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Lee Coppola returned to his alma mater as dean of the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1996. He ends his career with a few anecdotes, many fond memories, and some words of advice to SBU alumni.



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The ability to place three interns at midtown Manhattan's Sirius Radio each year is an advantage that SBU offers its J/MC majors. From student teaching in the Bahamas to working at an insurance group in Allegany, find out how internships are preparing our students for the job market. Pages 16-27.

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His story. Her story. What's your story?

"The Good Journey," a photographic history book about St. Bonaventure, was 150 years in the making. It was based on the exhaustive research of longtime SBU history Professor Edward Eckert, Ph.D., and edited by the McCarthy family of Buffalo — alumni Bob, '76, Ann, '74, and son, Dan, '10.



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From the President

Celebrating summer at Bona's

ummertime at St. Bonaventure
University: While the nature of
activity is markedly different
from the academic year, the
kinds of projects we manage in
this season — coupled with the beauty
of Western New York in the summer —
give us a great change of pace.

One change that we did not anticipate was the loss of our dear twin friars, Brothers Julian and Adrian Riester. Their passage to heaven — death coming for both within the same day — created a media sensation. Our name was everywhere and the beauty of the Franciscan calling to a life of service was praised from coast to coast. Special thanks to alums Bob McCarthy and Dan Barry for their splendid articles.

This year, with more than 1,000 alumni attending, we had a weekend of wonderful Reunion events. I continue to be inspired by our alumni who, year after year, make the pilgrimage to their alma mater. They reconnect with friends and that mystical spirit that has fueled their loyalty for 153 years.

This year's Reunion included the dedication of the Stith Mural honoring men's basketball greats Tom and Sam Stith; the unveiling of our new history book, "The Good Journey: 150 Years at St. Bonaventure University;" and the public launching of our \$15 million capital campaign for the School of Business. The anniversary classes were truly generous and their gifts will help launch a new year of "extraordinary" SBU academics come August.

Next, we welcome Franciscan Institute Summer Program students and other participants in five weeks of programming in the Franciscan tradition. This long-stand-



ing series of courses keeps the Franciscan intellectual tradition alive. As we begin to plan for the next generation of programs and services, we are encouraged by meeting those for whom our campus is a mecca for the international tradition of excellence in Franciscan studies.

The university's Sustainability
Committee, chaired by Sr. Suzanne
Kush, C.S.S.F., director of the
Franciscan Center for Social
Concern, turned in its first report
and recommendations in May.

Summer homework for the Cabinet will include careful deliberation on how to move our agenda for a sustainable campus and what strategies will merit full support and effort by the campus community. We believe that it is time to create strong coordination of the many projects, proposals and policy changes that our faculty, students and staff believe will best serve this important goal. We hope to keep

you informed and to seek your input, as this area of social concern becomes one of our prominent themes.

July is also the time when we welcome our new freshmen for Orientation. One need only follow the Class of 2015 Facebook group discussion to see that our new students are simply bursting with excitement and pride about the Bonaventure experience that awaits them.

This year's freshmen will be among the first students to enjoy our new School of Business building. They'll also be the first to benefit from our enhanced Career and Professional Readiness Center (CPRC). As you'll see in the pages of this edition of *Bonaventure* magazine, the CPRC aims to provide our students with "bestin-class" career and professional development experiences and services from Day 1. We'll be asking our alumni to help with this important initiative. Clearly, there is likely not a Bonaventure graduate alive who hasn't somehow benefitted from the support, mentorship or encouragement of a fellow alumnus. We are convinced that this preparation for careers and continuing studies is crucial in today's tough marketplace.

So, we are not humming "summertime ... and the livin' is easy" — far from it! But we are not feeling sorry for ourselves as one busy season melts into another. Our good journey is humming ... for one more season of God's good work and one more summer to praise the Lord for all that has been given to us today and promised for tomorrow.

Pax et Bonum, Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. President of the University

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SUMMER 2011 Ed Tage **Editor's Letter**

Tweet, and the world Tweets with you

By Beth A. Eberth

oodbye, flip phone. Hello, smartphone. I'm not sure who was more excited about the upgrade — my 7-year-old son or me. Now when I need to check my work email at home I don't have to armwrestle him for access to

the computer. Hmmm, wonder if they have an app for that?

Many of you may be like me — still treading the waters of social media and working on my stroke. Others have been tweeting since Twitter joined the Internet scene in 2006. Even though email just celebrated its 40th anniversary, I know most of the readers of this magazine learned the letters on a keyboard in a typing class, not on a computer (or a phone).

As I looked through the photos taken at Commencement in May, I was struck by this image (above) of two new graduates who didn't need to wait to share the excitement of the day. Who knows what technologies the class of 2061 will be embracing as our '11 alumni prepare to celebrate their 50th class reunion.

You'll actually learn more about one of the women in the photo later in this issue. Averi Ahsmann (on left) just earned her J/MC degree in May, but before she begins grad school in SBU's **Integrated Marketing Communications** program this fall, she's interning this summer at SiriusXM Satellite Radio's headquarters in New York City.

In the 10 years I've been at Bona's, we've had a steady stream of interns work in our office. Most were J/MC majors, but there has been a smatter-

ing of marketing, business and English majors who want to improve their communication skills. The keystone of our internship program has always been to help each student further develop his or her writing abilities. Today, an intern is as likely to be writing a script for a video or a social



media plan for an upcoming event as he is to be writing a press release.

Many of you may have seen the "Time of our Life" video that hit the social media scene in May. That was produced by one of our Office of Marketing and Communications interns, Andrew Serrato, '11.

Supervised by IMC student and Marketing and Communications grad assistant Dominick Lisi, Andrew was among our interns this year who have helped us re-engineer our internship program. We're doing this because we want our interns to have a first-class experience while they are with us,

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Do you want to share an item from this edition? Use the Twitter hashtag #BonaMag.

because we know how important such experiences are in helping to prepare students to compete exceptionally well in the job market.

While a number of former interns pursued careers in traditional print journalism, a host of others now are spe-

> cializing in social media or working only in an electronic medium. Nicole Schuman, '03, is a web editor at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and president of the Social Media Club of Buffalo. Lisa Barnard, '05, is a senior community manager for the social community www.smile.ly. And Katie Fish, '03, '06, authors a company blog and manages social media at CE Convergence.

The fact is this: internships matter. So, we've dedicated this edition of *Bonaventure* magazine to some of the unique experiences to which our students have access because of our alumni. You guessed it: We're hoping it will inspire even more alumni to think about ways in which they can contribute to our students' education through internships at their companies and organizations. One of the hallmarks of a Bonaventure education is the alumni network that supports our graduates. Internships are key to that hallmark.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Bonaventure magazine. I'd write more but I've gotta go tell my Facebook friends my column is done.

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



Franciscan Minute

Like Clare of Assisi, the service of many is not always 'seen'

By Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M.

lare of Assisi was canonized a saint in 1255, just two years after her death. This act formally recognized her ■ heroic virtues and holy life. The papal decree poetically and creatively proclaimed paradoxical truths and facts of

Placed within the confined area of the monastery, yet she was spread throughout the wide world. Hidden within. she extended herself abroad. Yes, Clare hid, yet her life came to light. Clare was silent, yet her fame was proclaimed. She was hidden in a cell, but was known in cities. (Clare of Assisi: Early Documents, 264)

On March 12, 2012, the Catholic Church, and the Franciscan Family in particular, will celebrate the 800th centenary of Clare's departure from the home of her wealthy family to join Francis and his early companions at the Portiuncula, a little church dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels. Eventually, she and a few other women were established in the church and monastery of San Damiano. It was in this church that Francis had heard an inner call to "rebuild" the house of God as he prayed before the crucifix.

In this small space, Clare lived an enclosed monastic life for 40 years in company with the sisters the Lord had sent her (including her mother and two blood sisters). Soon, numerous monasteries were founded throughout Italy and beyond after her inspiration and example. Although Clare's health was very poor, she refused to compromise her commitment to live without property and in great simplicity. She resisted the efforts of four Popes to have her live a more secure and traditional form of monastic life. It was only on her deathbed in 1253 that she received papal approval of her rule.

On June 1, 2011, Br. Adrian Riester, O.F.M., and Br. Julian Riester, O.F.M., died. Identical twins, they joined the Franciscan Order in 1943. As religious brothers, Adrian and Julian served as carpenters, maintenance men and all around "handymen." For 40 years they lived among the friars at St. Bonaventure University. In many ways their lives were, like St. Clare's, "hidden within" the cloister, but their service was significant and deeply valued. In 2008, they retired to the friary in St. Petersburg, Fla. At the age of 92, they died 14 hours apart at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Bob McCarthy (a.k.a. Tuff Guy, SBU '76) told their story in The Buffalo News. In the age of social media, the amazing



coincidence of their death and life story went viral. No doubt they would have been guite amused to see themselves featured on Yahoo.com, Facebook and the like. Some 2,800 people posted responses to their story in just a few days.

As followers of Francis, Adrian and Julian lived well Francis's injunction to "Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility" (Canticle of the Creatures). They epito-

mize the ideals of St. Bonaventure University where our students are encouraged more than ever to be involved in a variety of service and internship activities. Opportunities abound: locally — Warming House, Bona Buddies, VITA, SIFE, BonaResponds; regionally — service trips to Boston, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Rochester and the like; and internationally — Mychal Judge Center immersion trips to Northern Ireland, SIFE in the Bahamas, Embrace it Africa.

All of these endeavors challenge our students to respond generously and creatively, in both traditional and non-traditional ways, to the needs of our brothers and sisters (as Francis and Clare would say) by preparing meals, providing microloans, preparing tax returns, joining youth ministry teams at local churches and other such endeavors.

Our students are also challenged to understand service as part of their vocation. They are being called to use their gifts, talents and skills to meet the needs of others, wherever their journeys might take them.

They are men and women touched by the spirit and vision of Francis, Clare, Bonaventure, and the most recently deceased SBU friars Adrian Riester, Julian Riester and Gerald McCaffrey. They carry forward the unbroken tradition of the great crowd of Bonaventure alumni who continue to serve God and others with great humility in ways that are both seen and unseen.

(Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., is vice president for the Franciscan Mission at St. Bonaventure.)



Campus News



Bob Ryan

Boston Globe columnist highlights Dick Joyce **Sports Symposium**

Legendary Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan was the keynote speaker at the April 12 biennial Dick Joyce Sports Symposium. Ryan is a regular contributor on ESPN's "Around the Horn" and "The Sports Reporters."

A panel discussion on the business of sports followed Ryan's talk. Panelists included **Eric Fisher, '94,** a writer from SportsBusiness Journal: Jim Marchiony. '76, associate athletics director for external relations at the University of Kansas; and John Dandes, president of Rich Baseball Operations.

Three alums gave morning workshops that kicked off the day-long symposium. Rayna Banks, '03, an associate producer at ESPN, talked about "Women in Sports;" Mike Vaccaro, '89, sports columnist for the New York Post, and Adrian Wojnarowski, '91,

Yahoo!Sports.com columnist, talked about "Reporting in Today's Multimedia World."

Jeremy Noeson, '05, was honored at the symposium with the John Domino Award Noeson, who works as a reporter and anchor at WGR Radio in Buffalo, has handled, with no pay, play-by-play duties for St. Bonaventure men's basketball games since SBU-TV began broadcasts using the university's new remote production studio.

Watch a video of Bob Ryan's talk http://tiny.cc/4w6eh

Hildreth Meière exhibition organized by Quick Center opens in Washington, D.C.

The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts organized the first major exhibition of the work of 20th century art deco muralist and mosaicist Hildreth Meière, which opened at the Quick Center in 2009. Now an expanded version of the show has traveled to the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., for an eight-month run.

The exhibition, "Walls Speak: The Narrative Art of Hildreth Meière," runs through Nov.

The exhibition at the Quick Center brought together in one exhibition, for the first time, the sketches, stud-



Hildreth Meière in a self portrait

ies in gouache, full-scale cartoons and models of the work of Meière, who created pieces for churches, government and commercial buildings, world's fairs, restaurants and cocktail lounges, and even ocean liners in a career that spanned five decades.

More on the Meière exhibition \ http://tiny.cc/teo3l

Meière designed mosaics and murals for buildings as prominent as Radio City Music Hall in New York and the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. She had more than 100 major commissions from leading architects for projects throughout the United States before dying from leukemia in 1961. She was one of the country's most gifted architectural embellishers and an important figure in the history of American liturgical art.

University opens new **Center for Student Wellness**

St. Bonaventure now has one-stop shopping for student wellness. The new Center for Student Wellness integrates the services provided by Health Services and the Counseling Center. The new center, located in Doyle Hall and headed by Dr. Roger Keener, joins a number of prestigious col-

leges and universities adopting this best practice to serve the whole student.

"We're excited about the ability to do total staffing in terms of looking at the whole student in their physical and emotional well-being, bringing that all together to best serve the student body," Keener said.

Students now benefit from immediate referrals for physical and mental health issues in one centralized location. The new approach also improves institutional performance. The Doyle Hall location also lets the new center conduct more workshops and late-night programming, such as "stress-free nights," to expand student wellness opportunities.

'Little Princes' chosen as 2011-2012 All Bonaventure **Reads selection**

The All Bonaventure Reads selection for the Class of 2015 addresses global issues, human rights and the power of volunteer

In his memoir, "Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal," author Conor Grennan shares how he went from a reluctant volunteer to an advocate. In search of adventure, the 29-year-old



Grennan traded his day job for a yearlong trip around the globe, a journey that began in 2004 with a three-month stint volunteering at the Little Princes Children's Home, an orphanage in war-torn Nepal.

All first-year students are asked to read the annual All Bonaventure Reads text, and the entire campus community is invited to read the book and participate in the numerous events planned over the course of the fall semester. Highlighting the fall programming will be a Monday, Sept. 26, campus visit by the author, during which he'll give a public

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presentation at 7 p.m. in the Reilly Center Arena.

ROTC holds Military Ball, inducts one into Hall of Fame

The St. Bonaventure Army ROTC Program held its 69th Annual Military Ball on March 12th at the Premier Banquet

The event began with an awards ceremony in which cadets were recognized for their achievements throughout the past year. During this ceremony, 2nd Lt. John **Robert Burns, '66,** became the newest member of the Army ROTC Hall of Fame. As a United States Marine Corps officer, he was awarded the Silver Star for valor during combat operations in Vietnam. Burns was killed in action on Jan. 27, 1968, in South Vietnam.

This year, the cadets began a new tradition by dedicating the Military Ball to a past inductee of the Army ROTC Hall of

This year's event was dedicated to Col. Joseph H. Stangle. Stangle began a remarkable career as an Army officer in 1936, including service in Europe during

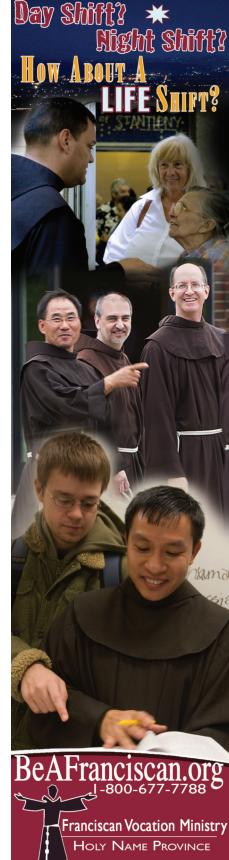
of military science at St. Bonaventure. Upon retiring from his military career in sor of mathematics at the University, where he taught until retiring in 1974.

New York State Sen. Catharine Young was the guest speaker for the event.

WWII, Iran, and the Pentagon. In 1958, Stangle was selected as professor 1962, he accepted a position as a profes-



St. Bonaventure University Army ROTC Class of 2011



Campus News

Four inducted into

Patricia Boyle-Rassel, '93.

team captain.

Tournament in 2000.

ated as the program's all-

time leader in hits (178)

and runs scored (106),

ranks second in career

ting average (.366).

RBI (93) and third in bat-

women's soccer inductee

into the Hall. She gradu-

ated as the program's all-

time leader in points (97)

and assists (35). A team

the Bonnies in both goals

and assists for four

straight years.

captain and MVP from

Athletics Hall of Fame

St. Bonaventure added four members to

from left are Chris Blocher, '99, Peter

Van Paassen, '01, Jen Bovee, '99, and

Blocher capped a stellar golf career with a

runner-up finish at the Atlantic 10 Champ-

ionship his senior season, earning All-

Conference honors. A four-year mainstay

in the lineup, Blocher led the Bonnies in

scoring average both his junior (76.1) and

senior (75.6) seasons and was a two-year

Van Paassen, a 6-foot-11 forward from

work ethic and outgoing nature. He

NITs in 1998 and 2001 and the NCAA

Bovee is the first Division I softball player

inducted into the Hall of Fame. She gradu-

the Netherlands, was a fan favorite for his

helped the men's basketball team to three

postseason berths over his four seasons —

its Athletics Hall of Fame June 11. Pictured

SON A VENT OF BOIL Bona's welcomes home 1,000 alumni and friends for **Alumni Reunion** Weekend 2011

- 1. The McCarthy family Ann, '74, Dan, '10, and Bob, '76 sign copies of "The Good Journey: 150 Years of History at St. Bonaventure University" at the University Bookstore. The coffee-table book is based on the research of Professor Emeritus Dr. Edward Eckert, '65, and was edited by the McCarthys, who also provided additional content. {See Page 39}
- 2. Sam Stith, '60, addresses an audience of more than 200 alumni, SBU staff and Stith family and friends after the unveiling of the Stith Brothers Mural in the lobby of the Reilly Center on June 11. The mural, which outlines the lives and accomplishments of Sam and his late brother Tom, '61, was funded by SBU alumni and friends. For more about the mural, and a video of the unveiling, go to www.gobonnies.com/gennews/Stith_Mural.
- 3. University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. (center), congratulates Jean MacLeay, '86, and J. Oliver "Ollie" McGonigle, '66, recipients of this year's William P. "Stax" McCarthy Alumnus of the Year honors.
- 4. Bob Crowley, '71, Marv Stocker, '65, and Sue Green, '61, present Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., with a check for total dollars raised during Fiscal Year 2011.
- 5. Members of the class of 1961 marked their 50th class reunion with a special Mass and dinner on campus.
- 6. The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts held a bon voyage party June 11 for one of the largest paintings in its Permanent Collection. "Savonarola Preaching Against Luxury" will be taken down this summer, crated and shipped to the Palazzo Strozzi in Florence, Italy, to be part of the exhibition "Money and Beauty. The Bankers, Botticelli and the Bonfire of the Vanities." The painting, completed in 1881 by Ludwig von Langenmantel, was given to the University in 1932 by the Order of Friars Minor. It once hung over the fireplace in Friedsam Memorial Library. The exhibition, which includes masterpieces by a number of Renaissance artists, opens Sept. 17 and runs through Jan. 22, 2012.

Save the date for Reunion 2012

- June 1-3

Celebrating anniversary class years that end in "2" and "7"













Reunion Snapshots

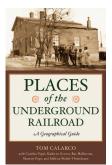








Tom Calarco, '69, has had his fifth book about the Underground Railroad published. "Places of the Underground Railroad: A Geographical Guide," published by ABC-CLIO, is a companion volume to his earlier book "People of the Underground Railroad."



"Places of the Underground Railroad" presents an overview of the various sites that comprised this unique road to freedom. with entries chosen to represent all regions of the United States and Canada.

Whereas most works on the Underground Railroad focus on the people involved, this unique guide explores the intricacies of travel that allowed the "conductors" to carry out the tasks entrusted to them.

The book takes readers from the beginnings of organized aid to fugitive slaves during the period following the American Revolution up to the Civil War. It delineates the possible routes fugitive slaves may have taken by identifying the rivers, canals, and railroads that were sometimes used.

Among Calarco's other work is "The Underground Railroad in the Adirondack Region," published in 2004 by McFarland, which led to him being awarded The Underground Railroad Free Press award in 2008 for his contributions to the advancement of knowledge about the Underground Railroad. A writer, teacher and lecturer, Calarco lives in Cincinnati.

What instinct urges people worldwide to stoop for simple stones? This fourth work in Charlene Gorda Costanzo's Twelve Gifts Series explains the universal interest in holding and saving stones. "The Thirteenth Gift" features an obscure Eastern European fable that shows we are all trying to remember who we truly are. And stones can help us remember.

The novella by Costanzo, class of '71, is both an inspirational fable and cautionary tale that speaks to our times in the way it depicts the consequences of greed, arrogance, and abuse of power. The story's central character, Claire, a U.S. journalist, is one that modern women can relate to. Claire is torn between pursuing her ambi-

The Thirteenth Gift

tions and dedicating herself to her family. Claire also faces the choice to focus on what's wrong in the world or to promote what is promising. While on assignment in Eastern Europe, Claire learns of local leaend when she

and her work in the world.

stoops for a stone. The deceptively simple story about "the thirteenth gift" has a profound effect on Claire, transforming

her marriage, the way she sees the world,

Costanzo's fictional narrative shows a way to uplift consciousness and community by maintaining our inborn sense of wonderment. Her new book invites readers to renew their natural awe and appreciation for life and to experience greater hope, beauty, and joy in daily life.

Costanzo's bestselling book, "The Twelve Gifts of Birth." was re-released as a 10th anniversary edition by HarperCollins in March. To learn more about The Twelve Gifts, visit www.charlenecostanzo.com.

Jason Free, '92, father of eight, is giving away his parenting secrets in "Parenting on Purpose: 7 Ways to

Raise Terrific Christian Kids." All too often Christian parents end up raising their kids by default, he says. It just happens while we're busy trying to

survive. We want our kids to be happy and to be good, responsible Christians, "in

the world but not of it." But we don't know how to help them get there.

In "Parenting on Purpose," Free provides readers with all they need to develop a personal plan for leading kids toward a clear awareness of their Christian identity, so

that Christian values, beliefs and attitudes will become as natural to them as breathing. This is no dry, philosophical treatise about parenting. It's a "how-to" book, a straightforward, conversational, "in-yourface" sharing of specific ways to bring joy to your family and raise your children as real Christians. Often funny, sometimes sad, and always engaging, "Parenting on Purpose" will give you a whole new sense of direction as a parent and help you guide your children to a lasting and fulfilling relationship with God.

Free is a popular writer, speaker, and master of ceremonies at conferences and retreats. He has taught Marriage and Family Counseling at the graduate level and has done extensive work with couples and families.

"That Tender Light," a new novel by **D.** James Then, '74, touches the heart, captures the imagination, and explores the redemptive qualities of love and faith.

The nation's top investigative reporter, Lockwood McGuire, is asked to find missing novelist Jack Taylor, a Medal of Honor recipient, who disappeared in 1986 without leaving a clue as to his whereabouts. McGuire's search leads to a farm in Indiana where Missy Lee, a 98-year-old woman, lives with secrets that unlock the

One of those secrets is Taylor's final, unpublished novel. That novel describes his love affair with Missy Lee's niece Lily Veronica Hall, includes an account of a Canadian woman he loved and lost in Laos, reveals his secret mission to assassinate several men in North Vietnam during the Vietnam War, and describes Taylor's torture and escape as a POW. From a fateful meeting to a tortuous parting, the union between Lily and Jack is lyrical and touching. Lilv is reticent to fall in love. Jack Taylor fights his own demons and fears providence will destroy anyone he loves as retribution for the rapture he felt when killing in war.

"That Tender Light" blends the push and tug of human interaction with mystery. romance, adventure, and redemption. The book is available for purchase at booklocker.com, amazon.com, online book-

a former owner and publisher of an award winning Sunday newspaper, and a 30-year marketing executive.

Patricia Ryan Lampl, '77, is a co-author of "Love for Grownups: The Garter Brides' Guide to Marrying For Life When You've Already Got a Life," a self-help book for any woman over the age of 35 who wants to meet, marry and live happily ever after with the man of her dreams.



guarantee to give their readers new insights and constructive advice for handling any situation, from dealing with ex-spouses to handling joint finances. "Love for Grownups" was

"The Garter Brides"

compiled from countless interviews with women who were happy to share their wit, wisdom and ideas and inspire other women to find lasting happiness. The authors are three savvy women who are mature enough to know how to make the right decisions and help other women do the same.

The book will be available late summer from Harlequin Non-Fiction. In the meantime, visit "The Garter Brides" at www.thegarterbrides.com and Facebook.com/Thegarterbrides.

Lampl's first job in Manhattan was assistant to the art director for Mademoiselle

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Then, a resident of Northern Kentucky, is

She has worked on a variety of award winning live and taped programs with HBO, Great Performances, American Playhouse, A&E, VH-1, Live from the Metropolitan Opera, The Miss Universe Pageant and Sesame Street. She has written books for Warner Books and Little Simon. Her book "My Blankie" was

hired her.

Patricia Costa Viglucci, '57, has published her third young adult novel and first mystery, "Beware the Ghost Riders!"

named one of the best of the year by

Magazine. Her love of theater and the arts was far greater than her love of fash-

ion, so she wrote a three-page letter to

PBS's Great Performances listing reasons

for future programs. Despite this, they

she should be hired as well as suggestions



Nick, Jr. Magazine.

A 13-year-old Justin McKean travels to England with his uncle Alex to help find a missing woman, Alex's former fiancé. Justin discovers dastardly deeds in a town caught up in the horror of a real life doc-

tor who, between 1975 and 1998, took the lives of at least 300 patients in Hyde, Cheshire. Roman ghost soldiers from 2,000 years before make an appearance and contribute to the mystery of the missing woman, as does the evil doctor's alter ego.

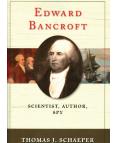
Viglucci and her husband, Carmen, visited his family in Hyde. She was inspired by the rich Roman history, which is still vibrant in the English culture.

"I love this book. It has lots of layers — English setting, travel, immigrants, romance, mystery and fear. The children in it are smart and adventurous. The suspense is well developed. I particularly loved the Roman history aspect," said Ronnie Clark Coffey, teacher of gifted education at West Point (N.Y.) Middle School.

Other young adult novels by Viglucci include "Cassandra Robbins, Esq.," "Sun

Dance at Turtle Rock," "Growing up Italian in God's Country: Stories From the Wilds of Pennsylvania" and "Don't Kiss Me Goodbye! I'm Going With You."

For more information, visit www.patcostaviglucci.com or e-mail Viglucci at patcosta@rochester.rr.com.



Yale University Press has published "Edward Bancroft: Scientist, Author, Spy" by St. Bonaventure professor of history Dr. Thomas J. Schaeper.

The book is the first complete biography of

Bancroft, an American who spied for the British during the American Revolution. and it has gained national attention, including a review in the June 23 issue of the New York Review of Books. This is Schaeper's sixth book on European and American history.

Edward Bancroft (1745-1821) might not be well known to the general public, but his name is familiar to historians of the American Revolution. Born in Massachusetts in 1745, he spent some years working as a physician on plantations in South America and moved to London in the late 1760s. There he quickly established himself as a natural scientist, physician, novelist and supporter of the American cause. Later in life he became one of the world's experts on vegetable dyes.

Today he is best known for spying on Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Paul Jones and numerous other Americans in Paris. From 1777 to 1783, he lived in France, and under the guise of friend and supporter he spied on Americans. Using secret codes and aliases and putting message in a tree in the Tuileries Gardens, he regularly sent the information he collected to his superiors in London.

Schaeper investigates Bancroft's working methods and shows how he performed his spy work without being detected. He also assesses Bancroft's importance to the British during the war.

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Dr. John G. Watson:

Remembering a leader, realizing his dream

ews last April of the unexpected death of Dr. John G. Watson, dean of the School of Business, left the campus community numb. How does the St. Bonaventure family regain composure after the death of a 35-year campus leader?

John had served as vice president for Academic Affairs, as dean of the School of Business, and as a revered faculty member. He personified the true meaning of a teacher. He was a mentor and friend, able to offer candid criticism, had your back and let you know it, and executed it all with finesse and style.

Carol Wittmeyer, a member of the School of Business faculty, can sum up her gratitude for John in one statement: "He opened doors for us. The day after I earned my MBA in 1986, I was in my office organizing my books and John Watson came in, sat down and said, 'What do you think about getting your

doctorate?' Just knowing that he thought I could succeed and he would be there for assistance was enough motivation for me to get started and persist. He helped me all along my tumultuous journey which resulted in opportunities that I could have never imagined."

The Watson family is a true legacy family at St. Bonaventure University. John's wife, Suzanne, retired last year after nine years as a lecturer in the Department of Computer Science. Their son Steve is director of athletics, and their son John is a professor of marketing.

As the campus community begins recovering from this huge loss, the University has named Brian C. McAllister, hired by Dean Watson in 1977, as interim dean.

"Whether it was in the classroom or the board room, while coaching high school basketball or participating in athletic activities or athletic events, John touched an unbelievable number of people," said McAllister.

John's final dream was assisting with the new School of Business Campaign: \$15 million for a new state-of-the-art



Dr. John G. Watson

building, and an endowment to promote and enhance business programs.

In support of this critical campaign, John traveled with the Advancement office to promote the new building and reconnect with many of his colleagues and students.

Bob Daugherty, '77, University Trustee and chair of the campaign, knew Watson for many years and worked closely with him over the last two years. "He stayed on in his dean's role so we could launch the campaign for the new business

building, a project he deeply cared about," said Daugherty.

"John never liked to be in the spotlight and felt more comfortable speaking about his family, whom he loved dearly, or St. Bona's, where he served with the deepest sense of passion and commitment. He leaves a beautiful legacy and example of what matters most in life!"

Dr. Watson, "Doc," will be remembered by many. His family has requested that gifts in his memory can be made to the new building for the School of Business. With \$9.6 million committed to the campaign, John would want to finish this in style, and we're going to do it for him!

By Mary C. Driscoll, '79 Vice President for University Advancement





Claiming Ground

A beautiful new sign, unveiled during Reunion 2011, proudly boasts the future location of the new School of Business building. The 26,000-square-foot Business Center, slated to open in fall 2013, will be built between Reilly Center and Plassmann Hall, and will feature exceptional learning, research and teaching environments. Above, University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., joined by University Board of Trustee members, Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., and Stephen Watson, paused to remember the late School of Business dean Dr. John Watson during Reunion. To learn more about the School of Business Campaign and how you can help build the future, please visit www.sbu.edu/bullishonbusiness or contact Mary Driscoll, vice president for University Advancement, at (716) 375-2331 or mdriscol@sbu.edu.

Honoring area leaders: University celebrates community leaders who exemplify the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi

Five people were honored on April 7 at the University's Gaudete Medal and Awards Ceremony in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Being awarded the University's highest honor were the Rev. Gregory Dobson, pastor of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish in Olean; and two Buffalo-area couples, Cindy Abbott Letro and Francis Letro; and Katie and Jake Schneider.

The event was chaired by John D'Angelo, '84, and was emceed by University Trustee and member of the Gaudete committee Bill Collins, '76. Other committee members included Lana Benatovich, John Berger Jr., Kathy Best, Kevin Brayer, Kathy Brownschidle, Greg Bruno, Donna Collins, Michael Donlon, Ellen Grant, Michael Henry, Jonathan



University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., congratulates Gaudete honorees (from left) Jake and Katie Schneider, the Rev. Gregory Dobson, and Cindy and Francis Letro.

Hickey, Dan Keating, Sean Keating, Robert Liguori, Robert McArdle, Michael Ohlweiler, David Rust, Ann Swan and Dave Whalen. More than 300 people attended the dinner and the event raised \$69,000 for the University's Annual Scholarship Fund.



Celebrating 20 years

St. Bonaventure's Seraphim Society, which honors and recognizes our alumni and friends who support the University through planned estate gifts, celebrates two decades of giving with a new name: Seraphim Legacy Society. The addition of the word "Legacy" highlights the opportunity members have to preserve and pass on the St. Bonaventure promise.

The name "Seraphim Legacy Society" was chosen for this special association of patrons because of the great significance of the seraph to the Franciscan Order and to the University. At the center of the University's official seal is the image of a six-winged seraph. Among the nine orders of angels, the seraphim are closest to the divine throne. A seraphic vision in 1224 on Mount La Verna resulted in St. Francis receiving the Stigmata, the imprinted passion of Christ upon his flesh. This became a tangible sign that Francis was a blessed man. In the same way, the University is blessed by the legacy of our Seraphim members whose thoughtfulness leaves a positive and lasting mark on the University.

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Our gifts. Their future.

Lee Coppola

returned to his alma mater as dean of the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1996. He ends his career with a few anecdotes, many fond memories, and some words of advice to SBU alumni.

By Andrea Westerlund, '11

SBU: When did you first come to St. Bonaventure?

COPPOLA: Actually, I came as a high school student to Press Day (now Communications Day) in 1957. Then I returned as a college student for four years and then I returned as a speaker at Press Day as a professional and also as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Journalism and Mass Communication.

SBU: When did you assume the role of dean of the J/MC program? **COPPOLA:** In 1996, I was working as a federal prosecutor in Buffalo and was called by the University president (Robert Wickenheiser). He informed me the person





be the dean of the school of journalism had turned him down. He wanted to know if I'd be interested in the position.

SBU: Has the University changed at all since you first joined the faculty?

COPPOLA: The University and the journalism program, both, yes. In my program, a lot of things have changed. The enrollment has increased to roughly 350 now, undergraduate and graduate. When I came here we had 196. We've also really added to our broadcasting journalism sequence. We now have a journalism laboratory and a remote broadcast facility, which we did not have.

When I got here we were doing darkroom iournalism and now we do all digital iournalism. When we first put the broadcast lab together, it was all linear, meaning tape, and then it went to non-linear, and then it went to digital. Those kinds of things have come along in the 15 years I've been here.

SBU: What are you going to miss most about St. Bonaventure after you retire? COPPOLA: I think I'm going to miss coming into work in the morning and sitting behind this desk. I'm going to miss dealing and working with the best faculty and staff in the world. I'm going to miss the students, because they energize me, they enthuse me, they baffle me sometimes, but SBU: How would you like to be remem-I'm going to miss them.

I'm going to miss getting up from this desk when I see that I don't have anything to do, walking downstairs, going into a classroom and seeing what's going on. I think those are things I'm going to miss most.

SBU: What are you planning on doing

when you retire?

COPPOLA: Probably read more, probably do a little writing, maybe teach a little bit. hopefully at St. Bonaventure. I'll spend the cold Western New York winter months someplace warm and probably do a little bit of mediation and arbitration. We'll see.

SBU: Do you have a particularly memorable experience from your time as dean? **DEAN COPPOLA:** Probably one of the most poignant memories from my career at Bonaventure was when I announced a posthumous degree to a student who died 50 days before graduation — a very popular student who everybody adored. I will never forget when I announced his name, the entire graduating class, 600 and some strong, stood up and started cheering.

SBU: Do you have any advice for alumni? **COPPOLA:** I understand that a lot of alums are raising families and are maybe not in a position to provide financial assistance to the University, but what I would urge alums to do is say good things about St. Bonaventure. Encourage the children of their friends, their nephews and nieces, their sons and daughters to think about St. Bonaventure and consider St. Bonaventure as a place to get an education.

COPPOLA: I think I would like to be remembered as someone who did not tarnish the legacy of Dr. Russell Jandoli (founder of the journalism program).

(Westerlund is a graduate student and teaching fellow in St. Bonaventure's Department of English.)

St. Bonaventure:

'The right place to remember Barbara'

d Murray, '68, never set eyes on St. Bonaventure University until action and stepped off the arrived as a freshman and stepped off the Bonaventure University until after he six a.m. "Weary Erie"— the Erie-Lackawanna rail that brought him from Hoboken to Olean in the fall of 1964.

Fresh from St. Francis Preparatory School in Brooklyn and the first of his family to go to college, Murray didn't look back.

He found a home and a comfort zone at St. Bonaventure; a near-perfect mix of others who shared similar backgrounds. To this day, he stays in constant touch with the friends he made at Bona's.

But the most precious bond he forged at the

University was with his wife, Barbara Robotti Murray, '68, who passed away in 2009.

They met during freshman year and began dating when they were seniors. She studied sociology, while he gravitated toward numbers as a finance

They graduated in 1968, married in '69 and started a family following his military service, welcoming daughters Pamela and Stephanie who went on to become talented lacrosse players.

Earlier this year, Murray and his daughters established the Barbara Robotti Murray '68 Endowed Scholarship for Women's Lacrosse and made a leadership pledge to the School of Business Campaign — all in Barbara's memory.

"After she passed we wanted to do something that would honor their mother and my wife." said Murray. "Bonaventure was the right place to remember Barbara. It was there for us and gave us an opportunity."

Murray cited St. Bonaventure's solid education and strong support network as crucial elements in the success he and his wife shared during their

marriage. From raising a family to building a business (in 1980, along with Gordon Zuckerman, they founded Murray and Zuckerman, Inc., a company that has since become a leading wholesale life insurance brokerage), the many benefits of a St. Bonaventure degree resonated throughout their lives.

The friendships they found on campus proved to be just as enduring.

> Former classmate and close friend Carl Paladino, '68, noted that there are few couples like the Murrays. Full of "heart and soul ... the kindest, most wonderful people" is how Paladino, CEO of Ellicott Development Company of Buffalo, described them.

> "Ed takes great care of his employees, as he does his friends. He's always there," said Paladino. "And Barbara, she was a very giving person, always concerned with others. Her strength was just incredible."

The Barbara Robotti Murray '68 Endowed Scholarship for Women's Lacrosse is just the fourth endowed scholarship specifically for a student-athlete and the first in the sport of women's lacrosse. "Ed's gift to athletics will create an opportunity for young women to play lacrosse at St. Bonaventure not just for one year but forever," said Steve Watson, director of intercollegiate athletics at the University.

"That's an amazing impact, to think about a young girl who, 15 or 20 years from now, will attend St. Bonaventure as the recipient of the Barbara Robotti Murray Scholarship. Ed and his wife's love of their alma mater and the sport of lacrosse are clearly demonstrated through this gift, and we're grateful for that," Watson said.

For Ed Murray, the gifts made in Barbara's memory could be nowhere else.

"Bonaventure was very good to my wife and me. It was very influential in our development," Murray said. "Hopefully it will be there for a long, long time for other people."

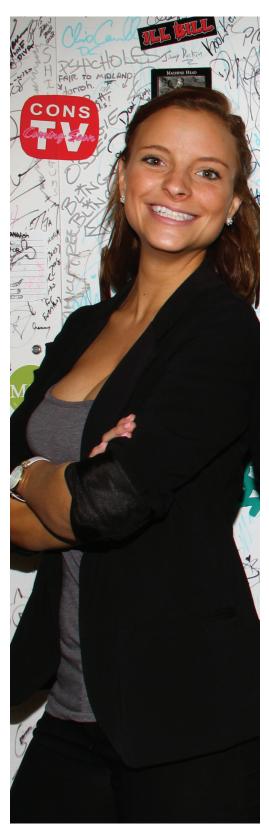
By Susan Anderson



THE MURRAY FILE

- :: The place he called home on campus: / spent four years on Fourth Dev.
- :: Nickname: "Murman"
- :: Friends' nicknames: "Booner," "Slip," "Sponge," "Gunsmoke," "Geep," "Morals," "Weasel"
- :: Number of emails per day he receives from the "Bonaventure guys": Probably 15 to 20.
- :: Favorite campus spot: "The library." Murray said, then laughed and added, "the river."
- :: Last time on campus: Barbara and I were there for our 40th Reunion in 2008.
- :: Building that most impressed him during last visit (The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts): What the Quick family did is very impressive.
- :: What he remembers best about St. Bonaventure: The people. That's what makes Bonaventure a unique experience.





"I am proud to be a student at SBU. Because of that, I hope to bring the character and enthusiasm the Bonaventure community celebrates to the SiriusXM community."

Heather Grzasko

Producing a world-class internship for J/MC majors at

SiriusXIVI

By Clarence C. Picard

n the world of mass communications, there is perhaps no bigger, more important place to be than New York City. Whether it's print, television, radio or digital media, New York provides pathways to communicate to the world, as well as an audience always thirsting for more content.

Each year countless college students and new graduates flock to the city to test themselves against the best and brightest. While the eventual payoff may bring fame, notoriety and the opportunity to speak to millions, simply getting started is often the most difficult task. On top of the high cost of living, just finding an internship can prove to be a daunting challenge. In light of these obstacles, the ability to place three interns at New York City's SiriusXM Radio each year is a serious advantage that St. Bonaventure offers its journalism and mass communication majors.

For the last several years, St. Bonaventure students have found a home at SiriusXM Radio, a multi-billion-dollar satellite radio company that provides more than 180 commercial-free channels featuring topics from music, sports and news to entertainment and traffic.

The Importance of Internships

One of the great strengths of the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication is that it requires students to complete 400 internship hours in order to graduate. According the Lee Coppola, J/MC dean for the last 15

years, SBU's required hours are not the

"It's unusual in the sense that we require it. Other institutions urge their students to obtain internships, but they don't require it. I think it's a very important requirement as part of our program. I think it's necessary for all of those elements that help a student," he

The recently retired dean described the importance of internships for a journalism student.

STORY "I think any internship opportunity helps students, not only to be better prepared for the professional field in which they choose to enter, but also to help determine if that is the field they want to enter. It's a real life experience. It helps the student make connections and start to network," said Coppola.

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Pat Vecchio, lecturer in the Jandoli School, said students can complete 100 of their hours on campus with the Buzz radio station, The Bona Venture student newspaper, the Bonadieu yearbook or The Laurel literary magazine. The remaining 300 must be completed in "a professional workplace with professional supervision," said Vecchio.

The advent of digital communication has made the workplace component less of a priority, but it is still important to a student's growth, he said.

"They can learn from a communications professional what they're doing right, what their weaknesses are, what their strengths are, and suggested areas for more improvement and growth... You want a professional workplace so they can see how things work, they can get a sense of the interpersonal dynamics of a workplace."

Matt Passannante, a 2011 journalism graduate who interned at Sirius during the summers of 2009 and 2010, agreed that stepping into a professional environment changed his outlook. "I got a taste of the real world, and coming back to Bonaventure knowing I had that experience on my side, it changed my mentality from that of a student to a young professional."

The program not only helps current undergraduates, but it helps attract new ones. "When I talk to parents (and) when I talk to students, I explain the internship program. I explain how important the connections are." Coppola said. "It's a tremendous boon to our program. I point that out and stress that to prospective students, and especially their parents. When you have the network that we have, it's a phenomenal asset to the students."

Working in The City

Through a competitive application process, St. Bonaventure selects the students who will receive the financial support to work at SiriusXM. This year, more than a dozen students applied and three journalism and mass communication majors were selected: Averi Ahsmann, '11, '12 (IMC); Emily Deragon, '12; and Heather Grzasko,

Jim Meyer, president of sales and operations at SiriusXM since 2004, said, "We started out with one, and I have to tell you, I don't pick them, the school does, and we've just had a fabulous time. Every single one of them has exceeded what we expected."

business. It's very different from a lot of the places I've worked. It's head-

guartered down in the middle of midtown Manhattan: it's a very exciting environment," said Meyer.

Meyer graduated from St. Bonaventure with an economics degree in 1976 and a MBA in 1979, and has served on the University's Board of Trustees since 2007. His wife, Nina (Koebel), graduated with a journalism degree in 1979.

One of the great advantages of working at an organization like SiriusXM is the variety of fields a student can work

(Howard) every morning. I got to sit in the studio and hang out with him. It was a lot of fun."

Passannante even found an interesting St. Bonaventure connection with Stern's longtime executive producer Gary Dell'Abate, also known as Baba

"The first day of my internship, (Gary) came up to me and we were talking after the show. I told him where I went to school and he said, 'Oh wow! The



in. Passannante, who was just hired to start full time at SiriusXM on July 5, spent his first summer working in music programming.

"It was nice to do work that I could see was showing up on the website and on the radio," he said.

The Denville, N.J., native said he immediately felt like a part of the company.

"The DJs would send their voice breaks and it was my job to piece together the breaks with the song they were going into next. It was really cool because I know what I was doing was being put directly on the radio. It felt like we had a more direct impact on the company than friends who were interning at other organizations," said Passannante.

In his second internship, Passannante worked for The Howard Stern Show. the man who helped satellite radio make a name for itself.

"I was working more on the production side, compared to the programming side, so I got to work with his team," said Passannante. "I got to see Bonnies!' Gary said he was looking into going to St. Bonaventure for college and that they have a great basketball team. To break the ice, I said, 'when was that, 30-40 years ago?' Gary started cracking up. He was a great guy and it was nice to know we had that type of connection."

Passannante began work full time for Howard Stern's The Tapes Team July 5. SiriusXM owns rights to all of Stern's shows since they were syndicated through K-Rock in New York City. Passannante will be producing new material from old shows for times when Stern is on vacation.

"Production is something I'm interested in and this is a great foot in the door," Passannante said.

Ahsmann is also participating in her second internship at SiriusXM.

"I wanted to intern (at Sirius) because one of my friends did it and had a great experience. I wanted to go into public relations and thought if I could get an internship at Sirius it would be a great experience," she said.

"SiriusXM is a very fun, vibrant media

In her first year, Ahsmann wrote blogs and maintained social media for the Derrick and Romaine Show on OutQ (Sirius 108). This summer, she's working with the head of public relations for all of SiriusXM.

"I'll be helping her set up different events, maintain the social media for Sirius and setting up interviews," she said.

Coppola said it made sense for SiriusXM to look at an intern twice. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the students and once they get there and prove that they can perform, then they apply again. It's only human

"What I want them to get out of this assignment in New York is to network with the people they work with."

✓ Jim Meyer
President of Sales and
Operations at SiriusXM

nature to say, 'they did a pretty darn good job last time, let's bring them back '"

It isn't just the traditional broadcasting and public relations-related fields in which students can train. Deragon is working in the creative marketing branch, helping ad campaigns that reach millions of people.

"We are working on marketing the idea that SiriusXM is everywhere; not just in your car, but home radio systems, on the go, apps, and Internet radio. I'm creating copy and images for it," Deragon said.

Along with exciting work opportunities, the interns learn other valuable skills while spending their summer in New York City.

The St. Bonaventure interns at SiriusXM have been from small towns and big cities alike, but they've all

made the transition to New York City. According to Meyer, every one of them has thrived.

"These kids learn how to live in the big city, the biggest city in the country. They have to commute every day by bus or subway, and they learn to manage. I've been extremely impressed with how they do," Meyer said.

The success of previous St. Bonaventure interns allows each new group to join SiriusXM with confidence.

Grzasko, who is interning in music programming, didn't have reservations about working in New York.

"I love it. The transition was exciting for me. I was more eager and excited than nervous," said Grzasko, who is from Syracuse. "This experience has been so inspiring. It has raised the bar for where I want my professional career to go."

Another point Meyer stresses is the number of connections working at a place like SiriusXM can provide.

"One thing I try to teach interns is that they're going to graduate one day, and they're going to need a job. And what they don't get when they're 19-20-21 years old is how many résumés people at companies get every week. What I want them to get out of this assignment in New York is to network with the people they work with," he said.

"Let's face it, it isn't easy to find a job. So that ability to stay in touch and network is crucial in today's business world. A cold call is really hard to do. It's so much easier when you get a note from a colleague that says, 'Hey, this individual interned for me and he is very good.' It gives you an edge," added Meyer.

Coppola agreed.

"If you're interning at SiriusXM and getting great reviews, as our students



:: Emily Deragon, '12, from Caledonia, N.Y., is focusing on creative marketing this summer at Sirius.



:: Averi Ahsmann, '11, from Bellevue, Ky., is interning in Sirius's public relations office this summer.

do, people at an operation like that are going to be willing to help these students out when they graduate and are looking for jobs. They might not necessarily land a job at Sirius, but they can contact people there and say 'do you know anybody who might be willing to help me out?' An internship like Sirius is really a tremendous opportunity for our students," he said.

The relationship between SBU and SiriusXM is not coincidental. While preparing for lunch with Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., early in her tenure as university president, Meyer was brushing up on some of her writings, trying to get a sense of the challenges facing his alma mater. One of his major goals was to find a way to support the students.

"I'll tell you, it was mostly my wife's idea," said Meyer. "I knew that we could provide opportunities for interns, but we don't pay interns at SiriusXM. We knew that living in New York during that period would be a difficult thing for any college kid to shoulder. But what we thought would be fun is to take the economic pressure off of the kids and provide a security blanket for them so they could take this opportunity. An opportunity to not just come to SiriusXM, but to work in New York City."

Now, through scholarship funds donated specifically for this use, St. Bonaventure is able to provide selected students with money for housing and transportation to ensure that they can comfortably make the transition to a summer in the Big Apple.

Why St. Bonaventure Students Work

Though St. Bonaventure journalism students come from different backgrounds with different career ambitions, Meyer was able to note a theme he has seen in his company's interns from SBU.

"There is a common thread I think I see. I have not found one who does not speak and write well. They come prepared," he said.

Not surprising to any St. Bonaventure journalism student, the strengths Meyer notes are honed since Day 1 on campus.

"We are so fundamentally focused on writing, and I don't know how many other journalism or mass communication programs instill in their students during their beginning years the importance of using the English language properly. I think that's what sets our intern applicants apart from others, their ability to write," Coppola said.

At just a few weeks into her internship, Emily Deragon already saw her SBU training coming into effect.

"Bona's drilled into my brain attention to detail. This is helping me really focus on the details of all pieces, and look for the flaws that might be in a piece. Even though this isn't a 'journalism' internship, asking good questions is helping me learn so much more," Deragon said.

Meyer concluded, "We hire a lot of people and we're going to shape them the way we want them to be, but we're not going to take the time to teach them the basic skills they need. If you want to work in our business, marketing, or media areas, you still need solid skills on how to communicate. They come well prepared."

Passannante appreciated the connection that spans the generations of St. Bonaventure men and women. "He's (Meyer) a very nice guy and he appreciates everything St. Bonaventure has to offer. I've never met someone who is so intuitive toward knowing how to help St. Bonaventure students," he said.

(Clarence Picard, '05, is an admissions communications coordinator at the University and has coached SBU's men's rugby team since 2006.)





By Clarence C. Picard

hen judging a college experience, dozens of factors can come into play, both educational and social. But ultimately, it is the university's job to prepare its students for their profession and a life of service. St. Bonaventure's School of Education does just that, providing students with the experience and training needed to stand out in a competitive job market.

The strength of St. Bonaventure's School of Education is its clinical approach to training teachers. Elementary education, physical education or secondary education majors alike are observing and teaching from their freshman year onward.

In the words of Dr. Peggy Yehl Burke, dean of the School of Education, "You cannot learn to be a teacher in the standard college classroom upstairs in Plassmann anymore than you can learn to be a doctor by sitting in a college classroom studying medicine."

St. Bonaventure students, like education majors at most schools, conclude their education as student teachers where they are placed in a classroom for a pair of seven-week periods to actually teach the class. But for SBU education majors, they start as tutors their freshman year to determine if teaching is truly for them. They also spend time in a classroom observing a teacher.

"There's sort of this myth that they're all going to be teaching an AP course with 20 students who want to get a 99 on every test," said Burke. "But the reality is they're going to teach some students who don't get it the first time, the fifth time, the 10th time you teach the same concept. How can you deal with that?"

As juniors, students begin the transition to running their own classroom, attending Field Block two days per week at a local school. Within schools such as Olean, Allegany, Randolph, Oswayo Valley (Pa.) and Smethport (Pa.), there is a classroom outfitted by St. Bonaventure with a computer, copier and other supplies. The SBU students spend half their day in these "St. Bonaventure" classrooms, learning from their college professors.

For the second part of their day, they have the opportunity to implement their new knowledge in an actual classroom. The St. Bonaventure professors remain on site, helping with structure and classroom management.

The Field Block program is mutually beneficial for St. Bonaventure and the local school districts. The teachers-intraining receive invaluable classroom experience and in return, St. Bonaven-

"Our student teachers look like first-year teachers."

Dr. Peggy Yehl Burke Dean of the School of Education

ture provides local teachers with continuing-education opportunities, resources and much more. In one exceptional instance, when a beloved local teacher passed away, St. Bonaventure education majors stepped in to cover every classroom and a SBU professor stepped in as principal to allow the school's faculty to attend the funeral.

According to Burke, "Field Block allows education majors to start interacting with students while still receiving feedback from their SBU professors and the local teachers. They start to understand how curriculum fits with state standards. They log tremendous hours all fall and spring of their junior year."

The wealth of classroom experience education students receive before they begin student teaching allows them to enter the classroom confident and prepared to teach. Whereas some notable education schools send their students on Field Block for half-a-day per week, St. Bonaventure students are receiving four times that experience.

"The feedback we are getting now is our student teachers look like first-year teachers and our graduates are able to walk in and be successful as first-year teachers," said Burke.

While stepping in front of your own classroom for the first time can be nerve-wracking, St. Bonaventure's education majors feel prepared for what they are getting into.

Sarah Wigsten, '11, who spent her Field Blocks at Oswayo Valley, Pa., and East View Elementary in Olean, said Field Block was, "extremely helpful. Not only my teacher, but all the teachers helped me prepare. I felt comfortable as a student teacher because I had already spent hundreds of hours in a classroom."

> Megan Saxton, '11, who also spent her Field Block at East View Elementary, as well as Smethport, Pa., concurred, saying, "I think everyone is a little nervous, just meeting new people and having new students,

but because we have Field Block I and Field Block II it kind of eases you into student teaching. I think Bona's really prepares you with Field Block first."

Saxton added, "You hear so many stories from professors about things that can happen in a classroom. But until you're actually in there, getting that experience, there are so many things you can't prepare for out of a book; it's just like life in general. Things can go wrong, you have to think on your toes; just being there is what really helps in student teaching."

As mandated by New York state, all St. Bonaventure education majors student teach for 14 weeks, seven weeks in two different schools. As a result, students not only receive a high quantity of experience, but also a wide variety. One way St. Bonaventure provides that

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How did SBU prepare you for teaching?

"The amount of time you are in a classroom is amazing. I love how they start you right away with Field Block I, Field Block II and student teaching, so that is three full semesters of being in the classroom and working with children."

"They put you in all different types of classrooms. They give you the whole spectrum of grades so you can see what you feel more comfortable with."

What were your feelings going into student teaching?

"When I started student teaching I was very excited. I felt so comfortable going into student teaching and I didn't have a problem adjusting just because of the Field Block I and Field Block II experience.

What can't you replicate sitting in a classroom in Plassmann?

"The interactions that you have with the students, the questions they're going to ask you. Behavioral management, classroom management, that's the big thing you're going to learn. They (instructors) tell you different strategies, but until you actually implement them with the students it's not going to be effective."

variety is by varying the grade levels each education major works with. Elementary education majors student teach in the primary grades (kindergarten through third) as well as the upper grades (fourth through sixth). Secondary education majors do one section in seventh through ninth and another in 10th through 12th. Physical education majors do one section in an elementary school and another in a high school.

As Burke puts it, "We want to prove to the state that our candidates can teach at both levels. Also, some people have a preference and you don't know until you try it."

Once education majors become student teachers, they aren't just sitting in the corner of their classroom, teaching a few minutes a day. Wigsten, who spent seven weeks in the resource room at Olean Middle School and seven weeks at Bolivar-Richburg Elementary School, said, "I was teaching all the time, every day. The first week you only teach a couple lessons but by the end, the cooperative teacher stepped aside and I was doing everything."

Another major goal of the St. Bonaventure School of Education is to introduce students to diverse economic, ethnic and social groups, which can be somewhat challenging in a homogenous area such as Western New York.

As Burke put it, "We have good exposure to poor, rural children but we don't have much exposure to cultural or ethnic diversity." She added, "There are pockets of diversity. We work with Salamanca, which is 34 percent Seneca. We go into Jamestown's Love Elementary, which is 34 percent Latino, 33 percent African-American. It's a really good elementary school with a very high diversity, but let's face it, I can't put all of my students there."

To solve that problem, the School of Education partnered with SIFE — Students in Free Enterprise — to develop student teaching opportunities in the Bahamas.

Open to all students, SIFE is the largest student service organization



HIGH MARKS: "I was teaching all the time, every day," said 2011 graduate Sarah Wigsten.





ISLAND LESSONS: 2011 graduate Courtney Bullock (pictured above) loved the global perspective she experienced student teaching at Grand Bahama Island.

on campus with more than 100 members including numerous education majors. After several service trips to the island, it became apparent that student teachers from St. Bonaventure could be assets to the community.

To say teaching in the Bahamas is different than teaching in Cattaraugus County, N.Y., would be a vast understatement.

Courtney Bullock, '11, who spent seven weeks teaching students with disabilities at the Beacon School on Grand Bahama Island, said, "The practices that I'm accustomed to and that I'm learning in the classroom are not yet being implemented fully in the Bahamas. Their philosophy and some of their teaching practices are much different from what I Bullock. know."

The use of technology in the classroom was another area that stood out to Bullock.

"Our exposure to new technology sets us apart. We're always learning about the latest technologies and being pushed to use them for educational value. With almost everything that I did in the classroom, I implemented some sort of technology and it really adds a lot to a lesson and the student engagement," she said. But SBU students are also prepared to work in more spartan

conditions, like the ones they experience in the Bahamas.

"We're taught about the technology, but also what to do without it. So we're well-rounded and prepared for whatever classroom we're assigned to," said Bullock.

Although classrooms in the Bahamas may not be as advanced technologically — and SIFE is constantly working to improve that — the local people take education very seriously.

"They're very formal. We walk into a classroom and they stand up, always say 'ma'am.' Teachers are very important professional people and they're held to a higher standard," said

Burke added, "You're teaching people who are very poor, but take a lot of pride in the role of education. They just don't have a lot of resources, a lot to work with."

Like the relationship with local schools, the Bahamas program is mutually beneficial. SIFE and the student teachers are dedicated to improving the lives of the Bahamian people, while St. Bonaventure students receive experience they simply can't find in the Southern Tier. "The job market is very tight due to the economy, that's no mystery to anyone.

Schools feel the crunch just like everyone else. But there are jobs in the hardto-teach areas like New York City, Philadelphia, your urban centers," said Burke. With such a unique experience in the Bahamas, students can feel comfortable entering a setting unlike those found locally.

Ultimately, said Burke, St. Bonaventure is "trying to promote exposure for our students. When they go on a job interview, they all have electronic portfolios with video clips showing themselves teaching to standards, handling classroom management, differentiating instruction for children with special

"When combining observation, Field Block and student teaching, we have much more than the state minimum. We're well over 1,000 hours of real world experience. A lot of people don't do that, and that sets our students apart," said Burke.



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SBU channels a steady stream of business students to local insurance company

he Iroquois Group, an insurance agency network that started in 1977 and has branched out to 37 states, is relatively unknown in its hometown.

"I think it's fairly safe to say most people in the Olean area don't have any idea what we do, nor did they know where we were located until our move to Allegany last year," said Laurie Branch, president of The Iroquois Group.

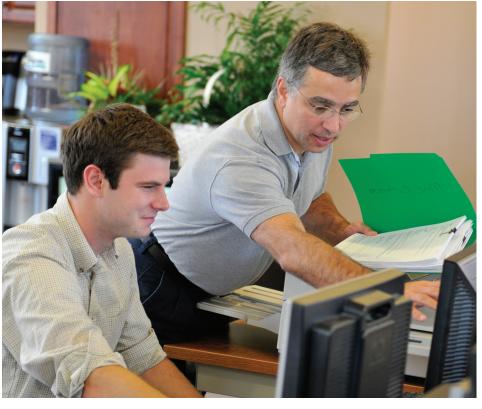
The townsfolk can't really be blamed. For years, the company's office building in the city's downtown business district never had a sign on the wall. Iroquois never advertised for business.

That's because any publicity led to the misconception that people could walk into the office and buy insurance for their homes and vehicles. They can't. Iroquois provides services, support and advice to independent insurance agencies, but it doesn't sell insurance. The more invisible Iroquois remained in the community, the fewer insurance shoppers it had to turn away. As a result, Iroquois quietly grew into a business behemoth, bursting at the seams in its Olean office without passersby even knowing it.

But in a strange twist, the temporary Allegany residents who attend St. Bonaventure each semester all seem to know about Iroquois.

That's because the insurance company and the university have a well-established business connection — a pipeline of business, finance and marketing students who work as interns at Iroquois headquarters.

Branch can be credited as the architect of that pipeline. Not only is she president of



Iroquois Group employee Chuck Massaro discusses a project with Peter Farrell, who just graduated in May with a BBA/MBA in accounting.

the company and a prominent member of the Olean City School District Board of Education, Branch is an adjunct professor in the School of Business and just completed her ninth year on the Board of Trustees at the University.

During the academic year, there are usually more than 20 SBU students on the roster of interns at Iroquois. It's a relationship that benefits both parties.

The students fulfill their academic requirements and learn more about the business world, while The Iroquois Group benefits from the high quality work performed by the students.

A Room of Their Own

Iroquois moved into a new building on Sept. 17, 2010. The top floor of the twostory structure is, for the most part, one big open room.

Fifteen full-time employees sit around the periphery, with the SBU students occupying Intern Row — a section of desks, computers, scanners and printers in the center of the room that can accommodate 12 workers.

Much of their duties include scanning documents, filing, inputting data onto spreadsheets and mailing documents to Iroquois member agencies.



Iroquois Insurance Group headquarters, Allegany, N.Y.

Iroquois also employs more than 50 people who work in different parts of the country, and interns sometimes deal with them directly via email.

Working alongside the people who are in it for the long haul, the interns learn more about workplaces in general and life — than they signed up for.

Cameron Smith, a graduate student from Hamburg working toward an MBA in general business, spent six months working at Iroquois, helping in public relations and marketing.

"They treated me great, and I would definitely say I grew very close to many of the people," he said. "It got to the point where I had mentioned in the office that I had car troubles and before I knew it, I was eating dinner at one employee's house while her son was fixing my car."

"I feel I learned a lot working at Iroquois," Smith said. "I developed skills and learned about working in a small business atmosphere and I learned more about teamwork, having close interactions with co-workers on important projects."

But by keeping his ears open in the office, Smith was able to pick up more than just how to start a Google AdWords account or prepare an activity report for a field representative.

"In addition to the business lessons I expected to learn at Iroquois, I also developed an understanding of how important family is to everyone," Smith

"I always knew family was important, but it seems to have a lot more significance now. We all worked in such close

proximity to each other that everyone can hear each other and talk was often focused on what happens in their families. Family ... it's a strong focus here. I can say that when I first started, I was really nervous, but now I'm leaving as part of a family. In fact, now I'm not sure I want to leave."

Having to train a couple dozen new employees every half-year is a hurdle that Iroquois' regular employees have taken in stride.

"We've got it down to a routine now and it's a painless process." said Sue Massaro, Iroquois' licensing administrator. "Having a couple of interns available during our busy stretches really helps because it enables us to give the attention that's needed to essential parts of the process. And when you're dealing with sensitive documents like



"Iroquois has me ready for the job world."

Andy Trass, '11

process and allow us to focus as we need to."

The interns' conduct in the office has been exemplary, she added.

"They all come well prepared to be inserted into an office setting. They've obviously been instructed to be respectful, polite and business-like," Massaro said.

The Value of an Internship

The School of Business has long recognized the value of internships. Its intern program, which began with fewer than a dozen interns in 1970, now draws more than 200 students vearly.

Internships are required for accounting and marketing majors, and are strongly recommended for finance, business information systems and management sciences majors. Most interns are paid and can earn up to six academic credits; some participate solely for the experience.

Internships can lead to full-time careers upon graduation.

"Certainly our accounting majors have found positions from local accounting firms to national firms ... and our students have had marketing internships, management internships and business information system internships that all have led to full-time jobs," said Michael D. Kasperski, internship coordinator and a faculty member in the School of Business.

"Our on-campus recruiting through the career center really helps in giving students access to companies right here on campus," he added.

Olean resident Andy Trass, who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration, has been an intern at the Iroquois Group since May of 2010.

"Iroquois has me ready for the job world by providing me an opportunity to develop my skills through a meaningful internship," Trass said.

He said lessons he learned in the classroom had extra meaning when they were taken into the office.

"By giving me the responsibility to perform a wide variety of tasks, I have been able to utilize the skills and knowledge acquired throughout my college career. The hands-on experience is very important because it let me gain a better sense of what the work environment is really like.

"During my internship, I have also had the opportunity to work and build relationships with many other interns and employees. This is beneficial with my job search by providing valuable references and networking through the people they know," Trass said.









Internships from A - Z



St. Bonaventure students intern with large and small organizations, as well as with not-forprofit and government entities.

Major accounting firms (Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PwC) actively recruit on campus and use interns extensively.

Here are some other firms where our students have interned: American Express, Bonadio Group, Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Bisons, Buffalo Sabres, Citi-Bank, Corning Glass, CUTCO, Dresser-Rand, Gannett, government agencies, Kodak, Lockheed Martin, Marriott, McDonald's, Morgan Stanley, M&T Bank, MTV, Nabisco, United Way, UPS, Walgreens, Walmart, Walt Disney World and Xerox.



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Paving the way to careers and graduate school

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o you remember when you created your first résumé? How about when you first thought about looking for a job or applying to graduate school? If you were like many college students, these concerns did not occur to you until you were facing graduation. But, in today's soft job market and highly competitive graduate school arena, this approach simply won't do.

To provide St. Bonaventure students with a competitive advantage, the University has reinvented the Career Services program to create the Career and Professional Readiness Center (CPRC).

Center Director Connie Whitcomb says the center's programs will start in the freshman year and continue through graduation.

"We want our program to be viewed as 'best-in-class.' After all. our students deserve no less," Whitcomb says.

This model for the CPRC is rooted in professional development. It focuses on the attitudes, behaviors, skills and experiences that employers seek and that will allow SBU graduates to have a strong impact in the workplace.

"We recognize that students may come to the table at different times in their academic careers, so, while the program is designed to start in the freshman year, if a student gets a late start or transfers to St. Bonaventure after the freshman year, we can still accommodate them and get them 'career- or graduate schoolready," says Whitcomb.



The program has three primary components:

1.) Assess and Explore: Students will assess and explore values, skills and interests as well as career options and majors.

Areas covered: Resume development Career/major exploration Personal brand/social media Engagement in student organizations Introduction to the National Society of Leadership and Success

2.) Develop and Pursue: Students will develop and strengthen skills employers seek and they'll pursue opportunities for professional experience through internship, research opportunities, and service.

Areas Covered: Professional communication skills Self-awareness Professionalism in the workplace Internship readiness The graduate school search



SBU students benefit from activities like the Young Alumni Career Panel and networking reception held during Homecoming.

3.) Transition: Students will secure final details for a successful transition to professional employment, service or graduate school.

Areas Covered: Financial literacy The job search

An additional key to the distinction of St. Bonaventure's CPRC is the link to Bonaventure alumni.

"Our alumni have demonstrated time and time again their willingness to support students through internships, mentoring, and job search advice and support," says Whitcomb.

"Through the CPRC, we want to further strengthen these relationships for the benefit of our students. Clearly, the 'Bona connection' has always been a distinguishing characteristic of a St. Bonaventure education. Through the CPRC, we will take this to yet another level," she says.

On the web: ww.sbu.edu/cprc

Alumni who are interested in learning more about the CPRC or who want to become involved in supporting St. Bonaventure students through internships or job opportunities are encouraged to contact Connie Whitcomb at cwhitcomb@sbu.edu.

Alumni Association

A Message from the 2010-2011 Alumni Association President Lynda (Goldstein) Wilhelm, '86

wo years ago, I stepped into the role of president of the Alumni Association. While it may sound cliché, I cannot believe how quickly that two years flew by!

The Alumni Association carried on the legacy of our previous president, Marv Stocker, and continued to focus on four key areas of our strategic plan — enrollment, development, chapter relations/engaging alumni and Franciscan mission (this is a new addition to our plan).

During my tenure as president, I emphasized finding ways to engage alumni who have a great love for our University but for some reason are not active with alumni events.

For this reason, we added two new focuses — service activities in each chapter (this is still a work in progress but be on the lookout for opportunities in your area in the near future) and, with the guidance of National Alumni Chaplain Fr. Dan Riley,



Lvnda Wilhelm **Bob Crowley**

O.F.M., expanding the University's Franciscan mission to the greater alumni

Some key accomplishments of the Alumni Association during the last couple of years include:

- Calling Bonaventure Fund donors to thank them for their donation
- Finding lost alumni
- Teaming up with the Career and Professional Readiness Center to "Meet and Mingle" with upperclassmen

- Giving better guidance to chapter leaders so they can find success in engaging all of the alumni in their
- Working with the friars to bring the teachings of Saint Francis to the entire St. Bonaventure community

It has been an honor to serve St. Bonaventure University and the Alumni Association. But the best part of the past two years has been working with a group of very talented, passionate and committed Bona alums.

It is now time for me to turn over the leadership of the Alumni Association to the very capable hands of Bob Crowley, class of 1971.

Bob has been serving this University for many years with such passion and dedication that I know he will have a great impact during his time as president. Good luck, Bob!

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1949 — **Joseph Peter Simini** has released a CD, "Let's Keep Christ in Christmas: A Crusade." The words and music were done by Simini, while Mary Ann Sfarzo preformed the vocals. The CD was produced by Ron Sfarzo of Sfarzo Productions. Songs included are "Silent Night, O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World."

1959 — Richard R. O'Connor, D.D.S., is retired from private practice and is working in the Good Neighbors Healthcare Center as a volunteer doing dentistry for 15 hours a week. This is a division of the Harvest House Ministries. O'Connor is also working part time in the admissions office of the State University at Buffalo Dental School. Robert Thill retired in 2000 and for the past 11 years has worked as a volunteer construction site supervisor for Habitat for Humanity-Buffalo Chapter. Last fall, he began construction of his 25th home renovation on the East Side of Buffalo. "With God's guidance and loving volunteers from

all professions, 24 families now have a decent, safe, affordable home to call their own," writes Thill, who notes he has earned the nickname "Bob The Builder."



1963 — John A. **Cirando,** a Syracuse attorney, has been included as one of the top 5 percent of outstanding attorneys in Upstate New York in the 2011 edition of New York Super Lawyers. Cirando concen-

trates his practice on appellate advocacy.

1964 — Jim Kinney retired in June 2010 after 44 years of teaching English at various colleges and universities, including the past 34 years at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., where he was a professor of English and served six years as department chair. He also taught at the University of Tennessee, Columbia State

College in Tennessee, the University of Florida, and the Universite de Pau in southwestern France. He also spent a year at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst on a National Endowment for the Humanities grant and a summer at the University of California-Berkeley on another NEH grant. "While I miss the students, I'm very glad I'll never have to grade another paper," he writes. **Tom Rogers,** a longtime scout for the New York Mets, retired in November 2010. He had scouted the Tampa Bay-Sarasota area for the Mets for the past five years. His baseball career spanned 45 years with a number of organizations and territories.

1965 — The Rev. Richard S. Vosko, Ph.D., received the Berakah Award, the highest honor given by the North American Academy of Liturgy, on Jan. 9 in San Francisco. Vosko was rec



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ognized for his liturgical scholarship and award-winning contributions to sacred art and architecture. A priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Vosko has worked for 40 years as a sacred space planner, collaborating with Catholics and Jews throughout North America in creating places for worship. His work is well-known internationally. The North American Academy of Liturgy is an international and inter-religious academy composed of scholars, artists and musicians and was organized in 1973, 10 years after the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. Vosko is a founding member. The academy's purpose is twofold: to promote liturgical scholarship among its members through opportunities for exchange of ideas, and to extend the benefits of this scholarship to the worshiping communities to which its members belong.

1966 — William O'Brien, who retired in 2008, splits his time between homes in South Carolina and Binghamton. He plays a lot of golf and enjoys seeing his three grandchildren and traveling. **Donna (Wallace)** Rahner retired from IBM in 2006 and is president of the Board of Directors of Mom's House of Endicott, N.Y., a non-profit that runs a New York state licensed day care center, providing free day care for low-income single parents who are full-time students. She also volunteers for Literacy Volunteers and Catholic Charities Food Pantry. She has eight grandchildren and enjoys her annual basketball trip to SBU with the Triple Cities alumni.

1968 — Thomas Nickler completed his fifth year as professor of mathematics at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. This is his second career after 35 years in public education in New York state. His service began in Salamanca as a high school math teacher and included 25 years of school administration in the positions of high school principal, superintendent of schools, assistant district superintendent of the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, and interim district superintendent of BOCES. He is enjoying beautiful St. Augustine since moving there in 2003 and lives less than a mile from the ocean. "Best wishes to the brown & white!"

1969 — Col. Michael Kostiw retired from the U.S. Senate in March. He was Sen. John McCain's staff director of the Senate Armed Services Committee after serving as senior adviser to the director of the CIA. Kostiw also retired as vice president for

international government affairs at Chevron in 2003 and as a colonel with the U.S. Army in 2004. He and his wife, Carolyn, '72, have lived in Italy, Uruguay, and Nigeria and will now remain in the Washington, D.C., area where their three children and five grandchildren also live. Kostiw plans to form a project management and consulting firm to develop business opportunities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

1975 — Andrew Buckenmeyer retired from teaching and serving as athletics and physical education director at Alexander (N.Y.) Central School. He is still active as a coach in the district as well as working for his local American Red Cross chapter.

1976 — **Julianne Kurtz** is the school library media specialist at Canaseraga Central School. She has three adult children. After 33 years of service, **Sue (Agos)** Quinn retired from Erie County as chief of classification and compensation. She and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 10th anniversary in Hawaii in September.



1977 — Kevin Hannon, CMB, is Northeast regional vice president for Wells Fargo Funding and attained the professional designation of Certified Mortgage Banker in September

2010 from the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. Hannon and his wife, Anne (Dolan) Hannon '78, live in Westerly, R.I., with the youngest of their five children. Among their children is legacy graduate Colleen, class of 2007.

1979 — Christopher Paul has joined the McLane Law Firm. Paul is a member of the Trust and Estate Department, where he practices in a variety of areas of estate planning, tax planning, and trust and estate administration. Prior to being in private practice, Paul enjoyed a distinguished career in senior management with a variety of businesses in the U.S. and abroad and has extensive experience leading organizations in the manufacturing, wholesale distribution and construction equipment industries. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, American Bar Association, New Hampshire Bar Association's Legislation Committee, New Hampshire Bar Association's Pro Bono Program, and the Daniel Webster/Batchelder American Inns



Class of '75 friends participate in Buffalo 5K

Two friends from the class of 1975 finished in the top three in their age group (55-59) in the Ninth Annual Maggie Lee Memorial 5K Race on Oct. 2, 2010, in Delaware Park in Buffalo to benefit the Western New York Epilepsy Association. Dr. Fred Luongo, D.D.S. (left) finished first and Bob Carr took third place. Luongo has his own dental practice in Buffalo and Carr is president of Carr Marketing Communications in Amherst.



Binghamton alums support the Bonnies

In November, members of the classes of '84 and '85 turned out in Binghamton to support the Bonnies as they took on Binghamton University. The Bonnies beat Binghamton, 69-44. Pictured from left are Sheila Doyle, Missy (Linehan) Maloney, Loretta McCormick, Ann (Barker) Martin, Kathy (Boedicker) Cramer, Linda Ptak and Rob Buckla.

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Three alums embrace the cause of Venerable Father **Anthony Vincent Gallo**

Three St. Bonaventure legacy alumni related to the Venerable Father Anthony Vincent Gallo (1899-1934) have been active in the Italian priest's canonization process.

Ven. Fr. Anthony's nephews Arnold Gallo, '51, and William Gallo, '52, and grandnephew Michael Gallo, '85, all of Manhasset, N.Y., have embraced the cause and have shared it with churches and high schools throughout Long Island and Westchester County. They have also given a seminar about Ven. Fr. Anthony to all deacons in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Following ordination in 1930, Fr. Anthony was assigned to the Church of Christ the King in Rome, where he dedicated the energies of his young life to the parish sac-



risty and instruction of the altar boys, all while suffering from frequent illness, eventually dying from meningitis.

Pope John Paul II declared Fr. Anthony Venerable on April 9, 1990. The title of Venerable promulgates to all the faithful that he lived a life of exercising the theological virtues of faith, hope and love and the cardinal moral virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude to the heroic degree.

Those who would like additional information about the Venerable Father Anthony Vincent Gallo can visit the website www.fathergallo.com or make him their friend on Facebook and Twitter.

Personal requests and prayer cards can be made via e-mail to info@fathergallo.com.

of Courts. He was named a Rising Star in the New Hampshire Bar Association Pro Bono Program, 2009-2010, and was presented with the Law Student Ethics Award, from the Association of Corporate Counsel in 2009. He lives in Amherst, N.H., with his wife, Maggie.

1980 — James J. Gertner was named regional vice president at Chatham Communications Corp., a full service marketing and public relations firm specializing in entertainment public relations, sports and entertainment representation based in Victor, N.Y. He is the former editor/publisher of Empire State Weeklies, Webster, N.Y., and most recently served as senior training manager at Paychex, Inc., in Rochester.

1981 — Chris Carola was named the upstate New York Associated Press staffer of the year for 2010. Carola was recognized for his work as the AP Albany bureau's weekday early news staffer, and for his coverage of New York state's transportation and tourism industries. He also was honored for his features on the state's history and for a rare interview with the upstate New York native who captured former Japanese prime minister Hideki Tojo at the end of World War II. Carola received the award at the New York State AP Association's annual awards banquet in September 2010 in Albany. He has worked for the AP for 26 years, including the past 23 at the news cooperative's Albany bureau. He lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. **Shannon**

(McCarthy) Dixon is a self-employed certified public accountant practicing in Sherrill, N.Y. She and her husband, Tom, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in September. They are the parents of three adult children. "Best wishes to all my friends in the Bona class of '81," writes Dixon.

Evelvn (Amadio) Hamilton ioined Medaille College in January as the event and conference planner. She has more than 10 years' experience coordinating more than 400 special events. Hamilton previously worked at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda as the advancement and communications manager and for the Sisters of St. Francis in Williamsville as a development associate. She volunteers her time with St. Mary's High School in Lancaster.

1982 — The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce recognized **Fran Machina** as the MacDill Air Force Base employee of the year at its annual awards banquet March 17. Machina has been the community service coordinator for the American Society of



Ann Marie and Fran Machina

Military Comptrollers for the last five years. In 2010, he coordinated events in support of Metropolitan Ministries, Feeding America Tampa Bay, Toys for Tots and Teaching Tools. His dedicated efforts introduced more than 100 volunteers to some of Tampa's most respected charitable endeavors, totaling more than 600 hours of support. Machina is the deputy chief financial officer for the United States Special Operations Command, responsible for an annual budget of \$10 billion, and he's a member of the U.S. Air Force Senior Executive Service. He is a retired Army colonel and lives in Brandon, Fla., with his wife, Ann Marie (Faiello), **'85.** and four children.

1984 — Marianne Comfort has joined the justice team for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. She will be educating sisters and people who work in their ministries on justice issues that affect poor and vulnerable people throughout North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and the Philippines. David Whalen, founder and statewide coordinator of Disability Awareness Training, will oversee a new project at Niagara University, which has been awarded a grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to develop and conduct a statewide disability awareness and sensitivity curriculum and the corresponding training tools for first responders. Whalen has been involved in the field of disabilities since 1986 and has been training first responders for the past five years. He sits on the New York State Independent Living Council, chairs the Town of Amherst Committee on Disabilities, is president of the Williamsville Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association, and is cofounder/principal investigator of Access Buffalo.

1985 — **Terrence M. Gilbride** was elected a trustee of the University at Buffalo Foundation. Gilbride will serve a three-vear term through June 30, 2013. He is a partner with Hodgson Russ LLP, where he leads the

firm's Higher Education Capital Project Practice Group. A 1988 graduate of UB Law School, he is a board member of the Law School Alumni Association. Foundation board members are selected for their distin-

guished achievements in professions and for their commitment to the advancement of the university.

1986 — **Geoffrey Teeter** was promoted to vice president of corporate relations at Genentech, a member of the Roche Group. In this role, Teeter leads the product public relations, internal communications, web and social media, corporate social responsibility, and external communications groups at the biotechnology company located in South San Francisco, Calif.



1988 — Lori Keane of Orchard Park was promoted to director of branding and advertising at BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York. In her new role, Keane will oversee the company's corporate and business unit,

brand, marketing communications and



1989 — Paula Tubbs Keppel is director of finance and human resources for the Western New York chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. **Anthony Minchella** was named to the 2010 and 2011 New England and Connecticut Super Lawyers lists, recognizing him as being in the top 5 percent of all attorneys in Connecticut and the region for business litigation, employment litigation and general litigation. Minchella has his own firm in Middlebury, Conn., where he and his wife, Jennifer (Olafsen), '91, live with their three sons.

1991 — James Davis ioined Hiscock & Barclay's Buffalo office as an associate. Davis is an experienced litigator with a focus on insurance defense. He also has experience advising health care facilities on

federal and state compliance matters, and has counseled medical professionals in disputes with insurance companies and regulatory agencies. Prior to joining Hiscock &

Barclay, Davis was an associate with Feldman Kieffer, LLP. He is a graduate of University at Buffalo Law School.

1992 — Linda (Hickey) **Mather** is director of marketing with Reuckert Advertising & Public Relations Inc. Mather is responsible for pursuing new business opportunities and managing accounts. She develops



strategic marketing plans, provides leadership to the agency's team through the tactical execution of client projects, and serves as the primary liaison between agency team members and clients. Mather, who lives in Clifton Park, is a past president of the New York Capital Region chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA). In 2005, The Business Review recognized her as a "40 under Forty" award winner for her business accomplishments and community

involvement. Suzanne Wilcox English has been elected 2011 president-elect and program chair of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the **Public Relations Society** of America, while continuing as the chapter's





In the swing of things

The SBU alumni softball team won the Capital Alumni Network New York State Tournament in Washington, D.C., in May. Pictured are (front row, from left) Patty Probst, '06 and Kasey Mutzel, '06, and (back row, from left) Jess Omasta, '06, Dan Piotrowski, Kevin Rhodes, Derek Smith. Greg Weidert, '09, Erika Mattoon, '06, Dave Tompkins, '99, and Jared Tompkins, '05.



Ain't life a beach!

Some former classmates got their families together in Outer Banks, N.C., for fun in the sun late last summer. Alums in the photo include Ian Mortimer, '93; Ann Marie (O'Neill) Mortimer, '93; Jim Schulz, '93; Hans Auer, '93; Greg Benson, '93; Steve Mather, '93; Linda (Hickey) Mather, '92; and Pete Haenn, '93. Joining the Bonnies were their spouses and 14 "Bona kids."

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2010 SBU graduate stars in film selected for Cannes **Festival Short Film Corner**

Emma Riley never imagined she'd be rubbing elbows so soon with A-list celebrities in a Mediterranean mansion.

A 2010 philosophy graduate from Berkeley, Calif., Riley was instrumental in two films selected for the 64th annual Cannes Film Festival, which ran from May 11-22.

"The biggest highlight was a private luncheon on Cap d'Antibes," Riley said. "Mick Jagger, Christian Louboutin, Jane Fonda, Robert De



Emma Riley and actor Robert De Niro

Niro — the list goes on. Being in the presence of about 30 people, all of that stature, really gave me the drive to work hard and not give in to the nerves that ride alongside a career in art freelancing."

Riley was the sole actor in "What Happens," and served as the film editor on the sequel, "It Happens." Both six-minute films — about the manipulation of relationships through the power of contemporary communication — were among more than 1,700 short films from 86 countries selected for the Short Film Corner, a Cannes showcase for short films.

Participation in this Cannes event gives aspiring members of the movie industry invaluable exposure.

"Our films were received very well," Riley said. "We have already been in contact with a company here in London interested in buying, as well as an art showcase in Manhattan that is going to screen the film I was in this summer."

Riley is studying at the Actors Centre in London.

diversity chair and liaison to the national committee on diversity. English, who has served since 2006 as director of public information for The University of Findlay, the largest and most diverse private institution of higher education in northwest Ohio, joined the board in spring 2008. The Northwest Ohio Chapter of PRSA has approximately 90 members and supports both the PR profession and the professional with continuing education and accreditation opportunities. She welcomes email from friends and former interns at suenglish23@hotmail.com.

1995 — Michael A. Rauh, MD., of Buffalo, was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) on Feb. 15 during ceremonies at the Academy's 2011 Annual Meeting in San



members worldwide. Rauh specializes in sports medicine and knee and shoulder arthroscopy. He has offices at the University Orthopaedic Center — Southtowns in Orchard Park and at the North Main Medical Building in Warsaw. He is a member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Association, Arthroscopy Association of North America, as well as the Orthopaedic Society of the State of New York. He is a clinical assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery with the State University of New York at Buffalo and teaches medical students and future orthopaedic surgeons. Rauh is the head team physician and orthopaedic consultant for the Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League. He is also head or assistant team physician to several Western New York area high schools and colleges. Rauh is also a member of the American Medical Association and an honorary member of the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedic Sports Traumatology.

1996 — Christopher **Rodi** of Pittsford is a partner in the Business and Finance Department of Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP. Rodi focuses his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, securities



law, and corporate law and governance. He

has represented numerous start-up companies in their formation, early- and late-stage financings and corporate transactions. He has also represented public and private issuers in capital formation transactions, and public and private companies in merger and acquisition transactions. Rodi received his J.D. from University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP is located in Rochester and has 66 attorneys.

1997 — **Aaron Cappotelli** is the supervising producer for "On-Air with Ryan Seacrest" in Los Angeles.

1999 — Karla Williams Buettner was named a principal at Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C. Buettner joined the firm as an associate attorney in 2002, specializing in civil litigation and appellate practice. Her practice areas include general litigation, insurance defense, real property and municipal litigation, and appellate practice. She lives in Gansevoort with her husband, Kevin, '00, and their children. Matthew Dauksza, CFP, **CLU**, was promoted to managing director of Prudential's Upstate New York operations with offices in Dewitt, Amherst, and New Hartford. In his new position, Dauksza concentrates his efforts on supervising and developing insurance agents and financial planners. **Christopher French** is co-director of the Independence School in Baltimore, Md., and would like to hear from classmates at cmfrench@bcps.k12.md.us.

2001 – Susan (Himes) Messmore holds a master's degree in technology for educators and received her administration certificate from Johns Hopkins University. She is an assistant principal at the middle school level with Baltimore County Public Schools. She lives in Baltimore, Md., with her husband and

2002 — Penny (Soto) Myler earned a master's degree in professional studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology in November 2010. Her concentrations are management and human resource development. She also celebrated five years in the Office of Transfer Admissions at St. John Fisher College last August. Jody Roselle received her juris doctor from Widener University School of Law with Pro Bono Distinction. She served as co editor-in-chief of "The Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race," represented indigent clients in the Pennsylvania Civil Law Clinic, and was a member of the American Association for Justice. Roselle worked as a legal intern at

the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and a law clerk for Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. She was also a recipient of the Widener Law Spring 2010 Outstanding Student Achievement Award.

2003 — Megan (Perry) Samborski completed her master's degree in integrated marketing communications at Emerson College. She is an advertising account executive at Yahoo! in Boston.



2004 — Carri (Gregorski) Prue, account supervisor in the Public Relations and Public Affairs Group at Eric Mower and Associates, has been elected to the board of directors for the ESF

College Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit corporation of alumni,

college and community representatives committed to helping advance the SUNY College of **Environmental Science and** Forestry. Prue will assist the foundation with public relations and marketing efforts, and serve on the Fund Development

Committee, which oversees fundraising and assists with the Feinstone Environmental Awards Banquet, an annual fundraising event. She will serve a three-year term. Prue has served on SBU's National Alumni Association Board since 2006, representing nearly 25,000 alumni worldwide and working closely with the university administration to support strategic initiatives. She also serves on the editorial board of Bonaventure magazine, and assists the Admissions Office with recruiting efforts in Syracuse. At EMA, Prue manages PR efforts for national and international clients, specializing in the electrical, building/construction and energy industries. She serves on the communications committee for the March of Dimes. She is a former member of the Syracuse Ad Club board of directors, serving as president from 2007-2008.

2005 — Kendra Chimera has been employed by Wells Fargo-Wachovia for five years. She has been promoted four tiers to an associate level. **Stephon Johnson** won an award from the New York Association of Black Journalists (NYABJ) in the Community Print category for an article written in the New York Amsterdam News. Titled "Cuomo's Black Problem." the article examined some of the issues that Andrew Cuomo and his father

— former Governor Mario Cuomo — have had with the black community in New York state. **Nick Zingara** received an MBA in marketing from William Paterson University. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard and hired as an operational accounting manager for Garden State First National in Bayonne, N.J. Jill (Schmelzer) Szpylman is the communications director for New York State Assemblyman Robin Schimminger.

2006 — Matthew Cullinane and his wife, Allison, live in Thailand, where he is working at the U.S. Embassy. He invites any other Bona alums who are in the Foreign Service to get in touch with him at matthewcullinane@gmail.com. Michelle Semancik has a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and is teaching an Advanced Placement U.S. Government class at McNicholas High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.



2007 — North Carolina drivers may see the face of **Anna M. Bulszewicz** larger than life on billboards in the state. Bulszewicz (pictured on the far right in the above billboard), is anchor of "Good Morning Eastern Carolina" on NewsChannel 12, WCTI, in New Bern, N.C.

2008 — Emily Ciraolo was elected to a three-year term on Grand Island's Board of Education. Ciraolo is a corporate communications associate with National Fuel in Buffalo. **Ryan Shannon** received the New York State Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Service Award. The award is presented annually to one law student from the state of New York who does the most to promote equal access to justice in the community. Shannon received the award based on his participation in the Law Students in Action Project, his successful representation of clients in front of the Unemployment Insurance Benefits Appeals Board and his research that is now being used by legal aide organizations throughout New York state in connection with the use of identification in applications for public benefits and for prisoners attempting to reenter society. Shannon graduated in May from University of Richmond School of Law. He is a member of the senior staff of the



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

Francis M. D'Errico, '52

J. Richard Hartigan, '52

Richard J. Stack, '52 Robert D. Stowell, '52 John J. DeVencenzo, '57 Francis J. Smyth, '57 John Astegher, '62 Guerino DiLoreto, '62 Beth A. (Serio) Nelson, '62 John E. Rice, '62 Martin J. Sweeney, '62 Jeremy R. Wilkin, '62 L. Thomas Bellucci, '67 David M. Ciampo, '67 Rosemary T. O'Boyle, '72 Robert F. Saborsky, '72 Frank D. Skowron, '72 Thomas J. Voroselo, '72 Jane A. Cucinell-Solnick, '77 James M. McCarthy, '77 David C. Stellman, '77 Deborah C. Baran, '82 Gregory J. Crowe, '82 Brian A. Garofalo, '82 Catherine A. Palmieri, '82 Monica (Marrow) Russo, '82 Andrew J. Bates, '87 John D. Bennett, '87 Thomas F. Boney, '87 Brian W. Cotter, '87 William J. McIntyre, '87 Barbara A. Wolf, '87 Patricia A. (Halgas) Brandow, '92 Lisa M. Coyle, '92 Robert B. Eckermann, '92 Sharon L. Law, '92 Douglas J. Miller, '92 Patrick J. Vaughan, '92 Carolyn R. Walsh, '92 Lisa M. Brown, '97 Lisa M. Geer-Yan, '97 Tina Denena, '02 Kevin W. Logan, '02 Leslie McKenzie, '02 Paul A. O'Dowd. '02 Kirsten Svendsen, '02 Nathan D. Smith, '07

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University of Richmond Law Review and is a teaching assistant. He is also enrolled in the clinical placement program, working on matters dealing with insurance law.

2009 — Julie McElmurry, having served as Catholic campus minister at Wake Forest University for 11 years, has founded Franciscan Passages, Inc., which gives retreats and presentations on Francis of Assisi. Visit her website at www.franciscanpassages.org.

2010 — **Mary E. Hermans** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Taste of Buffalo, the host of Western New York's annual premier outdoor food festival. Originating in 1984, the Taste of Buffalo is the largest two-day food festival in the United States, attracting nearly 450,000 patrons annually. Hermans is a paralegal in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel's Business and



Corporate practice group. **Jeremy J. Smith** joined the local, regional accounting and business advisory firm Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C., as a staff accountant in their Jamestown office. As a staff accountant, Smith has corporate responsibilities to compile, review and audit financial statements, along

with general tax assignments.



Celebrating the Mountain in the Sun

Some 22 Bona alumni and other Mt. Irenaeus friends gathered Jan. 28-30 at the Don Pedro Island, Fla., home of **Mike Spallone**, **'79**, and his wife, Kim. Hopefilled themes from the theology of Saint Irenaeus and Saint Bonaventure helped the group to pray and reflect together on "Gathering in God's Glory, We Rediscover Our Glory!" The alumni, spouses and friends gathered with **Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M.**, **'64**, Br. Joe Kotula, O.F.M., and Michelle Marcellin of Mt. Irenaeus, as well as **Kate Nolan Clemens**, **'84**, and the Spallones for a weekend "Mountain style" retreat that included the theme listed above, prayer, reflection, personal sharing and, of course, good meals.

In Memoriam



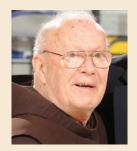
University Trustee **William C. Foster** died Nov. 29, 2010. Foster was a member of the Class of 1962, a trustee since 2008, and a major benefactor. Along with his wife, Daria, he was dedicated to supporting education and established a scholarship fund, The Sylvia Foster and Anna Lo Presti Scholarship Endowment, at St. Bonaventure University.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/lp6sn.



Louis A. Magnano, LL.D., '97, a leading figure in the modern history of Olean and a former University Trustee, died April 4. As a young man, Magnano drove the buses that transported our basketball teams and fans. In recent years, he supported the University's 150th Anniversary Campaign, and was instrumental in our efforts to relocate the Warming House and to renovate the new space for that ministry on Union Street in Olean.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/20crw.



The Rev. Gerald McCaffrey, O.F.M., '54, a professed Franciscan for 58 years and a priest for 52, died Jan. 31 at St. Anthony Friary. The 79-year-old friar spent more than 25 years in various positions at St. Bonaventure, serving as a chaplain, professor, moderator of athletics and vice president for student affairs. On Feb. 14, 2009, Fr. Gerald was inducted into St. Bonaventure' 40-year-old Athletics Hall of Fame at a ceremony in the Reilly Center.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/7m8r0.



Brs. Julian (right) and Adrian Riester, brothers in blood and in the Order of Friars Minor, left this world the same way they entered it — on the same day. The identical twins who spent 35 years working at the St. Bonaventure Friary died just hours apart on June 1 at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/r9ed3.



Dr. John G. Watson, dean of the School of Business and a member of the SBU family for more than 35 years, died April 17. A professor of management sciences, Watson had been dean of the School of Business for the last four years. It was Watson's second stint as dean; he served in that role from 1976 to 1984, just a year after beginning his career at Bona's. He also served the university as vice president for Academic Affairs from 1981 to 1994. He specialized in business policy and union-management relations as a professor.

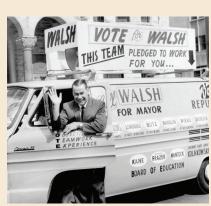
Read more at http://tiny.cc/lvoyj.



Courtesy of USGA

Sam Urzetta, '50, (pictured on the left), one of the greatest athletes St. Bonaventure has produced and an inaugural member (1969) of the Athletics Hall of Fame, died April 8 in his native Rochester; he was 85. Urzetta was best known for his abilities in golf and basketball, captaining the St. Bonaventure basketball team and leading the nation in free throw shooting his junior season. Urzetta went on to play in four U.S. Opens, four Masters, four PGA championships, and he was also a three-time member of the United States Walker Cup team.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/rvrij.



Courtesy of The Post-Standard

William F. Walsh, '34, of Syracuse, a former U.S. Congressman, died Jan. 8 at the age of 98. Walsh was a two-term mayor of Syracuse in the 1960s and represented the Syracuse area in Congress from 1973 to 1979. He was a key figure in Central New York Republican politics. The William F. Walsh Science Center at St. Bonaventure, which opened in 2008, was named in his honor. He is pictured above campaigning in 1961 with his van nicknamed the Walsh Wagon.

Read more at http://tiny.cc/x39f2.

Alumni Deaths

William F. Walsh, LL.D., '34, Marcellus, N.Y.

Sr. Mary Carmella Coene, R.S.M., '34, Rochester, N.Y.

Cyril V. Neubert, '37, Kalamazoo, Mich. Bernard D. White, '40, Bradford, Pa. J. Alex Byers Jr., '41, Pittsburgh, Pa. Rene G. Dittiacur, '41, Westerville, Ohio Dr. Noel G. Smith, '42, Scottsdale, Ariz. Thomas G. Colligan, '43, Middletown, N.Y. James J. Hagerty, Esq., '44, Clarence Center, N.Y. George A. Steiner, CPA, '47, Hornell, N.Y. Daniel S. Souders, '48, Erie, Pa. Bernard Sullivan, '48, Winter Haven, Fla. V. Louis Gennett, '49, Baldwinsville, N.Y. Richard T. Muth. '49. Ouitman. Ga. Francis D. Nolan, '49, Mobile, Ala. John E. Barilar, '50, Anita, Pa. Raymond J. Burns, '50, Aurora, Colo. Leo P. Casey, '50, North Hampton, N.H. Mario J. Cerroni, '50, Baldwinsville, N.Y. John N. Collins, '50, Paw Paw, Mich. James E. Davitt, '50, Syracuse, N.Y. Dominick M. DeVito, '50, Ridgefield, Conn. Charles B. Diehl, '50, Buffalo, N.Y. Lawrence F. Finley, '50, Sherrill, N.Y. Morris Fishkin, '50, Bradford, Pa. Barney J. Foltman Jr., '50, Yarmouth Port, Mass. Bernard M. Kelly, '50, Beaumont, Texas John A. Lane, '50, Brookeville, Md. Samuel Urzetta, '50, East Rochester, N.Y. Vincent M. Sano, '50, Horseheads, N.Y. Bernard A. Dick, '51, Northampton, Pa. Albert M. Hudak, '51, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. John J. Kenney, '51, Fairport, N.Y. Robert MacFarlane Sr., '51, Bradford, Pa. Lawrence J. McMahon, '51, Huntington, N.Y. William T. Farrell, '51, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. John F. O'Donnell, '51, Schenectady, N.Y. Eugene J. Barry, '52, East Aurora, N.Y. Rev. David A. Boileau, '52, New Orleans, La. Nicholas J. Bongiovanni, '52, New Canaan, Conn. William J. Clare, '52, Spencerport, N.Y. Jean H. (Kreber) McMahon, '52, Huntington, N.Y. Charles R. Schickler, '52, Rochester, N.Y. Irving F. Simmons, '52, Webster, N.Y. Patrick J. Carroll, '53, Allegany, N.Y. Thomas E. Pratt, '53, Orchard Park, N.Y. Norman J. Rung, '53, Minneapolis, Minn. Robert J. Evers, '54, Chevy Chase, Md. Rev. Gerald McCaffrey O.F.M., '54, Butler, N.J. William A. Michie Jr., '54, Nanuet, N.Y. Sr. Rose C. Case, O.S.F., '55, Aston, Pa. David M. Lechner, '55, Marion, N.Y. Salvatore A. Bordonaro, '56, Winsted, Conn. John W. Chapman, '56, Doylestown, Pa. Jacob J. Epstein, '56, Port Washington, N.Y. John J. Downey, '57, The Woodlands, Texas William A. Duffy, '57, Pottstown, Pa. Ruth E. (Murray) Miller, '57, Homestead, Fla. John F. Tschiderer, '57, Pittsford, N.Y. Francis P. Corcoran, '58, Riverside, Ill. Patrick T. Flynn, '59, Owego, N.Y. Leon F. Lepkowski, '59, Horseheads, N.Y. Austin J. O'Toole, '59, Erie, Pa.

Joseph M. Cavallaro, '60, Corning, N.Y. James W. Hulbert, '60, Ithaca, N.Y. Joseph M. Martuscello, '60, New York, N.Y. John T. Naar, '60, Brooklyn, N.Y. Thomas H. Quinn, '60, Asbury Park, N.J. Sr. Mary Z. Ustaszewska, '60, Camden, N.J. Albert N. Capuzzi, '61, Morris Plains, N.J. Francois R. Cross, '61, Beacon, N.Y. John Danahy, '61, Toluca Lake, Calif. Roger G. Farrell, '61, Derrick City, Pa. Fr. Thomas A. Flower, '61, Tariffville, Conn. Eugene R. Glowny, '61, Augusta, Ga. Michael J. Kelly, '61, McLean, Va. Daniel C. Ryan, '61, Morro Bay, Calif. Lt. Col. Jerome W. Scanlon, '61, San Antonio, Texas Gary F. Weber, '61, Largo, Fla. Guerino DiLoreto Jr., '62, Fishkill, N.Y. William C. Foster, '62, New York, N.Y. Russell T. Green Jr., '62, Peabody, Mass. James F. Yochum, CPA, '62, West Seneca, N.Y. Richard Nolan, '63, Wilmington, Del. Fred E. Soriano, '63, Saylorsburg, Pa. Paul J. Denler, '65, Menomonee Falls, Wis. Robert I. Fox, '65, Newton, N.J. Richard H. Scott, '66, Davtona Beach, Fla. Charles J. Grigditie, '67, Worcester, Mass. John E. Knittel, '67, Raleigh, N.C. Paul C. Stark, '67, Olean, N.Y. Francis J. Asip, '68, Rockville Center, N.Y. Richard D. Pfister, '69, Camden, N.Y. Bonnie J. (McDermott) Sheedy, '69, Loudonville, N.Y. Ruth M. (Brinck) Ryan, '69, Westerville, Ohio L. Ray Albee, '70, Delray Beach, Fla. Michael F. Riley, '70, Wayne, N.J. David M. John, '71, Olean, N.Y. Louis W. Pascarella, '71, Bradford, Pa. William M. Schneider. '71. Fairview Park. Ohio Maureen F. (Thrasher) Zambon, '71, Williamsville, N.Y. Thomas W. Conklin, '73, Allegany, N.Y. James F. Hutchinson, '73, Pembroke, Mass. Lt. Col. Paul A. Wilcox, '73, Gainesville, Va. Dr. Michael J. Kiskis, '76, Elmira, N.Y. Deborah L. (Smith) Morgan, '76, Charlotte, N.C. Gregg P. Scholl, '77, Allegany, N.Y. Michael J. Myers, '78, Pearland, Texas Robert G. Hutter. '78. Wellsville. N.Y. Anthony D. Carr, '79, '81, Plainfield, N.J. Martin A. DiFusco, '80, Palantine, Ill. Dennis C. Flynn, '84, Milton, N.Y. Steven F. Fischer, '89, Lake Katrine, N.Y. John E. Heffner, '90, Henderson, Nev. Teresa J. (Zultowski) Marshall, '99, Lindenhurst, N.Y. Laura K. (Klopfer) Wright, '99, Erie, Pa.

In Memoriam

Matthew R. Dungan, a sophomore from Tonawanda, N.Y. Matthew J. Martinelli, a junior from Andover, N.Y. Nicholas Muccia, a sophomore from Randolph, N.J. Karen Hamed of Olean, N.Y., a retired database assistant in Technology Services John P. Maguire LL.D., of St. Louis, who served on the Board of Trustees from 1968-1973

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BonAlumnus Weddings



Amy Goebert, '97, '98, and Robert Dorfer



Stacy Brown, '06, and Michael Swope, '06, '07



Deanna Perrone and Scott Clarke, '02



Rachel Dell, '03, and

Chris Gondek



Kimberly McLaren, '02, and Jason Owen



Megan Perry, '03, and Brian Samborski

Elizabeth Hartness, '05, '06, and Gregory Mahns, '05, '06



Krystin Troyer, '03, and Joseph Ryan, '96



Ellen Murray and Brian McLaughlin, '03



Tara McConkey, '04, and Patrick Sheridan, '04



Rebekah Fuller and Justin Jones, '04



Sarah Frontino, '07, and Benjamin Kuchta



Julia LoPresti, '04, and Christopher Trotto, '04



Rachel Faber, '05, and Kevin Bowers, '05



Melissa Heitmann and Matthew Piccolo, '08



Corin Lendway, '05, and John Scharlock, '05



Jessica Stevenson and James Irwin, '05

Getting married in 2011?

To submit your wedding photo for an upcoming edition:

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- email bonalumnus@sbu.edu
- mail to P.O. Box 2509, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778

All photos must be of good reproductive quality. Pictures submitted electronically must have a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The University is prohibited from publishing copyrighted photographs, unless accompanied by written permission from the photographer.

The deadline for December 2011 **Bonaventure** magazine submissions is Sept. 9, 2011.

Don't forget to notify us of your new name or address! Update your information at Bona's Online at www.sbu.edu/bonasonline.



Jennifer Tucker, '07, and Charles Locke, '07



Janet Gunderson, '10, and Matthew Ingram, 10



Allison Janetis and Matthew Cullinane, '06, '07

What's new with you? Submit class notes online at www.sbu.edu/bonamag

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Cristin Chase, '02, and John Bratt III



Mariesa Gianni, '09, '10, and Justin Simon



Katie Vorndran, '07, '08, and Matthew Strusienski, '06



Cathy Lapp, '07, and Jeff Toothman

Additional Wedding Announcements

Carol Sova, '65, and Jerry Vozeh, '65 Payal Patel and Nathan Herendeen, '00, '02 Jennifer Albanese, '03, and Vincent Cuyle Christine Milovich, '04, and Michael Blough Jill Schmelzer, '05, and Eric Szpylman



Lauren Marianetti, '07, and Adam Deisinger, '07

BonAlumnus Births/Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Kelsey Elizabeth to Mary Beth (Linch), '88, and David Hogan

Sydney Emerson to **Patricia** (**Brant**), '91, and Paul Carlone

Edwin Charles to **Michele** (**Mercincavage**), '93, and Ed Bassler

Grace Eleanor to **Marybeth Nelson, '94,** and Jonathan Considine

2011 Mark Hellinger Awards

Thursday, Oct. 6 6 p.m. Dinner Reception Templeton Landing in Buffalo

Honoring

Hellinger Winner Kristy Kibler
Runner-up Erin Lowry
Alumnus of the Year
Bob McCarthy, '76
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Madelyn Elizabeth to **Bridget** (Hannon), '94, and Charlie Forth

Hadley Michelle to **Michelle** (Pecor), '94, and Bill Schrouder

Charlotte Grace to Kim and Michael Tyler, '94

Riley Marie to Crystal Anne and Christopher Monelt, '94

Paige Elizabeth to **Courtney** (Carra), '95, and Todd Sheahan

Elizabeth Ann to **Kara (Mekos), '95,** and Brent Young

Brian Michael to **Maureen** (Sweeney), '96, and David Porter

Carson Joseph to Melissa (Culbertson), '98, and Ryan Cyphert

Susetta Clare to Susan and **Joseph Gonsiorek, '98, '10**

Elena Jennie to Jen and **Brian Moritz, '99**Evan Joseph to Megan
and **Rob Spatola, '99, '00**

Grant Jeremy to Michelle

(Leising), '05, and Jeremy Hemiup, '99

Annalin Grace and Michael Burleson to **Amy (Burleson), '99,** and Michael Sullivan

Abigail Heather to **Andrea (Lohr), '99,** and David Houghton

Sienna Grace to Elizabeth (Tascione), '00, and Greg Licamele, '99

Bradley Patrick to **Karen (Breen), '00,** and Brian Mudrak

Emily Marie to Joy (Knerr), '00, and Lucas Fink, '02

Caroline Elizabeth to Courtney (Donovan), '00, and John Souza, '00

Finnegan Andrew to **Kara** (**Smith**), '00, and Joseph Murphy

Jameson Andrew to **Susan** (Himes), '01, and Andrew Messmore

Sophia Avery Ann to Tami and Jonathan Butry, '02

Benjamin Ramon to Penny (Soto), '02, and Jonathan Myler, '01

Marcello Thomas to Beth and Michael Kita, '03

Conor Michael to Angie (Russo), '04, and Sean McGarry, '03

Adeline Rose to **Sarah (Norton), '04,** and Adam Hansen

Henry D'Angelo to Adrienne and **Nate Dougherty, '05**

Benjamin David to Diana (Pollitt), '06, and Bradley Owens, '05, '06

Evan Thomas to **Kimberly** (**Trimboli**), '08, '09, and **Shane** Randolph, '08



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Commencement 2011

Bona's celebrates the class of 2011 as 650 students earn degrees



Former Syracuse congressman James Walsh, '70, (right) told the graduates to serve, with no regrets, as he gave the Commencement Address. Walsh was one of three who received honorary degrees. Also honored were Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Ph.D., D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C., (left) who presided over Baccalaureate Mass, and Fr. Robert Karris, O.F.M., Th.D., a member of the research and publications faculty of St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Institute.









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