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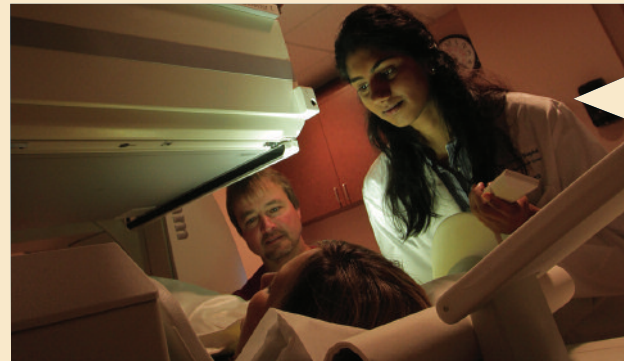
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From the President

Health care excellence goes to our roots

A little known fact of SBU history is that Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.S.F., St. Bonaventure University's first and founding president, also provided official guidance to the founding of a sisterhood in the Midwest in addition to founding the Sisters of St. Francis here in Allegany.

In 1865, he invested a young woman in the habit of the Franciscans and appointed another — whose vows he had authorized earlier — as superior of a new congregation that worked in Joliet, Ill. (This took place on the Bonaventure campus.)

That newly appointed superior was Mother Alfred Moes. She later took up work in Rochester, Minn., and was directly responsible for inviting William Worrel Mayo to found the hospital that eventually led to establishing the Mayo Clinic. Her statue, alongside that of Dr. Mayo, graces the plaza at the main entrance of the clinic.

At a time when St. Bonaventure's contributions to health care professions are reaching new levels of excellence, it is time to share this amazing coincidence — or is it the hand of Providence energizing each generation?

In August, some of our Franciscan Health Care Professions students had the opportunity to visit the Mayo Clinic, where they were welcomed with open arms by our friends Sr. Ramona Miller, graduate of the Franciscan Institute, and Sr. Mary Elliot, administrator for mission at Mayo.

The pages of this edition of *Bonaventure* magazine are filled with examples of the extraordinary contributions our students and graduates are making to health care



Pre-health care students and SBU staff who visited the Mayo Clinic in August are pictured near the statues of Dr. Mayo and Mother Alfred Moes. From left are Shivani Sharma, Priya Singhal, Jacob Donius, Dr. Allen Knowles, Anita Sambamurty, Neha Sanyal, and Sr. Suzanne M. Kush, C.S.S.F.

professions across the U.S. and abroad. In fact, the Franciscan Institute has published *Franciscans and Healthcare*, edited by another institute alumna, Sr. Elise Saggau. You can be sure of a special alumni discount should you choose to purchase a copy!

As we continue to build upon the success of our students and graduates in the health care professions, we also continue to ensure that students enrolled in other courses of study at St. Bonaventure have the opportunity to learn about the value that the Franciscan perspective brings to every area of inquiry.

Our School of Business, for example, engages students in entrepreneurial service experiences where they use the business principles and practices they learn in the classroom to solve real-world social problems locally, nationally and internationally. This commitment has been recognized as a national best practice by the school's accrediting agency, the AACSB.

Similarly, the nationally accredited conceptual framework in our School of

Education represents a commitment to social justice consistent with our Franciscan tradition. And, of course, our core curriculum, in which every student is enrolled, is grounded in the Franciscan intellectual tradition, with courses such as "The Intellectual Journey" that is based upon the vision of Saint Bonaventure.

We are intentional about the role of the Franciscan tradition in the academic enterprise because the world is calling for the values, principles and foundations upon which our 800-year-old tradition was founded.

The success of our students and graduates speaks to the continuing relevance and importance of the Franciscan tradition today.

As we celebrate in the pages to follow the Franciscan influence on health care professions, we also celebrate this influence in all of the professions and callings of the worldwide St. Bonaventure University family.

Pax et Bonum — Peace and Good,
 Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.
 President of the University

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Editor's Letter

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Beth A. Eberth

Henrietta Lacks most assuredly would have been embarrassed by the attention: Her image peered up at St. Bonaventure freshmen as they arrived for Orientation and were handed a book in which she plays a starring role. Across campus, a giant 7-foot-tall cutout of her greeted visitors to the Quick Center for the Arts.

Science writer Rebecca Skloot's book chronicles how a poor tobacco farmer impacted modern medicine and shares an engaging portrait of a family that felt betrayed by the scientific establishment.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" engaged all of our freshmen — and many beyond our campus community — in discussions of science issues.

cussed how HeLa cells have informed HIV-AIDS research. Ritchie, part of an international research team that is working to solve major problems in HIV vaccine development and design, also serves as a faculty member for St. Bonaventure's study abroad program at the University of Oxford.

Other All Bonaventure Reads activities included a film festival, a lecture on medical ethics by assistant professor of philosophy Dr. Russell Woodruff, and class projects that will be displayed in a Poster Session.

"The Immortal Life" impacted students in different ways. Many connected with Henrietta's daughter Deborah on the loss of a parent. Others were drawn to learning about the landmark discoveries HeLa cells have played a part in, from the polio vaccine to gene mapping.

As their first official college assignment, first-year students were asked to read "The Immortal of Henrietta Lacks" and then write a reflection on it. Thirteen top essays were chosen to be immortalized in their own way: They were published in a hardcover keepsake book for each student, and a copy was given to author Rebecca Skloot during her visit to campus. You can read the essays at www.sbu.edu/allbonaventurereads.

Yes, Henrietta probably would have been embarrassed by the attention, but I think she would have been proud.

(Beth Eberth is director of University Communications at St. Bonaventure.)



The entire campus community was invited to read the book and participate in numerous events planned over the course of the fall semester that opened up conversations into many of the book's themes — medical ethics, racism, and the availability and cost of health care.

One of the highlights was the author's September visit to campus, where she had dinner with a group of freshmen before leading a public discussion about the book. Also welcomed to campus this fall was Dr. Adam Ritchie, a professor on the research staff at the University of Oxford, England, who dis-

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Author Rebecca Skloot (right) describes the 10 years of research and interviews she accumulated for her book. Freshman Francis P. Matuszak (above) poses a question to Skloot.

St. Bonaventure's first-year students were asked to read "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," the All Bonaventure Reads text that is the cornerstone of this year's University 101 course.

"The Immortal Life" is the story of the forgotten woman behind one of the most important tools in modern medicine. Lacks' cancerous cells — taken from her without her knowledge in 1951 — were the first to grow and survive indefinitely in culture. The cells, called HeLa for the first two letters of Lacks' first and last name, revolutionized medical research, a fact unknown to her family for decades.

Franciscan Minute

Health Care and the Franciscan Tradition

By Bob Donius

Following the example of Jesus, education and healing have been vital ministries throughout the centuries of the Church, and so they find themselves well situated in the mission of St. Bonaventure University.



Jesus was both a teacher and a healer. He told stories that opened listeners to new ways of seeing themselves, their neighbors and their world. And he healed many; for example, he cleansed a man with leprosy (Mt 8:1-4; Mk 1:40-42), gave sight to two people who were blind (Mt 20:29-34; Mk 10:46-52); enabled one who was mute to speak (Lk 11:14); cured a woman who was hemorrhaging (Mt 9:20-22; Mk 5:25-34); and brought a girl back to life (Mt 9:18, 23-25; Mk 5:35-42).

"In faithful imitation of Jesus Christ, the Church has served the sick, suffering, and dying in various ways throughout history." (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services," 2001, p. 5)

One of those various ways happened in the life of Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. Francis' encounter with human beings suffering from leprosy marks the beginning of his conversion. The ongoing care for suffering sisters and brothers is the experience within which Francis and his companions are transformed.

"The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, to begin to do penance in this way: while I was in sin, it seemed excessively bitter to me to see lepers.

And the Lord himself led me among them and I did mercy with them. And when I left them, that which seemed bitter to me had been changed into sweetness of the spirit and the body. And afterwards I lingered a little and left the world." (Francis' Testament 1-3, as translated from the Latin by Dr. Jean François Godet-Calogeras, professor of Franciscan Studies, SBU)

"For Francis, lepers became the living icons of the suffering Christ." (For more on this, read Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., "Franciscans and Healthcare: Our Heritage," *Franciscans and Healthcare: Facing the Future*, edited by Elise Saggau, O.S.F., pp. 3-28)

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, St. Francis reached beyond himself to extend mercy and healing to "the least of our sisters and brothers." (Mt 25:31-46) This was more than treating a disease, leprosy. Rather, it was a deeply intimate encounter and healing relationship with persons suffering from leprosy. They had names, and families and personal stories. This encounter and relationship with people who are sisters and brothers is what has moved Franciscans throughout the eight centuries since Francis and Clare. Doing mercy, relating to others with deep compassion, is itself healing.

Our first president, Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, not only founded our university, but he also founded communities of brothers and sisters, who have extended a healing presence through the years to many people and places.

As President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., discusses in her message (see Page 3), Mother Alfred Moes, who made her vows here on our campus on Aug. 2, 1865, founded the Franciscan Sisters of Joliet and the Franciscan Sisters of

Rochester, Minn., who collaborated with Dr. William Worrall Mayo and his two sons, Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Charles H. Mayo, to found and staff St. Mary's Hospital, which is now a part of the highly esteemed Mayo Clinic.

The Allegany Franciscans, whose St. Elizabeth Motherhouse is located across the street from SBU, have established health care ministry in many locales and continue to serve as members of Catholic Health East, one of the largest Catholic health care systems in the United States. Fr. John Felice, O.F.M., a member of Holy Name Province and former trustee of SBU, ministers to sisters and brothers suffering with mental illness in New York City through three St. Francis Residences.

Bona students are learning biology and chemistry and anatomy and physiology — and they are learning compassion and service in the Franciscan tradition.

We are proud that our students are forming a new way of Franciscan mercy, to touch and heal a wounded world. As health care becomes more complicated and more demanding, we trust that they will bring healing and hope.

In his October 1995 pastoral letter, "A Sign of Hope," Cardinal Joseph Bernardin wrote, "We seek to do more than merely cure a physical illness. Like Jesus, we heal the whole person. We care for people in such a way that, whether or not we can physically cure their illness, they find strength and comfort in knowing God's abiding love for them." (p.6)

(Bob Donius, Vice President for University Ministries, serves as a member of the Board of Directors of St. James Mercy Health System in Hornell, N.Y., and as a member of the Stewardship Committee for Catholic Health East.)



Campus News



Four alumni among group named to Board of Trustees

Four alumni are among the five newest members of the University's Board of Trustees. Joseph A. DeMaria, Esq., '79, William M. Collins, '76, Marvin Stocker, '65, and Lynda Goldstein Wilhelm, '86, and Bharat Kohli, M.D., have joined the board since the beginning of fiscal year 2010.

DeMaria is a partner at the law firm of Tew Cardenas in Miami, Fla. He is a successful business litigator, construction lawyer and white collar criminal defense lawyer for the Florida area.

Collins is a principal of Travers Collins & Company, one of the largest and most honored marketing communications firms in Upstate New York.

Stocker, of Ellicott City, Md., worked in marketing and sales management positions for the General Electric Co. for 37 years, retiring in 2003.

Goldstein Wilhelm, of Charlotte, N.C., is a consultant for Packard Learning Corp., a corporate training and executive coaching company.

Kohli is chief medical officer at Applied Healthcare Resource Management (AHRM) Inc. Headquartered in Buffalo's medical corridor, AHRM Inc. specializes in applied health care resource management for clinical trials, data management, post-market surveillance, regulatory compliance and many other areas.

Eco-friendly townhouse offers 'green' living for students

It isn't uncommon to hear Bona students say they bleed brown, but now some are bleeding green. This academic year, St. Bonaventure has turned half of Townhouse 23 "green."

The four eco-friendly apartments house 16 students who voluntarily chose to live there. Their sustainable living choices include walking or biking to class instead of driving, recycling and turning off utilities when not in use. They also compost and bring their compost weekly to Canticle Farm, a non-profit Community Supported Agriculture farm in Allegany.

The apartments' appliances have been made Energy Star compliant wherever possible, motion-detection lights have been installed in key locations, and low-flow shower heads have been installed. The students are also benchmarking their electric consumption and using sensors to measure how often their furnaces are used.

The first tangible indication that efforts in the "green" townhouse were paying off came when electric usage proved to be 81 percent more efficient in September than in the "control" townhouse. The "green" unit used only 1,440 kilowatt hours, compared to 2,608 KW hours in the "control" unit.

The "green townhouse" also recycled 202.5 lbs. of glass, metals, plastic and paper.

SPARK earns national ministry award

The National Catholic Campus Ministry Association has recognized the student group SPARK with its 2010 Exemplary Program Award for Appropriating the Faith. SPARK, or Students of Prayer, Action, Reflection and Knowledge, is an "interdenominational and interfaith" group that attempts to build connections

on campus between ministries and academics, encourages growth in spiritual life and facilitates discovery of personal faith. Bishop Edward Kmiec of the Buffalo Diocese accepted the award on behalf of the group at the gathering of bishops in Baltimore in November.

Volunteers assemble more than 113,000 meals for Haitian children

On a solemn day of remembrance, hundreds of volunteers filled the Reilly Center Arena to offer a reminder of man's nobler intentions.

Spearheaded by more than 350 St. Bonaventure students and community members, more than 500 volunteers — divided into four shifts — spent roughly eight hours Saturday, Sept. 11, packaging more than 113,000 meals for Haitian children affected by last January's devastating earthquake.

BonaResponds coordinated the event, drawing assistance from Villa Maria and Daemen colleges in Buffalo, and school districts in Olean, Allegany and Cuba-Rushford.



The meals assembled for Haiti are called MannaPack-Rice. They consist of rice, dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavored vitamins, can be cooked with boiling water, and cost only 19 cents to produce.

See a slideshow and video from the event: [www.http://tinyurl.com/2ejdoxt](http://tinyurl.com/2ejdoxt)



Computers, textbooks headed to Bahamas in Operation Boot Up

St. Bonaventure's Students in Free Enterprise chapter will perform the biggest technology transfer in the history of Grand Bahama Island over the holiday break — shipping 250 computers and 10 pallets of textbooks for use in local schools.

Called Operation Boot Up, St. Bonaventure SIFE members will be installing the first 96 computers (donated by IBM) in elementary schools, training teachers in technology, and maintaining the computers, said Abhi Aggarwal, the St. Bonaventure pre-med student who heads up the program. The students will also deliver 10 pallets of donated primers and textbooks for the elementary schools.

SIFE's five-year vision is to set up computer labs in every elementary school — about 20 in all, including both private and public schools — on Grand Bahama, Aggarwal said. SIFE is the largest student organization on campus, with members from all academic disciplines. It has ongoing projects locally and internationally (Bahamas, Uganda and Laos).

Oxford program strategists lead book marketing campaign

"Plan ahead for storage."

That was the advice given by other universities when asked how best to market and sell a book about St. Bonaventure's heritage and history. With that in mind, St. Bonaventure understood that a well-researched and developed marketing plan would be important in selling the upcoming book, "The Good Journey: 150 Years of History at St. Bonaventure."

Through pictures, vignettes and a broad historical account, this coffee-table book will take readers through the places, events and people that have shaped the University over the last century and a half. Yet, how would the book be marketed? Where would it be sold? Who would be interested? Why would they want to buy it?

To answer these questions, a team of marketing strategists was selected to create a comprehensive marketing plan for the book while studying in the Francis E. Kelley Oxford program this summer.

The team included students and recent graduates of the University's Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) program: Jason MacBain, '10; Mark Inman, '10; Steven Sanfilippo, '10; Amber Scheck and Lindsay Varga. The group was led by visiting J/MC professor Shelley Jack, an alumna of the IMC program.

During the intensive six-week Oxford program, the strategists worked in the structure and organization of a marketing firm. Jack assigned job roles such as lead strategist, account executive, analyst and cre-

ative lead. Research encompassed one-on-one interviews, an online survey and extensive secondary research.

Recognizing students among the target markets, the strategists also led a focus group with undergraduates studying in the Oxford program. In addition to research, the team focused on client management, message strategy, creative concepting, plan writing, budget analysis, timeline creation, measurement and return on investment.

The final 85-page strategic marketing plan highlighted areas such as target market analysis, plan objectives, marketing and creative strategies, tactics (web, advertising, PR and promotions), evaluation tools, financial analysis, a timeline and appendixes summarizing key research findings.

At the culmination of the six weeks, the strategists presented the plan to the St. Bonaventure Oxford community and to VP for University Relations Dr. Emily Sinsabaugh and Board of Trustees member Laurie Branch, who were visiting the summer program.

When asked about the experience, Inman said, "Working on the marketing plan helped refine a lot of the skills I learned in the IMC program. The team environment opened my eyes to the drive and ability it takes to make a plan thrive, particularly for such a unique product. Getting a sneak peek at the text almost made the experience wholly worth it for me, but working in Oxford wasn't too bad, either."

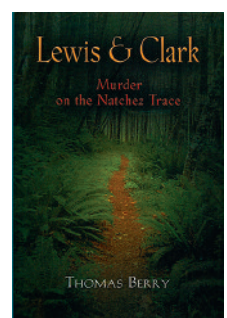
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Thomas Berry, '88, has published a historical fiction novel titled "Lewis and Clark: Murder on the Natchez Trace," available at www.Booklocker.com.

The novel chronicles the fictional investigation into the real-life death of Meriwether Lewis, leader of the famed expedition of 1804-06 who died under mysterious circumstances along a remote Indian trail in Tennessee called the Natchez Trace.

During the War of 1812, four explorers from Lewis' journey are brought back together to solve the death of their former captain, crisscrossing the country from St. Louis to Baltimore and from Canada down to New Orleans.



Through flashbacks, we see how these four men became friends along their westward exploration several years earlier. The reader is offered rare glimpses into the lives of Sacagawea, Thomas Jefferson, Francis Scott Key, William Clark, Andrew Jackson, Napoleon and many others.

The novel was four years in the making and carefully researched for authenticity. This is Thomas' first published work. He is a software engineer for Bank of America in New Jersey and is married with five children.

His author website is www.thomasberry.com and he welcomes e-mail at ThomasJBerry@gmail.com.

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"The Mayor of Strawberry Fields," a short documentary film by **Torre Catalano, '04**, is now available on Netflix, the mail-order and Internet movie service.

The film is also available on Amazon and other online outlets. Nehst Studios, a new company founded by Academy Award-nominated producer Larry Meistrich, has signed the film to a global distribution deal.

"The Mayor Of Strawberry Fields" is a moving look into the quirky homeless subculture living in Central Park. Gary, the self-proclaimed "mayor" of Strawberry Fields, has lived at John Lennon's Imagine Memorial and decorated it with flowers for the past 14 years. Thousands of tourists see his labor of love daily, while he sits on as the "silent" artist.

Catalano has written for Comedy Central, been published in Seventeen Magazine, and has creatively consulted for some of the biggest record labels in the music industry.

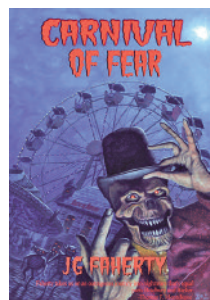
After several years working in artist management, Catalano turned his focus to writing, directing and producing short films, documentaries and viral music videos for many of the brightest stars in music — including John Legend for the Emmy Award-winning "Yes We Can" Obama tribute video.

He now lives in Hollywood where he is director of video production for Capitol Records.

With his first novel, **Greg Faherty, '84**, (writing as JG Faherty) takes readers on a thrilling, frightening roller coaster ride through the "Carnival of Fear," a supernatural fair where monsters come to life and a group of teenagers must find their

way out of the haunted mansion before they are the next victims. Enter the nightmare, where your soul is the final prize.

When the carnival showed up on Halloween eve, everyone thought it would be a night of fun and adventure. Now they're fighting to stay alive until dawn.



Thomas F. Monteleone, award-winning author of more than 36 novels, says, "'Carnival of Fear' is aptly named — Faherty takes us on an outrageous journey into nightmare that's equal parts

Bradbury and Barker. From the opening page, this one rips into high-gear and takes you on a funhouse ride you'll never forget."

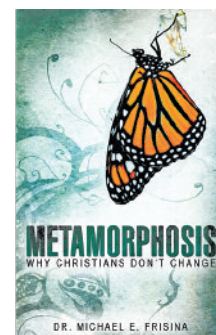
Deborah LeBlanc, author of "The Woven" and "Water Witch," says, "JG Faherty's 'Carnival of Fear' takes us into a world where survival of the fittest is a gross understatement and fear is the norm. In this page-turning novel, Faherty goes about proving once and for all that hell does exist — and you needn't be dead to find it. It finds you. A must read!"

Faherty's short fiction has been published in numerous magazines and anthologies. He owns and operates a resume business, www.a-perfect-resume.com, and is busy with several other stories and novels.

For more information, visit www.jgfaherty.com or www.gravesidebooks.com.

Dr. Michael E. Frisina, '77, has published his first book, titled "Metamorphosis — Why Christians Don't Change."

The book makes a direct link between neuroscience research on how the brain functions in the midst of behavior changes



The purpose of the book is to help people live their lives in peace and harmony by aligning core values and daily behavior choices. The book is available at all major bookstore outlets, online and on Kindle.

John Robert Greene, '77, is author of "America in the Sixties" published by Syracuse University Press.



Sandwiched between the placid '50s and the flamboyant '70s, the '60s, a decade of tumultuous change and stunning paradoxes, is often reduced to a series of slogans, symbols and media images. In "America in the Sixties," Greene goes beyond the clichés and synthesizes 30 years of research, writing and teaching on one of the most turbulent decades of the 20th century.

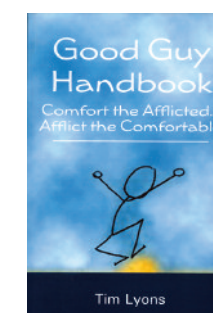
Greene sketches the well-known players of the period — John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Betty Friedan — bringing each to life with subtle detail. He introduces the reader to lesser-known incidents of the decade and offers fresh and persuasive insights on many of its watershed events.

Greene chronicles the decade in a thematic manner, devoting individual chapters to such subjects as the legacy of the '50s, the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, the civil rights movements and the war in Vietnam.

and Biblical references to conforming behavior to the nature and character of Jesus Christ.

Greene is the Paul J. Schupf Professor of History and Humanities at Cazenovia College. He has written or edited 13 books, including "The Limits of Power: The Nixon and Ford Administrations" and "The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford."

Tim Lyons, '69, has published his fourth book, "Good Guy Handbook: Comfort the Afflicted ... Afflict the Comfortable."



The "Good Guy Handbook" is 330 pages devoted to volunteerism, and begins as an invitation to become involved or increase our involvement in some form of not-for-profit activity.

"It discusses various causes, such as feeding the hungry, the environment, youth activities, prison ministry, supporting active duty military, etc. It then looks into what you can do individually or what you can accomplish by joining forces with established organizations," said Lyons.

The last section of the book, which is available at Amazon.com and goodguy-handbook.com, gives specific recommendations on improving one's skills in the volunteer world.

Tips are given on public speaking, running a meeting, managing and motivating other volunteers and selecting the appropriate fundraising program.

Lyons also enjoys writing songs and plays, some of which he posts on his website to be used as fundraisers.

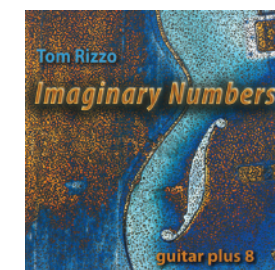
Veteran guitarist and composer **Tom Rizzo, '72**, and SBU professor of English **Rick Simpson, Ph.D.**, have teamed up to produce a new jazz album, "Imaginary Numbers." Originally released on a private label in December

Off the Shelf

2009, "Imaginary Numbers" was re-released by Origin Records in August 2010.

In mid-September, the album cracked the Top 50 Jazzweek Airplay and Roots Music Jazz Airplay charts.

"'Imaginary Numbers' has roots in musical collaborations back to the 1970s in western New York state, but it's as contemporary as the brilliant post-bop scene in Los Angeles," writes Simpson in the liner notes.



Now based in Los Angeles, Rizzo plays music from Gregorian Chant to BeBop, as well as pop, funk, folk, and world music. Originally a member of Doc Severinsen's fusion group Xebro, Rizzo was also a regular member of the Tonight Show Band, and he composed much of the music heard on the show during his tenure.

Simpson, who has played tenor sax since the age of 9, has taught jazz improvisation and the history of jazz for the University's visual and performing arts program, and is a well-known regional jazz musician.

"Imaginary Numbers" is available at amazon.com by CD and MP3 download, from origin-records.com and on iTunes.



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Your contribution will also ensure that the QCA can continue to present internationally recognized performers from the world of classical music, theater and dance at ticket prices affordable to our audiences.

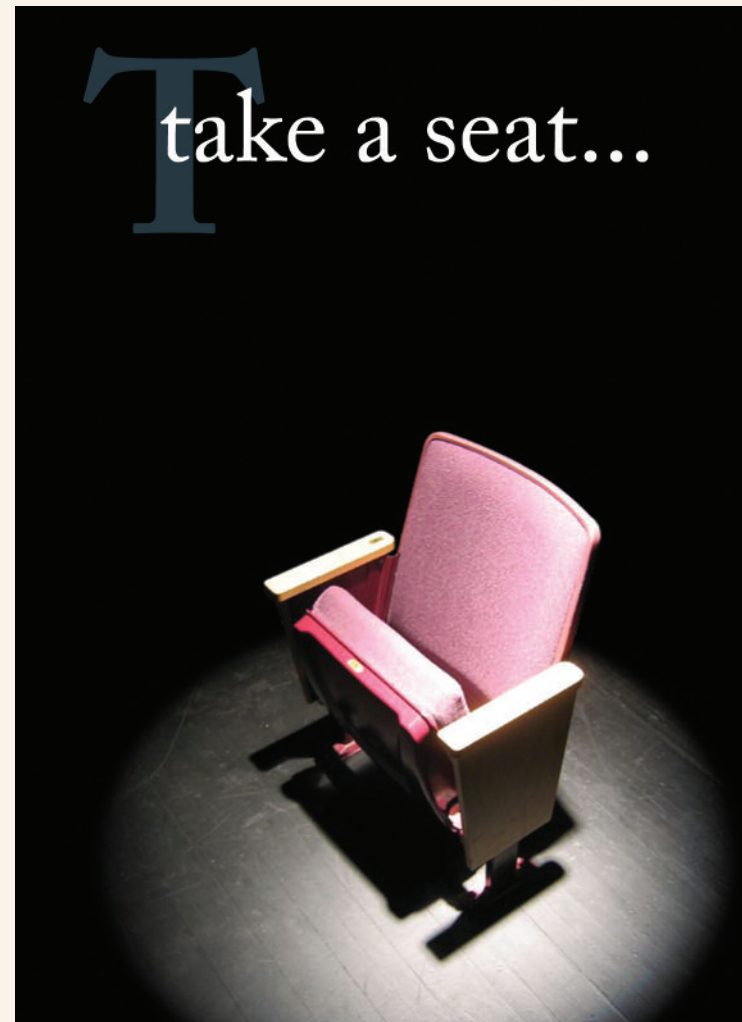
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Ramming Scholarship fuels careers in finance

By Tim Gross, '11

To his employees at the Electro Abrasive Corporation in Buffalo, he was a strong leader. To his family, he was a devoted husband and father.



manager for the abrasive division, a position he held for 18 years.

After the company decided to sell his division in 1987, Allan Ramming teamed with employees from the plant and investors to buy it, renaming it Electro Abrasives.

In 2009, Ramming's widow, Betty, and their daughter, Kristine Molek, established the Allan Douglas Ramming Annual Scholarship, which awards two \$5,000 yearly scholarships to help business students in financial need.

Allan Ramming graduated from Bonaventure in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in finance. After his passing in June 2003, Betty Ramming approached the University because she felt her husband's career had been built on the values he learned during his undergraduate years at St. Bonaventure.

She said she hopes the scholarships will help nurture in students the same Franciscan values her husband possessed.

Allan Ramming took those values to Carborundum, an abrasive product manufacturer, along with his Bonaventure degree. He served in the United States Air Force during the Pueblo Crisis in 1968, returning to the abrasive industry two years later.

He joined the Ferro Corporation, a performance materials company, as sales

In its first year, Electro Abrasives expanded to two plants: one that manufactured fine powders and one that crushed materials into macro grits used for products such as sandpaper and brake linings.

"He had a vision for what the company could achieve through strong leadership and employee involvement," Betty Ramming said, noting Allan's attention to the company's quality systems.

Their daughter, Kristine, researched boron carbide's domestic suppliers as an Alfred University student and pointed out the need for more sources in the U.S. Allan Ramming added a boron carbide crushing plant to process materials for customers such as the federal government.

Before Allan Ramming died of kidney cancer in 2003, his company expanded from 15 employees to 25 and manufactured 10 different product lines in hundreds of sizes.

He also groomed Kristine, hired as a

Betty Ramming said her husband's achievements extended beyond business minutiae.

"(Allan) was more than just a small-business owner," she said. "He helped many customers improve their products along the way, providing technical help, research from a ceramic engineer on staff, and samples of materials so that they, too, could grow and improve their processes."

Allan Ramming served as chairman of the Abrasive Grain Association, and was a member of the United Abrasive Manufacturing Association and The Refractories Institute. He was honored by Oxford's "Who's Who" from 1992-1993.

Betty Ramming said the two scholarships in his name honor him in another way.

"The family hopes the scholarship winners will reflect some of Allan's qualities — his steadfast forward thinking, his compassionate listening skills, his remarkable faith and spirit, and strong convictions that were so quietly spoken," she said.

(Tim Gross, '11, a senior in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, is editor-in-chief of *The Bona Venture*.)



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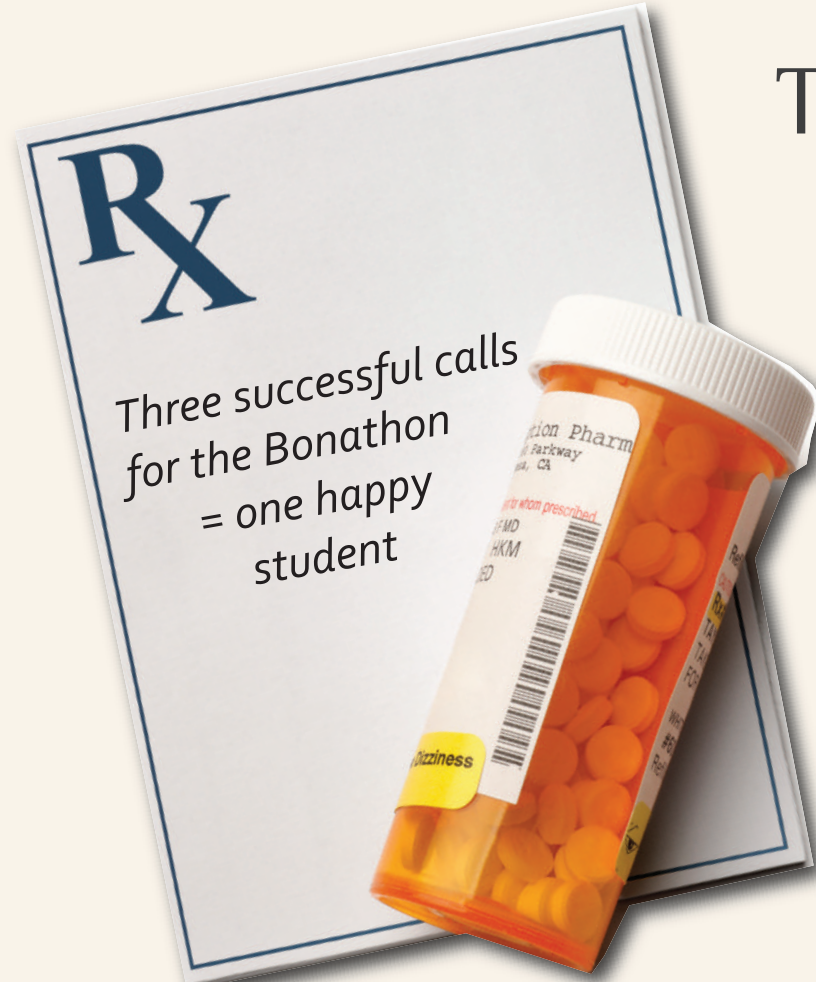


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this is just not the case. Our Advancement staff is conscious each and every day of benchmarks and goals needed to sustain the annual operating vitality of the University as they also work to increase the University's endowment.

St. Bonaventure's endowment totaled \$42.4 million at May 31, 2010, which is an increase of \$3.8 million from 2009. The Board of Trustees' asset allocation policy is structured for long-term growth while minimizing risk and achieving targeted annual returns.

"A healthy and growing endowment fund is one of the most important priorities for St. Bonaventure," said Brenda McGee, senior vice president for Finance and Administration. Gifts to the endowment help to ensure St. Bonaventure's long-term success while providing support for today's students, she added.

"While the pot of family funds is smaller these days, I continue to ask our donors if St. Bonaventure is among their top three philanthropies," said Mary Driscoll, associate vice president for Advancement. "This is usually a good indicator that the alumnus/a is a loyal donor who will continue to give or increase their gift if given a compelling reason. And what better reason than knowing you are helping the next generation of Bonaventure leaders?"

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Our students and their families are making huge sacrifices to come to St. Bonaventure. When you give to the University, you help share that burden.

It is interesting to note that during *The Anniversary Campaign for St. Bonaventure*, nearly 50 percent of our alumni participated. But when the advancement office assessed how many alumni participate on an annual level, the percentage is lower. St. Bonaventure alumni have been participating on an annual basis between 17-23 percent.

"This is still higher than the national average," said Andrea Bidell, director of the Annual Fund, "but we want to retain our donors from year to year. In order to do that, we have aligned nearly 80 alumni volunteers who will be helping the Bonaventure Fund during the year."

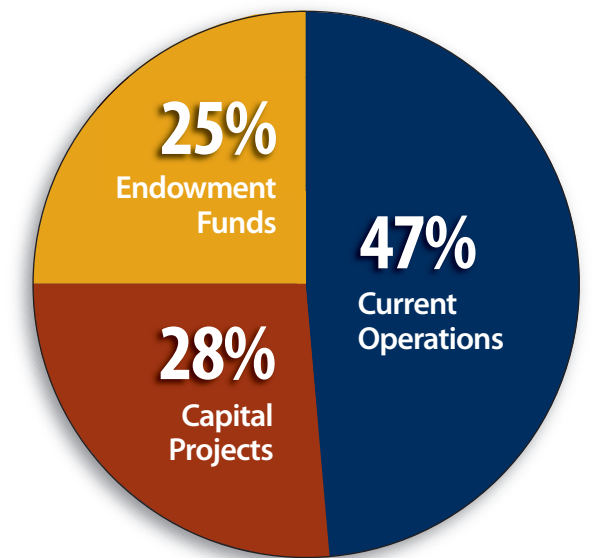
The University is also committed to raising donor retention. Presently, the retention rate is 70 percent; the Annual Fund Office would like to see that number increase to a minimum of 80 percent.

St. Bonaventure is relying more on The Bonaventure Fund, our annual appeal to alumni, parents and friends. This fund has historically contributed 5 percent to the University's operating revenue — just more than \$2.2 million — which allows the University to retain top students and faculty, but it continues to compete in a very tough environment.

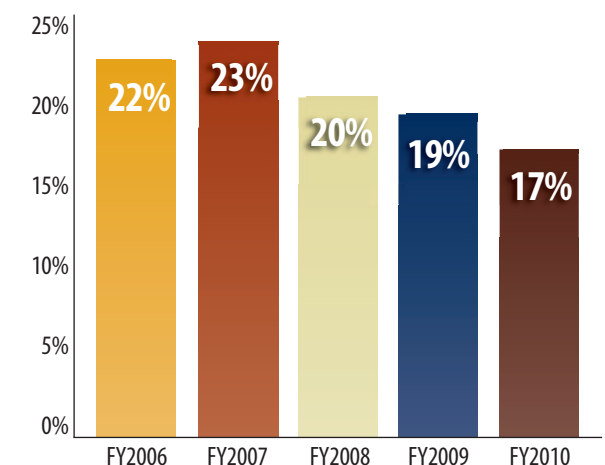
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The health of a person depends on a balanced diet, plenty of exercise, proper sleeping habits, and annual check-ups. The health of an organization involves a different set of indicators. How is financial health assessed and determined? For higher education institutions such as St. Bonaventure University, the answer can include many of the following:

- A strong endowment
- Large classes and higher-scoring students
- Program accreditation and marketable academic offerings
- High percentage of alumni donors
- Highly-credentialed, diversified faculty
- Robust grants and/or government relations activity
- Solid revenue streams and economic development

The University completed its most successful campaign in May 2009 with more than \$95 million raised.

What many alumni and friends don't realize is that funds raised during a campaign are usually spent on capital "bricks and mortar" projects, or invested by the University's endowment. Some folks think the University has \$95 million in surplus, but

The Future Faces of Health Care



COVER STORY

By Tom Donahue

St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Health Care Professions program alumni are charting a course for success

It was a day or two after the first block of exams at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in early October, and several students who arrived at GW through the dual admission or early assurance program with St. Bonaventure University were hanging out, talking.

Someone opened the St. Bonaventure website on his computer and there they were in a big photo on the home page: 10 recent St. Bonaventure graduates who are now attending medical school at GW — all sporting crisp white lab coats, all smiling proudly, and one, naturally, holding up a “Rock the Reilly” towel.

Across the bottom of the photo was the message “becoming prepared.”

“It’s funny,” said Tommy Zaikos, one of the students in the photo and one of the Bonnies in the room that day. “We had been talking about our transition from college to medical school and the exact words out of my mouth were, ‘we’re all better prepared.’”

“It’s odd to say — I mean, I don’t want to jinx myself — but I think all the other Bonaventure students share the same feeling that our first block of exams was actually kind of easy,” said Zaikos, a 2010 SBU graduate. “I think Bonaventure prepared us very well.”

It’s natural to wonder how you’ll do in medical school when you come from a college most of your classmates know little about.

“There are students here from MIT and Johns Hopkins,” said Zaikos. “And other students, who entered GW the same way I did, through an early assurance program, come from places like Maryland and other large colleges and universities throughout the country. They don’t come from 2,000-student colleges in the middle of Western New York. The fact that we have this program at St. Bonaventure is incredible.”

George Washington has no other joint BS/MD program with an undergraduate institution, so the dual admit program with St. Bonaventure is a big lure for high school students far and wide who recognize GW as one of the foremost medical institutions in North America.

But while it is the flagship program for medical school-bound students at St. Bonaventure, it is just one of several dual or combined degree opportunities under the university’s Franciscan Health Care Professions program.

<< AT LEFT: St. Bonaventure graduates pictured following the White Coat Ceremony at George Washington University are (front row, from left) Ashish Shah, Devin Patel, Shilpa Bansal, Christina Ling and Allison Gould, and (back row, from left) Shawn Sood, Arjun Sharma, Michelle Spears, John Bernett, and Tommy Zaikos. The August ceremony welcomed first-year medical students into The George Washington University Medical Center community.

There are also combined degree programs in medicine with SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, with campuses in Erie, Pa., and Bradenton, Fla.; a dual degree program with LECOM’s School of Pharmacy; a dual degree program with University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; and a dual degree program with Daemen College School of Physical Therapy.

Dual-degree students have a reserved seat in medical school awaiting them upon satisfactory completion of their undergraduate work at Bonaventure.

Requirements vary from school to school, but GW even waives the Medical College Admission Test requirement, making its dual admit program particularly inviting.

St. Bonaventure also has early assurance programs in medicine with GW and Upstate Medical. Students apply for early assurance after their sophomore year at Bonaventure and, if accepted, are guaranteed a seat in medical school when they graduate.

It’s natural for a small liberal arts college to have little name recognition beyond the limits of its traditional admissions recruitment area, but the Franciscan Health Care Professions program is helping to place St. Bonaventure on the “desired” list of prospective college students across the country.

There are 77 students, 29 of them freshmen, presently enrolled in dual degree and early assurance programs at St. Bonaventure, said Dr. Allen Knowles, Franciscan Health Care Professions director. And while most of those students come from the Northeast, the number includes students from California, Arizona, Florida and Michigan.

“Really, they’re from all over,” said Knowles. “And these are high quality applicants who have options.”

Many of them learn of St. Bonaventure from Medical School Admission Requirements, the premed student’s “bible” published annually by the Association of American Medical Colleges. Others land on the Bonaventure website after searching for dual degree programs.

Typically, they apply to multiple dual degree programs and they have a handful of acceptances from which to choose.

Many find themselves heading to St. Bonaventure for reasons that ring familiar with any alum.

Devin Patel, a first-year medical student at GW, grew up outside of Philadelphia. St. Bonaventure was one of a half-dozen schools with dual degree programs that he applied to.

“I really liked the feel when I visited,” said

Patel. “Everyone was so personable. It was a lot different from all the other interviews I had, just because everybody was so genuine and so interested in helping you out.”

John Bernett, another first-year GW medical student, applied to 15 schools with dual degree programs and was accepted at eight of them. The Sayre, Pa., native said St. Bonaventure presented “more of a family atmosphere. At some of the big schools, you were just a number and they pushed you through the process. At Bonaventure it was definitely more like a family.”

Brooke Blazius, a St. Bonaventure junior who has a seat at LECOM in Erie waiting for her when she graduates, grew up an hour north of Detroit.

“I applied to 11 colleges and about six were dual admission programs,” she said. “St. Bonaventure was the first to give me an interview — they responded quicker than anyone else. I always liked the idea of a smaller campus, smaller class sizes, more attention from teachers, so that was definitely a plus on paper. But when I came here I really loved how beautiful the area was and I just thought it was a place I could see myself for the next four years of my life.”

The architect of the Franciscan Health Care Professions program was Dr. Michael Domboski, a 1972 St. Bonaventure graduate who went on to earn a doctor of medical dentistry degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, then practiced in Olean for 22 years.

After selling his practice in 2000, Domboski mentioned to a neighbor that he’d like to do some teaching at a community college. The neighbor, Dr. Robert Harlan, professor of computer science at St. Bonaventure, urged him to contact then-dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. James White.

“Jim had heard something about these dual admission agreements — our sister school, Siena, had one with Albany Medical College — and wondered if I was willing to come down and look into it for St. Bonaventure,” said Domboski.

He would spend the next seven years establishing the eight dual degree and early assurance programs under the Franciscan Health Care Professions umbrella.



Pre-health care student Priya Singhal

Domboski first approached LECOM in Erie because of its close proximity to Bonaventure and because it already had dual degree programs with other schools. Using the Siena plan as a model, he secured contracts with LECOM for dual degree programs in osteopathic medicine and pharmacy.

Then he had a brainstorm. Some 30 years earlier, Domboski had done his three-year oral and facial residency at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., and a fellowship in facial plastic surgery at George Washington University School of Medicine.

"I was sitting in my office one day and thought, gee, I wonder if anybody's left that I had some contact with," he recalled. "So I wrote a cold letter to the dean of admissions at the medical school at GW."

A week later he got a letter from Diane McQuail, assistant dean of admissions at GW's School of Medicine and Health Sciences. "She said, 'ya know, we'd be very interested,'" said Domboski. George Washington had a dual BA/MD program with its own undergraduate school and was thinking of starting a BS/MD program.

No one was more surprised than Domboski at how quickly things fell into place. "Of all the contracts I've done, it was probably the easiest," he said.

"Within six weeks, I had a fully functional

program with them. We were going to be their bachelor of science/medical program.

"I think a lot of it was my relationship with them 30 years earlier ... but I was probably just in the right place at the right time," said Domboski.

It was more than serendipity that brought the schools together, said Dean McQuail.

"When Mike approached me I was intrigued, particularly since St. Bonaventure, as we do, has a mission of service," she said.

"Academic rigor is clearly important, but experience is important to us as well. Frankly, one of the concerns about dual degree programs is that kids come in and they don't do very much. They're in the program and they sort of coast through. They do really well academically but don't really push themselves to go outside the box to have other experiences. But the Bonaventure students absolutely do. The students we're getting from Bonaventure have done some interesting things."

The SBU-GW program is 4+4, meaning students must spend four years at St. Bonaventure before going to GW. But many dual admit students arrive at Bonaventure with a semester or more worth of AP and college credits.

Coast? As a Bonaventure undergraduate, Zaikos, a native of Ontario, Canada, was a four-year varsity soccer player, a tutor, lab assistant, summer researcher, and was named the Ideal Bonaventure Student at commencement.

In his four years at Bonaventure, Shawn Sood, '09, of Katy, Texas, earned both a bachelor's degree in biology and an MBA before heading to GW. First-year GW med student Shilpa Bansal, '10, of Bethpage, N.Y., started the Asian Students In Action club while at SBU. And Keelan O'Connell, '10, of Abilene, Texas, completed her undergraduate work in three years and is presently on a mission trip in East Timor before entering GW next fall.

Knowles, who followed Domboski as program director in November 2008, said service is part of the Franciscan Health Care Professions students' contract, but no arm-twisting is needed.

"I think it is something that is just in the warp and weft of the school," he said. "They participate in Bona Responds, Bona Buddies, the Warming House and spring break service trips, in addition to completing internship opportunities at Olean General Hospital, area nursing homes and daycare centers.

"We start when they are freshmen, saying, 'When you go to GW, what are you going to take with you other than A's in biology courses? What are you going to bring to their community of scholars that is going to make it a better place?'"

St. Bonaventure is doing things right, said Dean McQuail.

"Academic rigor is clearly important, but experience is important to us as well ... We're getting some great students from St. Bonaventure."

Diane McQuail
Assistant dean of admissions,
GW's School of Medicine and Health Sciences

"I can't say enough good things about it. I've run early selection and linkage programs for more than 20 years and this really is a well-oiled program," she said. "It's the work on the ground that you all have been doing – certainly Mike (Domboski), Allen (Knowles), everyone in Admissions, and everybody else that's supportive. They're wonderful people to work with, and it certainly seems that Bonaventure is a community that supports its students."

Perhaps the best endorsement of the Franciscan Health Care Professions program comes from the students themselves.

"The unique thing about Bonaventure is that it has so many of these programs that there is essentially a sub-community of students with pre-health contracts who have similar goals and interests," said Danielle Schenone, a Bonaventure

junior from Elmira who has a seat awaiting her at SUNY Upstate Medical. "We do tend to study together and interact together because we have that in common."

Knowles said the programs are also a lure for students who intend to take the traditional path to a medical career by applying to medical school after getting a bachelor's degree at Bonaventure.

"They see we have these connections with medical schools and assume we're doing something right," he said.

Students also cite as Bonaventure bonuses the \$13.5 million William F. Walsh Science Center that opened in 2008, small class sizes, and the opportunity to work closely with dedicated and approachable faculty.

"Right now, if I wanted to, I could go knock on the door of a biology professor or a chemistry professor, a Ph.D., and say, 'Hey, how'd your son's soccer game go, or what did you do this weekend — and by the way, can you explain what you were talking about in your lecture today?'" said Schenone. "There's no gate you have to cross, no teaching assistant you have to go to first. That's definitely a Bonaventure advantage."

Dr. Michael Fischer, provost and vice president for academic affairs at St. Bonaventure, said the university's ability to form and sustain relationships with prestigious medical schools is certainly a reflection of the energy and commitment of Drs. Domboski and Knowles, but it's much more.

"It's also an endorsement of our academic programs and the ability of our knowledgeable, caring and dedicated professors to prepare our students for the most challenging academic and professional pursuits that await them when they leave here," he said.

"And most importantly, I think that it speaks volumes about the quality of our students, that they are offered acceptance to top medical schools before they have even graduated from high school."

GW's Dean McQuail couldn't agree more. "We're getting some great students from St. Bonaventure," she said. "When they come here they're alive, very gracious, very interested. They're genuinely nice kids."



Thomas Walters looks at a culture in the lab at Olean General Hospital.

Pre-health students get A Healthy Dose of reality

By Tom Donahue

If some of the people in white coats at Olean General Hospital look too young to be physicians, they are. But give them time. Many will be putting "Dr." in front of their names in a few short years.

For now, these St. Bonaventure University students are participants in The Experience in Clinical Medicine, a program that gives students a close-up glimpse of life in a community hospital.

The brainchild of Timothy Finan, president and CEO of Upper Allegheny Health System, the parent company of Olean General and Bradford Regional hospitals, and Dr. Michael Domboski, creator and

former director of the Franciscan Health Care Professions program at St. Bonaventure, the hospital program has been in place since October of 2008.

The semester-long experience includes six clinical rotations at Olean General. Students visit the hospital once a week for observational rotations in the emergency and operating rooms, the lab, the cardiology and radiology units, and with hospitalists — physicians making inpatient rounds.

"It's an opportunity for premedical students to see what real medicine is like and how it is practiced," said Finan. "Most students won't receive this level of exposure until they are already in medical school."



Dr. Shoaib Asgher (center), a University at Buffalo family practice resident, talks with St. Bonaventure students Sandra Jenkins and James Lee during rounds at Olean General Hospital.

Hospital officials were surprised when they started looking for programs to model theirs after, said William Mills, senior vice president of quality and professional affairs at OGH.

"We did a lot of Internet searching and I talked with several folks around the country who did similar things, but no place really had a kind of structured approach to this," said Mills.

"Our thought was that this would not only be an opportunity for combined degree students in St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Health Care Professions program to see things firsthand, but that it might serve as a differentiator on the medical application of a traditional premed student."

The Experience in Clinical Medicine is a shadowing program, but with a shot of adrenalin.

"We refer to it as an observational experience, but it really goes deeper than that," said Mills. "For instance, when students go into the operating room they'll change their clothes and go to the sink where one of the staff will teach them how to scrub, and while they're doing that they have a list of objectives that they'll talk about: why they're scrubbing, what sterile procedure entails. After they're scrubbed they'll go into the OR and observe what-

ever's going on, from colon surgery to putting tubes in a kid's ears to an orthopedic procedure of a joint replacement."

In addition to the hospital component, the program includes classroom sessions back at Bonaventure led by University Ministries team members in which students are asked to consider their hospital experience "through the lens of Franciscan values," said Dr. Allen Knowles, who succeeded Dr. Domboski as director of the Franciscan Health Care Professions program in 2008.

The program continues to be reshaped, said Knowles, and there are plans to change it from a voluntary offering to a credit course. "Having that hospital connection, being able to put people in there in several venues, is important," he said.

Hospital CEO Finan, who sits on the university's Board of Trustees and whose father, Professor Austin Finan, taught finance at St. Bonaventure for 42 years, agrees. "I'm thrilled with it. It's great for St. Bonaventure students and it adds a lot of vibrancy to the hospital," he said.

Alice Georgetso, a senior from East Amherst who plans to pursue a master's in public health after she graduates from St. Bonaventure, then apply to medical school, said the program is helping her chart her future.

"The most effective way to learn about what area of health care interests you is to be immersed in that environment, and the OGH experience does just that," she said.

Sophomore James Lee of San Marino, Calif., a combined degree student headed to Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) after Bonaventure, said the program has helped him zero in on the kind of physician he wants to be. "I was fortunate enough to experience many departments in Olean General," said Lee. "In the Emergency Department, I shadowed the attending physician who was compassionate and professional at the same time, which I really admire and hope to emulate."

The program is making a difference, said Mills.

"You can't really sell the idea that if you take this course you're going to end up in med school, but I know for a fact that it helped one of the students now at LECOM," he said. "I had a conversation with the dean there who said that the student was able to articulate some of the things she learned from our program and it bumped her up off their wait list to an accepted position. It made a difference because it showed that this was a motivated student who wanted to go above and beyond."



A HUMANE TOUCH

From the classroom to the operating room, learn how SBU faculty and alumni are making an impact

By Andrea Westerlund, '10

On any given day, Dr. Julie Hens can be found in the Walsh cellular biology lab, wearing her signature frog-print lab coat, mentoring students on mammary gland physiology.

Even though October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, this disease is in the forefront of Hens' mind a majority of the year. Undergraduate students in tow, the St. Bonaventure assistant professor of biology performs cell cultures, histology sections, and micro-dissections to try and discover what effect the absence of certain proteins may have on breast cancer and mammary gland development using mice as her model organism.



Some of these terms may be confusing to non-biologists but the results of Hens' research are easy to understand. "[This research] will help characterize the kind of breast cancer because breast cancer has all kinds of reasons for forming," says Hens. She also states that

being able to correctly identify the type of breast cancer will make it easier to assign an appropriate treatment for it, which will increase efficiency of treatment.

The mice that provide the basis of Hens' research are what Hens describes as "knock-out mice." These mice don't possess the proteins that Hens and her students are studying, such as cadherin-11 or CTGF. This allows for her to research the effect that the absence of these proteins has on mammary gland development.

Although Hens enjoys working with undergraduate students, she admits that some adjustments must be made. "[The research] takes a lot longer because everyone is taking classes so they only have a certain amount of time," she said.

She is trying to create an environment that allows for students to learn from one another. She tries not to enlist all new students at once, allowing the more seasoned students to aid the newcomers. This semester, Hens is teaching "Genetics" and "Junior Seminar." In the spring, her course load will include "Developmental Biology" and "Molecular Cell Biology."

Presently, Hens is working to receive outside funding to expand her research opportunities. This year she is expecting to receive a confocal microscope, which will allow for much more precise



Dr. Julie Hens joined the St. Bonaventure faculty in 2007 and holds a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Maryland.

observation. The microscope costs close to half a million dollars but will allow students to view live tissue. "You can take tissue and watch things move around in there," Hens describes excitedly.

It is clear, even to an audience whose interest in science may end with the Discovery Channel, that Hens' research is not only exciting but useful. Right on the St. Bonaventure campus there is thrilling research taking place, with the help of undergraduate students, which may change the approach that physicians take toward treating breast cancer.

Watch a slideshow of images from Dr. Hens' lab: www.sbu.edu/bonamag



CHARLES E. CHAMBERS, M.D., '76 HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER

By Beth Eberth

With a surname like Chambers and a pre-med adviser named Hartman, Charles E. Chambers, M.D., '76, may have been destined for a career in cardiology.

Since 1987, he has been on staff at the Hershey Medical Center of the Penn State University College of Medicine where he has been director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories since 1994, and professor of medicine and radiology with tenure since 2002.

Center, he is in charge of the policies and procedures as well as quality assurance for the laboratory.

A clinical cardiologist with a busy practice, Chamber also spends several days a week in the cardiac catheterization laboratory doing procedures.

He participates in clinical research as well as teaching medical students during their clinical rotations, the internal medicine residents during their cardiology rotations, and the cardiology fellows in preparation to be cardiologists.

Rob classmates. Of the 84 guys on the floor in the fall of '72, 36 were freshmen.

"It was a tremendous group of guys ... we won freshman basketball (tournaments) and it was a great start and gave me a support group that I really needed for the four years. I knew I needed to study really hard for the grades, and with a job on weekends I was limited with spare time, but the guys in the dorm were always great to me. They made feel good about myself and I will never forget them for that," added Chambers.

He had similar experiences with SBU faculty and staff.

"Dr. Ronald Hartman was my med school adviser and had a large impact on my career in medicine. Also, Fr. Dan Hurley, O.F.M., was a tremendous mentor. I never would be where I am today without him," Chambers said.

Chambers said he was quiet during his first two years at SBU, where he "studied my butt off" and worked weekends at the Cattaraugus County Nursing Home. Then he applied for an RA position.

"Fr. Dan took me under his wings and gave me the support and assisted me with the needed self-confidence that was essential not only as an RA but for my medical career," he said.

Chambers graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School with subsequent training in internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and cardiology at the University of Vermont.

He said few patients actually call attention to his last name, "but I frequently tell them how to remember me, as the 'heart having Chambers.'"

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MICHAEL RAUH, M.D., '95 UNIVERSITY ORTHOPAEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

By Tom Missel



Michael Rauh remembers when he first thought about becoming a doctor.

"I have this picture from a field trip to a Syracuse hospital when I was in second grade," said Rauh. "I was decked out in the scrubs and hat and mask and I thought, 'Wow, this is really cool. I think I might want to do this some day.'"

Rauh moved in third grade to Orchard Park, where he now works at UBMD Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, one of 18 practices under the umbrella of the University at Buffalo's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

The UBMD model means Rauh, SBU class of 1995 and a graduate of UB's medical school, also teaches; he's an assistant clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery. As a clinical professor, much of his time teaching takes place while he's working.

"A lot of the instruction is right in the operating room," Rauh said. "A much smaller percentage of my time teaching is in a classroom setting."

A specialist in sports medicine, Rauh worked with the Browns, Indians and Cavaliers while doing a fellowship at the renowned Cleveland Clinic in 2006-2007. He's now the team physician for the Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League.

His residency in Buffalo was in general surgery, but the sports medicine field intrigued him.

"I just felt it was an expanding field, with better opportunities," Rauh said. "The ability to stay on the cutting edge of research meant a lot."

The days of having to open up the knee for almost any injury passed long before Rauh began practice, but surgical advances haven't slowed down.

"Just in the last 10 years we've made great progress in shoulder and knee arthroscopy," Rauh said. "We're currently working on computer assistance for reconstructions and osteotomies."

"We have the ability to put in infrared trackers, kind of like a remote control, that get pushed into the femur and tibia bones so that we can ... look at alignment and angles and instability. Things that were only able to be felt by a surgeon's



hands can now actually be quantified, which we hope will improve surgical outcomes."

Rauh treasures his experience at Bonaventure, where he was one of the first three students to earn a degree in biochemistry. (Dr. Sal Pacella is a California plastic surgeon, and Dr. Stacy Dacosta Byfield is a senior researcher at i3 Innovus.)

"When I see patients ... I treat them like they are my own family. Being a doctor is about building relationships," Rauh said. "That's what Bonaventure is really about — relationship building, with all the people in your major, with your professors, and with all the other students."

"A successful medical practice is not just about treating an injury, it's about creating a trust irrespective of the outcome. Your patients want to be able to trust that you're doing the right thing."

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Dr. Charles E. Chambers (left) is pictured with colleagues from Hershey Medical Center.

"I thought initially — and still do — that it would be a challenging and exciting career with many divergent opportunities and the potential to make a difference in people's lives," said Chambers.

A cardiologist who chose invasive cardiology, Chambers does diagnostic and interventional procedures on patients within their cardiovascular system, predominantly diagnostic heart catheterizations and therapeutic coronary artery procedures such as stents.

As director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Hershey Medical

He said he has also been fortunate to participate in writing groups and committees for the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention (SCAI), the primary organization for invasive/interventional cardiologist.

"My main interests have been in the quality area and radiation safety," said Chambers.

Reflecting on his undergraduate years at St. Bonaventure, Chambers described himself as a shy freshman who was drawn into the camaraderie of his 1st



THOMAS HOOK, '84 GREATBATCH INC.

By Tom Missel

Tom Hook is glad he didn't have a clue in college. "I always find it amazing that people at 18 think they know what they want to do because I had absolutely no idea," said Hook, class of 1984 and president and CEO of Western New York-based Greatbatch Inc. "Maybe I was enlightened enough to keep an open mindset. That's why I really liked Bona's. As a small liberal arts institution, it kept all my doors open to me."

A math and chemistry major at Bonaventure, Hook went on to earn master's degrees from UB and Vanderbilt before serving in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear engineer.

"The Navy gave me a chance to expand my technology base but still be in a pretty exciting job," said Hook, a native of Kenmore, N.Y., who then worked for Duracell USA for six years before founding the Van Owen Group Acquisition Company in 1997.

"I had owned a lot of companies and sold them all, but because of a non-compete (clause), I couldn't go back and work in the electronics industry so I had to find a new industry," he said. "As I got older, I realized that working on things that were significant to mankind was important so, for me, health care kind of stood out."

Hook worked for GE Medical Systems (now GE Healthcare) and CTI Molecular Imaging before being named president of Greatbatch in 2005; he added CEO to his title in 2006.



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The business acumen Hook brought to a traditionally slow-paced industry has helped Greatbatch become one of the nation's leading medical technology companies. The company has acquired 10 med-tech companies in the last 12 years — six since 2007.

Wilson Greatbatch co-invented the pacemaker in 1960, "but the company he founded 40 years ago was to develop batteries for medical devices," Hook said. "That's still 10 to 15 percent of our sales, but the company today is very broad-ranging, from vascular and orthopaedics to neurology."



Greatbatch spends roughly \$50 million annually on research and development.

HealthNow New York asked Hook to join its board of directors in 2009, and in June he was appointed board chair of HealthNow, BlueCross BlueShield's parent company.

"This is a great opportunity to work in the health industry to facilitate change, to get higher standards of care and best practices out to the public sooner," Hook said.

Not bad for a guy who didn't know what he wanted to do in college.

"Even having zero experience in health care, I felt extremely well prepared based on the education I received at Bonaventure," Hook said. "I learned how to learn there. Bonaventure taught me how to be a good student, a good listener, a good learner. Once you get good at learning, not a whole lot can inhibit you."

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AMY (BURLESON) SULLIVAN, Psy.D., '99 MELLEN CENTER FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

By Beth Eberth

Amy (Burleson) Sullivan doesn't have to look far to connect the dots between the camaraderie and teamwork experienced on the St. Bonaventure women's basketball team and her career as a psychologist.

Sullivan said the principles she learned as a student-athlete at St. Bonaventure continue to guide her on a new team, a group of specialists at Cleveland Clinic's Mellen Center who treat people with multiple sclerosis.

"St. Bonaventure really prepares you for the real world. I was a well-rounded student athlete and learned how to focus and be a team player. Those are values I have put to work in my own clinical practice, and things I teach the students I mentor. I think the world of Bonaventure," said Sullivan, a member of the class of 1999.

One of the top four medical institutions in the nation, Cleveland Clinic has broken down its services into institutes and centers, where interdisciplinary teams work toward the complete treatment of a patient. So in the Mellen Center for Multiple Sclerosis, a patient can not only receive his MRI, but also see his neurologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist and other specialists.

MS is a chronic and disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system.



Learn more about the Mellen Center for MS my.clevelandclinic.org/multiple_sclerosis_center

"A lot of my patients struggle with chronic pain, and staying on track in terms of treatment," explained Sullivan.

She helps them work through those issues while they learn how to adapt their illness to their career and home life. She is also able to utilize her athletic background and go to the gym with her patients as they undergo physical therapy.

An undergraduate psychology major with a concentration in chemistry, Sullivan has always had an interest in health care, "but I can't stand the blood," she joked.

"I come from a family of 11 dentists. I knew I wanted to do something in health

care; the best way to do that was to combine health care and psychology," she said.

The impact of St. Bonaventure's faculty on Sullivan began her first day on campus and continues today.

The basketball player from southern Ohio had gone on recruiting visits at several schools, but fell in love with Bona's when she walked into the Reilly Center. She knew she'd made her decision after attending a class taught by Fr. Peter Schneible, O.F.M., assistant professor of biology.

"He asked a lot of questions about what I wanted to do with my career. There was no other school that matched the warmth I felt there," she said.

Sullivan credits Dr. Robin Valeri, professor of psychology, with helping her develop her research skills, necessary today to administer a research program where she looks at the outcomes of her patients.

"She helped guide my research foundation," Sullivan said.

Sullivan earned a doctorate in psychology from Argosy University in Atlanta, completed an internship at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and a residency in Health Psychology/Pain Management at Cleveland Clinic.

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For decades, St. Bonaventure alumni have made their mark on medicine. From anesthesiology to pathology, here is a quick look at practices where SBU grads can be found.

Anylam Pharmaceuticals	Central Florida Foot Care	Lehigh Valley Hospital	Phoenix Endocrinology Clinic Limited	University of Minnesota
Advanced Healthcare	Children's Hospital in Boston	Merck & Co.	Rochester General Hospital	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Albany Medical College	Columbus Hospital	Modular Genetics	Southeast Denver Pediatrics, PC	U.S. Army Dental Corps
Animal Hospital of Sullivan County	Duke University Medical Center	North Syracuse Health Center	School of Dental Medicine Univ. of Buffalo	UT Southwestern Medical Center
Atlanta Dental Wellness Center	Fairfax Anesthesiology Associates	Pennsylvania Neurologic Association	Temple University Hospital	Veterans Administration Hospital
Baptist Retirement Center	Genesee Valley Chiropractic Care	Pennsylvania State University	St. Vincent Health Center	West Virginia University Hospital
Cardiovascular Group of Syracuse	Johnson & Johnson		SUNY at Buffalo	White House



XIAO-NING ZHANG, PH.D. ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

By Andrea Westerlund

Curiosity is the essence of education. This is what Dr. Xiao-Ning Zhang of St. Bonaventure's Department of Biology believes, and much of the reason she includes undergraduates so extensively in her research. "[Scientists] are not weird people. We do science because it's fun for us and we want to share this view with students," states Zhang.

Zhang's research relates to the Arabidopsis plant, or "mouse-ear" cress. The cress is a "model organism," which means the knowledge gained from studying it can easily be applied to many other organisms. Specifically, the research observes RNA splicing in the Arabidopsis. This is a naturally occurring function in all living things, including humans. However, if mutations occur during this process, it may lead to some serious malfunctions in the entire system. For example, such mutations can cause cystic fibrosis in humans.

In addition to the main project that studies different regulating factors in the splicing network, Zhang and her students also apply outside variables to the Arabidopsis to study the RNA splicing process. One student, Alex

Joseph, is studying how different concentrations of salt and sugar affect the growth of the seedlings and how germination will occur because of it.

When asked about the practical application of her research, Zhang responds emphatically: Wellness.



"I don't think it matters what career path these students choose, they really have the opportunity to explore and then to wonder and to be curious about things. I think that's the essence of education," says Dr. Xiao-Ning Zhang (above, left). She's pictured in the lab with SBU students Jill Remick (front) and Kevin Cilano. **BELOW:** Students Sinead Coleman and Jason Chien.

"Plants are at the bottom of the chain of life and without plants, humans would cease to exist," Zhang says. She believes that understanding that fact will lead to a better environment and ultimately a better life for all human beings.

Just as the applications of Zhang's research are infinite, so are the possibilities for every student who joins her in the lab. Zhang wants her students to enjoy the lab experience.

"If you don't enjoy something, you're not going to do it for the rest of your life," she reasons. She also thinks that lab work can help to reinforce the knowledge students have gained from textbooks and in classes.

Some students even receive a salary for their work in the lab. Thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation, Zhang is able to pay some students a salary, with priority going to seniors. Juniors who are patient and remain with the program until their senior year will then receive the same benefits.

Many people may imagine research, especially of the magnitude that Zhang is conducting, to take place in a distant and intimidating laboratory. However, there are undergraduate students participating in exciting research right on our own campus and the benefits are tremendous.

One of the key capacities she hopes for students to develop is to have an open mind.

"If you don't have an open mind, you're not going to do good science. And it's not just for your own sake, it's for the sake of everybody," says Zhang.

Zhang's ongoing research is supported by an award (0950158) from the National Science Foundation.

(Westerlund, an English major from Lakewood, N.Y., plans to graduate from St. Bonaventure in December 2010. She has been accepted into Masters of Publishing Program at Pace University in New York City.)



Watch a slideshow of images from Dr. Zhang's lab: www.sbu.edu/bonamag

THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

By Anne-Marie Welsh

You'd think it would be enough for a young optometrist to travel to some of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere — Haiti, Jamaica, Guatemala, Cuba, Trinidad — on mission trips for a few weeks a couple of times a year.

You'd think Dr. Doug Villella, O.D., '78, would be satisfied knowing he and his colleagues were changing lives by preventing the blindness glaucoma can cause, examining thousands of patients over the years and providing glasses and medication to people who would otherwise have no access to eye care.

But he was not.

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Written by Anne-Marie Welsh*
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 Guatemalan photos and captions by Rich and Lisa Gensheimer

Even for a young man with an adventurous heart, you'd think it might be enough to doggedly pursue a connection with a complete stranger, Vincent Pescatore, who was running orphanages for the children of civil war victims in Guatemala, then hop into a tiny airplane with him and fly out of a cow pasture into the unknown.

At one point Pescatore had to navigate through two mountain peaks because the plane didn't have enough get-up-and-go to actually make it over the range.

When they got to the remote rainforest outpost, Vilella and his team provided basic care to hundreds of children who had never been seen by an eye doctor.

You'd think maybe then he'd be satisfied that he was doing enough.

Fortunately for the thousands and thousands of patients now being served by the permanent eye clinics Vilella has helped to establish in Guatemala, he was not. And, of course, he's not done yet.

It's a fascinating, spirit-infused story of trust. We all have dreams and passions.

What is it that allows Vilella to live his so fully? What goes on inside as he stares down one obstacle after another?

And how has the Erie, Pa., optometrist grown through this incredible adventure?

From the beginning, there were amazing, synchronous events. There was the intense, first mission trip to Haiti as he neared the end of his studies in optometry that followed the completion of his undergraduate degree in biology from St. Bonaventure.

"I went along because I was interested in travel," Vilella admits. "I had no idea I would want to be involved forever."

After graduation from Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Vilella left the Philadelphia area.

A year later, he made a spur-of-the-moment decision to get off I-95 as he drove past his old stomping grounds to

see if he could say hello to Fr. Tony, a Franciscan who ran the St. Francis Inn soup kitchen.

Vilella had frequently sought him out for dinner and considered him a friend and role model during his years of study.

The priest known to Vilella as "Fr. Tony" is today known as Fr. Bob Struzynski, O.F.M. Fr. Bob is now a member of the Mt. Irenaeus community and was a member of the theology faculty and Campus Ministry when Vilella attended St. Bonaventure.

"I pulled in, and he was two minutes from getting in his car," says Vilella. "He had just closed down the operation after seven years, and was leaving to begin missionary work in Jamaica."

He shakes his head at the memory. "Three minutes later and I would have missed him."

So it was another year later Vilella found himself in Jamaica. "I went so I could understand Fr. Tony's work," Vilella says.

"I spent the week sharing in the community and prayer life of several priests at the mission. I witnessed how they immersed themselves in the culture." Fr. Tony's ability to break down barriers made an impression on Vilella.

"He didn't want to be a priest handing out food and clothing in a church," Vilella says. "I appreciated the degree to which he wanted to be present to the people he served."

The Jamaican experience stayed with Vilella as he traveled to a handful of developing nations on mission trips twice a year over the next few years. It was a heady feeling to take the skills he had been taught and use them for people in dire need.

"There was a lot of empowerment for us and for the people we served," he says. "But as I look back on it, we were completely shrouded in naiveté."

Eventually, an unsettled feeling grew in Vilella.

"I began to wonder if I was serving my own needs more than the needs of the people," he says. He sensed a call to do more, even though it wasn't clear what that might mean.

And then in 1995, an encounter with a family in Guatemala changed everything.

On one of his mission trips, Vilella was caring for people at a temporary clinic set up in Guatemala. As usual, people were coming from miles around for eye care.

At one point, he happened to see an elderly man guided by his two sons as they arrived in the courtyard outside the clinic. He guessed they had been walking for at least two days.

"Without even bringing him into the clinic, I could tell right away that we would not be able to help him," Vilella says. "He had dense cataracts and we were not prepared to offer surgery."

His heart sank.

Sure, he could share information about surgery options in Guatemala City.



Doug Vilella's firsthand experience convinced him of the importance of establishing permanent, local eye clinics in developing nations.

But that was a 10-hour bus ride away.

"They did not know much about life beyond their village," Vilella explains. "It was not realistic to think they would even be able to find their way to the hospital." At that point, he was angered by the thought he was doing more harm than good.

"I knew that if another team came to the area in the future, perhaps with a surgeon, this man and his sons would not return. What would make them think the journey would be worthwhile?" he asks.

So Vilella was open to new answers. At the end of that same week, he finally got through to Vincent Pescatore using the one phone in the village. They made arrangements for Vilella and two colleagues to meet Pescatore in that cow pasture/air strip the next day.

"I had no idea why I was visiting him," says Vilella, who had been encouraged to call by a friend adopting children from Pescatore's orphanage. But the two formed an instant connection and had several important conversations in the one day they had together.

"Vincent said, 'I need you to build an eye

clinic,'" Vilella remembers. "He didn't say, 'Could you, or would you,' he said, 'I need you to.' But he was completely transparent, a holy man."

Vilella says Pescatore always went 10 steps beyond what he'd ever seen anybody do when seeking God's help prayerfully.

"He didn't just pray and fast, he slept on the floor," Vilella says.



The life of 5-year-old Gerson Estuard changed dramatically when Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (now Vision for the Poor) paid for surgery needed to address his congenital glaucoma. Dr. Nicholas Yee performed the surgery at the Pescatore Clinic in Guatemala.

"So my response wasn't, 'Let me think about it.' Because of who he was and what he was, I immediately said, 'OK, we'll do it.'"

Looking back, Vilella says it was almost comical.

"I had no skill other than taking care of people's eyes," he says. "No grant writing, no fundraising, no idea about what it takes to run a nonprofit. But I still didn't hesitate."

Returning to Erie, Pa., Vilella brought the news to board members of what was then called Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (now Vision for the Poor).

"That was the beginning of a struggle that continues today," he says, acknowledging a challenging divide between those who wanted to move forward with the clinic and those who preferred an emphasis on shorter mission trips.

Vilella and Pescatore met several times in 1995, both here and abroad. But in 1996, Pescatore perished in a plane crash in Honduras where he was building another orphanage.

So early in the process, how did this affect Vilella's commitment? He struggles for words as he considers the moment.

"Vincent had such a positive influence on everyone he met, you wanted to honor his life," he says.

"He believed his vision was God's vision. He was about creating the kingdom of God here on earth. The message was simple: The people in the developing world deserve health care services. So to honor his life, we carried on his mission."

Pescatore had introduced Vilella to Dr. Antonio Hernandez, a native Guatemalan eye doctor who was interested in working with the rural poor.



"My wife and family have been integral to my work," says Dr. Doug Vilella, enjoying a moment in the backyard with his step-daughter Amanda, son Anthony and his wife, Holly.

Vilella called the International Eye Foundation about grant money; the director he happened to speak to said there was only one doctor he knew of in Guatemala who would be suited to the kind of work Vilella was looking to establish: Antonio Hernandez.

So with the first serious grant in hand, space was rented, and once a month Hernandez left his practice in Guatemala City to serve the people in the rainforest.

Eventually Hernandez brought two more doctors into the effort and Vilella continued to hone his skills as a fundraiser back in the United States.

Vilella kept trying to listen through prayer.

"So often we have our eyes on a goal and we try swimming upstream to get there," he says. "But grace doesn't flow that way. Now I've quit swimming and I go with the flow. I still bump into rocks along the way, but I also find ways around them. The challenge is, you never really know where you are going or what's around the bend."

Over time, things began coming together.

"Right about the day I was ready to pull my hair out — we were floundering at the end of the '90s — a friend of mine who works at a foundation came in for an eye exam. I was chatting about the clinic and he said, 'I'm a grant writer, can I help you?'" Vilella chuckles: "You'd think by now I wouldn't worry about things at all!" he says.

In 2004, with the help of grants from the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and numerous individual benefactors, the Pescatore Eye Clinic opened in Petén where Vincent had wanted to build. It's a state-of-the-art facility addressing all eye care needs from new eye glasses to cataract surgery and corneal transplants.

But Vilella is even more excited about what he believes the future holds.

Next on the agenda are similar clinics in Haiti and Nicaragua, where surgeons in those countries are building infrastructure. In fact, plans are in place for 15 clinics in eight countries using the Guatemalan model.

"We are by no means secure in our efforts to raise the money we will need," Vilella says, "especially in this economy."

But then he thinks back on the events of the past 20 years. "As always," he says, with a shrug of the shoulders, "that is out of our hands."



National Alumni Association

Ensuring healthy alumni chapters

A Message from National Alumni Association Board President Lynda (Goldstein) Wilhelm, '86

The theme of this magazine edition is health care. For each of us, our years at St. Bonaventure included a nurturing network of friends, friars and faculty. Today, as alumni, our circles have widened. Mind, body, spirit, schools, finances, communities and more impact our health.



What I'd like to focus on is community health and how our close-knit family of 25,000+ alumni worldwide can strengthen the growth and health of St. Bonaventure alumni chapters.

March 26, 2011, will mark the second annual International Day of Service. This day engages alumni from Olean, N.Y., to Singapore to Austin, Texas.

The lifeline of our alumni is pumping across the world on this day and we need your help to keep it pumping.

How can you help?

- Mark March 26, 2011, on your calendar.
- Contact your alumni chapter president to discuss plans for this big day. Offer your suggestions and volunteer.
- If there is no plan yet for your chapter, or if you're not sure you are connected

to a chapter, contact our Alumni Director, Joe Flanagan (jflan@sbu.edu), to find out more details.

Studies have shown that helping your community helps you — volunteering for a good cause improves mood, strengthens body and lessens stress. I know this is true for me, and every time I give my time to others in need, I walk away with more than I gave.

So let's all pitch in to help St. Bonaventure University's second annual International Service Day be a big success. Let's show the world what it means to be a strong Bonaventure alum!

BonAlumnus Updates

1949 — John O. Grippo, BS, DDS, FACD, adjunct faculty professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Western New England College of Springfield, Mass., assisted in obtaining a grant of \$393,450 from the National Science Foundation. The grant will be used to acquire a scanning probe microscope (atomic force microscope) and an electrodynamic test instrument (mechanical fatigue instrument) to support biomedical materials and mechanics research.

1950 — Richard F. Mayer, M.D., continues as professor emeritus in the Department of Neurology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, overseeing Neurology Fellows in the Clinical Neuromuscular Laboratory at the UMD Medical Center.

Reunion 2011 **1951 — Robert J. Blake** writes that he is still playing tennis a few days a week and he welcomed his first great-grandson in March.

1960 — Cal Marquis, after almost 50 years in Washington, D.C., has relocated to Sarasota, Fla.

1962 — Bob McCully was named an Educator of Distinction for Maine by the Coca Cola Scholarship Foundation.

1964 — Dr. Anthony Bannon has become the longest-standing director in the history of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, which was founded in 1947. Bannon assumed his current post in 1996. His 14 years at the helm surpasses that of the six past directors, including famed photo historian and curator Beaumont Newhall, who held the post the second longest, for 13 years from 1958



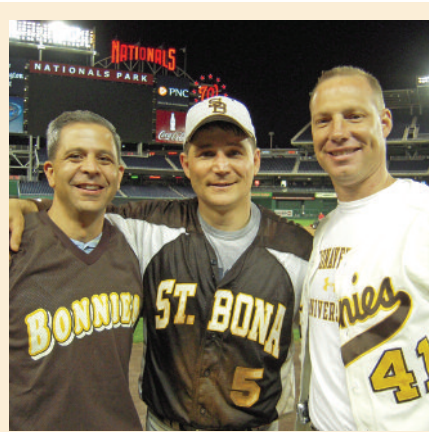
to 1971. Bannon's time at Eastman House has been eventful, with the launch of three world-renowned post-graduate photographic and film preservation schools; the creation of alliances with museums and collectors clubs in major U.S. cities; the digitization of collections and launch of aggressive social-media campaigns to share Eastman House's unparalleled collections with the world; and the most-attended exhibitions in the museum's 63-year histo-

ry. Recent Bannon and Eastman House projects include organizing with Kodak "Photo Week" at Chautauqua Institution (July 25-30, 2010); bestowing the George Eastman Medal of Honor upon filmmaker Ken Burns and his writing partner, Geoffrey C. Ward, at Eastman House on Aug. 13; and co-curating a new exhibition opening Sept. 9 at the 1285 Avenue of the Americas Art Gallery titled "60 from the 60s: Selections from George Eastman House." International plans Bannon is spearheading include the creation of satellite schools in South Korea and Qatar. Bannon has been recognized as CEO of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America, Rochester Chapter, and was named Outstanding Arts Administrator of the Year by Buffalo's Chamber of Commerce and Arts Council.

Reunion 2011 **1966 — Frank Higbie** recently celebrated his birthday and now his age is the same as the year he graduated from Bona's. He has been doing quite a bit of traveling: He was able to see Bona's play basketball in Charlotte, N.C., and he and his wife, Lois, flew to Bristol, England, as well as to the Olympic Peninsula northwest

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BonAlumnus Updates



Baseball alums hit it off in D.C.

Three former Bonnies baseball players — (from left) Glenn Hamel, '93, John Bocchieri, '92, and Chris Paglia, '92, — and their families got together in Washington, D.C., last summer. The trio is shown at National Stadium, site of the annual Roll Call Congressional Baseball Game. Bocchieri, a congressman from Ohio, was co-MVP of the 2010 matchup as the Dems defeated the Republicans. "Finally, one of us gets to play on a Major League baseball field!" mused Paglia. Bocchieri was also able to arrange White House tours for the Hamel and Paglia families during their D.C. visit.



A rugby reunion

This trio of former rugby players made plans to meet, renew Bona ties and attend the 35th St. Bonaventure Rugby Reunion in May. Pictured from left are Tom Morini, '77; Charles Bivona, '77; and John Pearson, '78. All three were club members back in the beginning days of rugby at SBU.

of Seattle where they visited Higbie's Bona's roommate Joe Ryan. A trip to Florida allowed him to visit another distinguished "Ryan" classmate, Jack. Higbie participated in a community theater British comedy titled "There Goes the Bride." He writes, "I was supposed to have an Australian accent, but even though I watched all the Crocodile Dundee movies and was coached I was never able to really master it. We got a favorable review in a local newspaper, which was very satisfying."

1967 — Dr. Bill Duryea and his wife, Sondra, are now retired and enjoying time traveling (including five trips to Assisi, Italy) and spending time with their five children and nine grandchildren. Duryea taught biology and physician assistant studies at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa., for more than 40 years, and is now a professor emeritus at the university. He is also a professed secular Franciscan.

1968 — Louis Paris, president and CEO of the Rochester Primary Care Network, retired in July. During his six years as president, the company grew from a \$3 million annual budget to more than \$75 million. The Rochester Primary Care Network is the largest provider of primary medical/dental care in New York state. **Tom Pitts** has been named chairman of the board of Riverside Research Institute (RRI). RRI is a not-for-



profit scientific and engineering institution conducting research and systems engineering for the Defense Department, the Intelligence Community and the National Institute of Health. Pitts is retired from a management

career in aerospace research and engineering with the U.S. government, Northrop Grumman (Litton Industries), Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon. Pitts and his wife, Paula, live in Quechee, Vt.

1969 — Dorothy (Paretti) Carey is a mental health therapist at an agency in Brooklyn "and I have no plans to retire." She and her husband, John, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 14, 2010. **Bonnie Duran** retired as a senior caseworker for Onondaga County Child Protective Services in New York state. **Daniel Goodman** retired last February as a

detective lieutenant after a 38-year career in law enforcement. His wife, Julie, has also retired (from teaching). They look forward to traveling and visiting with their three daughters and their families in Charlottesville, Las Vegas and Montana. **William "Bill" Pfohl** was awarded the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual convention in March held in Chicago. Pfohl is serving as president of the International School Psychology Association (ISPA) and presided at its conference in July held in Dublin, Ireland.

1974 — Michael D. Tanner, a sportswriter with the Arcade Herald, was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2010 on March 20. He was the first media inductee. Tanner covers sports for the Arcade Herald and its sister newspaper, the Franklinville Mercury Gazette.



1975 — Joe Kelly is assistant superintendent for Instructional Programs at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Kelly, who has been with BOCES 2 since 1988, had served as director for Exceptional Children

for 11 years. He is involved with many organizations that support special education: Kelly is a member of the State Education Department Commissioner's Panel for Special Education, serves on the Arc of Monroe Board of Directors, and is an honorary life member of the Special Education Parent Teachers Association.



1976 — Michael Biondolillo is senior vice president of human resources at Henkel's Rocky Hill, Conn., headquarters. He leads Henkel's HR organization including benefits, compensation, organizational development, recruiting, employee relations, learning and development, talent management, and diversity. He is also a member of Henkel's North American Executive Council. Henkel has about 6,000 employees in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico and markets a wide range of consumer and industrial brands including Loctite adhesives, Dial

soaps, Purex laundry detergents and Right Guard antiperspirants. A member of the Society of Human Resource Management, Biondolillo holds a law degree from the University of Dayton (Ohio) School of Law.

1977 — Bob McFarlane joined the Department of Athletics staff at St. Bonaventure as head men's and women's cross country coach. He served as the head varsity girls cross country coach at Bradford Area School District for the past seven years. He led the team to a 66-4 dual meet record as well as five Pennsylvania District IX AAA titles and coached four individual district champions. McFarlane has taught in Bradford secondary and elementary schools since 1977. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, teaching World Regional Geography and Methods of Social Studies Teaching.

1978 — John Flint is vice president of Gas Operations and Construction NE for National Grid, an international electricity and gas company and one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the world. Flint has worked for National Grid or its predecessor companies for 29 years. Flint and his wife, Donna, have three daughters and relocated to Shrewsbury, Mass., at the end of August.



1979 — James F. Balon received the Financial Executive for 2010 Award in the category of Manufacturing from Buffalo Business First Magazine and the Bonadio Group at an awards luncheon in October, 2010. Winners were nominated by peers from among Buffalo and Western New York financial and business executives and were selected by an independent judging group. Balon, also a CPA, is the CFO of Multisorb Technologies, Inc., Buffalo, where he oversees all financial operations for the multi-national company and its subsidiaries. He is also on the Board of Trustees of Hilbert College. He is married to **Monica (Ryberg) Balon, '80**.

1980 — John Zavinski is in his 29th year at The Herald in Sharon, Pa., where he is director of graphics and technology. He



won his fourth Pennsylvania State Press Association award, a second place for best niche publication for his work on The Herald's new Life & Times senior citizens magazine. He is design director for it and for the newspaper's monthly business magazine.

1982 — Eric Schickler welcomes alums to visit his websites at www.ericshicklerphotography.com and www.denvercoloradophotographers.com to view hundreds of photos from his photography career that started when his parents gave him his first 35mm camera on graduation from Bona's in 1982. He has captured scenes from Colorado, Arizona, New York, Washington, British Columbia, Arkansas, New England, Florida, Utah, California, Africa, Costa Rica, Mexico and Europe. After spending the last 10 years in Denver, Schickler has moved back into the mountains of Colorado — to scenic Evergreen, in the foothills west of Denver. He is also teaching kids to ski through the Vail Snowsports School.

1983 — Edward F. Smith III was promoted to director in the Private Client Wealth Services Group at nationally recognized public accounting firm Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP. Formerly a manager at the firm, Smith's concentrations are in the



areas of comprehensive wealth transfer strategies, tax planning, entity structuring and asset protection with an emphasis on representing wealthy families and entrepreneurs. Smith is a member of the Florida, Connecticut and New York state bar associations and a member of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Palm Beach Planned Giving Council and the United States Tax Court. Smith was a practicing tax and estate planning lawyer in Connecticut and Florida, and he frequently speaks at seminars on tax, financial, and estate planning topics. Smith has served on the editorial advisory board for a national estate planning publication, and has been a speaker at a number of regional and national conferences. **Leslie Abplanalp Walters** was one of two physical education teachers to win The Excellence in Physical Education Award, which honors Brevard County, Fla., school physical education programs. **Todd Martin** was elected to a two-year term as vice president of the Gates Chili Teachers Association in Rochester.

1984 — Jim Morris was promoted to senior recruiter at Occupations, Inc., an agency that serves more than 14,000 individuals with disabilities in the Hudson Valley. Occupations, Inc., employs 1,400 staff members.

Alums reach Aconcagua summit

In the top photo, **Jeff Brown, '85**, (on right) is pictured with world famous mountaineer Ricardo Pena from Boulder, Colo., at the summit of Aconcagua, Argentina, Jan. 12, 2010.

Below, Brown (on right) is pictured with SBU alumnus **Mike Sheehy, '84**, on their last day on the Aconcagua mountain (day 17), as they were getting ready to exit the park. The pair were in separate climbing parties, thus reached the summit on different days. At 22,841 feet, Aconcagua is the highest peak in North and South America, one of the famed "Seven Summits."



BonAlumnus Updates



Connecticut friends gather for Mass

Connecticut alumni, families and friends got together for a summer evening Mass in Wilton, Conn., July 29 with **Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., '64**, at the home of **Phil Lauria, '75**, and **Elaine Tai-Lauria, '75**. Pictured (from left) are **Phil Lauria, '75**; **Paul Niche, '79**; **Stephen Flanagan, '75**; **Marla (Cullen) Rapini, '76**; Kelly Flanagan; **Kathleen Flanagan**; **Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., '64**; **Carol Liotta, '88**; **William "Jack" Plants, '05, '06**; Frank and Betsy McGowan (parents of **Maggie, '11**); **Franey Donovan** (parent of **Kerry, '93**, and **Susanne, '02**); **John McAuliffe**; **Susan (Allen) Mantilia, '74**; **Bob Mantilia, '73**; **Elaine Tai-Lauria, '75**; **Robert White, M.D., '64**; and **Kathleen White, M.D.**

New members join NAAB

St. Bonaventure welcomes several new members to the National Alumni Association Board: **Anna Button, '05**; **Matthew Dabrowski, '04**; **Wendy Devine, '95**; **Michael Donlon, '95**; and **Priscilla Dos Santos Weaver, '03**.



Bonnies hit Cooperstown

A number of alums gathered in Cooperstown, N.Y., for a mini-reunion in July. In addition to their assorted kids, pictured from left are **Jennifer Corker, '94**, **Barbara Seweryniak Snyderman, '93**, **David Snyderman**, **Daniel Deyell, '93**, **Kathy McGuinness Deyell, '90, '92**, **Barbara Vassallo McNally, '93**, **John McNally**, **Kim Marks**, and **Chris Marks, '91**.



1986 — Joe O'Connor completed a Masters of Science in Executive Fire Service Leadership while serving as assistant chief of operations for a 150-member combination fire department in suburban Atlanta. **Tracy Gyoerkoe** and her husband, Dan, moved to Watertown, N.Y., in fall 2009. She is director of Career and Technical, Adult and Continuing Education for Jefferson Lewis BOCES.

1987 — Paula Eade Newcomb was elected deputy treasurer for the Erie County Bar Association. She will assume the duties of treasurer for 2011-2012. There are 3,800 members in the association. Eade Newcomb is a member of the litigation group at the Bouvier Partnership. She lives in West Seneca with her family.

1988 — Geri (Driscoll) Strecker received a McFarland-SABR Research Award from the Society for American Baseball Research for her article "The Rise and Fall of Greenlee Field: Biography of a Ballpark," which appeared in the Fall 2009 issue of "Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal." Greenlee Field was home to the Pittsburgh Crawfords baseball team from 1932-1938. The award honors the best articles on baseball history published during the previous year.

1989 — Anthony Minchella's law firm is celebrating its seventh anniversary since he left a Connecticut litigation boutique in July 2003. His firm focuses on business and commercial litigation, including employment and trade secret disputes.



1991 — Derek P. Champagne was sworn in July 11, 2010, as the president of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York. Champagne's proposed agenda for his presidency includes continued efforts at expansion of DNA collection upon conviction, passing new public integrity statutes, a persistent misdemeanor offender statute and achieving parity between

the funding for prosecution and defense. Champagne has been the district attorney of Franklin County for the past eight years. He serves on the New York State Chief Judges Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure advisory committee, the New York State Bar Criminal Law Executive subcommittee, and the advisory board for Fight Crime Invest in Kids New York. As president, he will also continue to be on the Board of Directors for the New York State Prosecutors Training Institute, the New York State Law Enforcement Council and the Chief Judge's Justice Task Force Committee. **Todd Paris** was named the international director of sales at Microsoft for all operations in Asia, South America and Canada.

1992 — Paul Hartwick, senior vice president of communication and public affairs at JPMorgan Chase's credit card division, led a team that won both a Silver Anvil award and an award of excellence in the Public Relations Society of America's 2010 national competition. Awards were announced in a June event in New York. The annual event honors organizations that have successfully addressed a contemporary public relations issue with exemplary professional skill, creativity and resourcefulness. Silver Anvil judges evaluate entries for their strategic nature of public relations programs using four key components — research, planning, execution and evaluation. **Jenn Monroe** has had a number of her poems published in recent months. She invites friends to check out her website, www.thepoetgirl.com.



1996 — Michael E. Hill has been appointed senior vice president of external affairs for the national office of United Cerebral Palsy. He will direct all national marketing, communications and fundraising for one of the nation's largest disability organizations.

1998 — Nathan S. Bennett is program manager of the Bureau of Forestry's Marcellus Shale Program within the Pennsylvania Department

of Conservation & Natural Resources. Bennett previously was a senior geologic scientist within the Bureau of Forestry. **Brendan McDaniels** was named assistant women's lacrosse coach at Nazareth College in Rochester. He also operates the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region for Herff Jones, which specializes in class rings, caps and gowns, and diplomas. **Leah McGrath Goodman** was selected as a 2010-2011 Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The fellowship is hosted by the Center for Environmental Journalism at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and funded through a grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation. The nine-month program offers experienced journalists an opportunity to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and policy through coursework, seminars and field trips in the region. McGrath Goodman is a freelance journalist and author based in New York City. Formerly based in London, she has written business, news and culture stories for Condé Nast Portfolio, Forbes,

Profile, The Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, The Guardian and The Financial Times. McGrath Goodman also worked as a special writer on the energy desk at Dow Jones Newswires for three years, where she covered global energy markets. Her first book, an insider's account of the lives and times of the traders who built the global oil market, is due out in 2011. **Richard Scotti** is vice president of institutional sales at Stewart Capital Advisors.

1999 — Danielle Costanza, licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey and Florida, accepted a litigation position at the New York City firm of Ptashnik & Associates, LLC. Costanza focuses her practice on defending medical professionals and health care facilities in medical malpractice and nursing home litigation. She welcomes e-mail at dcostanza@ptashnik-law.com. **Michael Versluys** won two American Graphic Design Awards from Graphic Design USA for his work on the revv® and Donut House® coffee brands. He is the

Associate Creative Director for GMCR's Specialty Coffee Business Unit. Versluys lives in Vermont with his wife, Maura, and his daughter and son.

2000 — Emily (Reese) Zieno graduated from Syracuse University in May 2010 with a Master of Science degree in library and information science with a specialization in school media. She is a school library media specialist with the Syracuse City School District.



2001 — Matt Craver is a senior proofreader at Eric Mower and Associates. Craver's primary role is reviewing and editing copy for accurate use of grammar and content. He also creates concepts and writes copy for a number of EMA clients and coordinates an internal training program focused on raising digital IQs. Craver, who joined EMA in 2006,



Dr. Sallyanne Bonner, '71, receives highest honor from Academy of General Dentistry

Dr. Sallyanne Bonner, '71, has received the 2010 Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). The AGD is a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists who are dedicated to staying up to date in the profession through continuing education. To accomplish this goal, Bonner completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education.

The Mastership Award is the highest honor available at the AGD and is one of the most respected designations within the profession. Bonner joins 106 of her New Jersey colleagues with this distinction. MAGDs represent approximately 1 percent of the general dentists practicing in the state of New Jersey.

Bonner graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Dental School in May 1976 and practices comprehensive family dentistry in Lebanon Borough along with Dr. Vincent J. Schaible and Dr. Erin A. O'Grodnick.

Bonner and her husband, Dr. Charles Krowicki, have three children.

In addition to the Academy of General Dentistry, Bonner is a member of the American Dental Association, the Pankey Institute, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.



Cronin named president of research foundation for SNM

Val (Wiech) Cronin, '74, manager of Imaging Services at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, assumed office as the 2010-12 president of the Education and Research Foundation (ERF) for the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM). During

her two-year term, Cronin will focus on the foundation's sole mission — raising funds and managing foundation assets to maximize funding for grants, awards, scholarships and educational programs in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

SNM is an international scientific and professional organization founded in 1954 to promote the science, technology and practical application of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. Its 16,000 members are physicians, technologists and scientists specializing in the research and practice of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Cronin has served in numerous leadership capacities with the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section (SNMTS) and the Society of Nuclear Medicine, including: president of SNMTS, member of the SNM Board of Directors, member of the Molecular Imaging Outreach Task Force, chair of the Patient Advocacy Task Force, and vice president of the ERF.

Cronin is an active member of the American Society of Radiology Technologists, the Medical Group Management Association and the Healthcare Executive Forum. She is pursuing a master's degree in health science administration from D'Youville College.

Updates

received marketing excellence awards in 2007, 2008 and 2009 for his work with the Boy Scouts of America Hiawatha Seaway Council's Boypower Dinner. **Jim Tamol** is executive director of Family Promise of Western New York, a non-profit organization that serves homeless families. **Kate Torok** was named senior communication specialist at St. John Fisher College in August. Previously, she was a public relations account manager at Travers Collins & Company, an integrated marketing communications firm in Buffalo, where she worked for eight years.

2002 — Michael Cummings completed his master's degree in education policy and administration at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He is director of Admissions at Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies.

2003 — Kathleen Ann Mannion received her master of arts in liberal studies with a concentration in sociology. She also was promoted to assistant director of planned giving at St. John's University in Queens.

2004 — Tim Shaffer is a Ph.D. student at Cornell University studying higher education and civic engagement. Since graduating from St. Bonaventure, Shaffer completed a master's in theological studies, writing his thesis on the Franciscan Influence on Thomas Merton. He also received a master's in public administration, both degrees from the University of Dayton.

2005 — Tyshawn Davis teaches Entrepreneurship to 11th-graders and Virtual Enterprises to 12th-graders (<http://veinternational.org/>). During the summer he completed his coursework to become a state certified Work-Based Learning Coordinator. **Jamie Zielonko** joined SKM Group of Depew, N.Y., in June. "It is a marketing/advertising firm that I am ecstatic to be a part of. SKM now has a total of four Bonaventure employees in house," she writes.

2006 — Benjamin Gregg graduated from Public Allies Chicago in June. Public Allies is a non-profit leadership development program offered through Americorps that places diverse young professionals in 10-month apprenticeships in the non-profit sector. "Allies" also receive

Fr. Anthony Carrozzo, '60, marks 50 years as a friar

The Rev. Anthony Carrozzo, O.F.M., '60, of St. Francis of Assisi Church in midtown Manhattan, marked 50 years as a member of the Order of Friars Minor in June.



He is affiliated with Holy Name Province, headquartered in New York City. The Winsted, Conn., native is the former provincial minister of Holy Name, a title he held from 1987 to 1996. Today, he is spiritual director at the Center for Franciscan Spirituality and Spiritual Direction at the West 31st Street church in Manhattan. Prior to this, he was spiritual director at the former St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

Over the years, Carrozzo's ministry has been in spiritual direction, preaching and teaching. He was the province's first formation director, charged with overseeing the education and preparation of new friars. He also has served as provincial councilor and provincial director of ongoing formation, and directed the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University. His first ministry, in 1966, was as chaplain of St. Clare's Hospital in New York City.

In addition to his undergraduate degree from St. Bonaventure, Carrozzo is a graduate of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and the University of San Francisco. He received a doctor of ministry degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif.

training in the non-profit sector and participate in a team service project in which they partner with a community organization to develop sustainable initiatives.

2007 — Glen E. Busch II is a campus safety officer at Hilbert College. **Lindsay (Saternow) DeGennaro** is an event coordinator for the Institute for Healthcare

Improvement in Cambridge, Mass. Her husband, **Derek DeGennaro, '07**, is a project manager for American Plumbing and Heating Corp. in Norwell, Mass. They live in Quincy, Mass. **Terrence J. McElduff** is teaching English in South Korea. Check out his blog: megandtersouthkorea.blogspot.com. **Alixandra Tretter** received a juris doctor degree from the Roger Williams University School of Law in May. She served as the executive managing editor of the "Ashburn Institute Transnational Law Journal" and was a member of the Honor Board and the Women's Law Society for three years. Tretter was a law clerk for the Rhode Island Disability Law Center, Providence, R.I., and a summer associate at the law office of John V. Hogan, Sugar Hill, Ga.

2008 — Emily Ciruolo has a new position at National Fuel in Buffalo, where she now works in the Corporate Communications office handling the company's community relations, corporate philanthropy and internal communications. **Jack Sinden** attends the Whitehead School of International Relations and Diplomacy at Seton Hall University. He will graduate with a master's degree in May 2012. **Tara (Franklin) Hogan** is a sixth-grade teacher in the town of Chemung. Her husband, **David Hogan, '08**, is a site coordinator for the Odessa-Montour 21st Century Base Camp after-school program.



2010 — Shannon Holfoth has joined Buffalo-based integrated marketing communications firm Travers Collins & Company as an account coordinator. During her time at St. Bonaventure she was the editor-in-chief of *The Communicator* and news editor of *The Bona Venture*. She also interned at the Public Information Office of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Buffalo Business First and The Hamburg Sun. In her new position, she will be working with Independent Health, Phillips Lytle and — her alma mater — St. Bonaventure. **Anne Young** is the science lab teacher in a Cleveland, Miss., elementary school, where she works in the Teach for America program.

BonAlumnus Births/Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

- Sydney Kieffer to **Laurie (Kieffer), '88**, and Richard Lynn
- Kaitlyn Marie to **Kristin (Davis), '90**, and Brian Lewis
- Liam Joseph to **Seana Wyman, '91**, and Frank Bradley
- Grace adopted by **Jenn (Monroe), '92**, and Glen Burgess
- Maddie Elizabeth to **Cristina (Gallo), '92**, and Marcus Ernst
- Cleah Lorraine to Meaghan Panzer and **Michael Vitale, '92**
- Stella Elizabeth to **Linda (Fawls), '92**, and **Dave Miyares, '91**
- Finn Joseph to **Shannon (Reidy), '92**, and Jeffrey Eisel
- Lucas Robert to **Rebecca (Marra), '99**, and **Timothy Nunn, '93**
- Kyle David to Kim and **Michael Nugent, '94**
- Benjamin John to **Kelly (Davis), '95**, and Stephen Arehart
- Beckett Christian to **Kathie (Oldach), '95**, and **Rick Swack, '94, '96**
- Luke Christopher to Stacy and **Scott Hemer, '95**
- Lilly Annette to Kimberly and **John D'Arcy, '95**
- Declan Vincent to **Katie (Farrell), '95**, and Vince Bair
- Paul Cooper to **Kathleen (Gradischer), '96**, and Paul Healy
- Jack Michael to Julie and **Scott Maginn, '96**
- Charles Francis to **Therese (Runfola), '98, '01**, and **Marty Blind, '94, '97**
- Rachel Scarlet to **Jennifer (Lindow), '98**, and Peter Eskin

- Alexander Owen to **Kari (Vunk), '98**, and Zeno Lantos
- Keegan Joseph to Kate and **Rick Scotti, '98**
- Benjamin Taylor to **Lisa (Taylor), '97**, and **Anthony Gill, '97**
- Oliver Sebastian to **Kelly (Zajac), '97**, and Jonas Sickler
- Julia Ashlyn to **Wendy (Czapla), '99**, and Rod Lorenz
- Charlotte Piper to **Tenley (Ostrowski), '99**, and Robert Thomas
- David Anthony to Asseneth and **Tony Tubiolo, '99**
- Ruby Kay to **Erin (Money), '99**, and Paul Berrigan
- Emily Rose to **Meghan (Braun), '00**, and **Jason Desiderio, '99**
- Katherine Josephine to Erin and **Geoff Gerbasi, '00**
- Brooklyn Nicole to **Keri (Guminey), '00**, and Bill Thoman
- Gina Patricia to **Victoria (Pallone), '00**, and **Paul Wheeler Jr., '00**
- Allison Teresa to **Deirdre (Lynch), '00**, and **Jeffrey Stupp, '00**
- Logan Edward to **Megan (Labuda), '01**, and **Timothy Spring, '01**
- Ryan Austin to **Angela (McDaniels), '01**, and Peter Barrett
- Casimira Heather to Erika and **Peter Kendron, '01**
- Charles Stewart to **Holly (Brown), '00**, and Paul Snyder

- Genevieve Riley to **Meg (Lush), '02**, and Ryan Camire
- Anthony Benjamin to **Sarah (Brennan), '02**, and **Benjamin Czekanski, '02**
- Carter Martin to **Tracy (Bryniarski), '02**, and Corey Page
- Ella Grace and Caleb Anthony to **Amy (Mardino), '02**, and Michael Sisley
- Tyler Eric to **Katie (Maltzan), '02**, and Whit Merrill
- Logan James to **Kate (Kane), '02, '03**, and Rob Freemantle
- Addison Jane to **Michelle Kearney-Gregg, '03**, and Ryan Gregg
- Benjamin Michael to Maureen and **Andrew Modic, '03**
- Liesl Reilly to **Stephanie (Karl), '06**, and **Matthew Gunesch, '03**
- Liam Timothy to **Vicki (Covey), '04**, and **Tim McArdle, '03, '04**
- Brennan Daniel to **Tina (Lavis), '04**, and Kevin Carney
- Jonathan Robert to **Kelly (Smith), '04**, and **Jon Hinett, '04**
- Carter Brooks and Max Theodore to **Katie (Hanny), '05** and **Tyler Collins, '05**
- Benjamin David to **Diana (Pollitt), '06**, and **Bradley Owens, '05, '06**
- Lochlan Benjamin to **Jennifer Meyer-Davis, '09**, and Ben Davis

Alumni Deaths

- John J. Labas, '38, *Rochester, N.Y.*
- Msgr. Robert C. Schwab, '38, *Getzville, N.Y.*
- William C. Davis Jr., '41, *Shinglehouse, Pa.*
- Joseph L. Ryan, '43, *Denver, Colo.*
- Msgr. Edward J. Ulaszkeski, '47, *Grand Island, N.Y.*
- James F. Hackett, '48, *Warren, Pa.*
- John J. Ainsworth, '49, *Oswego, N.Y.*
- Thomas J. V. Cullen Jr., '49, *Goshen, N.Y.*
- James B. Denman, '49, *Southborough, Mass.*
- Joseph A. Cassetta, '50, *East Amherst, N.Y.*
- James F. Shea, '50, *East Windsor, N.J.*
- John W. Spencer, '50, *Camillus, N.Y.*
- Thomas J. Sullivan, '50, *Painted Post, N.Y.*
- William G. Carr, '51, *Lauderdale By The Sea, Fla.*
- Lawrence R. Danehy, '51, *Rochester, N.Y.*
- Harry Lobby, '51, *Middlesex, N.J.*
- Michael J. Orbinati, '51, *Utica, N.Y.*
- Dr. John S. Rouch, '51, *Erie, Pa.*
- Frederick Snyder, '51, *Slatington, Pa.*
- Carl A. Brunetto, '52, *Annapolis, Md.*
- Louis F. Caponi, '52, *Port Orange, Fla.*
- Dr. Joseph J. Cavanaugh, '52, *Carnegie, Pa.*
- Philip J. Metz, '52, *Loveland, Colo.*
- Dr. Robert E. Toner, '52, *Wilmington, Del.*
- Donald F. Denz, '53, *East Aurora, N.Y.*
- J. Thomas Clark, '56, *Miller Place, N.Y.*
- Susan Wagner, '56, *Rock Hill, S.C.*
- Donald A. Staff, '57, *Newport, R.I.*
- Girard DeClement, '60, *Hammonton, N.J.*
- John J. Bergen, Ph.D., '61, *Monument, Colo.*
- Robert P. Rein, '61, *Henderson, Nev.*
- Herbert G. Sherman, '61, *Wellsville, N.Y.*
- John W. Titus, '61, *Greenwood, S.C.*
- Thomas L. Petrucci, '63, *Olean, N.Y.*
- Robert J. Summers, '65, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
- Sr. Jeanne M. Hartigan, '66, *Buffalo, N.Y.*
- J. Nelson Hood Sr., '66, *West Nyack, N.Y.*
- Timothy J. Leach, '66, *Webster, N.Y.*
- Dr. Chester R. Jarmolowski, '69, *Allison Park, Pa.*
- Geraldine A. Gorman, '70, *Brentwood, N.Y.*
- Linda (Marino) Abrams, '75, *Allegany, N.Y.*
- Charles B. Marquardt Jr., '81, *Mt. Pleasant, S.C.*
- Jennifer Ann (Williams) Cottrell, '90, *Culpeper, Va.*
- Dr. Lincoln W. Lawrence, '92, *Euclid, Ohio*
- Sandra Swanson, '95, *McHenry, Md.*

In Memoriam

William C. Davis Jr., '41, American Rifleman's longtime ballistics editor and one of the most brilliant and accomplished ballisticians and firearms engineers of the 20th century, died March 4, 2010, at the age of 88. Following his service in the U.S. Army (1942-1946), Davis returned to St. Bonaventure to teach until 1951, at which time he became an ordnance engineer for the U.S. Army.

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BonAlumnus Weddings



Jennifer Moler and Michael Cummings, '02



Kelly Rae Scanlon, '04, and Daniel E. Mazon, '01
Christopher K. Monelt, '94



Crystal A. Tucker and Christopher K. Monelt, '94



Kelly Smith, '04, and Jon Hinett, '04



Jennifer Jermain, '05, and Jeremy Monteleone, '04, '05



Ellen Hanley and Tim Shaffer, '04



Tara Franklin, '08, and David Hogan, '08



Michelle Buntich, '07, and Christopher Fotiadis, '07



Erica Mehm, '07, and Anthony DiMario, '07



Christina Cressler, '08, and Michael Gawrys, '08



Lindsay Saternow, '07, and Derek DeGennaro, '07

Weddings



Sarah Craig, '05, and Mark Rizzolo, '05, '06

Additional Wedding Announcements

Jenn Monroe, '92, and Glen Burgess
Kirsten Herkert, '99, and Wilton Lawrence Douglas III
Emily Reese, '00, and Matthew Zieno
Hillary Graves and Gabriel Potter, '06
Stephanie Karl, '06, and Matthew Gunesch, '03



Gillian Smith, '05, and Steven Harrington, '05



Michelle Manzella, '07, and Michael Matt, '05, '06



Hundreds of St. Bonaventure alumni have disappeared from our records. Of the many missing alumni, our hope is to start finding lost alumni who will be celebrating their reunion next year – can you help us? If you know the whereabouts of the following alumni, please let us know at www.sbu.edu/foundalumni.

Donald G. Hunton, '61
Daniel C. Ryan, '61
Joseph C. Battista, '76
Sharon D. Hannah, '76
Sally A. (Tellner) Knight, '76
Julianna L. (Crawford) Kurtz, '76
Robert C. Newman, '76
Dorothy O'Connor, '76
Carmelita M. (Joy) White, '76
Susan K. (Capan) Burkett, '81
Kathleen (Dunne) DeSantis, '81
Timothy R. Moran, '81
Ann Ponterio, '81
Linda L. Wilson, '81
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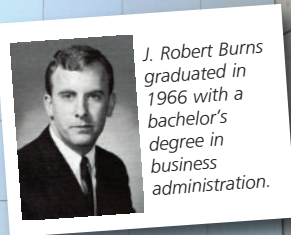
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