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## School Spirit

From University Ministries to Mt. Irenaeus,  
service is at the heart of spirituality at St. Bonaventure

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## From the President

Maybe we should call them redefining moments.

In 2002, the university honored Mychal Judge, O.F.M., a 1957 St. Bonaventure graduate, with a posthumous honorary degree. It was our privilege to host Thomas Von Essen as Commencement speaker. He was the chief of the Fire Department of the City of New York on Sept. 11, 2001, and had been for many years a good friend to Mychal. In the few minutes that I was able to speak with him, I told him that I wanted him to carry this message to the firefighters with whom he worked:

For years I had lived within a vocational status that seemed to destine one —



whether priest, brother, sister — to a special claim to spirituality within the Christian community. We received intense training for several years upon

entering our convents or monasteries. Annually we were guaranteed a retreat of several days to permit us to focus on our efforts to improve our relationship with God and neighbor.

Often we were blessed to live with women who were outstanding examples of dedication, prayerfulness, self-sacrifice. Frequently we could hear the best speakers, meet with the “gurus” of the latest insights, and develop personal prayer practices with great freedom and communal support. I belonged, I thought, to that elite corps in the Church, focused on living a spiritual life that was “industrial strength.”

On the day we call 9-11 that changed forever.

On that day — and in the harrowing revelations of the following days and months — I realized that the greatest holiness I had ever witnessed was the cadres of firefighters and first-respon-

ders climbing the World Trade Center towers to rescue and save victims.

Without warning, they were thrust into the ultimate test of their training — the capacity to face danger, even loss of life — in service to others. They responded. Hundreds responded and died. The survivors searched day and night. When they found remains, they formed a makeshift memorial line, with dozens signing themselves as the remains were carried up and out of the Ground Zero site.

What is spirituality?

It is that inner flow of life that separates us from other sentient creatures. It is the capacity to seek the Divine, to place our faith, hope and love in a Life that is beyond our human ken. It is the primordial and innermost center from which all that is good and graced in our lives flows back and forth from the Eternal River of grace and good.

No one is without this gift. No one is guaranteed a superior experience or performance of its power. It is a gift and it is the very core of our humanity. Irenaeus, the great teacher of the early Christian community, said it best: “The glory of God is man/woman — full alive.”

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



Political science major and 2002 graduate Michael Britt carried Mychal Judge's dress hat and gloves into the Reilly Center Arena during Commencement 2002.

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## Editor's Letter

### Thank you to those who took the readership survey; welcome class of 2013

**Beth A. Eberth**

Welcome to the third edition of *Bonaventure* magazine. A special welcome goes to our newest readers — members of the class of 2013 and their parents.

It was just more than a year ago that we launched the first issue, and have appreciated the feedback our readers have shared following the publication of each edition.

Last summer, a random sampling of more than 2,000 of our readers (alumni, donors, friends, faculty, staff, students and parents) were invited to take a Web-based survey about the new *Bonaventure* magazine. The survey results give the Editorial Board a benchmark/baseline of overall readership satisfaction: Seventy-nine percent of those taking the survey indicate they read every issue, and 87 percent said they read all or most of the magazine.

The survey was hosted by Qualtrics.com, a leading survey firm, in cooperation with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), of which St. Bonaventure is a member. By partnering with CASE, we have access to the survey data aggregated in a single database and can compare our results with those of all other institutions using the same survey.

Readers were asked about their interest in specific topics and reading habits, as well as their rating of the quality of the magazine's content, design, photography and writing. I'm pleased to share that the magazine received favorable marks in all of those areas.

There were also several questions that allowed for open-ended responses. More than 100 people responded to the question "What is it you like most about *Bonaventure* magazine?" Here is a sample of the responses:

- Enjoy the new magazine-style format
- Ease of reading, good articles on students/faculty and what they are doing
- I feel connected to people and faculty even though I graduated 37 years ago
- Hearing what alumni are up to, seeing the changes to the campus, keeping up to date with events

Many readers said they welcome the new format of the magazine, and numerous responses indicate that the class notes continue to be a valued section of the publication.

Of the 76 people who responded to "What is it you like least about *Bonaventure* magazine," several were concerned with the cost of the magazine and the university's commitment to a "green" publication.

St. Bonaventure is committed to being a good steward on both issues. The magazine is published twice a year from the previous cycle of three times a year for BonAlumnus. *Bonaventure* magazine is printed on paper that is 50 percent recycled, 25 percent post-consumer waste. The printer, Boncraft Printing of Buffalo, uses soy-based inks and is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, which is the best certification process for ensuring that forests are managed in a sustainable manner.

If you would like to receive additional updates about the university and alumni activities in between issues of the magazine, please visit Bona's Online, a net community for alumni, or sign up to receive "@SBU," a monthly e-newsletter sent by the Office of Alumni Services. Bona's Online is located at [www.sbu.edu/alumni](http://www.sbu.edu/alumni); to receive "@SBU," simply send your e-mail address to the alumni office at [alumni@sbu.edu](mailto:alumni@sbu.edu).

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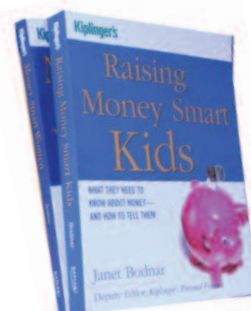


### Winners of book giveaway announced

Two alumnae were the lucky recipients of our book giveaway in the Spring/Summer edition of *Bonaventure* magazine.

Penny Williams, '92, received a copy of "Raising Money Smart Kids" and Michelle Bernard, '84, received a copy of "Money Smart Women."

Both books were authored and autographed by alumna Janet Bodnar, '71, who was featured in the last issue.



## Franciscan Minute

### A Reflection for the Year of the Priest

By Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., Th.D.

Pope Benedict XVI has declared 2009-2010 "The Year of the Priest." What does St. Bonaventure say about priests? In his *Defense of the Mendicants*, chap. 12, n. 3-7\* Bonaventure describes the priest with seven and then three biblical metaphors.

The first biblical metaphor is BUILDER. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:10: "As a wise builder, I laid the foundation." As the builder is related to the building, so is the priest related to the people by establishing and promoting the truth of the faith.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6: "I have planted." The FARMER renews the virtues which must be irrigated by the teaching of the Scriptures. "Now if the people are a garden and a paradise planted and vibrant with many virtues, the person who instructs the people in moral teaching is rightly called a farmer."

Jesus talks about the SHEPHERD in John 10:2-4: "The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep .... And when he has let out his own sheep, he goes before them." This is what the priest does when he goes before the people with an example of holiness.

Hebrews 5:1 describes the priest's role as INTERCESSOR as he pleads before God for men and women.

As a PHYSICIAN, the priest cures injuries inflicted by enemies. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan the Samaritan bound up the injured man's wounds.

The Samaritan represents Christ himself,



*The bas-relief plaque of St. Bonaventure, the University's namesake and inspiration, appears on Devereux Hall. The inscription in Latin reads "Saint Bonaventure, Seraphic Doctor."*

the physician, and those who take his place in the expurgation of sins.

As a WATCHMAN the priest warns his people against imminent danger, according to what Ezekiel 3:17 says: "Son of Man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel."

The priest is like a military LEADER who bears the standard to repulse actual assaults in the manner of noble Maccabeus "who put on a breastplate as a giant and girt his warlike armor about him in battles ... and protected the camp with his sword." (1 Maccabees 3:3).

After giving these seven metaphors, Bonaventure returns to Paul for three images of loving priestly ministry.

When Paul speaks of his converts, he

says in one instance that he had begotten them in Christ, in another that he has given birth to them, and in yet another that he has fed with milk the little ones in Christ. "Since it is not irksome at all, but desirable, sweet, and pleasing for a father, mother or nurse to sustain a poor little son, to nurture a weak child, and to give milk to a crying babe, it must also be a great consolation for all holy and compassionate priests every time they procure salvation for their people."

(Fr. Bob Karris is a research professor at the Franciscan Institute. \*In early 2010 Franciscan Institute Publications will publish Fr. Bob's annotated translation of St. Bonaventure's *Defense of the Mendicants*.)



## Campus News

### SBU students chosen for National Science Foundation, Borer research programs

Two St. Bonaventure physics majors were selected to participate in a highly competitive summer research program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Jacob Donius, a junior from Alfred Station, N.Y., attended a program in physics at the University of Idaho, while Troy Mulholland, a sophomore from Dewittville, N.Y, participated in a physics program at the University of Florida.

Both programs included seminars, workshops, field trips and free time for students to explore their locales.

A trio of undergraduates tackled research on renewable energy, immunology and cancer protein under The Dr. Arnold T. Borer Summer Fellowship Program at St. Bonaventure.

Thomas Zaikos, '10, a biochemistry major from Unionville, Ontario, Canada, was busy going green, hoping to discover a new source of renewable energy in a species of green algae called *Neochloris Oleoabundans*.

Devin Patel, '10, a biology major from Harleysville, Pa., investigated the correlation between immune response and estrogen levels in females.

Aashish Kumar, '11, a biology major from Matthews, N.C., studied and researched Cadherin-11, a protein that has been implicated in metastatic cancer and may also play a role in the development of the mammary gland.

After graduation, Zaikos, Patel and Kumar plan to attend medical school at George Washington University.



### Computer Science hosts annual Girls Day

Angela Wood (center), a Web programmer intern for Cutco Corp. in Olean and a 2009 alumna of St. Bonaventure, conducts a workshop as part of the Department of Computer Science's Girls Day Nov. 7. Sixth-, seventh- and eight-grade students from the region were invited to the event to learn about robots, digital scrapbooking, computer-generated animations, encryption, social networking and other modern applications of computer technology.

### U.S. News rankings tout St. Bonaventure as great value

Generous scholarship and aid packages have earned St. Bonaventure the No. 7 ranking on U.S. News & World Report's 2010 list of best college values in the North.

"In economic times like these, we recognize families are doing everything they can to get the most value from their money," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president.

"People need to understand that private institutions are much more affordable than they probably realize. Our financial aid people work tirelessly to do everything

they can to make a Bonaventure education possible."



The average financial aid and scholarship package for an incoming St. Bonaventure freshman is more than \$22,000.

St. Bonaventure's high ranking on the "Great Schools, Great Prices" list correlated to its high overall rating in the category for northern colleges that offer master's degrees.

SBU jumped 13 spots from 2009, landing at No. 27 out of 176 institutions, placing it in the top 15 percent.

## SBU welcomes 169 legacy students for 2009-2010

SBU legacies belong to a unique group — they are students whose parent(s) graduated from St. Bonaventure University!

There are 169 legacy students enrolled at Bona's. This number equates to approximately 9 percent of the SBU student population and is higher than the national norm.

“St. Bonaventure is a university that cherishes its alumni and its Franciscan heritage of caring, and we want parents to know how much we value our legacy students,” said MJ Telford, '75, director of Volunteer Relations at the university.

The Admissions Office continues to actively recruit children of alumni. If your high school-aged child has not received materials from the Admissions Office, it is because your child is not on our alumni database. We invite you to send your child's name, date of birth, and class year to MJ Telford at [mtelford@sbu.edu](mailto:mtelford@sbu.edu).

169 LEGACY STUDENTS AT ST. BONAVENTURE	
Class of 2009/10 Master's	5
Class of 2010	42
Class of 2011	39
Class of 2012	47
Class of 2013	36
Students hail from California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and China.	

## BonaResponds National Service Day set for March 27

On March 27, 2010, St. Bonaventure alumni chapters across the country will be participating in the first National BonaResponds service day. It will be a great opportunity to help others, do good work, have fun, and reconnect with other Bonaventure alumni.

It is easy. You can volunteer in your hometown, then share your pictures, videos, summaries, and reflections with the other volunteers around the country. If your local chapter is not participating, start something yourself or just go volunteer on your own.

For information on chapters that are participating as well as details about submitting pictures and short summaries or reflections, visit [www.BonaResponds.org](http://www.BonaResponds.org).

## Fr. Joe Butler Series brings Bonaventure to you

Join SBU for an event near you. The Fr. Joe Butler Series is a social gathering of alumni and friends with extraordinary conversations. Fr. Joe Butler, O.F.M., was St. Bonaventure University's eighth president and one of its most beloved.

This series will connect our alumni, parents and friends in an informal setting that brings “Bonaventure to your hometown.”

We hope you and your family will join us at a city near you.

- Wednesday, Jan. 13 – Denver
- Thursday, Jan. 21 – Boston
- Saturday, March 13 - Weston, Fla.
- Thursday, April 8 - Washington, D.C.

For more details  
[www.sbu.edu/frjoebutler](http://www.sbu.edu/frjoebutler)



# Campus News



### '80s alums celebrate at Military Ball

These SBU alums gathered for a photo during the St. Bonaventure Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program's 67th annual Military Ball March 21. Pictured are (front row, from left) Leigh Hannan, Brenda Huey Bolduc, '86, Mary Mahoney Santini, '87, Mary Lapp DiRisio, '87, Jayne Russell, Mary Gannon Mis, '87, Michelle Rouleau Trietley, '88, Angela Giardini Dubin, and (back row, from left) Bill McLaen, '87, Aiden Hannan, '87, Rob Bolduc, John Santini, '86, Jim DiRisio '86, Joe Russell, '85 (MBA), Jim Mis, '86, Rick Trietley, '86, Tony Dubin, '86, and Rob Krott, '85. James Mis, a colonel with the U.S. Army, was the guest speaker at the event.

## Save the Date Homecoming 2010 February 12-14

**Friday, Feb. 12**  
Bona Pride Day  
*Wear your Bona Brown!*  
Young Alumni Career Panel (TBA)  
Senior/Alumni Reception in the Skeller

**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
2 p.m. SBU Men vs. Richmond  
(Game will sell out)  
Post-game Reception

**Sunday, Feb. 14**  
1 p.m. SBU Women vs. George Washington

Game tickets! (716) 375-2500

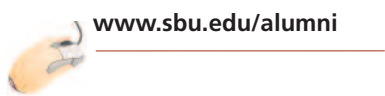
### SBU welcomes author David Isay

The University's First-Year Experience program and All Bonaventure Reads Committee welcomed author and journalist David Isay to campus for an Oct. 29 lecture in the Reilly Center Arena. Isay is author of "Listening Is An Act of Love," the 2009 All Bonaventure Reads selection.

"Listening" is a celebration of American life from the StoryCorps project, which travels around the country and allows everyday people to collect and record stories by interviewing friends and family who have something to share. The All Bonaventure Reads text is the cornerstone of the University 101 course for freshmen, and the entire campus community was invited to read the book and participate in events.

### Stay connected to Bona's!

Bona's Online, St. Bonaventure University's online community, is a valuable tool in keeping alumni connected — with the University and with other Bona alumni. Features of the online community include a free lifetime SBU e-mail forwarding address, access to the searchable alumni directory, class notes, online registration for member-only events, online profile, address update capabilities, and communication from the university.



[www.sbu.edu/alumni](http://www.sbu.edu/alumni)

### Alum creates film about homeless artist



Filmmaker Torre Catalano, '04, returned to his alma mater Nov. 19 for a screening of his acclaimed documentary "The Mayor of Strawberry Fields."

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

The short documentary delves into Gary's euphoric yet dysfunctional life on the streets, and takes the audience into a world only a true rock and roll fan would understand. Whether it's the searing city heat or blistering cold of winter, Gary stands by the memorial with flowers from bodega dumpsters, and gives the world, as he says, "the peace sign it needs."





### Class of 2009 continues its good journey

CNN's Wolf Blitzer (above) addresses 351 undergraduate and 259 graduate students taking part in Commencement Exercises May 17.

In the upper left photo is Blitzer, who received an honorary doctorate of humane letters along with Marcia Marcus Kelly (center), a niece of renowned Olean poet Robert Lax, and John B. "Jack" Butler (right), SBU class of 1951 and an all-pro defensive back for the Steelers in the 1950s. They are pictured with University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., and Board of Trustees Chair John R. "Jack" McGinley.

READ MORE ONLINE  
<http://tinyurl.com/yzanau8>



### The Bonnies back in Rochester

For the first time since 2005, the St. Bonaventure men's basketball team returned to Rochester to host Big East Conference foe St. John's on Nov. 17 at Blue Cross Arena.

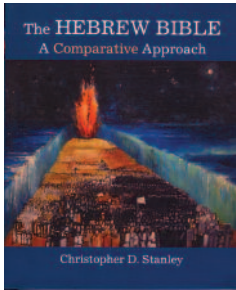
"We were excited to be able to get a game back to Rochester in front of our great alumni base there," said head coach Mark Schmidt. Bonnies fans did not disappoint, as more than 4,000 showed up for the contest that ended with a heart-breaking one-point loss. Among the fans were three busloads of SBU students, some of whom are pictured here (at right) with cut-out pictures of Coach Schmidt's head.

"Once again, the Bonnies thrilled our alums and college basketball fans in Rochester with a strong effort on the court," said Mark Murphy, '91, who served on the planning committee for the game. "Through the events surrounding the game and our



support for the team at the game, we really showed the Bonaventure spirit to the entire Rochester community. Of course, two more points would've made it a perfect night!"

## Off the Shelf



St. Bonaventure theology professor **Dr. Christopher Stanley** has authored a new textbook that offers a fresh approach to studying the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament in univer-

sity classrooms. "The Hebrew Bible: A Comparative Approach" analyzes the religion of ancient Israel using methods and insights derived from the comparative study of religion.

The book employs cross-cultural examples and more than 350 full-color photos to illustrate the similarities and differences between the religion of the Hebrew Bible and other religious traditions.

The book was written especially for today's undergraduates, many of whom are interested in world religions but may know little or nothing about the Bible. Visit the book's companion Web site at <http://fortresspress.com/stanley>.

"A Father's Love: Book One" by **Thomas H. Cervone, '83**, of Evansville, Ind., has been published by AuthorHouse.

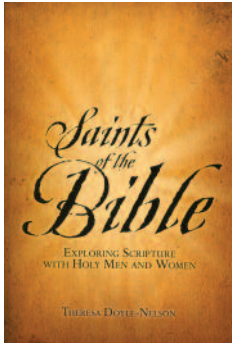


"A Father's Love" is a Christian approach on 50 common topics that God is helping a father tell his children. It discusses how we are God's children, unique and important.

The book positively reinforces confidence, individuality and how life is an expression of love, hope and perseverance.

"It emphasizes how much God loves and always forgives us," Cervone said. Age, church, death, family, heaven, prayer, sports

and other topics are discussed in "A Father's Love."

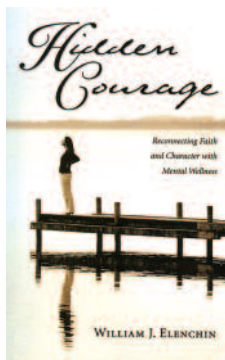


**Theresa Doyle-Nelson, '81**, has had her first book, "Saints of the Bible: Exploring Scripture with Holy Men and Women," published by Our Sunday Visitor. In "Saints of the Bible," she offers brief biogra-

phies of more than 48 people of the Bible who are recognized as saints by the Catholic Church.

The collection includes well-known saints such as Mary, Joseph and the Apostles, plus many lesser-known Bible saints, such as Titus, Apphia and Philemon. Each entry features the saint's feast day and patronage, a key Scripture verse, reflection and additional Scripture verses.

An elementary education graduate, Doyle-Nelson spent seven years teaching before writing became her career. Doyle-Nelson and her husband, **Chad, '79**, live in Pipe Creek, Texas. "Saints of the Bible" is available through most bookstores and online bookselling sites. More information about the book is available at [www.TheresaDoyle-Nelson.com](http://www.TheresaDoyle-Nelson.com).



Early in his career as a fraud investigator and later as a behavioral therapist, **William J. Elenchin, Ph.D.**, visiting assistant professor of sociology at St. Bonaventure, saw many people struggling with mental

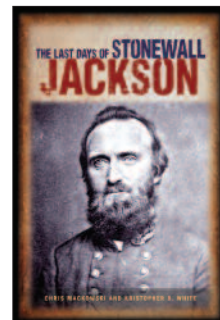
illness and problems with living. It motivated him to delve into the research and pursue his doctorate, setting the groundwork for

his book "Hidden Courage: Reconnecting Faith and Character with Mental Wellness" (January 2009/WIPF and STOCK Publishers).

Elenchin describes how mental health treatment has historically functioned from an illness model, and shares how the last 20 years of scientific research has re-established the positive relationship between faith beliefs, character traits and behavioral health.

"Hidden Courage" was written for a general audience, primarily for providers and consumers of mental health services. Topics include the historical and worthless quarrel between faith and reason, research findings related to religiosity and health, depression, the importance of character in daily life, as well as the emerging field of positive psychology.

Elenchin, of Coudersport, Pa., holds a Ph.D. in human services from Capella University.



**Chris Mackowski**, associate professor of journalism and mass communication at St. Bonaventure, has co-authored a new book on the death of Civil War general Jonathan

"Stonewall" Jackson.

"The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson," written with Civil War historian Kristopher D. White, recounts the accidental wounding of the Confederate general at the hands of his own men at the battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863. The wound left Jackson vulnerable to pneumonia, which claimed his life eight days later.

"The story of Jackson's wounding and subsequent death is one of the most famous stories of the Civil War, and there's a lot of mythology and romanticism that surrounds it," Mackowski says. "We wanted to peel some of that back and look at what really

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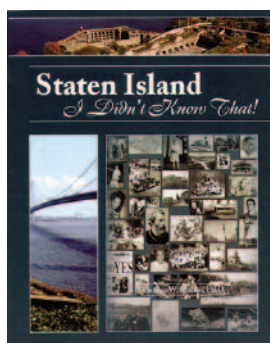
happened while also doing honor to the story.

"The Park Service wanted something a general reader could sit down and read in a single night and get a good overview of what happened," Mackowski explains.

Seventy-five sketches, photos, and maps accompany the text. But, Mackowski adds, "Last Days" has something to offer to Civil War buffs, too.

"The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson" is available from Thomas Publishing, a leading publisher of Civil War-related books.

What do Ricky Schroeder, George Bamberger, Alyssa Milano, Joey Faye and Roy Clark have in common? They all grew up in Staten Island.



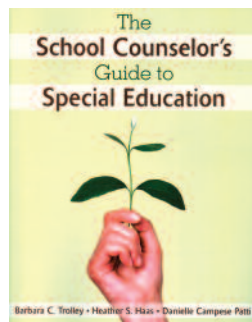
**Dr. Thomas Matteo's** third book "Staten Island: I Didn't Know That!" celebrates Staten Island's heritage and chronicles typically unknown Staten Island

history. Matteo, '70, is the Staten Island historian.

"As a small town within a big city, Staten Island has produced many historical goodies and become a great place for nurturing fascinating personalities and enterprises. You can dream very big here and then take a short ferry ride to the big city to press your ambition," writes Ed Wiseman, executive director of the Staten Island Historical Society.

"Yet many Staten Islanders made their history at home. They built businesses, made fortunes, and created institutions here that have lasted for centuries. These pioneers have helped shape the borough we know today. As you travel through Staten Island,

you can find many of these dreams still standing. In many ways, this book is a guidebook to that greatness," Wiseman said. "Staten Island" is published by The Donning Company Publishers of Virginia Beach, Va., and is part of Donning's Portrait of America series.



"The Counselor's Guide to Special Education," co-authored by **Dr. Barbara Trolley**, professor in counselor education at St. Bonaventure, and alumnae **Heather**

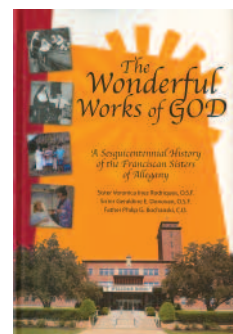
**Haas,'04**, and **Danielle Campese Patti,'02**, has been published by Corwin Press.

"School counselors are getting more and more children on their caseloads with special needs, yet the majority of training programs for school counselors do not require a class in special education and few offer such elective courses," said Trolley. "We felt it was essential for school counselors to have an easily accessed guide to special education issues across the age levels of preschool through college."

The book covers topics such as assessment and intervention, behavioral and academic challenges, collaboration with school, community and medical personnel, individual and group counseling and special education terminology.

Haas has worked as a special education teacher, school counselor and chairperson for a committee on special education. Patti began her education career as an elementary school counselor and is now the principal at Robert H. Jackson Elementary in Frewsburg, N.Y.

For more information on the book, go to [www.corwinpress.com](http://www.corwinpress.com).



"The Wonderful Works of God" has been published to celebrate the sesquicentennial history of the **Franciscan Sisters of Allegany**. The 150-year heritage of these courageous and gener-

ous women begins with Fr. Pamphilo da Magliano, O.S.F., and Nicholas Devereux, (St. Bonaventure's first president and its founding benefactor) and journeys to the present day.

The book was written by Sr. Veronica Inez Rodriques, O.S.F., Sr. Geraldine E. Donovan, O.S.F., and Fr. Philip G. Bochanski, C.O.

"The Wonderful Works of God" tells of memories, celebrations, achievements, hardships and the many challenges that were accomplished with deep-rooted prayer and commitment to the mission of living and witnessing to the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, following in the footsteps of Francis and Clare. Also included is information about the Franciscan Sisters' sponsored ministries, social service, health care and education programs.

"The Wonderful Works of God" is available in English and Portuguese by contacting Colleen Prey at (716) 372-5670 or [fsa@fsallegany.org](mailto:fsa@fsallegany.org).

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# Reflections on Assisi

By Mary Driscoll, '79, Associate Vice President for Advancement



I have often heard from our trustees, alumni, parents and friends how wonderful the trip to Assisi is, but I did not have the opportunity to experience the fascination until this fall.

In fact, one of the first people who encountered the Franciscan pilgrimage from campus was the late Barbara Carr McKee, an administrator who infused special life and enthusiasm into her work for Bona's. In the summer of 1999 she came back from her trip to Assisi full of new energy.

Her enthusiasm puzzled some staff, but I was awed by her new sense of purpose and wanted to follow her. And when she asked if we could incorporate some of St. Francis' and St. Bonaventure's Italian heritage in our day-to-day branding in the advancement office, I immediately took the plunge.

Barbara and I met for the next two weeks, working pages from the pilgrimage booklet into a new brochure, a compilation of what would become the new giving levels at St. Bonaventure University — our San Damiano, La Verna, and Greccio societies.

These giving levels continue to distinguish our very generous and extraordinary donors every day at St. Bonaventure.

With the successful completion of the \$95 million 150th Anniversary Campaign, the University has many extraordinary donors to thank.

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SBU volunteers from the 2009 Volunteer Leadership Weekend on campus.

• Approximately 100 newly endowed scholarships were established?

• Seven new bricks and mortar projects (four buildings and three sports facilities) were constructed?

We could not have accomplished this without you and the dedicated trustees, alumni, parents and friends who so generously gave during the campaign. The University thanks you! As we look toward the next decade — and our next 150 years — we also cannot stop.

Every day the University is challenged with new student and faculty needs — with other buildings that need repair and reconfiguring, with the need for new

programs to stay competitive in the marketplace, with keeping our campus alive with the best and brightest faculty members.

We have a new cadre of volunteers to assist us with this most arduous undertaking. Please scan the many happy faces (above) who are holding signs they created during the 2009 Volunteer Leadership Weekend. This is just a sampling of the more than 80 volunteers who have joined us as we move in a new direction of raising vital funds for St. Bonaventure in the 21st century. So if you receive a call or see them at your doorstep, please give, give often and remember your unique Franciscan education at St. Bonaventure.

*Thank you!*

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## Sketches of Student Success



**Jen Dryndas**  
Class of 2010

St. Bonaventure was Jen Dryndas' No. 1 college choice as a high school senior, but she could not afford the tuition. Without the Enchanted Mountain scholarship, she would not have been able to attend Bona's.

A senior marketing major, she is president of both the American Marketing Association and Management Club. She also had the extraordinary opportunity to study abroad at Oxford University in the summer of 2009.

"If it hadn't been for Bonaventure's funding, I wouldn't have been able to study abroad and enjoy the experience of immersing myself in a new culture," she says.



**Peter Aldridge**  
Class of 2009, '10

Generous scholarship aid is the reason that Peter Aldridge, a five-year BBA/MBA student and dean's list member, is able to attend St. Bonaventure University.

"I am endlessly grateful to our generous donors; if it weren't for the scholarships I am receiving, it would not be financially feasible for me to attend St. Bonaventure," he says.

Throughout his academic career, Peter has been involved with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, has worked as a teaching assistant in the accounting department, and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. After graduation, Peter will apply his knowledge at Ernst & Young.

"Over the past four years, I have tried to take full advantage of the tremendous opportunities this institution has to offer. As a result, my college career has yielded a twofold benefit of academic success and personal growth."

By Benjamin Yeager, '09, '10

## Staff member supports St. Bonaventure through estate plan

A "unique lifetime association" with St. Bonaventure is the reason Bob Keenan, '74, has named the University in his estate plan — a practical way, he says, for him and his wife to make a significant gift and leave a legacy.



"My relationship with St. Bonaventure and our Franciscan leadership dates back to the 1950s — as a faculty brat, a student, a member of the Class of 1974, parent of a 2001 graduate, and as an employee for the past 12 years," says Keenan, who is associate director of Planned Giving at St. Bonaventure, and whose father, the late Leo E. Keenan Jr., L.L.D., '47, taught at the University for more than 50 years.

"Because I believe in Bona's and feel so strongly about the University, I wanted to demonstrate my passionate support through my estate," said Keenan.

Many people may not realize they have the ability to make a major gift, he said, pointing out that a planned gift can be made through a will, living trust or beneficiary designation on a retirement account or life insurance policy.

"While it is my job to oversee planned giving for the University, it is in my heart to do what I can personally and professionally to secure a stronger future for St. Bonaventure," he said.

For members of the St. Bonaventure community interested in learning more about gift planning, Keenan invites them to contact him at (716) 374-2318 or [rkeenan@sbu.edu](mailto:rkeenan@sbu.edu).

*Leaving a legacy – Seraphim Society member Bob Keenan has included St. Bonaventure in his estate plan. "I believe in Bona's and ... wanted to demonstrate my passionate support through my estate plan," says Keenan, adding that his annual support is at the Devereux level.*

## Our gifts. Their future.



# From a liberal arts foundation to a penthouse view

By Susan Anderson

The vistas one can find from Bill and Daria Foster's Manhattan penthouse are spectacular. But perhaps the best view the Fosters have is a look back — at the strong women who set them each on a path of excellence and for whom they have recently named a million-dollar endowed scholarship at St. Bonaventure.

### A TALE OF TWO WOMEN

Sylvia Foster, Miss New York State in 1927 and later a physical education teacher, raised three boys and possessed a quiet strength. Anna Lo Presti, an entrepreneur who joined her husband in growing a successful insurance brokerage firm, reared three daughters and honed a strong will. Both women insisted their children go to college and each left a lasting impression of the importance of a liberal arts education.

"Remarkable women ... accomplished and fearless" are words Bill and Daria use to describe their mothers today. The lessons they shared through the years were many, and both modeled a strong work ethic that has since been emulated and expanded on by their children.

Bill went on to earn his law degree from Fordham University School of Law after graduating with a degree in English from St. Bonaventure. He practiced law for 35 years, retiring in 2000 as senior associate counsel for Champion International Corporation in Stamford, Conn.

Daria, the managing partner of Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC., an independent, privately held investment firm in New Jersey, holds a bachelor's degree in English from Gettysburg College and 30 years' experience in the financial services industry.

Both Bill and Daria, who have been mar-

ried 30 years, cite their mothers as sources of not only inspiration but determination — to keep family first, to work hard, and to recognize and encourage the inherent talent of those around them.

### INVESTING IN ST. BONAVENTURE

*The Sylvia Foster and Anna Lo Presti Endowment* at St. Bonaventure is not only an expression of the Fosters' commitment to liberal arts and the legacy of their mothers, but also a way of giving back to the university where Bill discovered a true love of learning.

"Attending St. Bonaventure was the best thing I ever did," says Bill, whose younger brother Jack is a 1966 Bona grad. "There was no looking back."

He arrived on campus in 1958 from St. Joseph's Academy, a small Catholic high school in Schenectady, N.Y., with 39

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in his graduating class. He had applied to only one college, St. Bonaventure. The first time he saw the university was the day he moved into Devereux Hall as a freshman.

With a grin, Bill admits he was not the most inspired of students. By the end of his first year, he ranked in the lower quarter of his class.

But his laissez faire attitude to studies soon underwent a 180-degree turn. Enter professors the likes of Leo Keenan and Boyd Litzinger, add the influence of Fr. Joe Ruther, O.F.M., and a fire for learning was soon lit. It was Keenan and Litzinger who prompted Bill to switch from being a history major to English, and it was Fr. Joe who devoted countless hours to helping him try to master mathematics.

"Fr. Joe put a lot of time into me," he says, fondly remembering the friar who taught math and served as a book binder with an office in the basement of Friedsam Memorial Library. Soon numbers were no longer a challenge for Bill.

An aptitude test pointed to a talent for either teaching or law. He chose to focus on the latter. By the time he graduated, he ranked 36th in his class. While the library continued to hold an intense pull for him, playing pickup basketball in Butler Gym came in as a strong second and remains forever a favorite activity.

Today, Bill remembers a "wonderful four years that helped me grow. They are happy memories."

And his days of practicing law are just as dear. "There was a true joy of work. I looked forward to every day," he shares, noting that he has vivid memories of heading out of Manhattan for Stamford throughout the week and on weekends. Long hours and six-day work weeks with much travel were the norm given that he chose early on in his career to dedicate whatever amount of time was needed for his clients.

Steve Brown, who served as senior vice president and general counsel of

Champion International Corporation, was Bill's colleague for two decades and has been a close friend for more than 30 years.

"Bill's field was employee relations and he practiced exceptionally well during a time of considerable change. He counseled, defended and ministered to the concerns of his clients with great skill, energy and compassion," he says. "The legal profession would be well served if his work ethic was more widely followed."

That devotion is surpassed only by his commitment to family. There is true joy in his voice when he talks of his sons Bill Jr., an attorney, and Chris, a police detective, and grandchildren Alissa and Matthew.

In 2008 Bill joined St. Bonaventure's Board of Trustees, coming full circle in his relationship with the University.

"Bill brings to our board a vast resourcefulness in areas of law and human resources. His guidance is deeply valued by my administration and his fellow trustees. He is a thoughtful and profoundly courteous colleague and I am fortunate to be able to call upon him for guidance," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., president of the University.

#### LIBERAL ARTS ADVOCATES

"To think, write and communicate — that's the advantage of a liberal arts education," says Daria, who holds the distinction of being the first female partner at Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC, and earlier in her career serving as one of the youngest vice presidents at Irving Trust Company.

She takes great pride in the fact Lord Abbett celebrated 80 years in existence this past November (it is one of the oldest independent, privately owned money management firms that still exists), currently employs some 800 employees and holds about \$85 billion assets under management.

"Our business is built around relationships," she says, noting the importance of electronic touches but even more so the human touch — which is why a lib-

eral arts education is so important. The candidate who can effectively communicate in person and via any medium is the one who will be most sought after.

Daria's years of board service — for the Urban Education Exchange and more recently the New York Philharmonic — are another reflection of her devotion to the liberal arts.

"This scholarship is because both of our mothers were fierce backers of education," says Daria. "It is to recognize them and their contribution to us."

For St. Bonaventure, the endowed scholarship equals untold opportunities, says Sr. Margaret. "Bill and Daria's great generosity speaks to their love of learning and to their strong commitment to philanthropy. They realize that St. Bonaventure's endowment is the core of our continued vitality and they have answered the call to help ensure the future of this exceptional institution."

The scholarship will provide financial aid for students planning to pursue a major in education or English. At least one scholarship per major will be awarded yearly.

"This is a wonderful way to help students benefit from the advantages of a liberal arts education with a major in English," says Patrick Panzarella, Ph.D., chair of the Department of English at St. Bonaventure.

"These students will become fully acquainted with the best that has been thought and expressed in the English language. Their lives will be forever enriched through their familiarity with the greatest writers and thinkers in our language, and they will develop excellent communication skills and qualities of mind that will prepare them not simply for a career or profession but also for life," said Panzarella.

No doubt Sylvia Foster and Anna Lo Presti would be pleased by the view of the future given the power of the endowment established in their honor — one that not only supports but celebrates the liberally educated person.



# The spirit in Service

By Beth Eberth

In the midst of a first-year student's hectic first day of Orientation, there is a short but very intentional half-hour break. After a day of excitement and anticipation, students and their families gather in the University Chapel for a reflective pause.

The evening reflection is purposeful and ecumenical, explained Robert M. Donius, vice president for University Ministries. The students and their families have a moment to slow down and quietly consider their day as they are invited into silent meditation.

"Reflection is a value; everyone has to find a place to be quiet," he said. That value of reflection is one of the anchors of the university's new Center for Community Engagement, which is providing the framework for sustaining a campus culture that focuses on supportive learning environments, student engagement and the Franciscan value of service to others.

Establishment of the center affirms St. Bonaventure's commitment to promoting student-centered learning. It also is a natural progression inspired by the Lilly Endowment-funded Journey Project, established in 2003 through a five-year, \$2 million grant.

The center, led by Larry Sorokes, is the central coordinating office for student-learning opportunities and off-campus endeavors involving community outreach. That means it will be an entry point for students seeking volunteer projects, service opportunities, internship placements and/or community-based learning courses. But beyond the structural framework is the goal of creating opportunities for students to embody core values from within the university's Franciscan spiritual tradition.

*Students involved in Music Ministries gather for prayer, community and song. Pictured during Sunday morning Mass in the University Chapel are (from left) Brett Keegan, Julie Smithson and Aleda "Allie" Leis.*



"We not only have a variety of volunteers and service activities, but what distinguishes us is the emphasis of reflection on personal experience, social action and an attentiveness to the principles of Catholic teaching," said Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., vice president for Franciscan Mission at the university. "Our increasing emphasis on both reflection and social analysis is the way in which we hope we are opening doors to great growth in their spiritual lives."

For some college students today, traditional religious beliefs form the core of their spirituality. Others are actively exploring spiritual questions and issues.

"The reality is an incredibly significant number of our students have little faith formation and sense of tradition. Today's college students are finding their way spiritually and humanly through very different paths than even the generation of their parents," said Br. Ed. "For a lot of them, oftentimes it is the engagement through service that begins to awaken or re-engage them."



*Student Kate Meyer of Strykersville, N.Y., helped plan a Halloween party for refugees during a weekend service trip to Utica, a United Nations Resettlement City.*

### TRANSFORMATIVE SERVICE TRIPS

For freshman Franceline Demosthenes, working at the St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia during midterm break "was the best experience that I have ever had in my life."

Motivated by her faith to volunteer, Demosthenes was among a group of students who participated in the Franciscan Center for Social Concern's October service trip to the Inn, where they helped serve 400 daily meals, assisted with a clothing drive and delivered Sunday meals to guests at their homes.

The Franciscan Center for Social Concern (FCSC) undertakes

experiences with the marginalized through regional and national trips. Upcoming service trips in February and March include St. Francis House in Boston, St. Ann Catholic Outreach Center in Kingtree, S.C., and Franciscan Collaborative Ministries in Syracuse.

"This goes back to Saint Francis serving the leper. We want to help the students to identify with Franciscan values and how we reach out to others, particularly the marginalized," said Sr. Suzanne Kush, C.S.S.F., director of the FCSC.

She also strives to help students reach inward. During the reflection periods following the service trips, Sr. Suzanne said students have a moment to step back and think about what they experienced. "It helps them to get to know themselves, what their strengths are and the challenges in their lives."

"I think students have a real desire to be of service," added Sr. Suzanne. "It's important to make opportunities available to them. If we're talking about education, we're talking about educating the whole person and how they see themselves and others."

St. Bonaventure students welcome service opportunities connected with academic programs. Political science students spent a weekend in Utica, which is a United Nations Resettlement City, to witness how a city accepts refugees. The students met and heard stories of people from East Africa, the Balkans, Vietnam, Myanmar and other parts of the world.

Sociology students from St. Bonaventure and Siena College teamed up Oct. 2-3 to help the efforts of Operation Dignity, a national movement to restore dignity to those buried in old and abandoned psychiatric hospital cemeteries. The event included a Friday evening panel discussion at St. Bonaventure followed by a Saturday work detail at a cemetery that holds the remains of approximately 1,000 former residents of the now-closed Gowanda Psychiatric Center.

During Christmas break, Fr. Robert Struzynski, O.F.M., from Mt. Irenaeus and faculty member Dr. Anne Foerst led an annual service trip to Jamaica, where they served alongside Sr. Grace Yap, an Allegany Sister of St. Francis.

### A WELCOMING PRESENCE

Even though she didn't have any faith formation growing up, student Caitlin Veri didn't have qualms about attending a Catholic university. She felt comfortable on her first visit to campus.

At her Syracuse high school, Veri avoided conversations with friends about religion. "I never felt connected to God or spirituality," she said. But she began to feel a connection with the first Mass she attended during Orientation. When a friend invited her to attend Mass her freshman year, at first she was uneasy, "but I



Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., (left) presents alumnus Albert Cecchi, and other members of the Class of 1949, with a tau cross Reunion Weekend. The crosses are given to members of the 50-year anniversary class as a spiritual reminder of their time at St. Bonaventure.

soon felt a sense of peace and warmth.”

Veri found herself frequently attending Mass. And last year as a sophomore she joined the university’s Music Ministry team. As a drummer, “I loved the music,” Veri said.

This year she made the decision to join the Catholic Church and will be baptized, accept the Eucharist and be confirmed this spring. She is grateful that her growth at St. Bonaventure has been both academic and spiri-

tual. “I feel I was drawn to be here. I was meant to be here. The ‘Good Journey’ is not a line. It was put into practice in my life,” she said.

Before he came to the United States on a Fulbright scholarship, Anouar El Younsi had never had close contact with people of other faith traditions. Before coming to America from predominantly Muslim Morocco, he had never been to a church. A summer internship at the university-run Warming House provided a window for El Younsi to look at and experience the Catholic faith while deepening his own spirituality.

“This internship made it possible for me to experience the beautiful realm of spirituality from a fascinatingly different angle. This was actually the first time when I contemplated and prayed to God within a Christian environment and with Christian folks,” said El Younsi, who is an Arabic teaching assistant in the Department of Modern Languages and a graduate English student at the university.

“Being a Muslim, I found the difference extremely appealing and interesting. I loved crossing religious frontiers,” he said.

“I remember one Friday when we drove to Mt. Irenaeus for a reflection session with other interns and a Catholic priest and right after we finished, my Christian friends drove me from there to the

mosque in the village of Allegany so that I could attend my Islamic Friday sermon and prayer.”

As the university welcomes a more diverse population, the University Ministries team reaches out to students to help connect them with local faith communities.

“We have a couple students who have joined the (Olean) synagogue, we have a number of Hindu students, and we have a handful of students who go to Friday prayers at the Islamic Temple,” explained Donius.

“While many students have not been church or taken an intentional pause, there are many who have come with great intentions of exploring their faith here. A growing number of students have found their way to daily Mass here, as well as on weekends. The Evenings Away at the Mountain and our men’s and women’s retreats are always popular,” added Donius.

## SPARKING INTEREST IN FAITH

In its second year, the S.P.A.R.K. ministry continues to welcome St. Bonaventure students of all faith traditions to a ministry that offers weekly fellowship, prayer and discussions.

The Rev. Daniel McKee, adviser to the group, said S.P.A.R.K. brings forth the metaphor of “a wayside inn along our journey.”

The Students of Prayer, Action, Reform and Knowledge group gathers at the Thomas Merton Ministry Center each Wednesday for a middle-of-the-week respite. This fall, the students have welcomed faculty and staff members to come tell their faith stories as a way of engaging students in their own spiritual search. “Stories are narratives in how we make sense out of life. Those are the ways in which we gather,” McKee said.

“It’s refreshing to hear someone else’s story,” said Chelsey Rashid, a junior from Warren, Pa.



The Stations of the Cross behind Francis Hall were replaced thanks to second-year students Chris Hoffman (left) of Lebanon, Pa., and Christina Messner of Livonia, N.Y. Hoffman, who constructed the new crosses out of red cedar, said the project “was a religious experience for me. Since I’ve been at St. Bonaventure my spirituality has increased so much. I have been drawn to do this.” Read more about the Stations of the Cross at [www.sbu.edu/bonamag](http://www.sbu.edu/bonamag).

"A lot of students have questions about religion in general," said Rashid. "Others are very strong in their own faith and enjoy sharing their traditions." Students don't often ask what faith tradition a participant is immersed in, but want to know how that person approaches life.

"They want to know 'What do you do in a crisis? How have you been hurt? Do you have doubts?'" McKee says.

McKee has questions, too. Such as "Where can truth emerge for this generation? Why should they trust the church,

Franciscan Heritage and University 101 ask their students to assist at the Warming House as a way to engage in the Franciscan mission and ministry of the university.

In the School of Business, faculty members John Stevens and Kathy Premo utilize the Warming House as a bit of a learning laboratory for students in their Organizational Behavior courses. Students put their textbook components of organization behavior — planning, organizing, leading and controlling — into practice. The business students are split into groups of five or six and are responsible for planning a meal at the Warming House on a given day. The students are evaluated on their preparation, quality of the meal and teamwork, as well as their hospitality to the guests.

"The neat thing about this experience is it operates at a number of different levels. Some (students) think about the business aspect. It gets into the human side of life, becoming more aware of people in your community you may not know. Then, on a personal level, you connect with the guests and you get a richer educational experience," Stevens said.

By design, experiential learning is deeper than what is found in a textbook.

"We're moving beyond the Warming House as a place where we're doing charity work. It's a place to engage complex social issues, an opportunity to move beyond abstract knowledge to a more powerful opportunity to feel and see real-world situations. We're trying to grow the Warming House as a place ... showing we're a partner in the community," said Thompson.

That community includes St. Bonaventure University faculty and staff, who take care of meal preparation and serving at the Warming House one Sunday a month. Christopher Stanley, Ph.D., chair of the

Department of Theology, helps coordinate the Faculty/Staff Day.

"In my case, my reading of the gospels says being a follower of Jesus means being engaged with the poor and needy. Assisting at the Warming House has been important to me for many years," he said.

Athletics Director Steve Watson and his family began volunteering at the Warming House last year. "We started doing the Faculty/Staff Day last year and really enjoy it. It's been especially good for my kids. It helps them better appreciate the things that we sometimes take for granted."

Joining Watson and his wife, Ann, at the Warming House are their three children, Abby (14), Allison (11) and Jackson (8).

"This is a nice thing for us to do together. It's pretty cool to watch Jackson serving food and Allison working in the kitchen. They actually enjoy cleaning when we're done serving the food. Abby's room at home is usually a disaster area, but when she's at the Warming House she is the first one to pick up the mop to clean the floor or grab a rag to wash dishes. I think they understand what they're doing and why it's important. Doing it together as a family makes it even better," Watson said.

Dan Breheny, '07, said many of his experiences at St. Bonaventure contributed to his spirituality and to who he is right now, the Warming House being very much in the forefront. "It strengthened the very things I had believed in and had not yet acted on," said Breheny, who is the senior volunteer coordinator at the Regional Food Bank in Albany.

Patrick Keenan, '05, talks with *National Catholic Reporter* about dreams, faith and hope

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"I can see that I have been given and developed certain skills and they are best used when I am passionate about the work I am doing. For me, my experience at St. Bonaventure, the Warming House, and many others have helped me shine a light on what I am passionate about and what my vocation is."



HEOP Assistant Director Veronica Williams (right) and students Christel Mendez and Daquashia Walker prepare a meal at the Warming House during an HEOP Service Day.

politicians, the economy? Personally, I want to be there for them. I find hope on a Wednesday night," he said.

## WARM MEALS, WARM HEARTS

In addition to individual students who are drawn to the mission of the Warming House, director Trevor Thompson welcomes the integration of the Warming House experience and academic experience. A number of faculty members who teach *The Intellectual Journey*, Catholic



# The Rise of the Mountain

By Tom Donahue



*Holy Peace Chapel today (above) and under construction in 1988 (below, left)*



**T**he backdrop for an Oct. 17 concert, Mass and supper celebrating the 25th anniversary of Mt. Irenaeus was supposed to be one of those spectacularly clear, crisp, autumn afternoons when the hillsides are ablaze with color.

But an early winter storm had rolled through the day before, dumping half a foot of snow on the mountaintop retreat in Allegany County. Huge tents meant to shelter the concertgoers sagged under the heavy blanket of white, and everywhere the ground was a slushy mess.

When events were moved indoors, Br. Kevin Kriso, O.F.M., the newest member of the friar community at Irenaeus, remembers thinking that the sloppy weather might keep some people away.

But the cars kept coming and Holy Peace Friary, the retreat's community house, kept filling with people. Visitors who couldn't squirm their way into the spacious main room joined those standing in the kitchen or just gave up and waited outside, chatting and shivering on the porch.

"A lot of people truly wanted to be here so they put up with having to park way down the hill, walk up a muddy road through snow, and being cheek to jowl with a couple hundred other people," said Br. Kevin.

It was affirmation that Mt. Irenaeus, this grand experiment cooked up by a few friars a quarter century ago, continues to quench the spiritual thirst of thousands.

Establishing Mt. Irenaeus on a remote hilltop some 35 minutes from campus truly was an act of faith, recalls Fr. Daniel Riley, O.F.M., one of the retreat's founding friars and its guardian today. "When we started, we didn't even have money for the down payment," said Fr. Dan. "And when we said we wanted to build a chapel up there, even the builder thought we were crazy."

Those who would become major benefactors of the Mountain, like Raymond C. Dee, a classmate and close friend of Fr. Dan's and current vice chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, were also skeptical at first.

"I was a little concerned about moving part of the campus ministry element off campus," said Dee. "It did seem like a stretch, and a risk, frankly."

## PLANTING THE SEED

It was 1971. Richard Nixon was president, the Vietnam War was still raging and college campuses everywhere were a hotbed of political and social upheaval. St. Bonaventure was no exception.

"There was a lot of struggle between students and faculty and friars at the time over inter-visitation and all sorts of politics on campus," said Fr. Dan. "I was led into the middle of it as a young friar."

Fr. Dan and the late Fr. Gervase White, O.F.M., a popular professor and former dean of students, hoped to ease tensions

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Patrick Brutus, '09

by taking members of Student Government off campus for a weekend. "We needed to step aside and give some space and time for quality human interaction," said Fr. Dan.

It was hardly a new idea. The practice of taking a moment, catching your breath, beginning anew — phrases still used on the Mountain today — is an ancient religious tradition that predates St. Francis of Assisi.

But to a generation tired of everything society was dishing up, including a conservative clerical model of religion described by Fr. Dan as "get 'em up and get 'em to church," it was a breath of fresh air. And it was the catalyst for conversations Fr. Dan would have with the late Irenaeus Herscher, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure's beloved librarian, about establishing a place away from campus where students, in the words of Fr. Irenaeus, could "walk quietly ... and consider their lives."

There were organizational meetings, an advisory group was formed, and in 1982 Fr. Dan signed a certificate of incorporation for a Franciscan Mountain Retreat

that would be called Mt. Irenaeus, in memory of his friend and fellow Franciscan.

Initially, Irenaeus was a mountain retreat without a mountain. Kate Nolan Clemens, '84, remembers those early days: "When I was a student we would have retreats set up at different houses off campus and my friends and I loved the whole concept. I think it was the seed of this idea that we were planting back then."

In the summers of 1983 and 1984, Mt. Irenaeus took up residence in what was then Collins Hall, a university-owned house on Union Street in Allegany, as the search began for a permanent home.

At Fr. Dan's side those summers, and a member of the friar community at Irenaeus to this day, was another Fr. Dan — Fr. Dan Hurley, O.F.M., a member of the Campus Ministry team at the time. "We let the word out that we were there and people from the area came," said Fr. Dan Hurley. "I could see that this was something that would grow."



Members of the Mt. Irenaeus friar community are (seated, from left) Br. Joe Kotula, Fr. Dan Hurley and Fr. Bob Struzynski and (standing, from left) Fr. Louis McCormick, Br. Kevin Kriso and Fr. Dan Riley.

## SEARCHING FOR A MOUNTAIN HOME

The search for land took members of the advisory board to more than 50 parcels within a 45-minute drive of campus, including the hillside behind campus that is home to Merton's Heart. Thomas Merton, the Catholic writer and Trappist monk who taught English at St. Bonaventure in 1940-41, would go to the heart-shaped clearing to meditate.

"The Heart was too close," said Fr. Dan Riley. "You could look down upon campus, so it wasn't giving people a break-away, which, classically, is what a place like this is for."

They were even offered land for free — acreage in Allegany's Five Mile Road valley, only about 20 minutes from campus. But it was important to Fr. Dan to be on a mountain.

"Any place is a place of encounter," he said, "but you hear of oceans, deserts and mountains as places of encounter. A hillside or mountaintop sort of thing was an early image that was given to me."

Dennis Culhane, '85, a member of the founding board for Irenaeus as an undergraduate at SBU, was with Fr. Dan the first time he visited the Allegany County hilltop that would become the retreat's home.

"The owner drove us around on a flat-bed trailer that he pulled on his tractor," said Culhane. "As we went up the main pathway, it was just resplendent. And standing at the knoll, above where the chapel is now, there was that special vista looking out over the Allegheny Mountains."

Documents for purchase of the 207-acre site were signed on Nov. 13, 1984.

The next 25 years would see significant growth and development. Trails were cleared, a pond was dug, cabins were built, a chapel was erected from oak,

cherry and maple stands on the Mountain, and a three-story main house, known as House of Peace, was constructed to serve as the hub of activity at the retreat.

And all the while visitors kept coming — not just students, but residents from surrounding communities as well.

Why? Two reasons, said Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M., provincial minister of the Franciscan Friars Holy Name Province, a member of the university's Board of Trustees, and a colleague of Fr. Dan's in the Campus Ministry in the retreat's formative years.

"Dan has worked hard to develop the ministry there, and he's got that very outgoing, almost magnetic personality that clearly has helped draw people to the ministry," said Fr. John.

## A STUDENT-DRIVEN INITIATIVE FROM THE START

Fr. Dan is forever trying to set the record straight. To some, Mt. Irenaeus may seem like his baby, but it's the students and alumni who have always been the lifeblood of the place.

"Students were part of this from the very beginning," said Fr. Dan. "Students



Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., welcomes an overflow crowd to Mt. Irenaeus' House of Peace during an Oct. 17 anniversary celebration.

"Society has become incredibly complex. People are experiencing an awful lot of stress and the ability to find a place to go where you can step back from the so-called craziness of life is becoming more attractive to people," he said.

And then there's Fr. Dan Riley.

wanted this to happen and there is a real youth-movement part of life here."

Many students, alienated by a top-down model of the church, find on the mountain a ministry that not only welcomes them, but urges them to get involved. Fr. Dan may draw them there, but they

return because the Mountain “fits what their spiritual needs are,” said university Trustee Dee. “There’s an involvement that I think young people are very keen on. They feel like they have a piece of the action there.”

Some 900 St. Bonaventure students visit Mt. Irenaeus each semester, said Michelle Marcellin, who has served as the Mountain’s administrative assistant for the past 14 years.

“It helps the students get away from the pressures they feel on campus,” said Marcellin. “Just to be able to walk away from all that, even if just for a couple of hours, and be some place where it feels like more of a home is so important to them. So many students have told us that one of the big reasons they stayed at Bonaventure after freshman year is the Mountain.”

Shawn Sood, ‘09, who is in his first year of medical school at George Washington University, remembers having a typical reaction his freshman year when he learned his floor in Shay Hall was headed to Mt. Irenaeus for a program. “They were all talking about going to the Mountain and I’m like, ‘What mountain?’”

It didn’t take long for Sood to learn what drew people to Irenaeus.

“On campus, you’re always so busy with classes, studying, going to basketball games or whatever, that you really don’t take time to self-reflect,” said Sood. “Going to the Mountain, I could take a deep breath, really take in the beauty of the world around me, and get to know myself better.”

Patrick Brutus, another ‘09 graduate who is in his first year of law school at Ohio Northern University, first visited the Mountain on a men’s overnight his

freshman year. By his senior year he was coordinator for Students for the Mountain, a group that plans student-led activities at the retreat.

“I was one of those students who was always attached to electronics. I never went anywhere without my phone, my iPod and my laptop,” said Brutus.

“When I went to the Mountain I would leave everything behind, down in the valley. I was going to the Mountain to be myself, and to listen to myself.”

### THE MOUNTAIN IS EVERYWHERE

What’s so special about the Mountain? Everything, and nothing, you might say.

“St. Francis invites us to create within ourselves a place where God might dwell. We invite people up to the Mountain where they might learn to be open to a place within them where something else can be going on,” said Fr. Dan.

“And so it isn’t just the Mountain. The Mountain can look like something you need and I say, no, it’s pointing to a deeper need — a fundamental human need to not only find peace, but to find ways to make peace.”

Mt. Irenaeus, then, is both mountain and metaphor. And as for the latter, Fr. Dan likes to say, “you don’t need a bicycle to get there.”

Paul Kline, ‘76, a friend of the Mountain and a member of its board of trustees the past three years, said he is among the many for whom Mt. Irenaeus is “more than a cherished oasis for personal spiritual renewal. The Mountain is a model for healing and renewal for our church at a time when so many are searching.”

The spirit of Mt. Irenaeus has even spawned outreach programs, such as Mountain on the Road and Franciscan Sojourners, meant to help alumni and



*St. Bonaventure students are greeted by Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., following a hike at Mt. Irenaeus.*

others keep tapping that “deeper need” that many first mined at the Mountain.

“The Mountain is contagious,” said Fr. Dan. “And as is the Franciscan tradition, it’s going out into the world. It’s not just on the mountain top.”

Ann Flynn McCarthy, ‘74, a founding trustee of the Mountain, said one of her favorite family photos is a black and white print of her and her then-toddler son, Dan, taken while they were watching the chapel being built on the Mountain.

“That kid is now about to graduate from St. Bonaventure and, like so many others, the Mountain has been an important part of his years there,” said McCarthy.

“I sincerely believe that the Mountain is forming the future of the church. I have seen it over and over again, not only in my own son’s life, but in so many others. Mt. Irenaeus is a blessing to us all.”

Mt. Irenaeus photos, videos, a blog and more! [www.mounti.com](http://www.mounti.com)



# One student's Spiritual Journey

By Tom Missel

**T**he name to which her 14-year-old mutt responds is no coincidence.

"My dad is a huge Bona's fan, I think even more so than when he went here," said Anne Young, who will graduate in May with a psychology degree. "He's on the (alumni) basketball blog every day, and follows all the teams on the school Web site.

"I mean, our dog's name is Bonnie," she said with her infectious laugh. "What else do you need to know?"

Thomas Young, '74, never pushed his daughter to attend St. Bonaventure. He and his wife, Linda, were married at his alma mater and celebrated their union at The Castle restaurant. They visited campus a couple times with daughters Anne and Maggie, now 16. That was the extent of the persuasion.

"William & Mary was actually my first choice, but when I didn't get accepted, Bonaventure became a real possibility. It was always a big place in my life because of my dad's love for it, and they offered me a really nice scholarship and the chance to graduate in three years," said Anne, who came to college with 30 credits in hand.

"I didn't want to push her onto Bona's because it's so easy to fall into the trap of, 'Oh, I loved it so much, so will you,' because you just don't know. So much time has passed since I went there," Thomas Young said.

"I was hopeful that the Franciscan presence and the caring atmosphere that I experienced in the '70s was still there because I knew that those were intangibles she'd be attracted to."

Three years later, Anne Young can't imagine having gone anywhere else. She's



*Anne Young reflects on the homily during Mass in the University Chapel.*

deeply passionate about a place that's helped bring clarity to her faith.

"I just had no idea it could be so different," Anne said. "I didn't grow up repressive by any means. I deeply value what my church has meant in my life. But I just had a very traditional understanding of Catholicism. We always went to Mass, and to CCD (Catechism). My parents taught Sunday school.

"But it wasn't cool in my parish for kids to be involved in church. You just feel at times that you're there because you're supposed to be there."

The first campus Mass she attended was startling.

"Going to that Mass and having kids

singing, kids who wanted to be there, was amazing," Anne recalled. "Wow! It's OK to go to church. It's cool. People liked to talk about their spirituality, and that was totally new to me."

The day before her first class as a freshman, Anne attended a day away at Mt. Irenaeus, the Franciscan retreat 30 miles from campus. She met Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., guardian of the Holy Peace Friary at the Mountain.

"He had us all sit on the ground, feeling the earth holding us up, and everyone is looking at each other thinking, 'What is going on here?'" she said. "And I loved it. As soon as I heard that laugh I thought, 'This is one cool guy.' He's so emblematic of this place."

Fr. Dan speaks just as highly of Anne.

"Anne's an especially vibrant young woman, a great role model for undergrads and grads, and she has a rich, deep interest in other people, in family," Fr. Dan said. "She has the comfort and courage to ask big questions, but in a practical way. Anne's sense of wonder is typical of one of Francis' simple prayers, 'God, who are you and who am I?'"

Anne's passion for Mt. Irenaeus thrust her into a leadership role with Students for the Mountain, and her ability to bridge generational divides has made her a frequent participant in Mountain on the Road events, which allow alumni to reconnect spiritually with St. Bonaventure.

"To see the way people light up at these events is amazing," Anne said. "There's something special about a place that can make people who haven't been back to campus in 20 years be so excited to be with each other. Where I'm from, everyone



goes to these huge Big 10 schools with 40,000 other people. They just don't have that kind of bond."

A native of Hinsdale, Ill., Anne — a huge Cubs fan, so don't mention Steve Bartman within earshot of her — often feels like a stranger in a strange land when she goes home on breaks.

"It's like a different world," she said. "So many of the people I went to high school with are in sororities at U of I (Illinois), and that just means nothing to me. It just seems so superficial."

The service experiences she's had at St. Bonaventure opened her eyes to things she couldn't possibly see in Hinsdale, an affluent suburb 20 miles west of Chicago. From taking on a Bona Buddy as a freshman, to volunteering at the Warming House, to working with at-risk children in Salamanca, Anne now knows that life is awfully hard for so many people.

"I almost feel uncomfortable when I go home at times," she said. "I did some community service in high school, but it was just such a patronizing attitude — 'Here we come from the rich suburbs and we're going to help the masses.' It's just a different attitude here."

Service is now the foundation of Anne's faith.

"I'm really lucky that my parents raised us to never feel entitled, and to encourage us to always give back," Anne said. "The gospel of faith and good works is something I really believe in. I don't think you can just believe in something and not apply it. There has to be a level of active community involvement, and that's a core belief of this school that's really special."

Anne has taken the LSAT and plans one day to attend law school. Social justice intrigues her. But she's not quite ready for grad school. On Nov. 10, she was accepted for a Teach for America position to work for two years in a low-income school in Mississippi. Roughly 5,000 students are chosen from among 30,000 applicants.

"I am so excited, and so honored to represent Bona's," Anne said. "I don't think I would have gotten the job if it hadn't been for my experience tutoring in Salamanca through the Journey Project. I'm so grateful to that program and the people who have helped me."

Thomas Young couldn't be prouder of the young woman Anne has become.

"My hopes for her at St. Bonaventure have been realized. I'm so glad for her that her faith is so meaningful now because once it takes root in your heart and your soul, it's so valuable to have for the rest of your life."



SBU alumnus Mike Vieyra (center) is pictured with two fellow AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps volunteers.

## Young alums answer call of service to AmeriCorps

Two St. Bonaventure alumni have recently completed service with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps while a third is serving in Vicksburg, Miss.

**Linda Sinni, '07**, an elementary education alumna, was part of the Pacific Region teams who were deployed to provide support to residents of Texas and the Gulf Coast region devastated by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, through work with FEMA, the American Red Cross and other grassroots organizations.

**Michael Vieyra, '08**, of Erie, Pa., was assigned out of NCCC's Southwest Region Campus in Denver. From November 2008 to July 2009, Vieyra's assignments included supporting FEMA with Hurricane Ike response in Texas; doing wildfire mitigation/prevention with the Crown King (Ariz.) Fire District; supporting forest health and ecological restoration projects in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Gatlinburg, Tenn.; and working with youth at the Boys & Girls Club in Freeport, Texas. Vieyra was a marketing major.

Alumnus **Joe Pagano, '07**, of Syracuse is now serving with AmeriCorps NCCC in Vicksburg, Miss. Pagano earned his bachelor's degree in biology.

During their 10-month term, Corps members — all 18 to 24 years old — work on teams of eight to 12 on projects that address compelling, self-identified community needs.

In exchange for their service, Corps members receive \$4,725 to help pay for college, or to pay back existing student loans. St. Bonaventure was the first college in Western New York to offer matching graduate school awards for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award program. SBU will match in full a \$4,725 award for any graduate program 30-36 credit hours in length.

# Two alums share how they answered A call from God

By Mark Inman, '08

## FR. RAÚL VENTURA

Fr. Raúl Ventura, S.T., '99, heard the call of the priesthood at a young age.



"Seeing other priests work, being moved by their example — I knew I had to do something for God," he said. "It's something I always wanted to do."

At the age of 15, Fr. Raúl, a Bronx native, was sure he wanted to serve as a priest, but he fully committed to his vocation at SBU. He credits the familial atmosphere at Bona's with helping him realize the importance of community.

Participating in activities through University Ministries such as the Warming House and seeing how the Franciscans helped and supported the faith of students, Fr. Raúl felt the irresistible call from God.

"We (students) had a sense that we belonged there," he said.

Fr. Raúl gained particular insight through interactions with the late Fr. Alphonsus Trabold, a longtime friar at SBU.

"His kindness and prayerfulness radiated peace," Fr. Raúl said. "He was open-minded and didn't judge people."

Through vast amounts of prayer and openness to the sacred, Fr. Raúl built an intimate relationship with God that propelled him to the priesthood. He now works with Hispanic communities in the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese and serves half a dozen parishes in ministry with the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity. He was ordained June 13 at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Sterling, N.J.

"I enjoy myself. I'm meeting a lot of new people," he said. "I feel a God-given higher purpose to serve and give to other people, to be God's love and mercy to this broken world."



## BR. DANIEL HORAN

Br. Daniel Horan, O.F.M., '05, is in the process of becoming a Franciscan friar. Even though he is not fully professed, he feels like he truly belongs.

"Joining the Order of Friars Minor has been incredibly freeing because it has allowed me to truly be myself," he said.

Br. Daniel is a member of Holy Name Province as a friar in post-novitiate formation. He is studying at Washington Theological Union. In his time in Holy Name, Br. Daniel has been a hospital chaplain at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., worked at Franciscan parishes in Silver Spring, Md., and Boston, and studied Spanish in Cochabamba, Bolivia.



Like so many in the religious life, Br. Daniel felt the call early on. The call he heard was at times a "restlessness" and at times a "whisper" that opened him up to religious life. St. Bonaventure University, as it has done for so many, brought it to the forefront.

"It was not until I came to St. Bonaventure that I discovered the friars and the Franciscan tradition. Only then did all the pieces of the puzzle come together," Br. Daniel said.

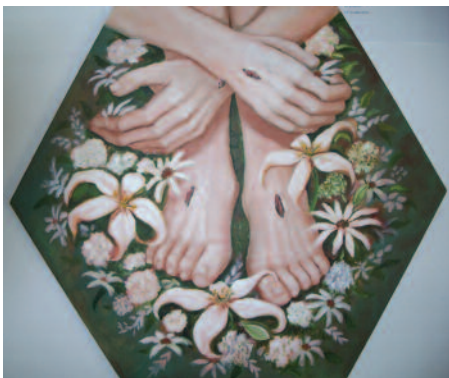
Br. Daniel believes the community spirit of SBU is unique in that it gives a sense of legacy and purpose while retaining Christian identity. It took him four years, filled with many friends and a love for academics as he pursued his JMC degree, to realize that the life of a Franciscan friar was ideal for him.

"(SBU) reminds me of the Christian idea of the 'Communion of Saints.' We believe that all the baptized are connected to all those who have come before, all those living and all those who will come after us," he said. "How true is that for those of us who went to Bona's? No matter what year you graduate or what you studied, all Bonnies are connected to one another in a way that can only be described as family."

Indeed, the connection is quite familiar for himself, as one of Br. Daniel's younger brothers, Sean, is a 2007 graduate.

Although it is early in his formation, Br. Daniel believes the call to religious life goes out to everyone in different ways. His best advice is to listen. "God continues to call people today, sometimes it's just a matter of listening to that quiet restlessness deep within."





# Spiritual Inspiration

Two faculty members in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts reflect on the inspiration behind their artwork



## Br. David Haack, O.F.M.

*Combining careers in art history and contemporary studio art practice is an ongoing challenge. As an art historian I am to recognize, know, and study the evolution of art and culture of the past. As a studio artist I am compelled to communicate a balanced sense of continuum, innovation, and creativity in images for our present time.*

*Producing a work of art as a communicative device requires an exposure of the spirit, mind and soul of the artist to the public. It reflects and records in a visual manner the ongoing spiritual conversion, over time, of the artist.*

*Wisdom, spirituality and maturity may cause change in interpretations of universal truths, and understanding of the person/saint of Francis of Assisi. And for this Franciscan artist, color, shape and space remain the constant vehicles for self-revelation.*

Dr. David Haack, O.F.M., is a Franciscan brother of the Order of Friars Minor of Holy Name Province and an associate professor of visual arts.



Clockwise, from above: *Stigmatization of Nature*, *Meditation on Sister Water*, and *Clasped Prayer*; all three are meditations from 13th century Franciscan documents.



Clockwise, from above: *Flight Into Egypt*, *Christ in the Garden*, *Annunciation*

## Constance Pierce

*I am compelled by sacred narrative in a contemporary idiom. I often work with images of pilgrimage, lamentation, absolution and rebirth. Such archetypal figures flesh out parable and reveal to me the ancient stories, once again reborn, in our world of dissonance and division. The sacred stories, in their mythic and consuming drama, are played out in our most inward journeys.*

*I paint with oil color, manipulating pigment over a plastic plate. I use brushes, rags and even my fingers to provoke the paint to speak back to me and to set in motion a creative dialogue. With an intensity of gesture and color, the images begin to emerge. The painted surface of the plate is then transferred onto paper through the pressure of an etching press. The monotype process can be suggestive and luminous. It becomes a communion with change that is fertile ground for revelation.*

Constance Pierce is an associate professor of visual arts.



See more of their work at [www.sbu.edu/bonamag](http://www.sbu.edu/bonamag)



# National Alumni Association

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

**H**ow many times do you try to describe that special feeling that is Bonaventure to outsiders and realize that they just won't get it? How many times do you meet a fellow Bona's alum and have an immediate bond? How often do you think fondly on your memories at your alma mater?



some of my professors are still there) and new or refurbished buildings (yes, the double I had in Dev is now a single — and a guy lives in it!), we always seem to find ways to share similar memories with all alumni younger and older than ourselves.

We are unique and special because of the years we spent making our Bona Venture, or good journey. I think it is now time to show how unique and special we are by breaking out of the pack of mediocrity of alumni giving percentages.

Only 23 percent of us give back to the university. I am always shocked by this number (though I am told that among our peers we lead the group) because I have yet to meet a fellow alum who does not have special memories of his or her time at Bona's. I chal-

lenge us to get that number higher.

Now, for those of you who think I am crazy for suggesting such a thing during this economy, I have two thoughts:

- 1.) Bona's needs us more than ever, and
- 2.) if we get the number of donors up, the dollars will eventually follow. If you start small, that is OK, just start!

Let us make a difference for a university that made a difference for us!

*(Lynda Wilhelm graduated from St. Bonaventure in 1986. She is serving as the new National Alumni Association Board president. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., where she runs her own consulting company. She is married to Bob and has two daughters, Menaka and Amelia.)*

As you may or may not know, these experiences are not shared by most college graduates. There is something unique about going to St. Bonaventure.

Even though there may be different professors from when you were there (though



### Young alums cruise NYC harbor

One hundred young alums and guests enjoyed an afternoon cruise on the Hudson River Aug. 20. Pictured on the cruise are (front row, from left) Lyesha Shanagher, '04, Kate Mannion, '03, Alicia Blodgett, '03, Elizabeth Murphy, '04, and (back row, from left) Liz Demcsak, '03, Megan Perry, '03, CiaraGrace Donley, '03, Maureen O'Connor, '04, Heather Verra, '03, Sinead Kenny, '03, and Meg Neri, '04.



### Devereux golfers tee off in Ellicottville

SBU Director of Athletics Steve Watson (from left), Steve Harrison, Leo Pusateri, '77, and Bill Mabee, '77, were among the 70 golfers who attended the Devereux Society and Corporate Athletic Sponsors golf outing at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville on Aug. 20. The afternoon on the greens was followed by dinner and a presentation by University Relations Vice President Emily F. Sinsabaugh, Ph.D.



### Bona's in Baltimore!

Some 50 alumni attended the Orioles/Yankees pre-game get-together in Baltimore Sept. 2. The Baltimore Alumni Chapter event was held at Sliders Bar & Grill, owned by alumnus Tim Brownell, '83.

# BonAlumnus Updates

**1951 — Matt Conte** and his wife, **Dorothea (Yannella), '67**, formerly of Allegany and Olean, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 11, 2009, in Glendale, Ariz. They send greetings to their Bona friends. **Donald "Bud" Priest's** grandson, Brian Irving, earned an Ivy League honors degree at Yale and was drafted by the San Francisco Giants. Irving is now pitching for the Giants' Rookie League team. Priest lives in Milford, Conn.

**1957 — Paul H. Titus** of Pittsburgh joined the mediation and arbitration staff of Trial Advocate Resolution Services, LLC. Titus has more than 45 years of experience in trial and appellate courts representing governmental entities and public and private institutions. In his long career he has tried cases involving the authority of public bodies and agencies, the balance of power among the branches of government, and the interpretation of constitutional and legislative provisions controlling public bodies. In his appellate practice, he has briefed and participated in numerous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has argued more than 100 appeals before federal courts of appeal, the Pennsylvania Supreme, Superior, and Commonwealth courts. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been a director of the American Judicature Society since 1985.

**1958 — Anthony Amoroso** shared the sad news that his wife, Roslyn, passed away Nov. 9, 2009.

**1959 — Dr. Bill Kerr** is sorry to have missed his classmates in June, "but getting away from Germany is sometimes difficult." Kerr is teaching philosophy and psychology for the University of Maryland, University College in Europe. He is chair of the University Advisory Council, which is the shared governance part of this global campus that now has 3,600 faculty members on campuses in Europe, Asia and in Adelphi, Md. Kerr also writes that his latest poem can be found online in a journal called "The Constellation." He welcomes e-mail at bkerr.kerr@gmail.com.

**1960 — Larry Laughlin** retired from CTV where he worked as a consultant. Laughlin is a former Chicago high school teacher and representative of the Chicago Teachers. **William A. O'Loughlin Jr.** hosts a general talk radio show aired live Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. EST on WECK1230 in Buffalo. "The Bill



O'Loughlin Show" is a commentary and opinion-driven format focusing on government, business, politics, financial markets, and local and national issues. The program can be heard live on the Internet at <http://weck1230.com>.

**1962 — Toni Verso, M.D.**, received the Care Award, a yearly award presented by the Arizona Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association to a health professional who is considered to give outstanding care to patients with diabetes mellitus.

**1963 — John A. Cirando** was reappointed by Gov. David A. Paterson to the New York State Law Revision Commission. Cirando is a private practice attorney in Syracuse, and concentrates his practice in the appellate area.

**1965 — John J. Burns** has included an assortment of his more than 170 poems (many of them published) on his Web site <http://johnjburnspoet.wordpress.com/>. He welcomes comments. **Mathew R. Glowski** is principal at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City. Here, he promotes and experiences the spirit of another friar family.

**1969 — Diana Dutton** was named Hinsdale's town historian.



### SBU outerwear in the Outer Banks

Nine Keenans proudly donned their SBU wear during a vacation together in North Carolina. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Erin Keenan Lowry, '11, Katie Ellis, '10, Caroline Taylor Keenan, '02, and back row (from left) Kevin Keenan, '82, Connie Keenan Lowry, '77, Maureen Keenan LeBoeuf, '76, DeeDee Keenan Ellis, '77, Leo "Timer" Keenan, '71, and Sharon Pelow Keenan, '72.

**1971 — Mary Lucille Jordan** was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as chair of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. Jordan previously served as chair of the commission from 1994 until 2001. She then served as a commissioner until 2002, and again from 2003 until the present. Previously, Jordan was senior staff attorney for the United Mine Workers of America from 1977 to 1994. In that capacity, she was responsible for directing litigation under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, and advised the United Mine Workers of America of relevant changes in legislation and case law. She holds a J.D. from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

**1973 — Debbie (Nettle) Clark** is proud to share that her son, Bryan, entered the freshman class at SBU this fall. He is studying communications, following in his mother's footsteps. Debbie is editor of alumni publications at Alfred University. She and her husband, Larry, live in Wellsville. **Patrick Schaffer** received his Doctor in Education at graduation ceremonies held on June 20, 2009, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for Nova Southeastern University. Schaffer, in a second career, teaches United States history in South Florida. **Connie Monteleone**

**Whitton**, vice chair of the Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees, was awarded an honorary Associate of Arts degree at Onondaga Community College's 46th Commencement Ceremony held May 16, 2009, in the Onondaga County War Memorial. Whitton, who lives in Manlius, N.Y., was originally appointed to the Board of Trustees by Gov. George Pataki in 1996. She has also held board positions of chair and secretary. Whitton is a partner in Productivity Leadership Systems, an executive coaching and organizational development firm located in Syracuse. **Mary Tepas Banks** is teaching in Williamsville Central School District. **Bill Jones** is in his 36<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in the Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland. He is a National Board Certified teacher and has taught English and creative writing at Towson High School for the past 16 years. His creative writing program has been recognized by the National Foundation of the Advancement of the Arts as one of the finest in the nation and was featured last fall in an article in



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### Alumnae join 'Day of Caring' event

A number of SBU alumnae joined 300 volunteers across the Southern Tier for the June 24 United Way Day of Caring Event held by the United Way of the Southern Tier. At the Salvation Army in Corning, N.Y., eight of the 19 volunteers at the work site were graduates of St. Bonaventure. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Lisa (Taylor) Gill, '97, and Brooke Sherman-Schmeig, '02, and back row (from left) Beth (Shine) Costello, '89, Lisa (Princiotto) Burns, '92, Sarah Horvath, '05, Christie Mendola, '05, Reagan Terry, '07, and SBU senior Ruth Harper, '10.



### Bonnies on the Bay

Another successful Bonnies on the Bay get-together was held at Willie McNeece's "shack" on Long Island. Great friends, food, fun and memories filled the menu for the weekend. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Bob Mills, '65, Bonnie (Bowes) Duran, '69, John Deignan, '65, Rick Stearns, '65, and (standing, from left) Pat Devers, '65, Willie McNeece, '65, and Paul Duran, '66.

NFAA's Young Arts magazine. Jones lives with his wife, Jane, in Towson and they have three adult children, Jean, Sarah and Nathan.

### 1974 — Valerie (Wiech) Cronin

joined the DENT Neurologic Institute as director of Ancillary Services. Recognized as a Fellow in the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section, she later was elected president of that society. Most recently, Cronin was named vice president of the society's Education and Research Foundation. Cronin, who will assume the role of foundation president in June 2010, joins the society's foundation leadership after many years of service to the society and widespread recognition for her distinguished career as a nuclear medicine technologist. **Neal Banks** has accepted a position as Materials Manager at Johnson Controls in Largo, Fla.



### 1975 — Michael W. Hill

joined Productive Strategies Inc., as a senior consultant based in Indianapolis, Ind. Productive Strategies is a management and marketing consulting firm with corporate offices in Northfield, Ill. A lifelong Indianapolis resident, Hill served for 18 years as a senior executive at Meyer Plastics Inc., where he was vice president of sales and marketing. Productive Strategies specializes in helping middle-market companies to develop highly productive business-to-business sales processes; generating leads for a variety of businesses across all industries, including professional services; and creating marketing communications that support dynamic business development. **Carole McNall**, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication at St. Bonaventure, has been granted tenure at her alma mater. On campus, she is a member of a number of committees, including the First-Year Experience Council and the editorial board for the new journal of student writing (The Seraph). She has also served for a number of years on the board of directors of the Friends of the Olean Public Library. In April, McNall was among presenters of focus sessions at a workshop



presented by the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors. The workshop, open to staff members of non-daily newspapers, was held at the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association offices in Harrisburg, Pa. McNall and her husband, **Stephen, '69**, live in Olean. **Danielle Bergan** was named Business Development and Marketing Manager for KilaKila Employer Services in Lahaina, Hawaii. She has been with the company since 2008.

### 1976 — William F. Fagan

of Troy was appointed by New York Gov. David A. Paterson to a seven-year term as a member of the Hudson Valley Community College's Board of Trustees. Fagan is president of Wm. J. Fagan & Sons Inc., an insurance agency in Troy. He is a longtime member of the board of directors of the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation. He joined the board in 1994 and served as president or chairman from 1997 to 2006. Under his leadership, the foundation experienced tremendous growth. He was recognized for his leadership in 2005, when he received the 1953 Award for Distinguished Service to Hudson Valley Community College by an Alumnus. He has been involved in numerous community organizations, including the Troy CYO, the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick and the Troy YMCA. Fagan also is a former member of the Troy City Council and the Rensselaer County Legislature.



### 1977 — Ross J. Bonanno

is vice president of Airports and Guest Care at Virgin Airlines. Bonanno left a position as vice president of Customer Services at US Airways and will now oversee Virgin America's airport operations and lead the guest care team. Bonanno began his career in the airline industry as a baggage handler and later moved on to hold leadership positions with EOS Airlines, US Airways, Southwest Airlines, Sabre and American Airlines. Bonanno lives with his wife in Menlo Park, Calif. **John MacEnroe** was named president and chief executive officer of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation. MacEnroe is responsible for all business attraction, expansion, retention and

tourism activities of DCEDC. He is the former director of State Governmental Relations for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, N.Y. **Monica H. (Gray) Mattioli** is associate dean of



Genesee Community College's new Lima Campus Center. The center houses technology-equipped classrooms, a student computer lab, and will be electronically linked to the college library and

other college services. Active in academics statewide, Mattioli has held leadership positions in New York State Transfer and Articulation Association, Rochester Area Colleges Consortium, Future Business Leaders of America New York State Chapter, and St. Bonaventure's National Alumni Association Board. For the second time in two years, WBFO News Director **Mark Scott** received the New York State Associated Press Broadcasters Association's (NYSAPBA) grand prize in the radio competition in the organization's annual awards contest. The Buffalo NPR affiliate won six first-place awards for stories aired in 2008, earning the station the NYSAPBA's Steve Flanders Award. **Chris Carola, '81**, broadcast editor for the AP in Albany, presented the awards to Scott and his WBFO staff at the NYSAPBA banquet in Saratoga Springs in June. WBFO also won the Steve Flanders Award in 2007.

**1979** — For the 10th year, **Dennis J. DeBalso** will be participating in a book drive for an elementary school in North Carolina. This year's drive is with the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, N.C., and will benefit Thornton Elementary School in Newton. **Kevin O'Brien** had a letter to the editor published in Rolling Stone magazine and continues working on a poetry book. **Karen Yakovac** is marketing communications director at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, where she is responsible for the museum's strategic marketing initiatives. Yakovac most recently served as marketing director for Kiwanis International, where she led global marketing initiatives for this international volunteer service organization of 600,000 members.

**1980** — **John J. Padlo** was elected to the Cattaraugus County Legislature. The Olean

Democrat has served on the Olean Common Council for 10 years.

**1981** — **Jim Herrmann** is associate athletics director for external affairs at Niagara University, where he oversees the marketing, sales, corporate sponsorships, communications and community involvement efforts for Niagara University Athletics. He also works closely with the Purple & White Club and manages the cross-country teams. In a previous post with University of California Athletics, Herrmann was recognized four times by the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators. Herrmann also received a Gold Award in the Best Print Ad category and a Silver Award in the Best Season Ticket Sales Campaign in 2008. In 2009, Herrmann was honored with a Silver Award in the Best Radio Ad category and a Bronze Award in 2007 for Best Single Game Promotion. Herrmann has two children, Kelsey and Patrick.

**1982** — **Kerry Gleason** was awarded Best Screenplay honors by the Buffalo Niagara Film Festival in May for his feature-length script about the life of Frederick Douglass. The effort required two years of research and another year of writing and rewriting. "North Star: The Life of Frederick Douglass" has also been accepted in two other major screenwriting competitions that will be awarded this year. Gleason now has the distinction of earning top awards from the Public Relations Society of America (Silver Anvil), International Association of Business Communicators (Iris), Society of Professional Journalists (Mark of Excellence) and the Buffalo Niagara Film Festival. He also contributed PR support for a Clio Award winning ad campaign (Wendy's "Where's the Beef?"). For more information and photos:

<http://nynewswire.com/0905/ny-nkg090511.php>. **Nancy A. Palumbo** was appointed to Empire Resorts, Inc.'s Board of Directors. Palumbo is president of Green Planet Group, which advises firms on renewable energy strategies. She previously served as a top-level executive in New York state government for many years. She is a former director of the New York State Lottery and former senior executive at the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation. Empire Resorts owns and operates Monticello Casino & Raceway, a har-



## Two SBU colonels served in Iraq

St. Bonaventure graduates Col. Marguerite (McDonald) Garrison, '81, and Col. Gary Machina, '87, both served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Multi-National Force-Iraq, Combined Joint Operations Directorate. They're pictured here last summer, Machina as the chief of Aviation and Garrison as the deputy director for Current Operations. Garrison completed her one-year deployment to Iraq in September and is now assigned as the chief of the Initiatives Group for the vice chief of staff of the Army at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Machina will redeploy with his unit in January 2010.



## Alums attend Vitale Fundraising Gala

Ray Collins, '85, and NBA Hall of Famer Bob Lanier, '70, both attended the Dick Vitale Fundraising Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota, Fla. The event raised a million dollars for cancer research. Collins, who works for Fox 13 News Tampa Bay, was attending the fundraiser for work when he ran into Lanier.

## BonAlumnus Updates

### John Broderick named president of Old Dominion University

St. Bonaventure alumnus and former administrator **John R. Broderick** was named the eighth president of Old Dominion University May 18, 2009. Broderick had served as acting president since June 2008.



During his tenure as acting president, Old Dominion drafted its 2009-2014 Strategic Plan, which will position the university to further develop its growing research reputation, enhance its residential campus, and strengthen its partnerships and contributions to the region.

In addition to his administrative duties, Broderick annually teaches graduate courses in the Darden College of Education.

He has been recognized for his contributions to higher education and the Hampton Roads community with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities' Humanitarian Award, the Urban League of Hampton Roads' Marian Palmer Capps Award and the College Communicators Association Distinguished Service Award. He was a finalist for the national PR News' Professional of the Year Award.

He currently is a board member of the Hampton Roads Partnership, Urban League and Virginia Beach Vision, and has served for many years as a youth soccer league coach in Chesapeake, Va.

Prior to joining Old Dominion University in 1993, Broderick was a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh and the director of public relations and marketing at St. Bonaventure. He earned a graduate degree from St. Bonaventure in 1987.

ness racing facility in Sullivan County.

**1983 — Richard A. Grimm III**, a partner with Magavern Magavern Grimm, LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels for Western New York. Last year, he volunteered to chair a special fundraising campaign to help the agency provide nutritious home-delivered meals to frail elderly and special needs people during December. The effort surpassed its goal and raised \$70,350. Meals on Wheels for Western New York provides more than 865,000 meals annually to needy home-bound recipients. **Kathleen Shea Kennon** and her husband, **Timothy, '81**, proudly congratulate their daughter Caroline Shea Kennon on her graduation from St. Bonaventure University in May 2009.



**1985 — Chris E. Domes** successfully defended his dissertation for a Doctor of Education at The George Washington University in March. His dissertation topic was "Understanding Change from Women-only to Coeducation: A Case Study of Two Former Catholic Women's Colleges."



**1986 — Pam (Knox) Carroll** is vice president of the Bucks County (Pa.) Women's Business Forum (WBF). Carroll works with the programs committee and social committee chairs to manage and plan

meetings and events. She also serves on the Long Range Planning Committee and is responsible for ensuring proper bylaw compliance. The WBF is a non-profit organization aimed at providing support, mentoring and inspiration to women entrepreneurs in Bucks County. A resident of Jamison, Pa., Carroll is the owner and chief creative officer of Carroll Consulting Group, a strategic public relations and marketing firm. Carroll is active in the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee and the Entrepreneurial Assistance Committee and is a member of the Bucks County Women's Fund speakers bureau.

**1987 — Kimberly (Cousins) Abney** is

director of finance for the city of Aiken, S.C. She had served as the assistant finance director for 16 years. She lives in Aiken with her husband, Richard, and three children.

**1989 — Bob Chase** and his wife, **Stephanie (Litz), '91**, moved back to Buffalo after being in North Carolina for a decade. Bob works for Gelia, Wells, and Mohr marketing agency, and Stephanie stays at home. They have four children.

**1990 — Mike Lang**, copy editor for The Dialog, newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Del., won an award from the Catholic Press Association for his work in 2008. He placed second for best headline for "Online Christian soldiers: Streaming video on Internet clicks as new way to evangelize." The judges said it was a "great headline that shows how evangelization has moved into the Internet age." He also writes about Delaware sports at [www.examiner.com/x-10460-Delaware-Sports-Examiner](http://www.examiner.com/x-10460-Delaware-Sports-Examiner). Lang and his wife, **Sue (Chmielewski), '91**, live in Claymont, Del., with their three daughters. You can reach him at [mlang68@verizon.net](mailto:mlang68@verizon.net). **Paul V. Crapsi Jr.** has been appointed administrative law judge for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Crapsi most recently worked as managing attorney at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, Inc. Contact him at [paulcrapsi@verizon.net](mailto:paulcrapsi@verizon.net). **Suzanne M. (Meaney) Gannon** is the director of operations for state and federal products in HealthNow New York Inc. Her husband, **Joseph, '91**, is a self-employed attorney.

**1993 — Terrence Moran, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Department of Management Sciences at St. Bonaventure, has been granted tenure. Moran is a faculty adviser to St. Bonaventure's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise, is involved with BonaResponds and volunteers at The Warming House soup kitchen. He was the primary author of two refereed proceedings, "Manufacturing Strategy is a Strategic Asset, and Implications on Human Resources" and "Invasion of Privacy on the Internet: Information Capturing Without Consent. An Ethical Background as it pertains to Business Marketing." Director and producer **Brian Gary** has won the Peter C. Rollins Award for Best Documentary Filmmaking from the PCA/ACA (Pop Culture Association & American Culture Association) for his three-episode documentary "Jefferson Davis, An



American President." Gary, CEO of Flying Chaucer Films in Los Angeles, also edited, co-wrote and co-photographed the documentary. Gary has produced the independent feature film "Local Color" and produced and edited the award-winning indie feature "Frankie D." Furthermore, Gary is producing and editing the television series SpeedFreaks and has directed commercials for Factiva, Verizon, and Lucky Brand Jeans. **Christopher Mominey** was promoted to superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Syracuse. He is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Chief



Administrators of Catholic Education and the NCEA Department of Elementary Schools. He lives in Jamesville, N.Y., with his wife, **Stephanie (Badera), '95**, and their four children.

**1994 — Jeff Howard** was promoted to plant manager at the Cuba, N.Y., facility of D.F. Stauffer Biscuit Company, Inc. **Cherie A. Scherbarth** is teaching English at Frontier Middle School while completing her administrative certificate at Canisius College. She lives in Orchard Park with her son Max.



**Remembering SBU Mud Day**

Joining a class of fifth-graders on a field trip to study the coastal habitat at St. Christopher's Island in South Carolina brought back SBU memories for **Gail (Henzel) Veideman, '86**. One of the highlights for the kids was entering the "mud pit" — as demonstrated by her son Daniel and daughter Mary Pat. "You can't quite make it out, but Daniel is wearing his St. Bonaventure University T-shirt. The T-shirt and mud brought back wonderful memories of 'Mud Day' in October 1985 at Bonaventure. I guess it's true that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree!"

**1995 — A. Scott Hemer** is head women's basketball coach at SUNY Geneseo. **Andres Calderon** earned his Bartender Certification from ABC Bartending Schools and his Alcohol Server's License from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.



**1996 — Maj. David L. Gardner** graduated from the Defense Comptrollership Program at Syracuse University on Aug. 7, 2009. He was awarded the Master's of Business Administration (MBA) degree and the

Executive Master's of Public Administration (EMPA) degree. He passed the Certified Defense Financial Manager exam as well as certifying as a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt and Champion. Gardner was presented the Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Service for volunteering more than 200 hours to the local community. He is a budget officer for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

**1997 — Marc DelMonico** recently had two peer-reviewed articles published. The first, "An Exploration of the Communal Enactment of the RCIA Scrutinies" was published in *New Theology Review* (vol. 22, no. 1) in February 2009. It analyzes the historical significance and contemporary meaning of major rituals involved in the Catholic "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." This article was the recipient of the NTR 2008 Prize in Theological Reflection. The second article was published in *Chicago Studies* (vol. 48, no. 1) under the title "There is Something in the Breathing Together of the Pastors and the Faithful Which is Not in the Pastors Alone." DelMonico is a Ph.D. student in systematic theology at the Catholic University of America.

**1998 — Kathy (Furlong) Silverio** is in her fourth year as a special education teacher in New York City. She obtained her second master's degree in January 2009 from Hunter College's School of Education, Students with Disabilities Program. Silverio works in NYC public schools. She and her husband, Alain Silverio, live in Manhattan.

**1999 — Brian Conaghan** of Valpak of Staten Island was named the 2008-2009 Sales Representative of the Year. Top sales

**Timothy Long honored as American Chemical Society Fellow**



**Timothy E. Long, '83**, a faculty member at Virginia Tech, was among the first class of American Chemical Society (ACS) Fellows honored at the 238th ACS national meeting in Washington, D.C.,

Aug. 16-20. ACS is the world's largest scientific society and is dedicated to the advancement of the chemical enterprise and career development across all fields of chemistry.

Long is associate director of interdisciplinary research and education at the Fralin Life Science Institute. His research focus is the synthesis and characterization of novel macromolecules for applications ranging from biology to materials and electromechanical devices, resulting in 40 patents.

He is the principle investigator of three interdisciplinary research centers, including a National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program dealing with macromolecules and life sciences, a Material Center of Excellence involved with high impact plastics, and an Army-sponsored Multi-Disciplinary University Research Initiative to develop charged polymers for electro-active devices. In addition to his B.S. in chemistry from SBU, Long holds a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

**Annapolis alumni lauded with business awards**

Two St. Bonaventure alumni were honored with business awards from the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (Md.) Chamber of Commerce. **Carl Brunetto, '52**, former president of Anne Arundel Medical Center, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Jim Nolan, '70**, of Council, Baradel, Kosmerl and Nolan, was named the 2009 Business Leader of the Year.

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representatives and leaders gathered at the annual training and development conference, held at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., culminating with the award celebration on Aug. 29. "This award is a singular tribute that recognizes the highest achievement of a sales professional who is not only successful in terms of sales revenue, but who is respected and admired by colleagues and clients alike," said Joe Bourdow, president of Valpak.



**Gerald R. Nannen** is executive director of Buffalo Spine and Sports Institute, a nationally recognized, non-surgical medical practice specializing in comprehensive patient care for those with spine, sports and occupational injuries.

**2000 — Michael Bigley ('00 and '02)** received an executive certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute in May 2009. **Nakeia Y. Chambers, MSED**, was the recipient of a YWCA Diversity Achievers Award from the YWCA of Syracuse & Onondaga County. Recipients of the award have demonstrated interest in promoting diversity and eliminating racism, which embodies the YWCA mission. Chambers is director of multicultural affairs at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. **Mark Nickerson** has started a military antique business that takes him to shows and events.

**2002 — Mike Britt** is campaign manager

### Bona grad fills SUNY interim provost position

**Dr. David Lavallee, '67**, was appointed interim provost of the State University of New York system in September. Most recently, Lavallee was provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at SUNY-New Paltz, a position he held for 10 years prior to returning to the faculty at the end of July 2009.

As SUNY's interim provost, Lavallee will be an active participant in the SUNY's statewide strategic planning process, which will lead to the development of a comprehensive multi-year plan for the university system.

Lavallee earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from St. Bonaventure and his master of science and Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Chicago.

for Republican gubernatorial candidate Sen. Josh Penry of Colorado. Britt worked on Mitt Romney's presidential campaign before serving as executive director for the Colorado Republicans. He also served in the Office of Political Affairs in the White House after running a successful nationally targeted congressional campaign in the suburbs of Seattle.

**2003 — Angela Gifford** completed her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in May 2009 at Cornell University, and is working at the Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, N.J., as an intern in small animal medicine and surgery. **Lt. Chris Gagliardo** is serving with B Co 3-126<sup>th</sup> GSAB under 3-82<sup>nd</sup> in Bagram, Afghanistan. Gagliardo is the executive officer of the company while serving as a pilot in command for the line unit.

**Traci M. (Saltzman) Washburn** of Minoa,



N.Y., joined SUNY Cortland as assistant director of The Cortland Fund. She most recently served as a graduate admissions recruiter for the Syracuse University School of Education. Washburn is a member of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals and the New York Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals. Since 2008, she has written a column as a volunteer for the monthly newsletter of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse.

Lavallee's research in bio-inorganic chemistry has produced more than 60 peer-reviewed articles, two books and two patents. He has been awarded more than \$5 million in research and training grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and several other agencies and foundations.

Lavallee has also served as a research collaborator or consultant at several national laboratories. His teaching and curriculum work has led to the Catalyst Award, a national award for chemistry teachers, major grants from the Department of Education for science preparation for teachers and from the National Science Foundation for high school technology education.



### Good times & good golf

Six Bona grads got together to remember the good times and golf on July 31, 2009. Pictured are (from left) Chuck Buell, '83, Bob Trimper, '82, Tim McMorrow, '82, Mario Russo, '82, Steve Lockwood, '81, and Gerry Golden, '82.

**2005 — Ryan McCarthy** is sports information director/scheduling coordinator at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**Stephon Johnson** is a reporter for the New York Amsterdam News, the oldest black newspaper in America. He's also a contributing writer for The Perpetual Post ([www.perpetualpost.com](http://www.perpetualpost.com)).

**2007 — Christopher Dell** helped give a voice to homeless children in Los Angeles by narrating a film project highlighting the Central City Community Outreach program. Now his voice and those of the outreach program's participants are being heard nationwide on AOL's Philanthropy Project Web site. The film was one of four selected in a scholarship competition and is now featured on AOL's Philanthropy Project Web site as part of its "Give & Glow Video Series." The film was produced by American Film Institute student Stephen Paratore, who Dell has worked with on several other films, including The 48 Hour Film Project in Buffalo. To view the film, go to <http://news.aol.com/philanthropy> and click on the Los Angeles United Methodist Urban Foundation film under the "Give & Glow Video Series."

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## Lynch named Academy of Sciences fellow

**Dr. Michael Lynch, '73**, an evolutionary biologist at Indiana University Bloomington, was elected as a fellow of the National Academy of Sciences. Fellowship in the NAS is considered to be one of the highest honors offered in American science. According to the academy, the election recognizes "distinguished achievements in original research," as well as scholarly prowess.



"meltdown" model that builds on the work of IU Bloomington geneticist and Nobel Prize winner Hermann Muller. Lynch, who holds an undergraduate degree in biology

from St. Bonaventure, earned a Ph.D. in ecology and behavioral biology from the University of Minnesota.

Lynch has made numerous contributions to the field of evolutionary genomics, which studies how large segments of DNA and even whole chromosomes are organized, as well as how large-scale organization has changed as the result of natural selection — and also "neutral," random and undirected processes.

Among his many accomplishments are a theory accounting for genetic duplication, pioneering work in ecological genetics and extensive work on mutation rates, including the "mutational

The National Academy of Sciences is a private organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to the furthering of science and its use for general welfare. It was established in 1863 by a congressional act of incorporation signed by Abraham Lincoln that calls on the academy to act as an official adviser to the federal government, upon request, in any matter of science or technology. Additional information about the Academy and its members is available at <http://www.nasonline.org>.

## White tapped for Secretary of Higher Education post

**Dr. Peter White, '69**, was appointed April 30 to serve as secretary of the New Mexico Higher Education Department. White is a professor of English and American Studies at the University of New Mexico with many years of university administration experience.

In addition to his many years in the classroom, he has served as vice provost for undergraduate education and dean of University College. White helped raise freshman enrollment to the highest in UNM history and the university set a freshman retention record. He established and expanded programs that fostered recruitment and retention, including Freshman Learning Communities, and has been instrumental in securing funds to support these efforts. In 2006, he was honored as Outstanding Student Advocate by the Center for the First-Year Experience.

White created the first major in Native American Studies at UNM. White is also the director of the New Mexico Musical Heritage Project in which he teaches violin making.

## 'Henley Girls' head to Lake Conesus

Ten friends from the class of 1981 enjoyed a week together on Lake Conesus, just south of Rochester. The former classmates affectionately refer to the group as "The Henley Girls" because of the Henley Street house in Olean they rented during their senior year at SBU.

**Jean (Battaglia) Baxter** and her husband, Dave, live in Rochester with their son and daughter. She is a master production planner at Kodak. **Barbara (Gardner) Fay** and her husband, Tom, live in Herndon, Va. They have four sons. Fay is a preschool teacher in Herndon. **Cathy (Chisholm) Merrill** and her husband, Jeff, live in Manlius, N.Y. They have a son, Ben. Merrill is a physician assistant in Syracuse. Avid sailors, they toured the Great Lakes during the summer of 2008. **Martha (Emmel) Kellogg** and her husband, Joe, live in Cary, N.C., with their two children. Kellogg works for the Autism Society of N.C.

**Caroline (Cockey) LaFleur** and her husband, David, live in Bethel, Conn. They have a son and daughter. LaFleur is communications coordinator for Danbury Children First. **Stephanie "Vinnie" Tjhung** lives in Batavia, where she is a special education teacher at Genesee Valley BOCES. She has a daughter, Julie, and best friend, Brian Riley. **Denise (McGann) Rootes** and her husband, Dave, live in New York, N.Y. Rootes is an editor with Rodale Publishing Company.

**Mary Ruth (Graskemper) Airel** and her husband, **Greg, '80**, live in Strongsville, Ohio. They have a son and two daughters. Mary



*Pictured are (standing, from left) Ann (O'Neill) Enger, Martha (Emmel) Kellogg, Geisha (Dowd) Goodman, Mary Ruth (Graskemper) Airel, Stephanie "Vinnie" Tjhung, and Denise (McGann) Rootes; and (seated, from left) Caroline (Cockey) LaFleur, Cathy (Chisholm) Merrill, Jean (Battaglia) Baxter, and Barbara (Gardner) Fay. Not pictured, thanks to a fellowship opportunity on the West Coast, is Eve Creary.*

Ruth is accounting manager for Seaway Bolt. **Geisha (Dowd) Goodman** and her husband, Craig, live in Charlottesville, Va., with their daughter. Goodman teaches preschool at Albemarle County Schools. **Ann (O'Neill) Enger** lives in Wilson, N.Y. She is executive director for the Greater South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and also works for New York State Assemblyman Mark J.F. Schroeder.

# BonAlumnus Weddings



Joanne Hanna, '00, and David Jennings



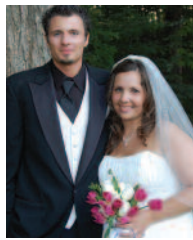
Christy Russell, '03, '04, and Andrew Maxwell



Mary Kathleen Hanvey, '05, and Rob Barrett



Angela McDaniels, '01, and Peter Barrett



Ashlie Steffenhagen, '07, and Dana Flanigan



Kailei Carlson, '06, '07, and Shane Sudbrook '05, '08



Megan Biryła, '02, and Michael Sereno



Marybeth Nelson, '94, and Jonathan Welch Considine



Kimberly Trimboli, '08, '09, and Shane Randolph, '08



Kathy Furlong, '98, and Alain Silverio



Joseph Simini, '40, '49, and Margarita Quintero



Kerri Erdman, '06, and Mark Zabloutny, '05

## Weddings



**Angie Russo, '04, and Sean McGarry, '03**



**Kristen Dougherty, '01, '03, and  
Nicholas Baldwin**

## Additional Wedding Announcements

**Roy Bielewicz, '93, and Jennifer Rice  
Richelle Corbett, '01, and Michael Ford, '02  
Haylee Doran, '04, and Peter Ross, '04  
Kendra Chimera, '05, '06, and William Kistner, '05**

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## Alumni Deaths

Rev. Valentine R. Plevyak, '40,  
*Carbondale, Pa.*  
Clement Healy, '42, *Passaic County, N.J.*  
Daniel L. Sprissler, '42, *Oldsmar, Fla.*  
Robert M. Everling, '43, *Great Bend, Pa.*  
Msgr. Richard T. Nugent, '45,  
*Buffalo, N.Y.*  
Arthur D. Murray, '46,  
*St. Petersburg, Fla.*  
Henry E. Faller, '47, *Kansas City, Mo.*  
Edward J. Butler, '49, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Rev. James A. Pecoraro, '49,  
*Overland Park, Kan.*  
Robert M. Appleby, '50, *Olean, N.Y.*  
James P. Caprino, '50, *Buffalo, N.Y.*  
Joseph O. Cummiskey, '50,  
*Simi Valley, Calif.*  
John W. Houlihan, '50, *Endwell, N.Y.*  
John H. Kneuer, '50, *Florissant, Colo.*  
Thomas J. Hennessey, '51,  
*Bloomington, Ind.*  
Lory F. Messina, '51, *Schenectady, N.Y.*  
William P. Murray, '51, *Larchmont, N.Y.*  
Mary Adonia Ochalek, '51, *Livonia, Mich.*  
James R. Tompkins, '51, *Girard, Pa.*  
Charles J. Daly, '52, *East Rutherford, N.J.*  
John D. Hesse, '52, *Vero Beach, Fla.*  
Edwin J. Moloney, '52, *Huntersville, N.C.*  
Robert J. Rao, '52, *New York, N.Y.*  
Earl Stellrecht, '53, *Cuba, N.Y.*  
Willard E. Baseman, '54,  
*Santa Rosa, Calif.*  
John V. Kiely, '55,  
*South San Francisco, Calif.*  
Joseph A. Nevins, '56, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Sr. Jean Paul Bryan, O.S.F., '57,  
*Allegany, N.Y.*  
Donald F. Anderson, '57,  
*Weston's Mills, N.Y.*  
James J. Fitzgerald, '58, *Villas, N.J.*  
Cesar A. Martinez, '58, *Venezuela*  
Dolores M. Finch, '59, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Harry C. Neff, '60, *Olean, N.Y.*  
James M. Weaver, '60, *Bradford, Pa.*  
Michael D. Farren, '61, *Spring Lake, N.J.*  
Peter T. Coyne, '62, *Norwalk, Conn.*  
Patrick J. Gallivan, '62,  
*North Tonawanda, N.Y.*  
John A. Gasko, '63, *Binghamton, N.Y.*  
Richard T. Phillips, '63, *Essex Falls, N.J.*  
Richard P. Allen, '65, *Winthrop, N.Y.*  
Vera Bozena Burke, '65, *Jamestown, N.Y.*  
Thomas J. Kraus, '65, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Edward E. Pryor, '65, *Greenville, S.C.*  
Sr. Anne Francis Keefe, O.S.F. '66,

### *Allegany*

Mary Fazio, '69, *Syracuse, N.Y.*  
Leo F. Rohde, '70, *Richardson, Texas*  
Joseph M. Sodal, '70, *Sacramento, Calif.*  
Leon R. Young, '71, *Angelica, N.Y.*  
James D. George, '74, *River Edge, N.J.*  
Ruth A. Repici, '75, *Longport, N.J.*  
Brian N. Bussell, '76, *Tampa, Fla.*  
Ronald P. Cullinan, '76, *Brandon, Fla.*  
Peter Collins, '77, *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Margaret "Midge" Monteleone, '77,  
*Fayetteville, N.Y.*  
Mark J. Caruso, '78, *Auburn, N.Y.*  
Edward F. Godlewski, '78, *Apex, N.C.*  
John E. Holtz, '78, *Sodus, N.Y.*  
Marianne McElrath, '78,  
*Jamestown, N.Y.*  
Timothy J. Dwyer, '83, *Apalachin, N.Y.*  
Michael J. Huff, '87, *La Grange, Ill.*  
James E. Driscoll, '88, *Olean, N.Y.*  
Steven M. Shults, '88, *Seven Fields, Pa.*  
Laura A. (Hoover) Lockett, '89,  
*Scotch Plains, N.J.*  
Randall H. Broomfield, '91,  
*Honeoye Falls, N.Y.*  
Jonathan Raymond, '11, *Hinsdale, N.Y.*

### **In Memoriam**

**Edward J. Butler, '49**, of Olean, believed to be the oldest living St. Bonaventure basketball player, died July 14, 2009. Butler played for the Bonnies from 1947-1949, helping the team to its first postseason tourney, the National Catholic Invitational Tournament, in 1949.

**Paul Harvey**, radio broadcaster for ABC Radio Networks, died Feb. 28, 2009. He received an honorary doctorate from St. Bonaventure in 1953.

**Pauline "Polly" J. Hayes** died Nov. 11, 2009, in Massachusetts. She was the widow of alumnus and former St. Bonaventure Trustee Dr. James L. Hayes, who served on the board from 1973 to 1989.

**Amalja M. "Millie" Kaluza**, formerly of Prentissville, Pa., died Oct. 11, 2009, at Lakeview Senior Care and Living Center, Smethport. Kaluza served as a secretary at the University from 1963 to 1993.

**Fred McCarthy**, of Florida, a longtime friend of St. Bonaventure University and creator of the Brother Juniper comic, died Oct. 26, 2009, at the age of 91.

# BonAlumnus Births/Adoptions

## Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Gia Le to Gina and **Ben Deligato, '85**

McCaffrey Margaret and Elizabeth Prudence to Teri and **Bernard M. Tuttle, '87**

Maximilian Bartholomew to David and **Mary Beth (Lynch) Hogan, '88**

David Christopher to **Stephanie (Litz), '91** and **Bob Chase, '89**

Stephen to **Connie (Cayse), '01** and **Dr. Steven Horan, '89**

Samuel W. to Juliet and **Douglas Wood, '89**

Alina Sloan to Debbie and **Kevin Gallaher, '90**

Nicole Courtney to Tom and **Sue (Grandpre) Krebs, '90**

Piper Kathleen to James and **Meghan (Russell) Williams, '93**

Henry Teigh to Mark and **Jennifer (Palczewski) Bickerstaff, '94**

Liam Anthony (2003) and Erin Carey (2006) to Bill and **Katie (Naughton) Durso, '94**

Grady Scott to Stacy and **A. Scott Hemer, '95**

Owen Robert to **Paola M. (Tiesi), '98**, and **Robert Haenn, '95**

Patrick Walter to Lisa and **Alan Melohusky, '95**

Amanda Lynn to Ronald and **Christine "Chrissy" (Leahy) Michne, '95**

Grace Catharine to Patrick and **Denise (Miele) Sullivan, '95**

Mary Katherine to Brent and **Kara Mekos Young, '95**

Conor Joseph to **Danielle (Sullivan), '97**, and **Christopher Mummery, '96**

Charles Edwin to Paul and **Julie (DeClerck) Oberle, '96**

Patrick Joseph to Chris and **Marie (Maurer) Altavilla, '97**

Maya Addison to Carleen and **Chris Wehler, '97**

Philip James Richard to **Julie (Bennett), '98**, and **Philip LaBella, '98**

Macey Rae to Kevin and **Janice (Weiner) Malicki, '98**

Allison Clair to Melissa and **Greg Mamula, '98**

Mickilina Theresa and Maddox Joseph to Brent and **Kristina (Rubino) Miller, '98, '01**

Kate Nicole and Paige Elizabeth to Carolyn and **Jon Patsy, '98**

Julia Maria to Andres and **Lisa (Balzer) Arroyo, '99**

Mackenzie Grace to **Shannon (McCormick), '99, '00**, and **Rich Bolender, '99**

Gabriel Christopher to **Kelly (Root), '00, '02**, and **Christopher Filkins, '99**

Anthony Michael Leonard to **Desire (Sarlo), '00**, and **Mike Rause, '99**

Asher David to **Janine (DeStefano), '99**, and **Bryan Spiro, '99**

Alyssa Nicole Lian to Ellery and **Rebecca (Bettin) Wong, '99**

Isabella Marie to Karla and **Kevin J. Buettner, '00**

Emma Marie to **Staci (Noecker), '02**, and **Paul Cramer, '99, '00**

Maria Lynn to **Kristin (Wheeler), '02**, and **Mark Frank, '00**

Halle Elizabeth to **Bridget (Schneider), '01**, and **Doug Kish, '00**

Kaitlyn Grace to Brian and **Karen (Breen) Mudrak, '00**

Philip Adam to Sara and **Mark Nickerson, '00, '04**

Robert Daniel to Danielle and **Raymond J. Pearles, '00**

Erin Ann to Patrick and **Molly (Carroll) Lawton, '01**

Genevieve Margaret to Emma and **Sean Salsbury, '01**

Lucas Daniel to Mike and **Katie (Webster) Turski, '01**

Michaela Belle to Greg and **Catherine (Engman) Oakley, '02**

Abigail Marie to **Jennifer (Bohrer), '00, '01**, and **Brian Crawford, '02, '05**

Moiria Lynn to **Siobhan (Kane), '04, '06**, and **Joseph Rolfes, '05**



Alumni Events



1964 classmates Frank Salamone (left) and Dennis Haraszko look through old yearbooks during Reunion Weekend. Check out additional photos from Reunion 2009 and plans for Reunion 2010 online at [www.sbu.edu/reunion](http://www.sbu.edu/reunion).

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- Dec 17 Buffalo – Young alumni Christmas Party
- Dec. 19 Basketball at Syracuse Reception
- Dec. 22 Buffalo Chapter — Basketball at Niagara Reception
- Jan. 13 Denver — Fr. Joe Butler Series
- Jan. 8 Atlanta Reception
- Jan. 9 Charlotte Reception
- Jan. 16 Bus trip to campus — Binghamton and Buffalo alumni
- Jan. 20 Basketball at UMass Reception
- Jan. 21 Boston — Fr. Joe Butler Series
- Jan. 23 Basketball at Duquesne Reception
- Feb. 6 Basketball at St. Joseph's Reception
- Feb. 12-14 Homecoming Weekend, Career Days, NAAB
- Feb. 21 Mass and reception in Stamford, Conn.

- Feb. 24 Basketball at Fordham Reception
- Feb. 27 Olean Basketball Reception
- March 5 San Diego — Mountain on the Road
- March 6 Basketball at Xavier Reception
- March 6 Orange County, Calif. — Mountain on the Road
- March 7 Los Angeles, Calif. — Mass and Reception
- March 8 Seattle — Fr. Joe Butler Series
- June 11-13 Alumni Reunion 2010

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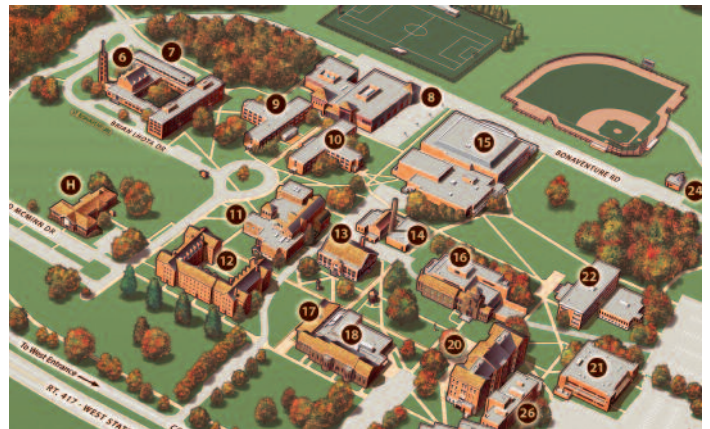
### New site showcases SBU student research



Student Research is the newest area to be unveiled on the university Web site. The new Student Research pages focus on the impressive number of SBU students doing original research under the guidance of faculty mentors, students who are engaged in research off campus,

and the various campus venues set up to showcase these student projects.

The Student Research site, a work in progress, was developed by Dr. Chris Hill, assistant professor of mathematics, and Dr. Danette Brickman, assistant professor of political science. Hill and Brickman debuted their site with a sampling of student research in the School of Arts and Sciences. They will continue to expand the site to include student research in all academic schools. See it for yourself at [www.sbu.edu/studentresearch](http://www.sbu.edu/studentresearch).



### Interactive campus map pops up on Web site

The campus map on the university Web site has been given a high-tech upgrade.

When a visitor to the page clicks on a building on the map, it triggers the opening of a window showing a close-up photo of the building's exterior (and in many cases a photo of the inside as well), along with text that describes the building's contents and function.

Take a peek at [www.sbu.edu/campusmap](http://www.sbu.edu/campusmap).