay Pohlman, ‘09, (now CEO) and Andrew Mantilia, ‘09 (now CFO).

“They said we could put together a group on our own through the club. So we came to Palmer with the idea and he gave us a little seed money to start the microfinance program,” Rodriguez said.

“We learned a lot on that trip,” said Hoffmann.

Their first attempt, Rodriguez said, “really showed me how little I understood about microfinance.” So Mikwano operated informally for a couple years, Rodriguez learned a ton, and then found some donors in Chicago who were willing to donate money to construct the bank.

“I worked with our friends in Uganda to restructure the entity so that we had more legal control,” Rodriguez said.

Nakabiito Teddy was among the first in the Bethlehem community to receive a loan from Mikwano.

“She has definitely shown herself to be a business savvy woman,” said Rodriguez, chief operations officer of EIA. He is



Embrace it Africa supports the Rakai Wellness Organization by providing food and hygiene products and by encouraging economic projects for the group. The organization is a cooperative of people who have lost their partners to HIV/AIDS and have been discriminated against by their communities because they are living with the virus.

also is working on his Ph.D. in economics at West Virginia University, where he's focusing on development and behavioral economics.

Teddy runs a business making banana pancakes in the Bethlehem village center, so she used the loan to buy her stock in bulk. This strategy allowed her to make a small profit, which she then used to buy chickens, Rodriguez explained. Caring for the chickens and selling them and their eggs, she was ultimately able to pay her tuition at a local teachers college. Now, she is a principal at a secondary school in the town of Kyotera, while her son runs the banana-pancake business in town.

Even after EIA formed its own 501c3 organization, St. Bonaventure students continue to be involved through a campus club. Samantha Terhaar, '18, is one of a number of pre-med students who have gone to Uganda to learn more about global health as EIA prepares to open a permanent health clinic in the Bethlehem community.

"Working in Uganda was my first exposure to health care in another country, and it made me realize that I don't want it to be my last," said Terhaar, a bioinformatics major from Olean who intends to be a physician. "Personally, I believe that health care is a right that everyone is entitled to; therefore, I have a major interest in global health and bringing care to areas where it is not readily available."

Terhaar and Hoffmann were part of an SBU group that went to Uganda in January. To help promote the clinic, a day was held for area residents to get free HIV testing and free malaria medication.

"We expected about 200 people to turn out," said Hoffmann. "We got nearly 1,000."

They also held a day in which they gave out free eyeglasses after holding vision screenings.

"This partnership in Uganda is important because all of our efforts focus on helping to create sustainable projects so they can ultimately be continued without our assistance," said Terhaar.

"It is so exciting to work with students in this capacity. It is so rewarding," Hoffmann said.

Biology major Eleanor Gerhard, '19, was instrumental in discovering that many primary age children at the Bethlehem Parents School had poor vision.

Gerhard, who went to Haiti several times as a high school student, got involved with EIA after learning about the organization from a friend. She knew that to pursue projects that were responsible, culturally conscious, and sustainable, she needed to immerse herself in Ugandan communities. So, coordinating with Rodriguez, she planned a trip to Uganda that included volunteering in a few public hospitals in Eastern Uganda and then spending about a week in Bethlehem.

"While at the Ugandan hospitals, I aided the staff and shadowed the physicians and midwives, but more than anything I listened and observed," she said.

Gerhard plans to pursue the Global Health Track at the George Washington University School of Medicine as part of St. Bonaventure's Dual B.S./M.D. Program with GW and ultimately become an academic global health physician.

One aspect of the health care system she learned about was the lack of public health practices integrated in educational institutions, especially primary and secondary schools. This was evident at the Bethlehem school where students almost never received proper care unless they were severely ill and taken to a clinic.

The next time she returned to Uganda, she worked with the teachers and school leaders to come up with a program that would integrate student health records and health screenings into the school curriculum.

She also had noticed that none of the students had eyeglasses, so she set up a research project in summer 2016 to test their vision and color blindness using a mobile phone app. She found that indeed there was a need for corrective lenses in 12 percent of the 72 students tested. So in January, some of the SBU students coordinated with an eye doctor to visit the school and perform full eye exams and provide glasses to students who had been screened.

Last April, Gerhard shared her findings with an international audience at the Global Health & Innovation Conference at Yale, the largest peer-reviewed global health conference in the world. At the conference, she was exposed to other research underway on global health, heard about new ideas and innovations from various sectors of international development, and connected with others in the field.



ON THE COVER: Eleanor Gerhard, '19, shadowed head midwife, Grace, at Health Centre IV in Kumi, Uganda.

Gerhard is back at Yale this summer after being sought out to apply for a Global Health Leadership internship with Unite For Sight. “This experience is giving me the exposure to the non-profit sector and how academics interacts with the non-profit sector in the field of global health. It’s also amazing to be able to learn about sustainable and culturally conscious global health practices,” Gerhard said.

Rodriguez sees this as just one more example of how the world is becoming a global village.

“I think the more exposure young people have to this change, the better equipped they will be to strengthen those connections, and heal our broken world,” he said.

“I want students to come on our trip and simply work with our nonprofit. I want them to forget they’re in school and forget that this is ‘educational.’ The experience of being with the people in the community, of caring for their children and seeing each other as the same, that’s really how we are going to change this world. I just hope that I’m working hard enough for the kids to get to that moment,” Rodriguez said.

He is grateful for the opportunities he had at St. Bonaventure and for professors like Todd Palmer who repeatedly encouraged him.

“Without Todd, I’m not sure EIA would exist,” said Rodriguez. “It’s kind of insane to encourage a bunch of 18- to 19-year-old students to go to Uganda and start a microfinance institution, if you think about it. But he has a gift for recognizing capabilities and talents in students that they don’t recognize in themselves. He pushes you to do the work on your own, and assumes you can do it. That’s how you instill confidence at a young age, how you teach entrepreneurship, and really, how you produce leaders.”

He is thankful for Palmer’s confidence in him. “Simply, Todd believed in me, which helped me believe in myself,” Rodriguez said.

Paying it Forward

Palmer is grateful to alumnus A. Anthony Annunziato, ’71, who, 15 years ago, encouraged entrepreneurship programming through a gift to St. Bonaventure.

“A lot of this has been built upon Tony Annunziato’s vision through his gifts to the university,” Palmer said. “Tony has given us the means and the freedom to make all of these things happen through Enactus.”

For Annunziato, human connection is the key.

“I don’t believe in just giving money. There should be some value added in the community — whether in Olean, N.Y., or the Bahamas,” Annunziato said. “That’s what I was searching for. Todd did a good job in trying to use that money in creative ways, to get things that students would be involved in,” he said.

“It’s not just the skills the students are learning. I think it’s good to be able to look at and contribute to society in general and take the gifts that you are given to help others,” Annunziato added. “It’s a model that helps build communities. A com-

munity of people who care and share with each other. They build integrity, a way to show love to one another.”

Palmer says the students who work with him are creating true partnerships. “We are teaching in a way that adds dimensions to all of their lives,” he said.

Annunziato, who now lives in Houston, was born in Buffalo and grew up in Olean before completing a degree in business management at St. Bonaventure. Annunziato co-founded EIV Capital in 2009 and currently serves as a member of the Investment Committee, where he leverages more than 40 years of commodity trading experience to provide strategies for managing commodity price risk. In 1997, he founded AAA Capital Management Advisors, Ltd. He spent



Zach Rodriguez, chief operations officer with Embrace it Africa, travels to Uganda about every six months to meet with clients at Mikwano Microfinance.

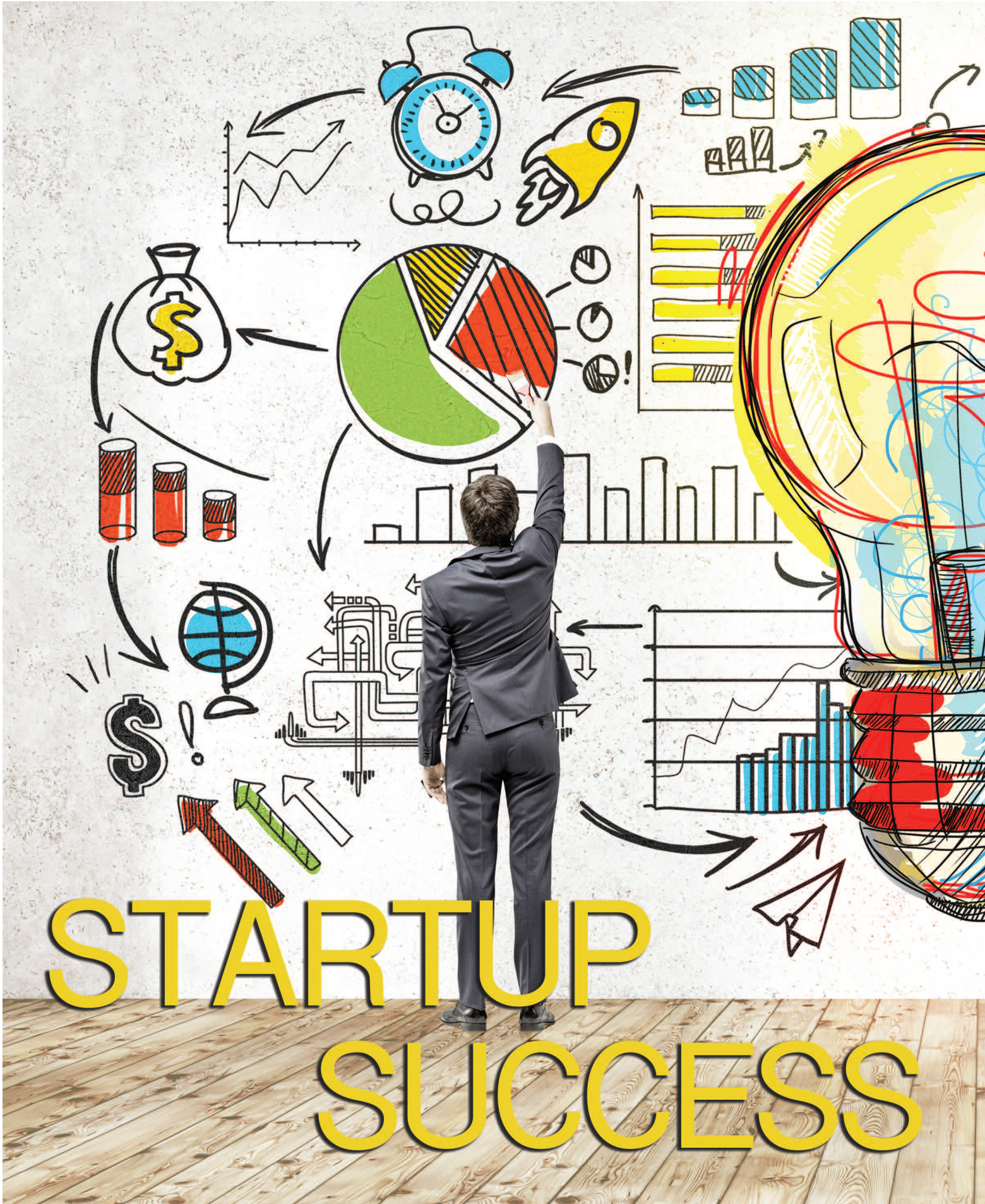
more than 20 years at Citigroup and a predecessor firm providing energy futures brokerage, hedging, and investment advisory services to a wide range of commercial traders and individual investors.

Annunziato also worked with Palmer in incubating local businesses, the most notable being Helpified, an online digital training platform. Six years ago, student Shane Hvizdzak (classes of 2010, ’11) approached Palmer with the idea that would become Helpified. A meeting with Annunziato — followed by years of partnering with Hvizdzak — has resulted in a strong web-based enterprise with 3 million web visitors and 350 business clients that is headquartered in Bradford.

“We have been able to leverage the know-how and technology that we have developed with Helpified to provide some amazing opportunities for our SBU students,” said Palmer. “We are using what we have learned with Helpified to secure grant funding to expand C4 Consulting. Our vision is that in five years C4 will be a national consulting brand with franchises across the country.”

Annunziato sees the success of Enactus’ reach as a combination of Palmer’s energy that he brings to the students and the gifts the students have received in return.

“It has been a very good way to show what you can do when you take (financial) capital and intellectual capital and add to the good of the world. Bring something to a neighbor. These have not happened because of my vision, but kids trying to help, and trying to engage. It’s been successful because of the belief that we can help,” Annunziato said.





From organic compounds to med devices and the world's data, three St. Bonaventure alumni are finding their own ways to success. These startup founders, representing three different business sectors, each with different goals, have one thing in common — the roots of Bonaventure. What risks will you dare?

STARTUP SUCCESS

Meet SEAN DEPNER, PH.D., '07

Vice President for Research and Development and member of Dimien, a specialty chemical manufacturer of ceramics and inorganics that are used as additives in laminates, inks, coatings, plastics, and other ceramics



By Diana McElfresh, '18

When it comes to the window market, Sean Depner, Ph.D., '07, is ahead of the curve. His company, Dimien, based out of Buffalo, has been working for three years on developing retrofitable “smart windows.”

“They’ll have the ability to reject solar heat at high temperatures,” Depner explained. “In low temperatures, they will let solar heat in.”

The windows would be energy and cost efficient.

“We’ve kind of been marketing ourselves as a way to save energy and therefore energy expenses,” Depner said of Dimien. “You can save money on heating, cooling and lighting costs, and can reduce some carbon footprint — regardless of where people stand on climate change, everybody likes to save money.”

Depner has jumped many hurdles since branching out on his own with Dimien — some of which he didn’t see coming.

“One of the biggest obstacles we kind of didn’t expect to be as big was hiring. There’s plenty of talent, but finding the right fit is tough,” he said. “It took longer and a lot more time from us than we thought.”

Depner started Dimien after completing his graduate degree at the University at Buffalo, where he was working with the same material he is now. The goal of Dimien is to take the technology out of the lab and commercialize it.

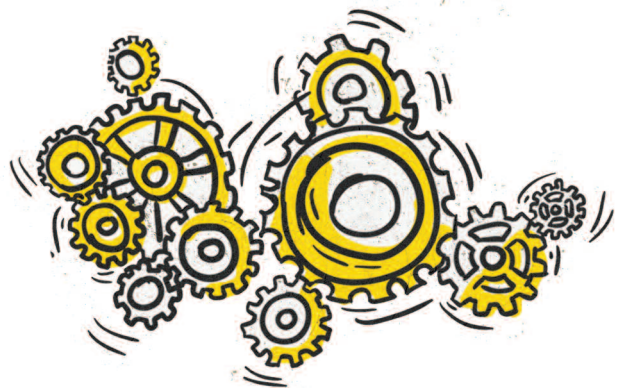
Working on the window technology in the lab, Depner and his team realized there was a possibility that it could help people save energy and money. The group then participated in the NSF I-CORP program and wrote proposals for government funding to help start the business. As a result, Dimien was awarded grants from several organizations, among them Western New York Incubator Network (WIN), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research programs.

The chemistry major came to Bonaventure in 2003, attracted to the school because of its great financial aid, location and class size.

“I don’t know if I would have done as well in a class with thousands of people,” he said.

His social life helped him develop a foundation in business, he explained.

“A lot of my friends were in the business school,” he said. “I think that made it more approachable to start a business.”



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STARTUP SUCCESS

Meet NICK JORDAN, '01

CEO and founder of Narrative, an online platform that connects buyers' and sellers' data



Nick Jordan (left) appeared on Cheddar News in April. Cheddar is a live Post-Cable Network focused on covering innovative products, technologies and services that broadcasts from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and the Sprint Flatiron Building Store.

By Diana McElfresh, '18

The concept for Nick Jordan's Narrative is simple: a technology company that makes it easier for organizations to buy and sell data to one another.

But, in execution, the job isn't easy.

"There's never a day that we come into the office and think we have everything solved," Jordan, Class of 2001, said. "It's really hard to come into work every day and not know what the solution is going to be. I'm constantly uncomfortable."

While the challenges presented to him in his field can be difficult to overcome, solving problems makes his job worth it.

"If there's not some level of discomfort in what you're doing, you're

probably not growing in your career," he said. "Sometimes challenges can be frustrating, but once you solve them, it's all worth it."

Jordan came to Bonaventure in 1997 with the idea that a tight-knit school would fit his personality and career path — and he was right.

"I think having a smaller school where you have one-on-one instruction made a lot of sense for my personality and who I was. And computer science, it's not the easiest subject to figure out on your own."

Bonaventure was a strong foundation to a life full of challenges, and ultimately, entrepreneurship.

"My experience with Bonaventure has influenced almost everything I've done in my career," he explained.

His path in the computer science industry started out with an Olean businessman looking for recruits from the computer science department at Bona's.

"The guy was trying to build software around fulfillment services. He came to Bonaventure looking for people in computer science. It wasn't your typical first job out of college... I was basically thrown directly into the fire," Jordan said. "It was a forcing function to not just rely on other people, but to figure out how to do it yourself."

Ultimately, this baptism-by-fire approach helped him to branch out on his own at Narrative, which he started in February of 2016, though, he notes, at first it "didn't look much like a company at all."

While entrepreneurship is difficult, Jordan recognizes the rewards, in spite of the challenges.

"We don't always have the answers and the answers aren't always simple," he said. "Usually, though, I know it's time to go to another company when I can come in and no longer break a sweat."

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STARTUP SUCCESS

Meet JASON YLIZARDE, '96

A principal and founder of StratV Partners, a med-tech consulting firm



By Diana McElfresh, '18

Strat V is the holdings company for the portfolio of early-stage medical device companies co-founded by Jason Ylizarde. The name was inspired by the principles of "Crossing the Chasm," a popular business book that describes the manner in which products eventually get adopted into the mainstream marketplace.

Under the umbrella of Strat V Partners are six separate companies co-founded by Jason Ylizarde, '96. The companies are all in the medical technology industry.

Ylizarde constantly explored new opportunities to expand his perspective. Even in his days as an undergrad, he was constantly busy, from the commitment of being on the tennis team to MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team) to community volunteer work; he even DJ'd local dances and worked various on-campus concerts and events.

"If I had time, I tried to fill it with something productive," he said.

A naturally hard-worker, Ylizarde said he joined the tennis team his freshman year as a walk-on.

"I just barely made the team, but I worked hard and kept at it. And with great coaching along the way, I eventually finished as a co-captain my senior year."

The university's tight-knit population helped him to flourish.

"St. Bonaventure has such a positive and supportive environment of professors, friars, students and local community, and that is a great recipe to bring out the best in people," Ylizarde said.

After graduation,

"I discovered that there were jobs in med device sales, where you could go into surgery and teach the physicians and staff how to use a new product," he said. "I was fascinated by this and I absolutely had to get involved."

He explained that playing and coaching tennis at a high level taught him how to persevere, how to work hard and have good sportsmanship, how to lead and effectively communicate. Those characteristics translated well into having a successful career in the medical device business.

Ylizarde spent 12 years excelling in different commercial roles within the medical device industry. He then spent another five years leading the commercial efforts for several early-stage med-tech companies.

In 2015, he and a business partner decided to branch out from their careers in the corporate world and start their first company. Two years later, they are the co-founders and managing directors of six companies in the medical device industry, all at different commercial stages.

"We still have several other technologies we intend to build an infrastructure around. Our goal is to manage/maintain a stable of approximately 12 early-stage companies. When we sell or spin one off, we'll backfill it with another opportunity," he said.

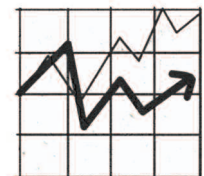
Owning a company is right up Ylizarde's alley.

"I love being able to exercise my creativity and problem-solving skills on a daily basis, and blend that with my experience commercializing new products or techniques into the minimally invasive surgical environment," he said. "The ultimate reward is knowing that the products we develop are saving people's lives."

Eventually, Ylizarde wants to give back to the world.

"I intend for my biggest accomplishment to be one of philanthropic importance," he said.

Building companies requires a demanding travel schedule, but Ylizarde still finds time to play competitive tennis. He and his wife have lived outside of Houston, Texas, since 2010 and are active with animal rescue (particularly Weimaraner Rescue of Texas). They currently have seven adopted dogs, which include five weimaraners.



Ylizarde examines a model's head during a visit to Boston Children's Hospital, where he discussed 3D printing for surgical planning.

Ylizarde became the director of the intramural sports program as well as assistant coach for the men's and women's tennis teams at St. Bonaventure. While in that role, he started to explore careers in health care and eventually focused on getting into the medical device industry.

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Fore!

Playing in your company's summer golf league or gonna hit the greens on vacation? Bonnies golf coach **Ryan Swanson** offers these 7 tips to get your game in shape.



1. We're always told to keep our heads down, but this is a big misconception in golf. It's more important to **keep your head still**. If your head stays down you won't be able to finish your swing. Keep your head still through impact, then follow through to look at your target.



2. Alignment: Your shoulders, knees, feet and hips all should be aligned with your target.



3. Make a full shoulder turn, keeping your vertical alignment, without swaying. **Keep your chin up** as you address the ball. Slowly begin your backswing and continue until your left shoulder (for right-handed golfers) comes under your chin, then begin your downswing.



4. When chipping, narrow your stance and put about 65% of your weight on your left foot/side (for right-handed players). Don't break your wrists and accelerate the club face through the ball.



5. When putting, line up the lettering or a line on your ball with your target. This is an easy thing to do to ensure you are aligned properly.



7. Before every swing, stand behind your ball and **line yourself up** with your target ahead. Now pick out a spot in the grass anywhere from 6 inches to 2 feet in front of your ball, on the same line as your target down the fairway. When you take your stance and prepare to swing, use the spot on the ground to line yourself up properly.



6. Fix the slice. Start with the grip. When you grip the club you form a "V" between the index finger and thumb on both hands. When you grip the club and address the ball, the "V" on your right hand should point to your right shoulder.



Erin Lowry, '11, had her first book, "BROKE MILLENNIAL: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together," published on May 2 by TarcherPerigee, a Penguin

Random House imprint.

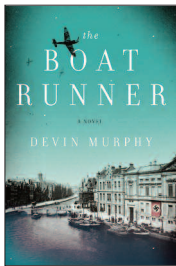
Packed with refreshingly simple advice and hilarious true stories, "Broke Millennial" is the essential roadmap every financially clueless millennial needs to become a money master. Lowry has been featured by CBS Sunday Morning, Fox & Friends, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Cosmopolitan Magazine and Forbes.



sional meeting and is available in hardcover on Amazon. More information can be found at www.drpacella.com.

Pacella is the division head of plastic surgery at Scripps Health in La Jolla, Calif. He lives in San Diego with his wife, Jennifer, and two children. Since moving to Southern California in 2008, he has taken up surfing as an avid enthusiast but doesn't ever forget to apply sunscreen: "I love being out on the water, but I have to practice what I preach!" Pacella graduated with honors in biochemistry and dreamed of becoming a plastic surgeon.

Devin Murphy, '02, has a new WWII historical fiction/coming of age novel being published by Harper Perennial in September. "The Boat Runner" is a sweeping story of a wealthy Dutch family, industrious owners of a light bulb factory in a small town, whose world is upended over the course of four years during the WWII Nazi occupation.



As the family struggles to stay whole, the book follows the youngest son through the forests of France, the stormy beaches of England, and deep within the secret missions of the German Navy, where his years assisting his sea-voyager uncle come in handy, as he is confronted with the moral dilemma that will change his life forever.

In addition to his B.A. and M.A. from St. Bonaventure, Murphy holds an M.F.A. from Colorado State University, a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and is an assistant professor of creative writing at Bradley University. He has worked various jobs in national parks around the country and once had a three-year stint at sea that led him to over 50 countries on all seven continents. His fiction has appeared in more than 60 literary journals and anthologies, including The Missouri Review, Glimmer Train, The Chicago Tribune, New Stories from the Midwest, and Confrontation. He lives with his wife and children in Chicago.

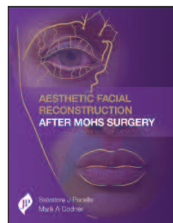


Salvatore J. Pacella, M.D., '95, has co-authored a textbook on cosmetic advances in the surgical treatment of facial skin cancer titled "Aesthetic Facial Reconstruction After Mohs Surgery."

The book expands upon the most common method of treating skin cancer on the face, known as Mohs Surgery.

"Being diagnosed with skin cancer can be a very traumatic experience for anyone," said Pacella. "In authoring this book, I tried to put myself in the place of my patients. We of course want to have the cancer removed, but how can we make the final result look aesthetically perfect ... with barely perceptible scarring."

The book has more than 600 full-color photographs and three hours of video illustrating the latest advances in plastic surgery for facial skin cancer. In addition, Pacella created the hand drawings for the final text illustrations. The book was featured in Los Angeles at The American Society of Plastic Surgeons' annual profes-



Bob Kunzinger's new book, "Out of the Way: Walking with Francis in Spain," is being released by Limited Edition Books of Arizona.

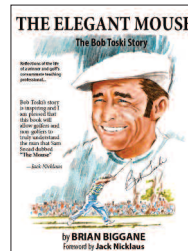
This special edition — 250 signed and numbered books — is the story of Kunzinger, '83, and his son on the 500-mile Camino de Santiago 800 years after St. Francis of Assisi. This is Kunzinger's second move into this realm of magical realism. His book "Penance: Walking with the Infant" is still a popular book selling in Prague and was praised by readers and critics alike. "Out of the Way" is available at limitededitionbooks.com/featured-book/.

Kunzinger is the author of seven volumes of essays, and his work has appeared in many journals and magazines throughout the world, including the Washington Post, the New York Times, World War Two History and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Those who attended St. Bonaventure from 1970-72 might recall **Brian Biggane**, who was a sports writer for The Bona Venture and served as sports editor two of the four semesters prior to his graduation in June 1972.

Biggane followed that career path at five newspapers over the next 43 years, the last 35 of which he spent at The Palm Beach Post in West Palm Beach, Fla. Upon his retirement in August 2015, he set about writing the biography of golf legend Bob Toski, which came to fruition in February with the publication of "The Elegant Mouse: The Bob Toski Story."

Toski, who turned 90 in September 2015, is best known as one of the pioneers of modern golf instruction. Before that he briefly excelled on the PGA Tour, becoming the leading money-winner in 1954, when the last of his four victories, the World Championship of Golf, brought him the previously unheard of first prize of \$50,000. Shortly afterward, when his wife, Lynn, gave birth to three boys in quick succession, Toski left the tour and became a teaching pro in Miami and the Florida Keys, where his early protégés included Hall of Famer Judy Rankin, Jane Blalock and Sally Little. He has continued teaching ever since, with his



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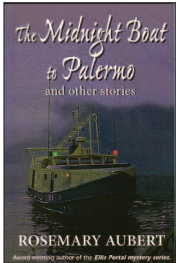
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more recent success stories including 2007 U.S. Women's Open champion Birdie Kim and current PGA Tour winner Ken Duke.

For more details on "The Elegant Mouse," visit www.bobtoski-books.com or Amazon.com.

After a successful career as an internationally published romance writer, **Rosemary Proe Aubert, '68**, turned to the world of crime, graduating with a certificate of criminology from the University of Toronto and publishing the six-volume award-winning Ellis Portal mystery series.



Aubert also worked in the real world of crime. She was a security officer at the United States Consulate, ran the office of a halfway house for men coming out of the federal prison system, and served as a community relations director assisting women coming out of the prison system. And, for 10 years, she was a bailiff in the criminal courts.

These experiences introduced Aubert to a wide variety of people — innocent and guilty, dangerous and safe. These denizens of the real world of crime inspired the characters that inhabit her new book, "The Midnight Boat to Palermo and Other Stories."

Born in Niagara Falls, Aubert has long made her home in Toronto, where she has worked as a university instructor, an editor, a bookstore clerk and, of course, a writer.

Working as a stagehand at NBC for 30 years gave author **John Harty Jr., '69**, an inside look into the world of television and film and eventually inspired his creation of "The Cinematic Challenge, Filming Colonial America," a nonfiction, survey history of the making of motion pictures about colonial America.



These colonial films were important as expressions of the filmmakers' interpretation of the historical facts and as signposts of the social-political environment within the United States.

Volume 1 contains in-depth case studies of four films from the 1930s and 1940s: "The Last of the Mohicans," "Drums Along the Mohawk," "Northwest Passage" and "Unconquered." Relating the colonial films to the broader historical and cultural context within

which they were made will help the reader understand why so few colonial films have been made and how difficult the road was to critical and financial success.

"The Cinematic Challenge" was released by Langdon Press in September and is available at cinematicchallenge.com, Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

John O. Grippo, DDS, '49, has co-authored a textbook titled "Noncarious Cervical Lesions and Cervical Dentin Hypersensitivity: Etiology, Diagnosis and Treatment."

(Noncarious cervical lesions are notches at the gum line of teeth and cervical dentin hypersensitivity is sensitivity to air and cold at the gum line.)

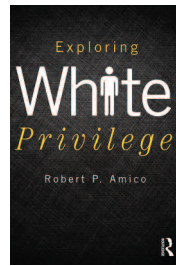
The book was co-authored with Professor Paulo V. Soares from



the University of Uberlandia in Uberlandia, Brazil, and released on March 19, a day after Grippo's 89th birthday.

"For the first time, in this textbook we discuss the new mechanism biocorrosion (degradation of living material), which replaces the term erosion (degradation of nonliving material caused by movement or flow)," said Grippo. "Erosion has been erroneously misused since the time of Pierre Fauchard," the father of modern dentistry, who lived from 1678 to 1761.

Dr. Robert P. Amico, professor of philosophy at St. Bonaventure, has written a new book addressing the issue of white privilege. "Exploring White Privilege," available from Routledge Press, addresses the topic of white privilege and the roles that make it difficult for many Americans to understand it. It is the second of two books. The first, "Antiracist Teaching," was published in 2015 and explores the difficulties of teaching students about antiracism.



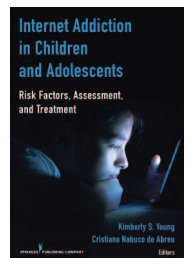
When the publisher received the first book, Amico was asked to write a similar one from a learner's perspective. Amico felt he had something to say that would help educators approach the topics of race and privilege.

"'Exploring White Privilege' gives people the opportunity to learn more about themselves and how they are situated in American culture," said Amico. "Beginning to understand privilege can help one to navigate through that system differently." Though this book is a personal exploration of Amico's white privilege and how he fought to transcend it, it is couched in a sociological analysis of oppression and privilege that will be useful to anyone embarking on a similar journey.

Amico served as chair of St. Bonaventure's Council on Discrimination and Harassment for 20 years and continues to chair the university's Diversity Action Committee. He earned his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts before earning his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester.

Dr. Kimberly Young, director of the Masters in Strategic Leadership program in the Jandoli School of Communication, had the book "Internet Addiction in Children and Adolescents: Risk Factors, Assessment, and Treatment" published by Springer Academic Press. Young co-edited the book with Dr. Cristiano Nabuco de Abreu, director of the Impulse Disorders Outpatient Unit at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The textbook contains 15 chapters from experts on strategies for evaluation and treatment of internet addiction among children and teenagers. It examines early warning signs or risky behaviors among young children that could lead to the development of internet addiction. It also examines the cognitive, developmental and social impact of internet addiction among young children. It provides several assessment tools and treatment protocols for therapists treating this population and strategies for school systems to integrate screen smart strategies related to technology use in the classroom.



Thank you!

Bona's celebrates historic fundraising season

Thank you to the more than 4,500 alumni and friends who donated to **The Bonaventure Fund**. Together we raised more than \$2.5 million, making the 2017 fiscal year the most successful in unrestricted annual giving in Bona's nearly 160-year history.

Your gifts allow access to St. Bonaventure's unique brand of higher education, enable faculty to remain leaders in their fields, and provide a robust student experience — academically, socially and spiritually.

This past fiscal year saw the launch of Bonaventure's crowdfunding websites. New software allowed the university to host a successful #BonaGivingDay, where alumni could join in the fun and challenge classmates to donate. It also added a competitive edge to our Reunion Class Challenge, allowing honored reunion classes to view challenge results in real time.

We are looking forward to the new fiscal year and continuing our fundraising efforts for **The Bonaventure Fund**. This vital fund is crucial to the continued growth and vitality of the university. It's the ebb and flow of



everyday life on campus.

When you give to **The Bonaventure Fund**, you provide scholarships and financial aid to more than 95 percent of our students. Your investment produces the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Your gift also advances technology and builds on academic excellence, keeping us on the leading edge and contributing to the overall Bonaventure experience.

Your support of **The Bonaventure Fund** today changes lives tomorrow. Thank you again for your generous contribution.

Calling all classmates from class years 3 and 8

Are you a leader? Do you like competition? Consider volunteering as a Reunion Class Co-Chair and help your class raise funds for The Bonaventure Fund.

To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact Karen Heitzinger, director of Annual Giving, at (716) 375-2328.

To see the final results of Reunion 2017, visit www.sbu.edu/reunion-challenge.



Keep in touch!

Have you moved recently? Disconnected your landline? Changed your email address or cell phone number? Please let us know by calling (716) 375-2330 or emailing us at advserv@sbu.edu and updating your record. We would hate for you to become disconnected from your Bonaventure family.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Maydonovitch siblings honor parents through endowed scholarship

Corinne Maydonovitch first saw St. Bonaventure University's campus when she arrived in the fall of 1968, ready to begin her freshman year as a chemistry major. The South Plainfield, N.J., native hadn't had the chance to visit campus but said she was confident she'd made the right choice.

"I felt like the university was part of my family," she said, explaining that one of her uncles, Fr. Basil F. Lobby, O.F.M., a Franciscan friar, had taught chemistry at the university and later became the purchasing agent for the university.

Her statement became even truer when, a year after she graduated in 1972, her brother, Daniel May-



Fr. Basil F. Lobby, O.F.M., a member of the Class of 1943, served at St. Bonaventure from 1950 to 1961, teaching chemistry and acting as the purchasing agent.

donovitch, began his freshman year, also studying chemistry.

Corinne headed south after graduation to spend the next 40 years working as a research chemist in gastroenterology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., before retiring two years ago. Daniel

went on to obtain his doctorate from the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is practicing family medicine at the Bally Medical Group in Barto, Pa.

Over the years, neither Corinne nor Daniel forgot about the small, Franciscan university in Western New York that gave them an education to pursue their careers.

After years of supporting St. Bonaventure, in March they created the Anne and John Maydonovitch Endowed Scholarship — named in honor of their parents — to benefit a chemistry major.

"We wanted to do this for our parents," Corinne said. "Neither my mother nor my father had the opportunity to go to college but they recognized the value of higher education and provided the encouragement and the means for us to go to college."

Daniel added they both wanted to help future chemistry majors while promoting a Catholic Franciscan education and will continue to support St. Bonaventure and the Department of Chemistry in the future.

"We wanted to help the university because it had done so much for us," he said.

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~ Corinne Maydonovitch



2017 Celebration of Excellence

Nearly 150 members of the St. Bonaventure community gathered in April in Doyle Hall for the 2017 Celebration of Excellence. The annual event honors scholarship and grant recipients and pays tribute to the donors whose generosity makes such a difference. In the photo (from left), Interim President Dr. Andrew P. Roth is pictured with Celebration of Excellence speakers Michael McLanahan, '17, Lian Bunny, '17, and Leslie C. Quick III, '75.



Cortney Padlo (left), a senior marketing major, and Madeline Mahoney, a senior accounting major, are among a number of School of Business students interning this summer at The Iroquois Group in Allegany.

Funding The Patrick M. Premo Internship Endowment

Help continue Bona's tradition of a strong School of Business internship program

Real-world experience matters in the workforce, which is why the internship program in the School of Business is a key component of our students' future success. For nearly 50 years, the program has launched business majors into the workplace — and more often than not into full-time positions.

The program allows students the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in real business settings, from small organizations just around the corner to international corporations around the world. Students gain vital hands-on experience, learn the importance of networking, and improve their post-graduation job prospects.

Today, the School of Business is seeking support for **The Patrick M. Premo Internship Endowment**. Gifts to this endowment will help fund a full-time internship director, provide travel opportunities to build relationships with corporations, enable more companies to recruit on campus, and allow students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

Our AACSB-accredited School of Business continues to make its mark with a rigorous curriculum, robust research, and distinctive service and entrepreneurship programs. Now, with your support, we can enhance our distinguished internship

program and continue a proud tradition.

Premo, Emeritus Professor of Accounting, is one of the founding fathers of the accounting department at St. Bonaventure.

While his contributions to the university were many, he is most known for his dedication to the School of Business internship program, which he helped to create in the early 1970s and oversaw throughout his distinguished 37-year career. He also forged strong bonds with local, national and international companies — connections that continue to this day and offer our students internship opportunities around the world.

Join us in reaching a goal of \$2,000,000 to establish The Patrick M. Premo Internship Endowment. For information, please contact:

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FAQs

Your investment will help to:

- Endow an internship director position with an annual salary, plus benefits.
- Provide an annual budget to cover travel and other expenses, enabling the internship director to visit with selected employers, host visitors on campus, and employ a part-time student assistant for administrative support.
- Fund further development of service learning and clinical learning initiatives in the School of Business.

Investing in experiential science education

Analytical, research tools will equip top-tiered undergraduate research

Preparing students to be the next innovator, researcher or explorer of an important idea is vital for the future of our world, which is why the university is embarking on an exciting initiative: creation of a state-of-the-art instrumentation facility in the natural sciences.

A suite of analytical and research tools will better allow our students to become research collaborators from the very first day on campus — collaborators who can mature into competent, independent researchers before they head off to graduate school, secondary classrooms or industry.

Multiple groups of students will benefit from an instrumentation suite, including those in the natural and health sciences, as well as our new allied health programs.

“Not only does research provide an unrivaled hands-on experience for students, it helps define professional goals and develops critical thinking and problem solving skills in a practical setting,” said Dr. David Hilmey, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences.

“In physics, chemistry and biology, our students have been active in research for the past 10 years, which has resulted in countless student presentations at local and regional conferences as well as peer-reviewed publications by students. This success has occurred with a limited selection of instrumentation,” he said.

In a unique partnership, Shimadzu Scientific Instruments is offering St. Bonaventure significant savings on the retail cost of a variety of top-of-the-line chemistry- and biology-related equipment. In addition, the purchase of each piece of equipment will include training and a five-year service agreement.



St. Bonaventure students work in the research lab.

With a motto of “Excellence in Science,” Shimadzu is a leading global corporation devoted to developing original technology in precision and measuring instruments. Acquisition of these instruments will enable the university to compete for high-quality students and faculty who want to be part of an exceptional and distinctive scholarly environment.

“The time is ideal to imagine a suite of analytical and research tools, with appropriate support and service, which could take our natural science curricula, undergraduate research, and attractiveness to faculty and students to the level of the most prestigious undergraduate colleges in the country,” said Hilmey.

Your support in helping to fund a full instrument suite for chemistry, biology,

and physics will provide the necessary tools for top-tiered undergraduate research and cutting-edge curricula at St. Bonaventure.

Help equip a lab!

For a complete list of equipment to be purchased or to make a gift, please contact:

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Golfers support rugby program

The 16th annual Robert Peraza '94 '96 Memorial Golf Outing was held June 23 in Yonkers. More than 100 alumni, family and friends attended, raising approximately \$20,000 for the Robert David Peraza Memorial Scholarship. Save the date of June 22, 2018, for next year's outing.





University President Dr. Dennis DePerro talks with alumni and friends Reunion Weekend.

A Message from the National Alumni Association Board President

Dear friends and fellow alumni,
My 20th Reunion was this June. (My classmates described it as the second anniversary of our 10th Reunion to ease the shock.)

As always, it was a delight to personally reconnect with classmates, friends, and spouses, as well as forge new relationships with members of other classes. We spent some time reflecting on how much the campus and the school have evolved not only since we were students, but even since our last reunion.

This year has been one of significant change for our university. New programs, such as cybersecurity and health sciences, are getting off the ground. We have hired new deans for the schools of Business, Education and Allied Health. We had a second record-breaking year for The Bonaventure Fund. Our May 1 enrollment numbers hit a five-year high. And, the 21st president of our alma mater, Dr. Dennis DePerro, began his tenure on June 1.

This April, I was fortunate to be among a small group of alumni who made a pilgrimage with Dennis and Sherry DePerro to Assisi and Rome, where we walked in the shoes of Saints Francis and Clare. Dr. DePerro has a strong foundation in



our Catholic Franciscan heritage from his time at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo. After the pilgrimage, he has an even greater understanding of the Franciscanism that connects us to each other and drives us to improve the worlds we touch.

Everyone who attended Alumni Reunion Weekend several weeks ago had the opportunity to hear Dr. DePerro outline his vision for the university. That won't be the only opportunity for you to hear from him and how he plans to channel the passion and love of our alumni into making St. Bonaventure even better. This year's enrollment and annual fund numbers were driven by your strong support. Thank you for referring potential students, participating in #BonaGivingDay and supporting the annual fund, and working with students in and out of the classroom.

Now, let's take this momentum and turn it into another strong alumni push to help increase enrollment and a third consecutive record-breaking year for The Bonaventure Fund.

If you are wondering how you can get involved and help, please visit the alumni website at www.sbu.edu/alumni. I can't wait to see your passion in action. Thank you for everything you did this past year to make St. Bonaventure even better.

Pax et bonum,
Kristan McMahon, '97

►► SHARE YOUR CAREER NEWS WITH THE BONA NATION

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

1940

Joseph Simini, at 96 years young, has three books ready for editing and possible publication: "An Easy and Permanent Weight-Loss Diet," (how he lost 115 pounds in 48 months); "8 Steps to a Better and Longer Life," (coping with disability from firsthand experience); and "Love and Forgiveness," (another look at Christ's good news).

1960

Sam Stith was one of four men inducted into the Robert "Bob" Douglas Hall of Fame during the John Hunter Memorial Camp Fund's 45th Annual Awards Luncheon June 4 in New York City. The Hall of Fame, founded in Harlem by Eddie Younger and his sister Lorraine Younger, along with Benny Garrett, the former New York Renaissance hoops star, is the most renowned African-American sports hall of fame in the United States.

1967

James H. Cawley, a former member and chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), has joined the Harrisburg law firm SkarlatosZonarich as an energy consultant. Cawley, a retired lawyer, served two terms as a member of the PUC, from 1979 to 1985 and from 2005 to 2015, and was chairman from 2008 to 2011. A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, Cawley was one of the original law clerks for Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court when it came into existence in 1970, served as majority counsel to the state Senate Consumer Affairs Committee and chief counsel to the Democratic floor leader in the Senate, and was a major drafter of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code.



1968

MaryAnn Kalbaugh Naso has retired from her 37-year career in college admissions. The last 12 years were spent as vice president for enrollment at Wilson College, where she oversaw the conversion to complete coeducation and the growth of the institution to the largest enrollment in its 147-year history. She notes that some enrollment consulting may be in her future. Also on the horizon is more quality time with her husband and their family in Ohio, New York and North Carolina.

1970

Carol Rautenstrauch, who retired from Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 2013, has been enjoying several Road Scholar trips, teaching Mahjongg, doing 10K walks, and volunteering at two theaters. She moved into a retirement community last November.

1972

Tim Frawley retired from British Airways after 37 years of service. He held corporate sales positions in San Francisco, Cleveland and Detroit. Following selection into the British Airways Commercial Officer Trainee Program based in London, his focus shifted to customer service and operations. He was appointed station manager for Miami, where he finished his career as director of Safety Compliance for The Americas. This was a 41-station configuration that included South and North American BA stations. He and his wife, **Catherine (Noone), '74**, live in Fort Lauderdale and enjoy their four sons and 11 grandchildren.

1975

Mark Rupsis was honored by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) with the 2016 Outstanding Administrator/Chief Clerk award. The award is given to a Pennsylvania county leader who has done much to enhance and improve the well-being of the county and the residents he or she serves. Rupsis was recognized as a champion of county government, bringing 39 years of service to Chester County. Under his leadership, Chester County has earned many awards for programs that successfully address planning, transportation and the balance of growth with open space; that focus on citizens' health; that boost economic development, workforce training and job placement; and that develop county parks and trails. Rupsis also serves on the boards of the March of Dimes South Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey Markets and the Chester County Economic Development Council, and is an adjunct instructor at Widener University.

1976

Terry Hurley has retired after almost 40 years in public relations. He worked in New York and Chicago at two of the largest PR firms in the world and then at Roche/Genentech (pharma/biotech) for the last 17



Phil Eberl no longer has to fight for a parking spot at Plassmann Hall. He's pictured above with university Provost Dr. Joseph Zimmer.

Eberl recognized for 50 years of service at St. Bonaventure

Throughout the past 50 years, the core and center of Phil Eberl's life has been to meet, teach, advise, mentor and encourage St. Bonaventure students.

This year, as the School of Education celebrated its 100th anniversary, it is noted that Eberl came to the university 62 years ago and has enjoyed the Bona's cultural milieu from:

- 1955-1959 as an undergraduate student. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and grade 7-12 New York state certification.
- 1960-64 as a graduate student. Eberl earned a Master of Education degree in administration along with principal and supervisor New York state certification.
- 1967-2000 as a faculty member teaching undergraduate and graduate courses.
- 2001-2017 as the certification officer for the School of Education.

Eberl was recognized by the university for his 50 years of employment at the spring Honors & Awards Ceremony.

During that time, he has been privileged to serve with 13 university presidents and 12 deans of education.



SR. MARGARET HONORED BY ACCU
President Emeritus Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., '85, received one of the highest honors given by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), the Monika K. Hellwig Award for having significantly advanced the Catholic intellectual tradition. This lifetime achievement award recognizes her as a researcher, teacher, author, practitioner, national spokesperson, learned adviser, mentor and leader in Catholic higher education. She is pictured after the presentation with Student Affairs officials Rick Trietley, '86, (left) and Nichole Gonzalez, and Siena College President Br. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., '70.



A BONNIE AT THE FINAL FOUR
Patrick E. Brennan, '81, found a fabulous use for his SBU windshield screen during the April NCAA Final Four Fan Fest tournament in Phoenix — a portable Bonnies banner. "Within seconds, people were coming up to me, saying, 'The Bonnies, right? That's St. Bonaventure, great team!'" writes Brennan. When he received the gift during his 35th class reunion in 2016, he was doubtful he would use the screen in the Northeast. Ten months later — after a job change and relocation to Phoenix, he uses it nearly every day.

years. Terry and his wife, Nora, have been married for 31 years and have two children. They live in San Francisco. **Michael Metzger** is the new vice president for Finance and Administration at the State University of New York at Fredonia. Metzger has 30 years of experience in the private sector. Most recently he served as vice president and strategic advisor for Blackstone Advanced Technologies LLC of Jamestown. His previous positions include president of Blackstone Business Enterprises and chief financial officer for Acu-Rite Companies. Metzger is involved in several organizations in Chautauqua County. He is the chair of the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors, is on the Insyte Board of Directors and was appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council. Additionally, he is a past member of the Bemus Point Central School Board and the boards of directors of the United Way, Red Cross of Chautauqua County, The Resource Center, and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.



1978

Doug Vilella, O.D., received the 2017 Archbishop Oscar Romero Award from Mercyhurst University's Department of Religious Studies March 23. The award is given to individuals or organizations "living the call of faith and justice in an extraordinary manner." During the ceremony, the Erie, Pa., optometrist spoke about his work as



executive director of Vision for the Poor, visionforthe poor.org, a nonprofit that develops sustainable eye care facilities to serve the poorest of the poor in Latin America and Haiti. Visualiza, the first network of sustainable eye clinics, was established in Guatemala and now serves as a model for future development in other countries. Vision for the Poor has also helped build eye hospitals in Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru and Mexico, and plans to build five more before 2020.

1983

Larry Furey, founder and partner of the consulting firm Partners in Mission in

Boston, launched a new executive search company for Catholic schools, Partners in Mission School Leadership Search Solutions. The firm specializes in identifying, interviewing and connecting exceptional candidates with leadership roles, such as heads of schools, presidents and principals that drive strategic goals within Catholic schools and dioceses. **Sharon Smith-Boland** and her college roommate **Linda Kelly** have been with Delta Air Lines 34-plus years. Smith-Boland decided to jump divisions — leaving airport customer service behind — and finish her career flying the world. "It was an honor to have my college roommate pin my wings!"



1984

Donna L. Burden, founding partner of Burden, Hafner & Hansen, LLC, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), which works to serve as a platform for educating the public and the legal community on current litigation issues and supporting the integrity of the legal system throughout the world. The foundation supports iCivics, a web-based education project designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in U.S. democracy, the National High School Mock Trial Championship, the State Best Practices Survey, and many other initiatives. Burden has been a member of the invitation-only, peer-reviewed association since 2011. **Fred Sullivan** was appointed assistant chief deputy county attorney for Westchester County, where he heads the Litigation Bureau. For the past 17 years, Sullivan has handled general litigation matters for Westchester with a focus on labor and employment issues.



1985

Jeff Brown (above) reached the summit of the highest peak in Ecuador — and

also the furthest point on the planet from the center of the earth — at 7:10 a.m. Nov. 17, 2016. He is pictured here on Chimborazo at 20,560 feet. Brown says he is now retiring from climbing! **Wendy Mann**, an accomplished executive with nearly 30 years in association management, was named chief executive officer of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network and president of the CREW Network Foundation. Mann comes to CREW Network after serving as senior vice president at NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, where she oversaw day-to-day business operations of the association and was executive director of its Research Foundation. Prior to joining NAIOP, Mann was director of communications at the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. She also has held positions with Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Health Industry Distributors Association, APICS – the Educational Society for Resource Management, Greater Washington Society of Association Executives, and the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mann earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in 1991.



1986

Christopher Kempton of Walsh Duffield has joined forces with Strategic Retirement Partners (SRP), a national retirement plan consulting firm. As a manager of Walsh Duffield's retirement plan consulting business, he focuses on growing the existing practice in collaboration with SRP. Upstate New York will be



SRP's 14th location nationally. Walsh Duffield Companies, Inc. has been offering insurance solutions to individuals and businesses since 1860. With more than 100 employees, Walsh Duffield maintains offices in Rochester, Buffalo, Avon and Medina. **Thomas E. Salmon** was named chief executive officer at Berry Plastics Group, Inc. He most recently served as the company's president and chief operating officer. During his tenure, the company completed 12 acquisitions, expanded its product offering and geographic footprint, became a public company whose share price has more than tripled since the IPO, and grew revenue by more than \$2 billion. Salmon joined the company in 2007



with Berry's acquisition of Covalence Specialty Materials, where he led the Adhesives Division for four years. From 2007-14, he served as president of Berry's Engineered Materials Division prior to being appointed president of Berry's Rigid Closed Top Division in 2014 and president of Berry's Consumer Packaging Division in 2015. Before joining Covalence, Salmon was general manager of Honeywell Plastics and global sales director for Allied Signal's Engineering Plastics and Films. He began his career with General Electric and held a variety of commercial positions during his 12 years in GE's Plastics and Lighting divisions.

1988

Jim Goebelbecker moved to Louisville, Colo., where he is the new CEO of Denver Kids, Inc., a nonprofit that works with at-risk kids from kindergarten to 12th grade to support them graduating high school. He invites alums to learn more at www.denverkidsinc.org.

1990

David Kelley, Ph.D., CAA, was promoted to program coordinator of the online master's of science in sport administration program at the University of Cincinnati.



1992

Michael Lawley was one of 40 hockey players who participated in The 11 Day Power Play from June 22 through July 3 at the Buffalo HARBORCENTER.



The players were required to eat, sleep and breathe hockey for 11 days. Their slogan, "fight cancer at the world's longest hockey game," raised more than \$1,000,000 for Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Lawley raised more than \$150,000 for the initiative. After 23 years work-

ing in pre-hospital emergency medicine as a paramedic, **Joseph Stanizewski** has semi-retired from this career path. Since early 2016, he has been working as a deputy coroner for Montgomery County, Pa., and working toward his certification as a member of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

1994

Tucker C. Standliff was named chair of the Criminal Justice section of the New York State Bar Association for 2017-18. Founding principal of Standliff Law PLLC in Queensbury, he focuses his practice area in

Chris Domes named president at Neumann

Dr. Chris E. Domes, '85, took office July 1 as the sixth president of Neumann University. Domes previously served as



president of Silver Lake College in Wisconsin.

Since Domes took the helm of the Wisconsin school four years ago, Silver Lake College has opened a

Franciscan Center for Music and Performance, a one-stop Enrollment and Welcome Center, and state-of-the-art nursing labs and classrooms. The college also developed new academic programs, including actuary science, graphic design, nursing, and a master's degree in leadership and organizational development.

Before serving as president of Silver Lake College, Domes held leadership positions in various enrollment-management and student-development capacities for 17 years at Marymount University in Virginia and for a decade at St. Bonaventure.



URBINELLI PROFESSES FIRST VOWS

Sr. Patricia "Patty" Carmella Urbinelli, SSJ, '92, (center) a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, professed her first vows Aug. 13, 2016. She is pictured above with **Tara (Mooney) Korn, '94**, and **Fr. Peter Schneible, O.F.M., '73**, associate professor of biology, who attended the ceremony. Sr. Patty serves as a youth minister in the parishes in Ogdensburg, Morristown, Hammond, Rossie, Heuvelton and Lisbon. She will be renewing her vows this year on Aug. 13.



FAST FRIENDS FROM FIRST FAL

Friends from First Fal from the classes of 1975, 1976 and 1977 got together in New York City to reconnect and reminisce. Pictured are (front row) Jeanne (Sena) Rice, '75; Nancy (Johnson) Church, '75; Mary (Dixon) Rogan, '77; Mary Ann (James) Kerwin, '75; and back row, Jane (Cucinell) Solnick, '77; Ginger (Broderick) Stawicki, '75; Mary (Bell) Farrell, '77; Lynn (Ivankovich) Caffrey, '76; MB (Shea) Wells, '76; Sue (Conners) Engel, '75; Mary Beth (Bergan) Boyle, '76; and Rose Fleming, '75.



BONNIES TOUR ARIZONA

1972 graduates Fred Blum (from left), Mike Ewanow and Glenn Keidel and their wives vacationed together in November 2016 in Phoenix, Sedona and the Grand Canyon.



TEACHERS SHOW THEIR BONA PRIDE

The Penn Yan Central School District celebrated National College Signing Day on May 1. St. Bonaventure alumni in the district wore their Bona gear to celebrate and share their Bona pride with students. Pictured at left are Penn Yan Middle School staff Elizabeth Reed Brown, '00, '01, Heather Creary, '12, and Sean Dallos, '96. Pictured at right are Penn Yan Elementary School staff Kelly Sackett Dallos, '95, '97, Rebecca Mitchell-Morse, '06, and Kara Schroeder Gallagher, '10, '11.



Photo by David Kassnoff

'THE TRUTH IS NOT DEAD'

Lee Coppola, '64 (right), an award-winning journalist and former dean of the university's journalism school, took on the anti-media mentality during a program April 25 at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown. "The truth is not dead," said Coppola. "It's just being massaged and maneuvered by people in power. Solid, good journalism will always find the truth." The program was moderated by Chautauqua Institution President Michael E. Hill, '96, (left) and Jackson Center co-founder Greg Peterson.



ROOMMATES CHEER ON THE BONNIES

Garden East G roommates from 1981-82 reunited for the Feb. 4 men's basketball game vs. Virginia Commonwealth University in the Reilly Center. Pictured from left are Fran Machina, Mario Russo, Chuck Buell, Gerry Golden and Tim McMorrow.



criminal law, DWIs, civil litigation, personal injury, and vehicle and traffic law. Long active with the State Bar, he is a former chair of the Young Lawyers Section and a member of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education. Active in theater, Stanclift has been a member of the Glens Falls Community Theater and the Hudson River Shakespeare Company. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Charles R. Wood Theater in downtown Glens Falls.

1995

Andres Calderon joined the Foreign Service in January 2015. After successfully completing his first two-year consular tour at the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Calderon will begin his second two-year consular tour at the U.S. embassy in Accra, Ghana, in September. **Justin Reid** was promoted to partner on the Health Care Tax Exempt team in the Buffalo office of Bonadio & Co., LLP.



1997

Justin Craig was named senior director of Programming and Operations for the national ESPN Radio network. In this capacity, Craig is responsible for all aspects of ESPN Radio programming and production, including oversight of "Mike & Mike," "The Dan Le Batard Show with Stugotz, Russillo & Kanell," and nighttime and weekend programming. **Kelly A. Fernald** is now a fifth-grade teacher and teaching assistant principal at The Saints Academy in Beverly, Mass. Fernald is working on a certificate of advanced graduate studies in leadership through Salem State University.

1998

Fr. Peter Mallin, O.F.M. Conv., completed a doctor of bioethics degree from Loyola University, Chicago, graduating May 9. A Conventual Franciscan priest, Fr. Peter has served as a board certified chaplain for Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance, Calif., since 1999.

1999

Vincent Pasini has joined Dopkins & Company, LLP, a full-service certified public accounting and consulting firm, as a senior associate in the Assurance Services Group. Pasini holds extensive experience in contract design, management and review/audit of financial statements. Prior to joining Dopkins, he enjoyed a 15-year career at an international food services and facilities management company. **Ed Prue** is a senior account manager at Pinckney Hugo Group, a full-service marketing communications firm. Prior to joining Pinckney Hugo Group, Prue worked in marketing and account services at Bankers Healthcare Group and



another local agency in Central New York. Pinckney Hugo Group is a full-service integrated marketing communications firm providing strategic solutions for clients in a broad range of industries. Prue lives in Camillus.



2001

Martin Boryszak was named president and CEO of Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo. He will oversee the hospital's Main Street and St. Joseph campuses. Boryszak is transitioning from his role as chief operating officer at Sisters Hospital, a position he has held since 2014. He joined the hospital in 2009 as director of finance and was named vice president of operations at the St. Joseph campus in 2012. Notable projects during Boryszak's time as Sisters Hospital COO include implementing a site "realignment strategy" across both campuses, including the successful implementation of a multi-phase revitalization plan at the St. Joseph Campus and the opening of St. Vincent's Health Center in collaboration with Erie County to better serve the primary care needs of patients in Buffalo's Broadway-Bailey neighborhood. Boryszak recently completed certification in Managing Healthcare Delivery through the Harvard Business School. Boryszak is enrolled in a fellowship program through the American College of Healthcare Professionals and is an executive committee member on the University at Buffalo's School of Management Alumni Board of Directors. A native of South Buffalo, Boryszak lives with his family in Lakeview.



2002

Mike Lindsley was honored by the New York State Broadcasters Association with the Excellence in Broadcasting Award for Outstanding SportsCast. Lindsley is the drive-time host on sports radio station The Score 1260 (WKSO-AM) in Syracuse.



2003

Spencer Peavey was appointed assistant vice president of Student Affairs at Alfred State - SUNY College of Technology, overseeing Student Engagement, Health and Wellness, Civic Engagement, Career Development and New Student Orientation. He joined Alfred State in 2006 as the director of Student Activities and Orientation, and became the senior director of Student Engagement in 2012. Prior to joining Alfred State,



We've lost touch with a number of alums and need your help! Our hope is to start finding lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion in 2018. If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at www.sbu.edu/foundalumni.

- Michael John Carnevale, '58
- John J. Rooney, '58
- John A. Lucarelli, '63
- John McCoy, '63
- John J. Pionzio, '63
- Vincent C. Bowers, '68
- Karen Francis Hoch, '68
- Arthur M. Kearney, '68
- James S. Radgowski, '68
- Anne (Gravelle) Hite, '73
- Marianne E. (Heaney) Joyce, '73
- Vincent T. McKelvey, '73
- James H. Nangle, '73
- Michael W. O'Sick, '73
- Leonard J. Casciano, '78
- William B. Fulton, '78
- John M. Joyce, '78
- David L. McDonald, '78
- Andrew E. Scherding, '78
- Sean James Cullen, '83
- William M. O'Connor, '83
- Sharon Lynn Smith-Boland, '83
- James J. Sonnick, '83
- Timothy Patrick Butler, '88
- Laurie Ann (Kieffer) Lynn, '88
- Kristen (Linderman) Oxley, '88
- Margarita (Alvaro) Romano, '88
- Timothy H. Cowin, '93
- Timothy N. O'Connell, '93
- Christopher Lee White, '93
- Erin L. (Clark) Johnston, '98
- Elliotte A. Bowerman, '03
- Bridget A. Platten, '03
- Stephanie L. Fosnight, '08
- Benjamin R. Howe, '08

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O'CONNOR LAUDED AT WHITE HOUSE
Col. Kevin O'Connor, D.O., '88, (center) who served as the physician to Vice President Joe Biden and the Second Family for eight years, retired from the Army in July. O'Connor is pictured with **Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., '64**, (left) and classmate **Jim Goebelbecker, '88**, following his retirement ceremony. The ceremony was held on the White House grounds in November 2016. Vice President Biden was the presider for the ceremony and Fr. Dan gave the opening prayer.



Barry, Vaccaro honored by New York Press Club

Two of St. Bonaventure's most accomplished journalism alumni were honored with New York Press Club Awards for Journalism.

Dan Barry, '80, of the New York Times, was honored in the Featured Reporting category for "Fight," the story of a boxing match that resulted in the death of Hamzah Ajahmi and the impact it had on his opponent, Anthony Taylor.

Mike Vaccaro, '89, of the New York Post, won in the Sports News category for "The King Delivers — and Weeps," his story on LeBron James after the Cleveland Cavaliers won the NBA title last June.

An enduring tradition in New York media, the annual New York Press Club Awards for Journalism honor excellence by writers, reporters, editors, producers, photographers and multi-media journalists from television, newspapers, magazines, radio and the internet. Entries are considered in 38 categories from material submitted by New York metropolitan area news organizations and individual journalists. The awards were presented at the club's annual Awards and Installation Dinner June 5 at Manhattan's Water Club.

Peavey worked at St. Bonaventure as the director of new students, assistant registrar and assistant director of student activities from 2003-2006.

2004

Adam Bednar was honored by the MDDC Press Association with its Best of Show Award for Local Government. The MDDC's highest category award, the honor recognizes particularly superlative work among journalists in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Bednar is the economic development and real estate reporter for The Daily Record in Baltimore, Md. **Nicole (Borrelli) Branagan** and her sister **Ashley (Borrelli) Biryła, '06, '07**, opened Compass Cycle Studio, a new indoor cycling studio in Rochester. The 45-minute indoor cycling classes are set to the beat of loud, energetic music and incorporate hand weights in order to offer a full-body workout. **Allison Warden Sizemore** has been promoted to partner at Reed Smith LLP in the firm's Pittsburgh office. Warden Sizemore is a member of the firm's Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Group. She assists clients with a broad range of employee benefits matters, including plan documentation, disclosure, and day-to-day counseling for qualified retirement plans, non-



qualified plans, and welfare plans. She also is experienced with multi-employer pension plan issues, such as withdrawal liability, distress terminations and underfunded pension plan matters, benefits due diligence, and advice in connection with corporate transactions. She earned her J.D from Duquesne University School of Law in 2009. **Mike Trask** was named a member of the 2017 Class of 40 Under 40 by Global Gaming Business Magazine. Produced in conjunction with the Innovation Group and G2E's Emerging Leaders of Gaming program, the 40 Under 40 group represents "the best of the next generation of leaders in the casino and gaming industry." Trask is director of marketing at Ainsworth Game Technology.

2006

Sean P. Lynch was promoted to director in the Investment Banking Division at Barclays Capital, a global investment bank.

2007

Kevin Rhoney is now a media and public relations specialist for Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester.



2008

Emily Ciraolo was promoted to assistant director of corporate communications at National Fuel. **Scott Eddy** shared College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) District 1 "Blog of the Year" honors with St. Bonaventure Athletics photographer Craig Melvin for his coverage of the St. Bonaventure women's basketball 2016 NCAA Tournament run. The production, which followed the Bonnies from their second-ever NCAA Tournament selection through their trip to Oregon and victory over Oklahoma State, was selected as the top work of the 2016-17 academic year in the blog category for all entries in District 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec. It marks the third straight year Eddy has received a national or district writing award from CoSIDA, earning a district award for a student-athlete feature in 2015 while also receiving the CoSIDA National Story of the Year honor in 2016. **Ian Nolan** was named director of campus operations for IDEA Public School's Brackenridge campus, which is opening in San Antonio in August. IDEA was named America's Best Charter School Network last summer, and this campus will have grades PK, K, first and sixth and eventually grow to be a PK-grade 12 school. A former basketball team manager, he also founded and runs BonaBlog.com, a website dedicated to SBU basketball, in his spare time.

2009

Dan Quirk was promoted to senior manager at Ernst & Young LLP in the financial services assurance practice in Pittsburgh.

2010

Robert Chatt completed the requirements for his doctorate degree and will graduate with his Ph.D. in business administration, with a focus in finance, in August. From there, he will join Westfield State University as an assistant professor of finance.

Cameron Smith is a Buffalo Business First 30 Under 30 award winner. He is the director of finance for Supportive Services Corporation, a non-profit organization that runs two separate programs, the Senior Employment Program and the Weatherization Program. He is also the president of the Buffalo

Jaycees, a member of the Buffalo Rugby Club and volunteer for Educators for America. **Andrea Westerlund** made the move to Rochester, N.Y., to work in the public relations department of the University of Rochester Medical Center. And on May 15, she started her second graduate degree at St. Bonaventure.

2012

Sinead Coleman is the new director of Energy Operations of Hampshire Power, the only Massachusetts-based electricity supplier. Under her leadership, the Hampshire Power team provides the largest number of community choice aggregation programs across the Commonwealth with electricity supplied to more than 90,000 customers. The program involves curating energy programs, solar and renewable energy net metering programs, and energy efficiency technology.



Kaitlin Lindahl Jackson began working at Catholic Charities of Buffalo in October 2016 as a communications and public relations specialist. Previously, she worked as the editor of the East Aurora Bee newspaper.

Kristen Worth is a co-teacher in an integrated co-teaching classroom in New York, N.Y. Every year, the classes dress up in college colors for Field Day. She is pictured here with some of the scholars in her classroom showing off their Bonnies pride!

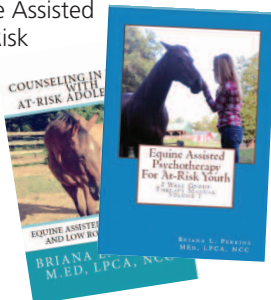


2013



Briana Perkins is celebrating the two-year anniversary of her private counseling practice Perkins Wellness LLC. This comes after a successful year of authoring three books in 2016:

"Counseling in Nature with At-Risk Adolescents," "Equine Assisted Psychotherapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder," and "Equine Assisted Psychotherapy for At-Risk Youth". Perkins was also featured in three chapters of the book "Group Experts Share their Favorite Activities" (Volume 1). She has also been a member of the South



Carolina Counseling Association Executive Board, serving as treasurer since 2015. Perkins is a second-year doctoral student at the University of the Cumberland, where she is conducting research into neuro-psychotherapy applications for trauma. **Kevin L. Smith** is a sports writer for the Morning Times newspaper in Sayre, Pa. **Alex Teixeira** anticipates finishing law school at Wake Forest University in 2018. After winning the school's student moot court competition, Teixeira was selected to represent Wake Forest in the National Moot Court Competition in 2018. **Jenna Torella, CPA**, was named a senior accountant in the audit department of Lumsden & McCormick, LLP. She is responsible for audit fieldwork, audit documentation and assisting members of the audit department serving commercial entities and exempt organizations. Torella completed her master's in accounting at St. Bonaventure in 2014.



2015

Reid Okoniewski is a development coordinator for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. This follows a previous position with the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, serving as relationship manager and working on the \$100 million capital campaign, Upon This Rock. **Nicholas Siciliano** has finished his Master of Science in education with distinction for social studies education in seventh through 12th grades, as well as an advanced certificate for middle childhood education at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Siciliano is teaching sixth, seventh and eighth grades in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, at M.S. 584 Granville T. Woods Middle School.

2016

Maureen E. Fyke joined Barclay Damon, LLP as the law firm's new director of marketing. She will work in all 11 firm offices. Fyke brings decades of experience leading teams in a wide range of business development, branding, and marketing activities, including advertising and integrated marketing communications, brand positioning and management, business transformation and marketing strategy, marketing research and analytics, innovation and new product/offering development, and metrics and performance management. Prior to



THESE ALUMS ROCK!

Jack Lyons, '63 (left), and **Fr. Kevin Mackin, O.F.M., '60**, visited Bagnoregio, Italy, on May 21. Bagnoregio, the birthplace of Saint Bonaventure, is known for its striking position on a plateau of volcanic rock.



ALUMNAE EARN PRSA AWARDS

Kerri Linsenbiger, '14, '15 (left) and **Erin Collins, '05, '07**, each took home platinum best-of-show awards on behalf of Gelia at the 28th Annual Excalibur Awards from the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The ceremony recognizes communications professionals in the Buffalo region and platinum honors recognize the highest scoring entries in the campaign and tactic divisions.

joining Barclay Damon, Fyke was senior manager of global consumer insights at Fisher-Price; an associate at Goodman & Company, a marketing consulting firm for Fortune 500 companies in New York City; senior manager of market research at Rich Products; and account planning manager at Answerthink in New York City. She has also held senior positions in several New York City advertising agencies, managing client services and account planning for several Fortune 500 clients.

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

Dr. Raymond P. Salamone, '43, *Denville, N.J.*
 John E. Ryan, '48, *Rochester Hills, Mich.*
 Wendell V. Cleveland, '48, *Marcy, N.Y.*
 Patrick J. Dolan, '49, *Pennington, N.J.*
 Gerald D. Chadderdon, '49, *Prescott, Ariz.*
 Joseph J. Gonsiorek, '49, *Lackawanna, N.Y.*
 Elizabeth (Reiber) Anderson, '49, *Dublin, Ohio*
 Joan (McGranaghan) Czark, '50,
Mountlake Terrace, Wash.
 Rev. Berard M. Dudek, O.F.M., '50, *Riverside, N.J.*
 John C. Ford, '50, *Fairfield, Conn.*
 John R. Lanz, '50, *Clinton, N.Y.* *
 Dr. Richard F. Mayer, '50, *Towson, Md.*
 Rev. David W. O'Brien C.S.P., '50, *Columbus, Ohio*
 Martin J. Welch, '50, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Sgt. Lawrence E. Barry (Ret.), '51, *Lakewood, N.Y.*
 John J. Clavin, '51, *East Moriches, N.Y.*
 John J. Lane, '51, *Turtlepoint, Pa.*
 Raymond C. Miller, '51, *Wilmington, N.C.*
 Rev. Guy Morgan, '51, *St. Petersburg, Fla.*
 Carl E. Pauletta, '51, *Machias, N.Y.*
 Ernest S. Virok, '51, *Columbus, N.J.*
 Thomas J. Foy, '52, *Palo Alto, Calif.*
 James S. Leone, '52, *Bennington, Vt.*
 John D. Hardy, '53, *Gloucester, Mass.*
 Walter G. Kettle, '53, *Endicott, N.Y.*
 Raymond G. McDonald, '53, *Glen Head, N.Y.*
 Robert J. Fleming, '54, *Great Bend, Pa.*
 Peter A. Spetaccino, '54, *Morristown, N.J.*
 Harlow A. Webert, '54, *Watertown, N.Y.* *
 Warren F. Bowhall, '55, *Malta, N.Y.* *
 Dr. George W. Bragle, '55, *Slingerlands, N.Y.*
 Frank E. Cady, '55, *Wellsville, N.Y.*
 Joseph R. Heintzman, '55, *Rochester, N.Y.*
 Daniel F. O'Hara Jr., '55, *Montclair, N.J.*
 Robert J. Regan, '55, *Potsdam, N.Y.*
 James F. Zacharias, '55, *Dalzell, S.C.*
 James W. Taylor, '56, *Olean, N.Y.*
 James R. Blackwell, '56, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Robert J. Wagner, '56, *Rock Hill, S.C.*
 Donald J. Chiavetta, '57, *Plano, Texas*
 John J. DeVencenzo, '57, *Esterio, Fla.*
 John E. Leary, '57, *Desert Hot Springs, Calif.*
 Robert J. McCarthy, '57, *Fairview, Pa.*
 Joanne Ray Mitchell, '57, *Bradenton, Fla.*
 James M. Moran, '57, *Jamestown, N.Y.*

Fr. John Russell, O.CARM., '57, *South Orange, N.J.*
 Patricia (Osborne) Zimmermann, '58, *Stuart, Fla.*
 Norman M. Lerner, '59, *Charlotte, N.C.*
 James A. Brush, '60, *Wellsville, N.Y.*
 George W. Freeman, '60, *Conway, S.C.*
 Albert J. Frey, '60, *Bronxville, N.Y.*
 Arthur L. Haberman, '60, *Eggertsville, N.Y.*
 D. Bryan Mahady, '60, *Painted Post, N.Y.*
 Stanley D. Sambora, '60, *Waterville, N.Y.*
 Joseph L. Tierney III, Esq., '60, *Arnold, Md.*
 W. Thomas Donovan, '61, *South Euclid, Ohio*
 Robert K. May, '61, *Venice, Calif.*
 John W. Rockovits, '61, *Hobart, Ind.*
 Clara J. Vales, '61, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Dr. Charles M. Fischer, '62, *Wilmington, Del.*
 Norman J. Hamed, '62, *Olean, N.Y.*
 Thomas H. Havekost, '62, *Granger, Ind.*
 Rev. Thomas F. Keating, '62, *Cortland, N.Y.*
 Philip T. McLean, '62, *West Haven, Conn.*
 Sr. Ellen M. Schafer, '63, *Allegany, N.Y.*
 Francisco P. Herrera, '64, *Island Park, N.Y.*
 John G. Montana, '64, *Wayne, N.J.*
 Richard J. Piccioli, '64, *Allegany, N.Y.*
 Kevin M. Gately, '64, *Port Washington, N.Y.*
 Sr. Catherine M. Brady, '65, *Allegany, N.Y.*
 Richard L. Brown, '65, *Derrick City, Pa.*
 Eugene F. McCue, '66, *Rockville Centre, N.Y.*
 Sr. Rose M. Niedda O.S.F., '66, *Allegany, N.Y.*
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 Thomas M. Cornell, '70, *Weedsport, N.Y.*
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 Louise M. (Reyers) Nash, '70, *Poughkeepsie, N.Y.*
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IN MEMORIAM



James E. Canty, '84, a university trustee since 2011, passed away April 25 at his home in Concord, Mass., after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Canty was a champion of Bona's rugby program, supported Bonaventure athletics and The Bonaventure Fund and in 2012 made a lead gift to the School of Business Building Campaign in honor of his great-uncle, Francis Walter "Hookey" Frey, '24 (MS '38). Canty was president of the Boston-based investment advisory firm Clough Capital Partners L.P. He is survived by his wife, Kristin, and four children.

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Births / Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Tadhg Bonaventure to Jennifer and **Philip Lazzaro, '94**
 Charlotte Mae to Tammy and **Steve Nicholson, '94**
 Finn Michael to **Corinne P. (Kelly), D.O., '02**, and Eric Krist
 Walter Jack to **Kathryn (Dickinson), '03**, and Robert Charboneau
 Sean Wolcott to **Kate (Wolcott), '03, '04**, and Anthony Rizzo

Alanna Grace to **Gina (Marsocci) '05**, and Michael Andoloro
 Kennedy Helena to **Kelly (Boquard), '05**, and **David Kozrak, '05**
 James Robert III to Sarah and **Jimmy Coyne, '06**
 Hazel Katherina to **Shannon (Doherty), '06**, and David Wolf
 Quinn Avery to **Stephanie (Belke), '06**, and **Shane Ryan, '06**

Elin Elizabeth to **Kate (Moulton), '07, '08**, and Mathew Chmielewski
 Elin Violet to **Brynn (Bootey), '08**, and Dave Fagerstrom
 Dylan Nicholas to **Lynne (Mucicia), '08, '09**, and Tyler Herman
 Lydia Anne to **Laura (L'Esperance), '09**, and **Alex Cole, '08**
 Amelia Harper to **Ruth (Harper), '10, '11**, and **Kevin Rhode, '10**

Kolbe Elias to **Taylor (Janak), '11, '12**, and **Martin Spear, '11**
 Emma Elizabeth to **Kait (Laub-scher), '12**, and **Dan Ripley, '11**
 Michael Robert to Heather and **Frank Castiglia, '12**
 Declan Bernard to **Chrissy (Conlon), '13**, and **Kevin Smith, '13**



Dominque Morales, '07, and Matthew Gold



Anne Klaphthor, '07, and Michael Damiano, '06



Amy Rumschik, '03, and Bryan McCorry



Katie Meka, '08, '09, and Joey DiPerna, '08



Mindy Biel and Christopher Cavendish, '08



Jacqueline Ouriel, '10, and John Braymiller, '10

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Kristy Kibler, '11, and David Holfoth, '11



Chrissy Conlon, '13, and Kevin Smith, '13

Plan your visit to Bona's!
Fall open house dates:



- ✓ Saturday, Oct. 14
- ✓ Saturday, Oct. 21
- ✓ Saturday, Nov. 11



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Justine Haskell, '14, and Christopher Jock, '13



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Shaun Crowley and the late Maggie DiVita, '04,
who passed away Sept. 1, 2016



Devin D'Aurizio and **Dave Gilbert, '08**



Lisa Ranous, '07, and Daniel Napolitano



Hallie Steube, '08, '09, and Alan Robinson



Caitlin Tydings, '09, and **Antonio Farias, '08**



Ami Shevlin, '09, and **Jon Riffel, '09**



Ashley Kotz, '09, '10, and **Michael Schoelkopf**



Erin Farrell, '07, '08, and Joshua Gracia (not pictured)



Jennifer Russo, '07, and **John Hastings**



Michelle Laiacona, '10, '11, and Nicholas Maurer, '11, '12



Caroline Jacobs and Jeffrey Butler, '09, '10



Meredith Haggerty, '14, and Evan Meister, '15



Kaitlin Lindahl, '12, and Bryan Jackson, '12



Janelle Scutt and Matt Moretti III, '12



Lindsay Ervin Sheldon, '04, '06, and Nicholas Hoefler



Mollie Curran, '11, and Dan Marzo, '11, '12

University welcomes Merton scholars

Participants at the Fifteenth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society in June gathered in the Grotto for an evening of prayer and a retelling of the night that Merton finally confirmed his call to be a Trappist monk. The text for the evening came from Merton's autobiography, "The Seven Storey Mountain," and recounted the evening when Merton rushed all over campus, looking for an answer from God (and from Franciscan Institute Director Fr. Philotheus Boehner) as to what to do with his life.

Those pictured are carrying a small votive, which represented their own vocation and was placed at the Grotto before the service began.

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Composer & Conductor
- **Richard S. Vosko**
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from St. Bonaventure University**

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Psalterium diurnum
Italy, 1477
141 leaves (47 x 33 cm.)