After the Storm
Helping Those Hit Hard by Sandy
The Gift in Giving

We often use the phrase “servant leadership” to describe an invaluable personal trait cultivated by and within the Seton Hall community. Servant leaders embody empathy to those around them and possess foresight into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. They commit themselves to helping others grow and thrive. They engender healing. They lead by example.

We reaffirm our core belief that academic achievement brings with it a complementary responsibility to help bring about a better world.

Charter Day showcases servant leadership by honoring exemplary service throughout the Seton Hall community. For faculty and staff, we present the Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service and the President’s Award for Student Service. At the same ceremony, we recognize our servant leader scholars, students who have received scholarships because they exemplify the very spirit of service and provide inspiration for us all.

We take much from the example of Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, for whom her nephew, Newark Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, named our school 35 years after her death.

A widow at age 29, she was left in dire economic straits to raise five children. Yet, the Catholic faith she embraced, after her Episcopalian husband died, rendered Mother Seton fearless. She dedicated herself to Catholic education in the United States and founded the Sisters of Charity. The first American community of religious sisters was a band of Christ-driven women dedicated to serving the poor and the sick in a society with few safety nets.

Sharing with Seton Hall students Mother Seton’s enduring legacy of cultivating sensitivity to the needs of others begins early — with the requirement that all freshmen complete at least 10 hours of community service during their first semester.

Many students who desire to serve also find a home in DOVE, the Division of Volunteer Efforts, which coordinates much of our off-campus outreach, including life-transforming student trips made each year to volunteer in El Salvador and Haiti.

At the same time, our classrooms provide myriad opportunities to discern examples of servant leadership.

Core courses discuss values in the light of historic texts, while the Stillman School of Business integrates ethical components into its academic disciplines.

Ultimately, I see servant leadership most visibly in the daily activities woven into the fabric of life at Seton Hall. In this issue of the magazine, we feature an article highlighting individuals who rushed to assist victims of Superstorm Sandy. Among many acts of selflessness, administrators and faculty offered assistance to a diplomacy student whose home was destroyed, while faculty and students of the School of Health and Medical Sciences volunteered their time to the cleanup on Staten Island.

Our alumni live out the lessons of servant leadership throughout their lives. Mary Ann Christopher, M.S.N. ’83, a regent and the CEO of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, who is profiled in this issue, makes a profound difference in the lives of many of the most vulnerable among us through her work strengthening community health care.

I encounter many other stories of servant leadership among the alumni I meet as I travel. The efforts these Setonians make to improve the lives of family members, neighbors — even perfect strangers — in school systems, hospitals or parishes across the country inspire me, reinforcing my conviction in the power — and the necessity — of Seton Hall’s mission to form servant leaders for a global society.
Stargazing—with a Vatican astronomer

Honorary Degree for Archbishop Hon: A doctorate of humane letters honoris causa was conferred on Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, S.D.B., when he visited Seton Hall on Nov. 8. His trip was a six-day tour of the East Coast, after a successful year at the Vatican observatory in Castel Gandolfo. At the McDevitt Center for Creativity and Innovation of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., Father Coyne was director of the Vatican Observatory from 1978 to 2006 and is currently the McDevitt Chair of Religious Philosophy.

The lecture can be viewed at www.shu.edu/go/jakilecture.

In the RUNNING

Great Publicity for the Publicists

Under the leadership of assistant professor Kathleen Rennie, Seton Hall was granted membership to an elite group of colleges and universities around the world recognized for exemplary programs in public relations.

This honor, known as Certification in Education for Public Relations (CEPR), has been awarded to just 34 schools since its inception in 1989. The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) developed the certification program in cooperation with educators and industry professionals to create a global standard in public relations education.

Schools undergo a rigorous evaluation process, including campus visits and an eight-point assessment in curriculum development, faculty, resources/facilities, students and diversity/global perspective.


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Each category was scored out of a possible 25 points and added together to generate an overall connectivity score out of 100. Of all the schools that applied, only 278 schools received a score of 50 or above to earn a numerical ranking. Seton Hall’s 70.8 connectivity score placed it high on the list largely due to the school’s unique partnerships with Microsoft, Nokia, AT&T and Samsung, enabling all incoming freshmen to receive a laptop and smartphone.

Other schools noted for their technological savvy include Maine’s Bowdoin College (79.9), California’s University of La Verne (73.8), Auburn University in Alabama (72.4) and the University of Miami (72.4). (AF)

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The Big East Tournament will continue to call Madison Square Garden its home. “Some of the most memorable moments in Seton Hall’s basketball history have occurred in the Garden during Big East Tournaments and I look forward to a future with many more,” President Esteban said.

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**Whitehead School Partners With the Philippines**

The School of Diplomacy and International Relations is forging closer ties with the Philippines through an agreement that both sides hope will lead to broader exchanges of students and information.

Under the partnership, the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Philippines and the School of Diplomacy and International Relations will link libraries to facilitate research and projects in areas of mutual interest.

They also will share publications and information about courses and organize conferences, seminars and workshops in the field of diplomacy and global concerns.

It is the second such international partnership agreement for the school. The first was signed with Portugal in 2009.

The latest agreement was signed in November by H.E. Jose L. Cuisia Jr., ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the U.S. and Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban, president of Seton Hall. Consul General Mario De Leon Jr. of the Philippine Consulate General in New York witnessed the memorandum of understanding.

Esteban said the agreement adds to existing relationships Seton Hall has with the island nation, such as a faculty and student exchange with the University of the Philippines.

As the first Filipino-American to lead a major U.S. university, Esteban said the agreement was personally gratifying as well. “This relationship is great because the Philippines is the only predominantly Catholic country in Asia. To establish ties back home is special.” (AF)
If you go back 100 years, three-fourths of Catholics were in the developed world. Now those numbers are reversed. It would be fair to reflect that.” —Zenai Fox, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, “That the membership and power relations of the U.N. Security Council are anachronistic, but that doesn’t mean we’re monolithic.” —Michael M. Reuter and John H. Shanner, Stillman School of Business, Leadership Excellence, discussing the requirements of great leadership

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“We’ve got a tough, challenging world — there are a lot of threats to the environment, and the population is growing.” —Renee Aker, College of Arts and Sciences, Inter Press Service News Agency, on a proposed expansion of the Security Council and discussion of African countries’ unheard demands for two permanent seats in the most powerful body at the United Nations

“The government found nationalism to be a politically useful tool to rally support to a regime in crisis.” —Zekiye Teke, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, The Communist, exploring China’s national identity from the 1980s on the context of popular culture and the politics of Sino-Japanese relations

For the sixth year, The Princeton Review featured the Stillman School of Business M.B.A. program in its listing of “The Best Business Schools.” According to Robert Franek, senior vice president-publisher, “We consider Stillman one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn an M.B.A.”

The Freshman Studies program was recognized recently with two national awards: Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Certificate of Merit from National Academic Advising Association and Best Practices in Student Retention Award from Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange.

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This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies. A yearly, University-wide celebration of the occasion, called “Building Bridges,” will honor founder Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher and will include concerts, a film festival and a series of lectures. More information on Building Bridges events can be found at www.shu.edu/go/building-bridges.

Here, we explore the legacy of the man who dedicated his life to promoting mutual understanding between Christian and Jewish communities.

The Man Who Built Bridges

Monsignor Oesterreicher

Born a Jew in Moravia on Feb. 2, 1904, John Oesterreicher was a medical student in Vienna when he converted to Catholicism at 20, after reading Cardinal John Henry Newman’s essay, “Development of Christian Doctrine.” At his baptism, he adopted the middle name of Maria in honor of the Mother of Jesus. Days later, he began studies for the priesthood and was ordained on July 17, 1927, in Saint Stephen’s Cathedral.

He was serving in a parish in 1933 when Hitler’s rise to power prompted him to found an institute that published a bimonthly journal challenging Nazi anti-Semitism from a Catholic point of view. He also preached radio sermons against Hitler’s racist policies, and was interro- grated after the Nazis annexed Austria in 1938.

Fleeing to Paris, Father Oesterreicher continued his anti-Nazi broadcasts and writing until Nazi troops invaded France. He fled to Spain and then to New York, arriving in November 1940. After teaching himself English, he served as a parish priest before being invited to Seton Hall, where he founded the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies on March 25, 1953. The Institute began offering a Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies degree in 1975.

“The relationship between Catholics and Jews was non-existent,” he told The Star-Ledger in 1992. At first, he said, Jews suspected him of a “missionary effort” while Catholics thought him “crazy.” He persisted and was one of three group leaders who petitioned Rome to consider Jewish-Catholic relations at the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (1962-1965). Promulgated in 1965, the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religious (Nostra Aetate) has served as a basis for years of interfaith dialogue and cooperation between Christians and Jews.

“John’s vision for the M.A. program was to look at the past history of Jewish-Christian relations — the tragedies and the triumphs — to see how we all draw on the roots of the Biblical and Jewish heritage: their worship, ethics and moral order,” said Father Lawrence Frizzell, who succeeded Monsignor Oesterreicher as director of the Institute.

“This sets the stage where Jews and Christians, as people of faith, can have a common voice on contemporary issues in the public square, where secular society wants to squeeze us out,” he continued. “But the voice of religious people has to be heard and, when Jews and Christians can stand together, it has a greater impression on society at-large.”

The Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies Studies Over Time

1953

The Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies founded on March 25, 1953

H. Suzanne Jobert’s financial support of the Institute’s work begun in 1953

1961

Monsignor Oesterreicher named a consultant to preparing texts for the Vatican Council II, 1961-1965

1965

Nostra Aetate promulgated by Pope Paul VI on October 1965

1969

Institute Institute began in July 1969 with annual sessions until 1972

1975

Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies program founded in 1975

1974, named director of the Institute

1977

Nostra Aetate

In preparing for the Ecumenical Council called by Pope John XXIII, German Cardinal Augustin Beaton was given the task of preparing draft documents on Christian ecumenism and Catholic-Jewish relations for consideration by the Council Fathers.

Cardinal Beaton invited Monsignor Oesterreicher, along with Augustinian Gregory Baum and Benedictine Leo Rudloff — both converts to Catholicism to serve as consultants to the team of ecumenists who ultimately proposed a momentous document that affirmed the Church’s respect and the common ground it shares with Jews, Muslims and people of other religions.

University of California at Berkeley historian John Connelly credits Monsignor Oesterreicher with adept political maneuvering that countered efforts to dilute the section dealing with Jews. Approved by the world’s Catholic bishops and promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1965, Nostra Aetate (“In Our Time”) was a landmark document. For the first time, a Council condemned anti-Semitism and declared that all Jews living then or in later generations cannot be blamed for Christ’s death.

Monsignor Oesterreicher was “the first one who ought to be mentioned in regard to the text of Nostra Aetate,” wrote Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, the late president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Al Frank

60 Years of Engaging the World

As befits the vision and international stature of founder John M. Oesterreicher, the impact of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies has extended far beyond the Seton Hall campus. Since its founding in 1953, the Institute has worked diligently to promote dialogue between Christians and Jews by participating in forums in the United States and overseas, and by implementing educational programs that cultivate better understanding through the study of history and commonly held traditions.

The Institute, virtually alone among Catholic entities, issued a statement of solidarity with Israel during the Six-Day War of June 1967. The institution’s commitment to the rights of the Jewish people and Israel continues through lectures and writings through the next decades.

More than 250 parochial and public-school teachers of Holocaust studies have taken courses at Seton Hall with the assistance of the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies since its founding in 1993.

Building on work begun two decades earlier, Sister Rose Thering, an associate at the Institute from 1968-1973, and Luna Kaufman, a survivor of the Nazi work camps, served on the commission that drafted the 1994 state law mandating Holocaust and genocide studies in New Jersey schools.

Father Frizzell and Rabbi Asher Finkel, professor of Judeo-Christian studies since 1975, have presented many lectures and publications widely. For example, 12 lectures from Ontario to Alabama addressed Mel Gibson’s controversial 2004 film, “Passion of the Christ.” Father Frizzell represented the Institute at the annual meeting of the International Conference of Christians and Jews in Austria in 2006 and in Poland in 2011; he lectured at Vatican-Jewish meetings in Paris in February 2011.

A video about Monsignor Oesterreicher’s life was produced by students in the Department of Communications and the Arts for the 60th anniversary of the Institute.
As she approaches graduation, Anna Negrón ’13 envisions herself on a big stage. In one scenario she’s an executive for a professional sports franchise, possibly her beloved New York Mets. In another, she’s Jerry Maguire in heels, representing high-profile athletes as a sports agent. And in still another, she’s recording albums and touring the country as a singing star, à la Christina Aguilera or Céline Dion.

Each possibility appears within reach for the 22-year-old business major concentrating in sport management. Over four years at Seton Hall she has served in four New York City internships, including one with the Mets and another with the New York Knicks. She has showcased her talent singing the national anthem at prominent sporting events and performed with The Sapphires, Seton Hall’s dance team. She’s a regular in New Jersey scholarship pageants and is preparing for her third run at the Miss New Jersey crown in June.

What’s more, Negrón carries a full course load while working two part-time jobs to help finance her education. “She’s extremely determined,” says Samantha Toth ’12, a former roommate. “She’s the type of person who will set goals for herself and do anything to accomplish those goals.”

Negrón learned the value of hard work growing up in Vineland, N.J., where her parents operate an auto repair shop. “Coming from a town that had one of the highest high-school dropout rates among Hispanics and one of the highest teen-pregnancy rates among Hispanics, it was very important to me to defy all of those stereotypes,” says Negrón, who is of Puerto Rican descent. “I knew I was better than that. Growing up, my mother always pushed me to be the best that I could be.”

Negrón played youth basketball and softball, took dance classes and sang in school and church choirs. Not long after starting voice lessons in elementary school, she performed Mariah Carey’s “Hero” for a local television audience.

“I would sit and watch games with my family and see the national anthem, and I can remember looking at my mom and saying, ‘I want to do that,’ ” Negrón says.

Her voice coach, Sal Dupree, recalls his longtime student’s early enthusiasm. “What separated Anna from a lot of kids is that she thrived on learning,” he says.

While developing as a vocalist, Negrón began to realize the limits of her athleticism. Still, her work from the sidelines as a student manager of three Sacred Heart High School athletic squads fueled her interest in a sports career.

When she began considering colleges, a guidance counselor suggested Seton Hall, which was among the first universities to establish a business degree program in sport management. Offered through the Stillman School of Business, the program requires at least two internships. In addition to working in media relations for the Mets and Knicks, Negrón has interned with a New York public-relations firm and IMG, the worldwide sport and entertainment management conglomerate.

While aspiring to work in professional sports, Negrón dreams about how far her voice might take her. She began singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” at high-school sporting events and sang it before a Seton Hall women’s soccer game as a freshman. That exposure led to performances at Seton Hall basketball games, and she’s since scored gigs at the 2012 BIG EAST Conference men’s basketball championship game and with the Knicks, Philadelphia 76ers and Brooklyn Nets.

Although she’s yet to qualify for “American Idol” in three tries, her voice coach believes her voice offers great promise. “With the instrument that she has, she will never be out of work,” Dupree says.

Competing in New Jersey scholarship pageants — she is the reigning Miss South Shore Area — Negrón has gained a platform to speak about the dangers of drunken driving, an issue close to her heart since an intoxicated motorist struck and killed her 18-year-old friend Joshua Moren in a 2008 traffic accident.

Her devotion to the cause suggests there’s an altruistic motive behind her taste for the limelight. “Being a role model is very important to me,” Negrón says. “I want to inspire people, share my experiences with them, and show them that nothing is ever too far-fetched if you’re willing to put in the work.” — 

Mike Cullity is a reporter for the New Hampshire Union Leader and a freelance writer.
There's a bolt of pure lightning that plays music in the basement of McGrath Hall. At least, it looks like lightning. It pulses, and music plays out of the thin air above it. Jose Lopez, the newest addition to Seton Hall's Department of Physics, shows visitors his plasma speaker with a smile. The 34-year-old assistant professor of physics likes a good attention-grabber. "In physics, we have very bad PR. We make it seem that it's not accessible," he says.

In a field forever dominated by Albert Einstein's loopy personal style, Lopez is an unexpected twist on the age-old vision of a brainy physicist. The chatty Newark native is warm, amiable and plain-spoken. And yet, one of the 20 biggest brains in the state, according to Inside Jersey magazine, is also an expert in a little-known, but potentially up-and-coming field of study called microplasmas.

Lopez creates these tiny plasma reactions in order to assemble chemicals as if they were made of Lego blocks. That's not as crazy as it sounds. Most people know there are three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. Each is defined by the density and arrangement of the atoms within it. Plasma is a fourth state that occurs when gases destabilize. That means their atoms break up into a mixture of charged ions and electrons.

Once free, these ions and electrons can be recombined into something new. Lopez studies ways to control them. "That's the whole thing," says Alfred Freilich, a longtime Lopez collaborator who joined Seton Hall with him in 2011 as a visiting research professor. "It's hard to reliably control plasma. It's hot — the sun and stars are made of it. And atoms like stability. On Earth, they don't shift to plasma easily. Generally, a vacuum is needed to coax them. They shift to it more easily in miniature. At scales of a millimeter or less, chemical elements will become plasma in the open air and at a temperature cool enough to touch.

As a result, there may be a lot of ways to put these tiny plasmas to work. Lopez and Freilich look for them.

That's not surprising. By then, Lopez had been teaching science for years — he tutored the entire women's varsity basketball team in math and science while a sophomore at Saint Peter's. But he did learn some new tricks under Becker, now the associate provost for research and technology initiatives at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University. Becker treated doctoral students like colleagues, not employees. He encouraged them to explore their own interests, and tried to get them whatever they needed to do it. "If someone had a good idea, my attitude was: Go try it out," he says.

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The belief expanded with Christopher’s undergraduate nursing training at Fairfield University and came into full recognition as a graduate student at Seton Hall’s College of Nursing, where she specialized in gerontology and met “an extraordinary set of mentors.”

The late Mary Jo Nameroz, M.S.N. ’78, a distinguished nursing scholar who taught in the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program, instilled in Christopher a passion for finding ways to help society’s most marginalized people.

“What I learned from her,” Christopher says, “was to explicity tell the story of our patients. By that means, there is no public policy we can’t influence.”

Dr. Leona Kleinman, also deceased, underscored what servant leadership is, she says, with a focus on gerontology and the disabled. Fran Bowers, Christopher’s clinical instructor, worked alongside her in the Visiting section of Newark: “She taught me that what I learn as much from our patients as we do from our training.”

But it is Phyllis Stanley Hansell, today dean of the College of Nursing, who has been the longest-lasting influence. Christopher credits Hansell, her professor in the nurse practitioner master’s program, with teaching her “how to blend the intellectual rigor of science with a mindfulness about the care of patients and a passionate belief in the sanctity of the nursing profession.”

For her part, Hansell remembers a stellar student who “went door to door and found folks who couldn’t come down,” Christopher says. With pharmaceutical supplies airlifted and driven in, VNSNY distributed prescription refills and set up mini-clinics in various neighborhoods that had been devastated by flooding.

“The experience shows the power of community-based health care in physical, emotional and spiritual terms, she says, noting that her constant thought during the response to the storm was “how blessed you are to be a health-care provider.”

Christopher’s belief in the transcendence of the nursing occupation began in childhood, when as a young girl she watched her mother, the late Mary Lee, preparing to leave for work in her white uniform. Her mother, trained at the Holy Name School of Nursing in Teaneck, N.J., “always talked with great reverence about being a nurse,” Christopher recalls.

For Mary Ann Christopher, the nursing profession is part science and part art, but mostly a ministry.

Mary Ann Christopher embodies servant leadership as she works to find healthcare solutions for communities in need.
SUPERSTORM SANDY DEVASTATED FAMILIES — AND WHOLE COMMUNITIES — THROUGHOUT THE METROPOLITAN AREA. MANY IN THE SETON HALL COMMUNITY RUSHED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

After the Storm
Yveline Dalmacy has had a lot of experience organizing humanitarian aid. In 2007, she helped send a container ship loaded with 1,500 boxes of clothes, toys, sewing machines, medical equipment and other supplies to her native Haiti following the twin disasters of Hurricane Noel and a devastating earthquake.*

Never did the diplomacy graduate student think she’d be on the receiving end of such assistance — especially not from her professors and counselors at the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

All of which may simply prove the old adage that “what goes around comes around,” she says, relating what has befallen her family since the effects of Superstorm Sandy hit her Coney Island, N.Y., home.

On Oct. 28, the day before the storm arrived, Dalmacy was preoccupied caring for her daughter Anabelle, 13 months old at the time. Also at home was her 21-year-old daughter, Tatiana, an undergraduate at Kennesaw State University. Her husband, Dr. Kesler Dalmacy, was away in Haiti.

Yveline Dalmacy was unaware that a 14-foot tidal surge and 80-mile-an-hour winds were hours away from her front door, which she says is “about 10 steps from the ocean.”

She received a phone call from a friend, asking: “Did you evacuate?”

Dalmacy was stunned by the question, saying she “had no idea there was an evacuation in effect.” She and her older daughter quickly gathered a few odd items, then fled by car with Anabelle through their nearly vacant neighborhood.

“I didn’t even take time to pack because of a mother’s fear that the water would engulf us,” she says. Behind them, most of their possessions would be destroyed by the mass of water. It was so bad that a neighbor two doors down drowned, she says.

“Yveline is quite a remarkable student,” says Elizabeth Halpin, assistant dean of external affairs for the School of Diplomacy and International Relations. In 2010 she worked with Dalmacy on a campus awareness program on the plight of Haitians after the earthquake that year.

Dalmacy, 45, left Haiti at age 13 to come to the United States, where she became a citizen and prospered. She earned high school, undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees, and worked for a while at the nonprofit aid organization Oraiso, where she was involved in relief work for Haiti.

By 2000, she had landed a prestigious job at Morgan Stanley’s private banking practice in New York. But the tug of her husband’s work as a physician and politician in Haiti — he ran for president in 2010 — in combination with her own desire to help her native country, led Dalmacy to the School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

She now is a few credits away from a master’s degree with specializations in global health and human security, and international economics and development.

Thanks to Superstorm Sandy, however, Dalmacy’s graduation will be later than expected. In fact, not much has been expected. Her first port in the storm was a friend’s house in New York, “who was willing to take us in,” she says. But, realizing she needed to be independent, Dalmacy booked a room at a New Jersey hotel “that was the only place I could find.”

She was driven by fear that there would “be no food, water or milk for my baby.” And that, she says, is exactly what happened. Worse, at the hotel, “we did not have power or water for two days. It was horrible.”

Meanwhile, deadlines were looming for a major paper. So, Dalmacy managed to get a message to Professor Martin Edwards that she was “going to be late in getting it done.”

That’s when Halpin and others at the school rallied to begin a drive to help the family. What was needed most were warm clothes for Anabelle, they immediately started to pile up in Halpin’s office until Dalmacy was able to collect them.

In Sandy’s Wake: Devastation spread. Scenes of destruction in New Jersey’s shore communities. (previous spread) Scenes of destruction in New Jersey’s shore communities. Photos by Chuck Moss.

The help from Seton Hall was a pleasant surprise. “They collected food, clothing — mostly for the baby — diapers, kitchen utensils and other items. They even provided me with a small monetary donation,” Dalmacy credits Halpin for proving a “huge, huge support” as her liaison with the school’s group. All her professors pitched in, Dalmacy says, with some sending her books “because I lost my library which included books I’d been collecting since high school.”

Something else arrived, too: a note from Ursula Sanjamino, one of the school’s two associate deans. It read, in part, “Just a few items from my daughters and me for your little one. … Continue to believe things will get better. They will. Stay safe and strong.”

“When I read that, it brought tears to my eyes,” says Dalmacy. “I had no idea that my school was going to step up, but the next thing I know the school was holding a drive for me. I don’t know how I would have gotten through without their support.”

Sanjamino offers a simple explanation: “We have a very strong sense of community at the School of Diplomacy and International Relations and we support each other in difficult times.”

Today, although still homeless, Dalmacy feels lucky to be both alive and connected to the South Orange campus. “I’ve always been very proud to be a Seton Hall student. But I did not realize how lucky I was to be a part of this community until this disaster struck.”

Asked to sum up her recent experience, Dalmacy had this to say: “The thing I want people to take away from my story is that whenever you have a chance to do good, do good, because although altruism is its own reward, you never know when it will come back to you.”

* Because of a bureaucratic snarl in Haiti/Franklin, the aid to Haiti in 2007 never got through, and sat for a year in the freezer before being sent back.

In Sandy’s Wake: Devastation spread. Scenes of destruction in New Jersey’s shore communities.
Responding to Disaster

Superstorm Sandy caused more than 30 deaths in New Jersey and at least $29.4 billion in damage, according to official reports. But the storm's destructive path left the campus relatively unscathed and fully functional, which allowed the Seton Hall community to quickly reach out to those in need.

Here are some of the ways Seton Hall responded:

### Division of Volunteer Efforts

"Any time there's a local or national disaster, Seton Hall responds," says Michelle Peterson, director of the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE). After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the University sponsored 23 New Orleans university students who began to call Seton Hall home that fall. "When this hit, people immediately started to ask how Seton Hall would respond."

The answer was impressive, with DOVE coordinating donations (totaling $10,166.50) on the school’s website and collecting clothing how Seton Hall would respond. "Any time there's a local or national disaster, Seton Hall responds," says Peterson.

### 89.5 FM WSOU

The student-run radio station raised $9,535 for Superstorm Sandy relief efforts, surpassing the station’s goal of $8,950, during an 18-hour radiothon held on Nov. 30. Donations from 111 listeners were equally distributed between the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund and the Empire State Relief Fund.

Mark Maben, WSOU’s general manager, says the radiothon "was very much a student-driven initiative."

"During the storm, we had 13 students who volunteered essentially to lock themselves into the station for a 48-hour period — and they worked in shifts," Maben explains. He said the students didn’t venture outdoors with microphones, yet "filled the gap when it came to local news and updates from the University's Emergency Management staff."

### Housing and Residence Life

When Tara Hart, director of Housing and Residence Life, and her staff realized the school had not lost power, and that even Internet and cable television service were working, her team sent out a Pirate Alert query asking: "Are you disposed to help a fellow Pirate in need?"

Student residents were asked to host stranded or commuter students on campus while the University was closed, 141 quickly opened their doors, saying, as Hart puts it, "Yep, come crash on my floor."

### Emergency Services

Thomas E. Giordano's 20-person emergency response team was prepared for the storm. Giordano, assistant director for emergency management, ensures that essential services — IT, facilities, housing and health services — are maintained at all times.

At the time Sandy hit, more than 100 students, faculty and staff had gone through a 20-hour training program run by the federal government called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). The training paid off.

Though the University never lost power, surrounding towns did. Giordano set up an emergency operations center within Walsh Library, where he repeatedly met with South Orange officials. Giordano lived in the center for two days, sleeping on a cot. A small number of South Orange residents needed a place to sleep and others needed the use of power outlets, mostly to recharge cellphones.

The biggest single problem you have in an emergency is communication," Giordano says. The University’s Pirate Alert system sends out messages via texts, emails, cell lines and land lines.

### Athletics

The Department of Athletics collected blankets, clothes, shoes, cleaning supplies and other provisions and took them to local shelters in Pirate vans, says Matthew Sweeney, assistant athletics director of communications.

Pirates also shared their basketball courts with teams needing a place to practice because their facilities had been damaged by the storm. Among these were teams from Saint Peter’s College in Jersey City, Wagner College on Staten Island, and Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J.

"In moments of crisis or a natural disaster, it’s important to lend a hand wherever we can help," explains men’s basketball head coach Kevin Willard.
“This I Believe,” originally launched in the 1950s by the famed journalist Edward R. Murrow, in which citizens shared their personal beliefs in an essay of 600 words or less that they read over the air. The fundamental idea was that, in a time of uncertainty and discord, hearing one person’s views about life could help others formulate their own answers to critical questions. National Public Radio revived the program in 2005, and it currently airs on Sirius XM Radio.

To provide a more detailed look at the Class of 2016, we have included a sampling of the “This I Believe” essays they submitted. These personal statements depict thoughtful, optimistic, hard-working young men and women — the kind of student Seton Hall has a long history of attracting.

It is one of my personal beliefs to always stop at the lemonade stand because it is a unique representation of the human spirit.

I have been receiving much praise as a recent high school graduate, more than I think is fair, quite honestly, for a feat accomplished by millions. Tight hugs and teary-eyed “Congratulations” have become a common occurrence to me, and I suppose I deserve them. I worked very hard. I graduated 10th in my class; I was a triathlete and president of my school’s environmental club and National Honor Society.

I leave for college soon, and as I look on my future with high hopes, I realize I’m not the only one. My family is exceedingly proud of me. They will support me in all of my goals, and they will not be satisfied until I am. They believe I can achieve some level of greatness they missed out on.

I understand this belief is applied to all parents: that their child will achieve greater things than they did. That’s all we want for our youth; I know because that’s what I already wish for my future children.

We see possibility in our children we can no longer find in ourselves. Children can believe in almost anything imaginable, from monsters beneath the bed to world peace. We all have it at some point: the hope that you can one day solve the problems of the world. We see this hope in all children. It’s instinctive, natural. The problem is that the more we see of the world we live in, we realize how difficult the task truly is. And we gradually lose faith over time.

But when you stop at a lemonade stand, you are encouraging that hope and fostering the dream still present in that child. You are inspiring that child to persevere and to not give up. Maybe you have tried the childlike endeavor that is a lemonade stand. Surely you remember waiting patiently for any living person to come by and purchase your lemonade for a mere 25 cents a cup.

Very few came. But remember when they did? Do you remember the smiles you enjoyed and the generous tip you got? Or, if you have practiced my belief once or twice as an adult, do you remember the unforgettable smiles on those young faces?

I believe in always stopping at the lemonade stand because it is a unique representation of the human spirit. Dreams are one of the few propensities of the human spirit. We are meant to love and dream and investigate. The human spirit can be found in the amateur sale of sweetened drinks. We must support it. It is our destiny. This I believe.
I believe in the self-made man.

I believe in the man — or woman — who starts from nothing and works for what he or she has — men and women who have not come from wealth, yet have persevered and achieved their goals. This idea is built upon working hard and being determined to achieve goals. These people do not cow to blaming others for their failures, and they do not allow excuses to conceal their defeats. Individuals such as Barack Obama, Bill Gates, Oprah Winfrey, and J.K. Rowling all started from humble beginnings. However, they refused to allow their environments and surroundings to predetermine their destinies. These people are resilient and have attained success while overcoming impediments and failures.

My father, Steven, is a self-made man. His father passed away when he was 6 years old, and he came from a family that lived in 13 different houses before finding an affordable home in Jersey City, N.J.

My father earned a baseball scholarship and was the first in his family to graduate from college. He has overcome much adversity in life, eventually achieving success in running an Allstate Insurance agency that provided life’s basics for his family. He is the hardest-working person I have ever known and his will to succeed is a quality I attempt to emulate.

Despite the fact that I have come from an influential family, my experience with volleyball has instilled in me a profound sense of achieving a goal when you begin with nothing. My sophomore year, I decided to try out for volleyball, even though I possessed no volleyball experience. Needless to say, I got cut from the team.

Yet I refuse to allow failures define me. I became the team manager and over the summer I attended camps. Then I joined a club team the following winter. During the subsequent season, I made junior varsity, was named captain of that team, and then played varsity my senior year. This experience demonstrated that one does not need to be given anything to receive what he or she desires. Achievement comes from realizing goals and working hard to achieve them, regardless of how much talent or money you begin with. An individual who comes from modest means and achieves goals regardless is admirable. Failures are inevitable in life, yet moving forward from these failures is something that ultimately defines who people are.

Self-made people do not become complacent with their place in society and persistently defend the inherent rights of every human being. However, her mother’s response is one I cannot forgive or forget. The mother hushed her child, glared at me, took her daughter by the hand and led her out of the store. Just like that, a mother taught her little girl that being Muslim was evil. It didn’t matter that I was her child, glared at me, took her daughter by the hand and led her out of the store. Just like that, a mother taught her little girl that being Muslim was evil. It didn’t matter that I was a nice person. All that mattered was that I looked different. That little girl may grow up and begin to imagine how much prejudice Muslim girls go through every day. Racism and religious bigotry disgust me. I am not Muslim, but my friend Zeynep is, and she told me about being discriminated against for wearing her hijab. So this past summer, my best friend Maria and I tried an experiment. We pinned scarves around our heads and went to the mall in our town.Normally, kiosk vendors try to get us to buy things and ask us to sample snacks. Clerks usually ask us if we need help, tell us about sales, and smile at us. Not that day. Vendors, clerks and other shoppers wouldn’t look at us. They didn’t talk to us. They acted like we didn’t exist. They didn’t want to be caught staring at us, so they didn’t look at all. In one store, a girl (who looked to be about 4 years old) asked her mom if my friend and I were terrorists. She wasn’t trying to be mean. I don’t think she grasped the idea of prejudice. However, I believe God made every human being equal, no matter what they look like or how they worship. Hateful feelings are very much present in this day and age, even though many like to think otherwise. I believe it will be up to my generation to work to end racism in American society and persistently defend the inherent rights of every human being.

I believe in not stepping on a single ant.

In other words, I believe you need to give everyone and everything a chance because everybody is created equal. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Ants are one of the world’s smallest creatures, and to many, one of the most insignificant. Most people don’t care if they step on an ant.

One can think of these ants as modern-day minorities: African-Americans, followers of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, Asians or Hispanics. The only thing that makes these people minorities in the United States is that they have a smaller population in a given location.

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This experiment was like a slap in the face for me. It lasted only a few hours; I can’t begin to imagine how much prejudice Muslim girls go through every day.

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I believe that trying to understand the world around us is what gives us meaning in life.

People constantly move about and rush to get things done, but not everyone stops and thinks, “Why am I doing this?”

About four years ago, I stopped and pondered this existential question. I had gone through my 14 years of life existing, but I was not living. By living I mean taking in what is happening around you and knowing why. That short question — why? — is what I believe to be the biggest part of life.

My questioning has led me down the road of introspection and analysis of my life. It began when I was a high-school freshman. Going year after year doing similar things and realizing that the same routine is what compasses the rest of life, I thought, “What’s the point of it all?”

We wake up, take care of day-to-day business, sleep and repeat. After coming to this realization, I concluded that there really isn’t anything else. This is our reality; this is what we live for. It’s interesting how some people just take it as is and go on their way.

I believe that existential angst lies within everyone; but most of us push it down deep within the crevices of our souls due to fear of the unknown. That’s the problem, though: we are sometimes afraid of the incomprehensible. We try to remain in our little bubble of protection and familiarity in order to come to terms with life. What this ends up doing, though, is preventing us from pursuing the solving of the mysteries around us, we can reach our true potential. We try to remain in our little bubble of protection and familiarity in order to live fully. Without this exploration, we are to remain forever stationary, and that’s not what we were meant to do.

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I believe we must go beyond ourselves and explore the enigmatic depths of the universe in order to live fully. Without this exploration, we are to remain forever stationary, and that would definitely make our lives meaningless. We are meant to embrace the mysteries, for they are what drive us to continue in life.

BY TRACY JEREZ
CLASS OF 2016

IN GOOD HANDS

Growing up in a Jewish household, it was expected for me to attend Hebrew school. At my temple, Temple Rodeph Torah, I practiced my religion twice a week and accomplished enough to succeed in having a bat mitzvah.

A few weeks before my bat mitzvah, I was given my Hebrew name: Simha. At first I begged to change it, claiming that it was “ugly” (as a normal 13-year-old girl would). But the meaning behind it was valuable.

Simha is understood in Hebrew to mean happiness. And I can truly say the shoe fits the foot. With that name, I feel it is my spiritual duty to carry out the title, but I didn’t always feel that way. My parents always used to say how pessimistic I was, and it was a family joke that I reminded all my relatives of George Carlin.

It was not until recently that I realized being happy is vital to survival. There is no reason not to be happy. Being upset only puts a damper on top of already existing negativity.

What made me realize that happiness is important was a quote I read by John Lennon: “When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy.’ They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

After reading this, it finally clicked. I threw my sorrows and negativity away, I began to look at the glass as being half full, rather than half empty. Life is too short to be anything but happy, and I strive to embrace every moment that God and life have to offer me.

I spend each day with a smile on my face, facing all possibilities with a positive attitude. “When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy,’ They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

I, Kayla Simone Simha Weinman, believe: One should always be happy, look at the bright side and radiate love on a daily basis, no matter what circumstances one is facing.

BY KAYLA WEINMAN
CLASS OF 2016
Seton Hall hosted an Olympic icon this fall when four-time gold medalist Missy Franklin shot a series of public service announcements for the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) at the Pirates’ Arthur E. Imperatore Natatorium.

Franklin, an ambassador for the MSAA’s Swim for MS program, spent a November morning shooting video and posing for photos.

Swim for MS is a national fundraiser that encourages volunteers to create their own swim challenges while soliciting donations to support the fight against multiple sclerosis. The fundraiser is unique because the events are planned by the individuals, not by the organization. Volunteers can participate individually or recruit other swim enthusiasts to form a team.

MSAA President and CEO Doug Franklin, Missy’s uncle, said Seton Hall was the perfect place to shoot her public service announcements.

“The athletics staff was amazing at meeting the needs of our organization and facilitated the process for everyone involved,” he said. “I thank Seton Hall for helping MSAA fulfill our mission to enrich the quality of life for everyone affected by MS.”

After Missy Franklin left, several members of the Seton Hall swim team participated in a photo shoot to show their support for the MSAA and Swim for MS.

“It was a great opportunity for our swimmers to help raise awareness about MS,” said Ron Farina, head swimming and diving coach at Seton Hall. “It’s a relationship we hope to continue and expand in the future.”

This was the second time in recent years that the Pirates’ swim facility was used as the backdrop for video shoots featuring Olympic stars. In September 2011, Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte and Natalie Coughlin made the trip to Seton Hall to shoot commercials for Speedo.

“The exposure our swimming program has received over the past year and a half by hosting four U.S. Olympic swimmers is tremendous. Coupled by the fact that these four Olympians are arguably the most recognizable in the world, it is just fantastic for the program and Seton Hall University,” Farina said.

More information on Swim For MS can be found at SwimforMS.org.
The young Seton Hall women’s golf program had top-five finishes in five tournaments last fall, and has energized its followers for what could be a thrilling spring season.

The team, which formed in Fall 2010, opened the season with a second-place tie among a field of 15 teams at the Bucknell Invitational, finishing just one stroke behind Boston University and tying with BIG EAST foe Rutgers. Freshman Megan Tenhundfeld, playing in her first collegiate event, led the Pirates at 20-over par and placed eighth among 84 golfers.

Seton Hall kept the positive momentum going the following week, placing second by one stroke to host St. John’s. It was a historic tournament for sophomore Ali Kruse, who became the second Pirate to win an individual title with a one-stroke victory over a pair of competitors.

“I think we’re only scratching the surface with Ali,” said head coach Sara Doell. “She has the ability to be a very good golfer in this conference for a long time.”

The most difficult tournament on the fall schedule was the Yale Women’s Intercollegiate, where the Pirates had struggled the last two seasons. This time, Seton Hall finished in a tie for fourth among 16 teams.

Kruse notched her third top-10 finish in three tournaments and finished eighth among 89 golfers, leading the Pirates with a 1-over-par, 73, in the final round. Her second-round 70 set the program record for lowest single-round score.

“Of all of our success this fall, I take the most from our performance at Yale,” Doell said. “That was, by far, the most talented field we faced, and it was played on a very challenging course. For us to tie the host for fourth place among a field that strong really speaks to how far we’ve come in three years.”

Seton Hall finally broke through at the Rutgers Women’s Invitational to claim its second team championship in program history, winning by seven strokes over the 21-team field. The Pirates’ 11-over-par, 299, in round one set the program record for a par-72 course.

“Our play heading into this tournament proved we were capable of this,” Doell said. “We just needed to put it all together, focus and play our best game. When we do that, we can be a pretty formidable team.”

The Pirates finished their fine fall at the Lehigh University Invitational, where for the third time in the season the team placed second by just one stroke. Junior Hannah Basalone fired a 1-under-par, 71, in the final round. Her fifth place was the fifth top-five finish of her career, and the most in program history.

“Hannah has battled through a lot this fall, so it’s wonderful to see her come through like this in the final round of the fall season,” Doell said. “She will undoubtedly be an integral part of our future success, just as she has been in our successes of the past.”

“The team set four performance goals entering the fall,” Doell said. “They wanted to break 300 strokes in a single round, break their single-round stroke record, average better than they did last fall and win a tournament. We achieved all four goals in five tournaments.”

Now the Pirates are hungry for more and looking forward to the new season.

“When I set the spring schedule, I tried to incorporate some tournaments we could win and others with strong fields that we could grow from,” Doell said. “Given our performance this fall, I now think we have a shot to win them all.”

Libraries, Classrooms, and the Interests of Democracy: Marking the Limits of Neoliberalism
Library marketing and advertising in schools are now widespread practices. Should that be the case? John Buschman details the connections between educational institutions and democracy. Drawing on wide scholarship to explore the history of democratic theory and how it intertwines with capitalism, the author helps the reader think about how democracies can deal with the challenges of the current historical phase. The award-winning book makes clear that issues concerning public educational institutions in a democracy are political.

Adaptive Learning and the Human Condition
By Jeffrey C. Levy, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology (Pearson, $172.20)
Jeffrey C. Levy’s textbook reviews psychological research findings related to classical and instrumental conditioning. These conditioning processes result in adaptive learning enabling individuals to predict and control their environments. Levy shows how such learning can occur directly through one’s own experience or indirectly through observation and language. He helps readers consider how the adaptive learning process, coupled with the ability to create and use tools, has enabled the human being to transform the human condition. Levy shows how adaptive learning principles enable us to understand, and in instances address, significant contemporary individual and social concerns.

A Grief Unveiled: One Father’s Journey through the Death of a Child — Fifteen Years Later
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New Jersey: A History of the Garden State
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A Legacy of Family Giving Continues

The Farinellas have been called a quintessential Seton Hall family, well known for their love of the University and their generous support. The family’s legacy began with the late Frank Paul Farinella Jr. ’49 and his wife, Josephine. The couple’s names adorn the main gate to the University, and their philanthropy has opened doors of opportunity to many others. Now, their son Joseph ’79/J.D. ’93 is continuing the tradition of giving.

Following the death of his father last year, Joseph Farinella made a $100,000 contribution to the University in the form of five annual $10,000 contributions and a $50,000 bequest. “He is putting his imprimatur on a legacy of family giving,” said Stephen F. Izzo, associate director of the Seton Hall Fund, who consulted with Farinella on his recent contributions.

Earmarked for the Seton Hall Fund, this gift will support the University’s most pressing needs. An active member of Seton Hall’s Parent Leadership Council, Farinella has made previous donations to the Seton Hall Fund and the School of Law.

“We have a great love and a special place in our hearts for Seton Hall and that’s why we do what we do,” says Farinella. Although he had applied to five other colleges besides Seton Hall, Farinella says his father’s ties to the University were so strong there was little doubt he too would become a Pirate. His daughter, Nicole, is a sophomore majoring in English and minoring in journalism/public relations, and a cousin, Amnellea, is a freshman majoring in social work.

An uncle, Charles Farinella, attended Seton Hall and graduated in 1946, and Joe’s sister, Mary, earned an M.B.A. in 2007 from the Stillman School of Business. Their brother, James, attended Seton Hall Prep and graduated from the Law School in 1992. “Seton Hall has been important to our family and we’ve been very active in the University,” says Farinella, president of Coddington Homes Co., which has built more than 1,000 homes and developed commercial property in New Jersey. The company is now building in the Allentown area of eastern Pennsylvania. "With the passing of my parents, I felt it was important to continue our commitment."

Frank Farinella was a well-known New Jersey builder and developer who constructed more than 3,000 homes and apartments during his career. He attended Seton Hall on the GI Bill to earn his bachelor’s degree in English and went on to receive a degree in architectural engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

From 1987 to 1992, Frank served on the Board of Regents and chaired its buildings and grounds committee when the campus underwent major growth with the construction of three residence halls for students, a residence for priests, the parking deck and the expansion of the Recreation Center. It was during that time that the Farinella Gate opened at the eastern end of the campus.

Later, as the University prepared for the 2004 launch of the $150 million Ever Forward campaign, Frank — then a regent emeritus — and Josephine donated $250,000. Their generosity was due in no small measure to the high regard the Farinella family felt for the priests who have served Seton Hall over the years.

Father Michael E. Kelly ’82, now a monsignor and headmaster at the Prep, was chaplain to Joseph Farinella’s fraternity, Sigma Pi, where classmate John Dennehy ’81/MDiv ’84 was a brother. Dennehy was ordained a priest in 1981 and now serves as University chaplain.

As his parents grew older, Farinella says he often took them to Father Dennehy’s Masses at his weekend ministry at their parish, Saint James Church, in Springfield, N.J., which Frank and Josephine also helped build. As they grew older, Monsignor Robert R. Sheeran ’67, president emeritus, frequently celebrated Mass in the couple’s home.

“John’s a really good guy and my parents really liked him, and we were all very close with Monsignor Sheeran and spent a lot of time with him,” Farinella says.

Family, faith and tradition all contributed to reinforcing a strong bond with the University that was formed more than 60 years ago and now extends into a third generation.

“Those were some of the greatest years of my life — academically, socially, everything — and there is that spiritual dimension from the University,” Farinella says. “My parents were extremely devout and we grew up in that regard. That has a lot to do with it.”

Al Frank ’72/M.A. ’75 is an adjunct professor at Seton Hall and a writer based in Parsippany, N.J.
70s
Jertty J. King, M.A.E. ’73 received an honor from the School of Education as a 35-year charter member of Kappa Delta Pi. ... Lector E. Anderson, M.A.E. ’74 was a co-founder of a computer networking patent titled Machine Business Machine Using an Alien Network on Field Nodes. ... Dr. Wesley S. Briles/Leon ’74 was appointed to the advisory board for Petrelli Publications. ... Tova Navarra ’74 is the author of 35 books to date and is a leader in the field of which Who in America. Her book, The Kid’s Guidebook: Great Advice to Help Kids Cope, has been translated into several languages. She has also been a working artist for 40 years. ... Jean O’Nara Lemon ’73 was appointed to the American Academy of Nursing. The academy comprises more than 8,600 nursing leaders. ... Daniel J. Mickleth ’73 was elected to the board of directors at the Californian Institutes. ... Jim P. Mantootha ’77 was awarded the Benjamin Medal by Pope Benedict XVI in recognition of his company, Domestic Church Media. The company is owned by Jim and his wife, Cheryl, and operates New Jersey’s only two Catholic radio stations.

80s
John S. McGlynn ’80 was inducted into the Essex Catholic High School Hall of Fame. He is an assistant director of security at the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. ... Robert Lessac ’83 wrote a book titled Single Slalom Sisimo, 1968-1978. The book highlights short-lived sitcoms through photographs, facts, interviews and stories. ... Donna M. Cosma-Soltetted ’83 was appointed senior director of global commercial strategy and content at Janssen Pharmaceuticals in Barlin, N.J. ... Matthew Delbert ’84 received the Radio IMAGE Award from Radio Ink magazine. The award honors sales and management professionals who make a difference in the radio business. ... Colleen Pescocin ’84 obtained her certification as an legal nurse consultant and will be working independently with medical malpractice law firms. ... Samuel J. Stahl ’84 opened a law practice in Montclair, N.J. ... Jeanine (Longo) Cavanagh ’86, M.A.E. ’80, her husband, James Cavanagh ’86, M.A.E. ’80 received the Innaural Award at the 21st annual Breast and Roses Ball in May 2013. The award is given to individuals who exemplify selfless determination to make the world a better place through service and sacrifice.

90s
Dr. Paul S. Matthew ’01 is a member of the faculty at Howard Medical School, where he holds a joint clinical appointment serving as the director of headache medicine at the Cambridge Health Alliance. He is also a neurologist at Brigham & Women’s Hospital. John B. Graham Headache Center... 

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Baby Pirates
Anthony Leon ’31/M.A.E. ’34/E.D.S. ’35 to Martha and Sharon, a girl, Madison Marion, on May 23, 2012
Claudia (Lucas) Ioannou ’35 and Marino, a girl, Rosella Latimer, on December 15, 2011
Janice (Martinez) Ioannou ’35 to Rick, a girl, Hayden, on March 27, 2012
Teresa S. (Gardner) Mitolo ’37 to Robert, a girl, Ola Theresa, on October 24, 2011
Kelly Voel ’37 to Steve and a boy, Joshua Ryan, on July 17, 2012
Krystle A. (Skable) Sobot ’38 to Jason, a boy, Joshua Jake, on December 24, 2011
Blake J. Miller ’39 to Kathryn, a boy, Jackson Charles, on April 27, 2012
Caterina and Sofia (bottom right), twin daughters of Victoria (Murphy) Picco ’02/M.A. ’03 and Joseph (top right) Mike Walsh ’68, Seton Hall University Alumni Network.

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While attending Seton Hall, Mike Walsh ’68 and brother John were members of the university’s Pershing Rifles drill team, where they performed routine-step and other physical exercises, both in the students’ routine training and in various public events.

Sylvana R. (Gardner) Bed*time ’01/M.A.E. ’02 to Matthew and a girl, Gabrielle Grace, on June 23, 2012
Richard Fauler ’01 to Amia, twin girls, Isabella Ann and Giavanna Marie, on July 12, 2012
Lauren M. (Griff) Goodman ’01/M.B.A. ’05 and Brian J. ’05, a girl, Gabrielle Grace, on June 23, 2012
Paul G. Mathews ’01 to Tracy, a girl, Lauren, on June 12, 2012
Victoria (Murphy) Piaci ’02/M.A. ’03 and Joseph ’02/M.P.A. ’03, twin girls, Catalina and Sofia, on October 4, 2012
Kristie (Mattimoe) Toole ’07/M.S. ’07 and Peter ’07 to Brian, Joe Gavin Plets, on April 29, 2012
Ryan J. Telles, J.D. ’10 and Jenne, a boy, Benjamin Ryan, on October 21, 2012

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Highlighting Connections

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Glamour Shot: Madison Marion, (top), daughter of Steven and Anthony Leon ’31/M.A.E. ’34/E.D.S. ’35; a ready for spring training. Catalina and Sofia Bottoms (left), twin daughters of Victoria (Murphy) Picco ’02/M.A. ’03 and Joseph (top right) Mike Walsh ’68, Seton Hall University Alumni Network.

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FOREVER AS ONE: (top left) The drill team stands paws in unison for the Newark Evening News (nov. The Star-Ledger) in 1967. (top right) Mike Lukaszewski ’88, Seton Hall President Dr. John DeMuro, Dunmore Zaccaro ’71 and Col. James Schubring coordinate the Pershing Rifles’ 1967 National Championship. (bottom right) Mike Walsh ’68 and Fred Palumbo ’71 keep the bond of brotherhood going strong.
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As an undergraduate who commuted, Chris Sprague ’07 found it challenging to balance campus leadership opportunities with a demanding academic schedule. When he returned as a graduate student in the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Sprague became more involved in University life. He realized the value of a long-term commitment to Seton Hall — and the importance of fostering similar connections among other young alumni.

“I actually was not the most involved campus member while a student, which is probably why I feel the urge to contribute now,” he says. Drawing on the experience of his uncle, the president of Villanova’s Alumni Association, Sprague co-founded the Young Alumni Club in March 2011. The group encourages recent graduates to remain connected with Seton Hall long past graduation.

Sprague and his colleagues have made their presence felt: raising funds for the Many Are One gala, sending representatives to student recruitment events, and scheduling alumni networking events in the New York metropolitan area. Since the group’s founding, giving by young alumni has increased by 42 percent.

More than 100 people came back to campus in December 2011 for the inaugural Young Alumni Christmas Party, which included a sit-down dinner, dancing and tricky-tray style auction. The group drew more people to the 2012 Christmas event, increased their contributions to the Seton Hall Fund, and awarded the first Young Alumni Impact Award to a recent graduate who has made “a demonstrable, significant impact on Seton Hall, their profession or their community.”

All alumni are welcome to attend the club’s monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month.

“Young alumni who participate in the club can expect to develop new friendships, network with fellow alumni, participate in various on-campus events and renew their connection with the Seton Hall community,” Sprague says. “We have really focused on building a culture where giving back to the University is a valued pursuit among all members of the Seton Hall community. There’s a certain sense of pride and accomplishment that we all share in playing a role in the University’s future.”

For more information on the Young Alumni Club, please visit blogs.shu.edu/youngalumniclub.
Pirate Pride

(Clockwise from left) Matthew Steele ’06 brought his pride all the way to Margalla Greens Golf Club in Islamabad, Pakistan.
Bill Torres ’13 proudly wears his Pirate flag on the Great Wall of China. Ellith R. Harrington ’08 and Caitlin E. Krakos ’09 show off their bandanas at Giant’s Causeway in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Save the Date

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Seton Hall Weekend
October 4–6, 2013
www.shu.edu/go/shuweekend
Come Home to the Hall

Alumni Awards Gala
Thursday, June 13, 2013
6 p.m.
Hanover Marriott
Whippany, New Jersey

Many Are One

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@ Bar Anticipation

Saturday, June 22, 2013
3–8 p.m. rain or shine
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And the Survey Says...

On the first day back to campus in January, students from the Stillman School of Business led a food drive for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Students had connected with the nonprofit the previous semester through a project in the school’s Market Research Center and were driven to replenish a 100,000-pound food loss suffered as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

Each semester, anywhere from 25-75 students participate in market-research projects for a range of clients. Student teams, supervised by professors and the center’s staff, work with business owners, managers and executives to tackle various business challenges. Students conduct market research to uncover key insights, find possible improvements to products or services, and ultimately develop recommendations for the businesses they work with. To learn more about the center and its projects, Seton Hall magazine editor Pegeen Hopkins sat down with the center’s director, Adam Warner.

What clients have students worked with since the Market Research Center launched? In the last 2½ years, we’ve completed about 30 projects. They’ve run the gamut from small startups to large businesses like UPS, Hackensack University Medical Center and Planet Honda.

What kinds of business issues are clients looking to solve? Sometimes the client’s issue is that business is slow and they want to grow. Some want to improve market share, others want to attract new customers, and some want to evaluate their current business.

How have students made a clear difference in a client’s business? A great example is Stony’s (a restaurant in downtown South Orange). The owner wanted to attract more Seton Hall students to his restaurant. As a result of the market-research project recommendations, Stony’s increased sales 25 percent overall. On Wednesday nights, business doubled, thanks to a special Seton Hall Night promotion.

Is Planet Honda a repeat customer? Planet Honda has done three projects with us. First they wanted to understand how well their TV commercials resonated with potential customers. They also did a “Buyer” study to see why people bought at Planet Honda and a “Rejecter” study to see why people visited but did not purchase. The CEO said the market research he did at Seton Hall was more valuable than any the business had done before.

What specific skills have students learned? We’ve heard from the Career Center that these project experiences are showing up on our students’ resumes “I moderated a focus group; I designed a survey; I provided market-research consulting services for XYZ company.” Students are learning critical skills they’ll be able to use in the real world.

How does the Market Research Center fit in with Stillman’s philosophy of a practical business education? At Stillman, we focus on experiential learning. The Market Research Center, Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Center for Leadership Development, Sports Polling Center and The Trading Room are all opportunities for students to gain invaluable hands-on experience.

The motto we’ve used for the Market Research Center is “University/Business Partnerships.” Students get a lot out of the projects; they get real-world experience serving a business in a consulting capacity. Businesses get excellent customer insights and practical recommendations.

A Market Research Center project is a great opportunity for alumni with businesses to re-engage with the school in a “win-win” situation. I hope our alumni will take advantage of the Center, contact us and explore how we can partner together to benefit their business.
Are you?
Find out. Seton Hall Weekend. October 4-6, 2013