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Expanding Our Reach

On a recent trip to the Philippines, my wife, Jo, and I shared a chance encounter that reminded me of Seton Hall’s expanding global influence.

We were at the airport in Tokyo waiting for a flight to Manila when she was approached by a man who noticed the Seton Hall insignia on her shirt. He asked whether she worked for the University, which led to a conversation about our mutual Seton Hall connections.

As it turns out, the man’s daughter is a sophomore in our nursing program. He was traveling on business to Manila from his family’s home in Houston. The day after we arrived in Manila, we had the opportunity to dine with a 2008 double graduate from our master’s programs in public administration and diplomacy who was assigned to Manila by a U.S.-based company.

Houston. Tokyo. Manila. All connected through the Seton Hall campus in South Orange, N.J. You never know where you will run into a fellow Pirate or someone who is otherwise connected to Seton Hall. Perhaps you have experienced such encounters as well.

Of course, you need not travel to another country to realize that Seton Hall is a national and international institution in every sense. Students come to us from across the United States and from more than 70 nations. After they graduate, they transport a tireless work ethic and servant leadership skills grounded in Catholic values to all 50 states and a growing number of countries around the world.

Nowhere is that more evident than in this year’s freshman class. Not only are they the most academically prepared students in University history — whose credentials have set new benchmarks for excellence — but they also represent greater geographic diversity than we have ever experienced. While historically 30 percent of our freshmen are from outside New Jersey, this year more than 35 percent of our incoming class are from out of state. In fact, on move-in day, Jo and I talked to the parents of a young man from Mexico. This geographic diversity is in line with our strategic goal to be recognized as a national Catholic university of choice.

Because more and more Pirates hail from distant ports, they bring a global outlook to their Seton Hall experience that changes the tenor of campus in remarkable ways.

A particular point of pride is our striking increase in recipients of international academic honors. In the history of the University before 2008, students and alumni had been awarded two Fulbright grants. Since then, they have claimed 18 of the prestigious awards, proudly carrying Seton Hall’s name to nations as diverse as India, Colombia and Russia.

Not to be outdone, our faculty continues to win international research grants, visiting professorships and other recognition that is global in scope. In fact, five faculty members received Fulbright awards during the last academic year and, as of this writing, one has already claimed the award this year.

Academic awards are but one of the many ways that Seton Hall makes a global impact. Business executives from Shanghai come to campus to complete our executive

M.B.A. program; students study abroad in London, Rome, Tokyo and other leading cities; and DOVE volunteers serve the needy in Haiti and El Salvador, to cite just a few examples.

Expanding the University’s geographic footprint is essential now more than ever. Studies indicate that, due to demographic shifts, the number of high-school graduates will decline in the coming years — particularly in the Northeast and the Midwest — and many colleges and universities will struggle to maintain both the quality and quantity of their student populations. The most ominous forecasts portend that institutions that fail to adjust to this new reality will likely close their doors.

You should know that Seton Hall is bucking this trend. For this fall’s class, while we received 19 percent more applications for admission than the previous year, we admitted only 14 percent more students. In fact, since 2011, our admissions rate has decreased by 14 percentage points. As a result, our two-part SAT average has increased by 80 points since 2009 while the percentage of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their class has increased from 22 percent to 37 percent during the same period.



Photo by Milan Stanic '11

Our students transport a tireless work ethic to a growing number of countries around the world.

To continue our forward momentum, the Office of Admissions is placing strategic emphasis on outreach to other areas of the United States. Last year more students hailed from the West Coast (California, Oregon and Washington) than from New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts).

When our students leave South Orange as fully formed servant leaders, no matter where they choose to live in the U.S. or abroad, the Department of Alumni Relations finds new ways to keep them informed, involved and invested in Seton Hall.

This past February, alumni gathered in 20 cities across the country to cheer on the men’s basketball team during Seton Hall’s National Game Watch event. The evening included more University events in more locations on a single day than ever before. And this fall, top University faculty and alumni experts will join me in eight cities throughout the country as part of a new speaker series, “Voices from the Hall,” sharing perspectives on current issues affecting our world.

It may surprise you to know that Seton Hall has more alumni in Florida (2,878) than in Pennsylvania (2,725) and that more graduates call California home (1,474) than Connecticut (1,119). This speaks volumes about the University’s growing standing and scope. Our alumni have become increasingly involved and have invested in our future with the undergraduate alumni giving rate going up by 25 percent in the last two years and the level of gift commitments increasing by more than 50 percent over last year. We are indeed a university on the rise.

As we strive to advance the University’s stature, both in the United States and overseas, may we be ever mindful — and ever gratified — of the increasingly vital role that Seton Hall plays on the national and international stage. ■



Justice Sotomayor Visits Seton Hall

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor spent a day at Seton Hall University School of Law this spring, sharing her personal story of overcoming an underprivileged background, and speaking out on the importance of education and bringing a wider range of experience to the bench.

Sotomayor delivered her remarks as part of the Diversity Speaks Distinguished Speaker Series on April 10. She touched on her journey from a childhood in Bronx public housing to sitting on the Supreme Court, as reported in the memoir she published this year called *My Beloved World*.

During her day at Seton Hall she signed books and met the campus community at a series of receptions and talks, and that evening was one of three judges presiding over the final round of the law school’s annual mock trial contest.

Judges Michael A. Chagares, J.D. ’87 and Julio M. Fuentes of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals joined Sotomayor on the bench at the Eugene Gressman Appellate Moot Court Competition.

A recounting of the justice’s lively exchange with law students taking part in the mock trial was reported in “Talk of the Town” in the May 12 edition of *The New Yorker*.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University

20
Years in operation

2,052
Square footage

2 to 3 years
Average exhibition planning time

7,100
Visitors per year
(averaged over last 7 years)

800+
Number of nails used annually

196
Light bulbs changed annually

147
Shows since 1994
(including 35 curated by students)

2,000
Artists exhibited since 1994

The School of Diplomacy and International Relations will host Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, a winner of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, as its World Leaders Forum speaker this fall.

Gbowee, the true embodiment of servant leadership, organized and led the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace that helped end her country’s devastating 14-year civil war in 2003. Under Gbowee’s leadership, thousands of women staged pray-ins and nonviolent protests demanding reconciliation and the resuscitation of high-level peace talks, coordinated a “sex strike” and introduced other innovative nonviolent measures that gained worldwide recognition for their cause. The pressure pushed President Charles Taylor into exile and led to the first election of an African female head of state.

In 2006, she cofounded the Women Peace and Security Network Africa. Two years later, she was featured in the acclaimed documentary film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, and, in 2011, wrote a memoir called *Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer and Sex Changed a Nation at War*.

The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to Gbowee, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Tawakkol Karman “for their nonviolent struggle for the safety of women and for women’s rights to full participation in peace-building work.”

A Message of Peace

Gbowee now travels around the world to speak about the devastating effects of war and gender-based violence, and is founder and president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, which provides educational and leadership opportunities to girls, women and youth.

Her visit to Seton Hall will help celebrate the School of Diplomacy’s recently launched Peace and Conflict Studies research center, as well as the new certificate program in Post-Conflict State Reconstruction and Sustainability.

Gbowee herself holds a master’s degree in conflict transformation from the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, and she credits studies there with focusing her efforts on effective conflict resolution and restorative justice.

Gbowee will deliver her lecture on Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall Auditorium.

For more information on this event, visit www.shu.edu/WLF2014.



2011 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Leymah Gbowee

In Brief...

- **Marta Mestrovic Deyrup**, librarian and professor at Seton Hall's University Libraries, was selected to receive the 2014 Association of College and Research Libraries De Gruyter European Librarianship Study Grant.
- **Robert Kelchen**, assistant professor of higher education, won first prize for his work on *Washington Monthly* rankings in the "Data Journalism: Small Newsroom" category of the 2013 National Awards for Education Reporting, given by the Education Writers Association.
- **William Connell**, professor of history, is co-principal investigator on a project that was awarded a \$300,000 grant from The Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago. The project seeks to document and explain the tumultuous political history of Florence from 1350 through 1530.
- **Richard Hunter**, professor in the Department of Economics and Legal Studies, met with a representative from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regarding an article he and Melissa Montuori, M.B.A. '13 published in 2013. The article and the underlying research on faulty children's cribs is being considered for posting on the CPSC website.
- *Vincent of Lérins and the Development of Christian Doctrine*, the latest book by **Father Thomas G. Guarino**, professor of systematic theology, was selected as the winner of the 2014 Paradosis Center for Theology and Scripture Book Prize.
- **WSOU** ranked No. 9 on Best College Reviews' list of the top 20 college radio stations in the United States.
- Pope Francis renewed for five more years the appointment of **Father Lawrence Frizzell**, director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies, as consultor to the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.
- *American Catholic Studies*, a journal co-edited by **Thomas Rzezniak**, associate professor of history, was awarded first place for general excellence among scholarly magazines in the 2014 Catholic Press Association awards.
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded the **College of Nursing** a \$50,000 grant to provide \$10,000 scholarships to five students entering the clinical nurse leader entry-level master's program.
- **Julie V. Burkey**, adjunct professor of pastoral theology, was elected to serve as Representative at Large for Academy Affairs: Research & Doctoral Consortium for the Management, Spirituality and Religion interest group of the Academy of Management.
- **Kurt Rotthoff**, associate professor in the Department of Economics and Legal Studies, was awarded a grant from the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation to augment a business course titled "Economics and Liberty," focused on the economic and political issues that have shaped the United States.
- **Weining Wang**, assistant professor of physics, received a Cottrell College Science Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement, for research investigating alternative materials used in solar panels.
- **Kyle Heim**, assistant professor in communication and the arts, was a recipient of a Scripps Howard Foundation Visiting Professors in Social Media grant to visit the *Knoxville News Sentinel* to learn more about how the paper is using social media.
- **St. Andrew's Hall College Seminary** announced two new appointments. **Father John J. Chadwick, S.T.D.**, who is an assistant professor of systematic theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, will serve as the new rector. **Father Frederick L. Miller '68**, most recently chair of the Department of Systematic Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., will serve as spiritual director.
- **Father Pablo T. Gadenz**, associate professor of biblical studies, will spend the 2014-15 academic year on sabbatical, working on a commentary on the Gospel of Luke for the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series.
- **Thomas Healy**, professor of law, received the 2014 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award from the RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights for *The Great Dissent*, a history detailing how Oliver Wendell Holmes became a free-speech advocate.

Seton Family Photos

Fifty-one 19th-century photographs showing the home and family of William Seton Sr. have been digitally preserved and published online by the Monsignor William Noé Field Archives and Special Collection Center at Walsh Library.

William Seton Sr. was the oldest son of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, for whom the University is named. The photographs are from an album made in 1867 that apparently was presented to the family as a gift.

The album was acquired by the archives last year from a rare-books dealer and all of the photos are available online in the Seton Family Photograph Album Digital Collection.

The vintage sepia-toned images show the family at their estate called Cragdon near East Chester, part of what is now the Bronx, in Westchester County, N.Y. Photos of the house, grounds, family pets and nearby landmarks are also part of the collection.

To view the images, visit www.shu.edu/go/album.

Smart Studies on Academia

Martin Finkelstein, professor of higher education, was selected by two major national organizations to participate in projects involving the faculty role in student success and trends in the ways academic employees prepare for retirement.

Finkelstein is working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Postsecondary Success team, which is seeking innovative ways to increase low-income students' college completion rates. As someone who has spent much of his academic career focusing on the subject, Finkelstein is helping the foundation undertake exploratory research to understand how college faculty contribute to student academic achievement. Finkelstein was also named to the TIAA-



CREF Institute Fellows Program for the 2014-15 academic year, where this fall he will begin to participate in a series of research colloquia focused on tracking trends in retirements and pensions.

(Once known as Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund, TIAA-CREF is the nation's largest pension fund serving higher education and health care.)

TIAA-CREF is trying to determine how people manage a secure retirement for themselves and how a university can help its senior faculty and staff manage their retirement years. Finkelstein said he will consult on research projects and national conferences related to the changing nature of the academic workforce in higher education.





Our Newest Regents

Seven new members were named to the Seton Hall Board of Regents.

Mark Benjamin is president of global enterprise solutions at ADP, a global leader in human capital management solutions. In this role, he is responsible for 20,000 ADP associates and approximately \$3.5 billion in annual revenues. In his 22 years with the company, Benjamin also served in various leadership and management roles, including president of ADP's Employer Services International in Paris, overseeing all of the company's global operations outside North America. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, international finance and marketing from the University of Miami and is chairman of the corporate advisory board for Voices Against Brain Cancer.

Monsignor James M. Cafone '61/M.A. '67, S.T.D. is a tenured member of the Religion Department and oversees mission-related activities that are part of the University's strategic plan. He joined the University in 1968, and he served on the Board of Regents in an ex-officio capacity before becoming an elected member of the board. Monsignor Cafone has served on numerous University and archdiocesan committees, including the University's Educational Policy Committee and the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Committee. He was minister to the Seton Hall priest community for 15 years and was awarded the Administrative Merit Award for Extraordinary Service to the University and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the seminary. He was also a long-time member of *The Catholic Advocate* editorial board.

Edward Cerny is managing partner of middle-market credit for Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors. In this role, he manages relationships with financial sponsors and intermediaries and sits on the investment committee of each of the firm's middle-market credit funds. Prior to joining Kayne Anderson, Cerny was managing director of Blackstone's corporate debt group, and before that worked in the leveraged finance and financial sponsors groups of UBS. He began his career in the merchant banking group at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. He earned a bachelor's degree from Pomona College as well as a law degree and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, J.C.D. is associate vice provost at Seton Hall as well as minister to the priest community. Ordained in 1978, he was first assigned as parochial vicar at Saint Aloysius Church in Jersey City. He later served the Archdiocese of Newark on

the Metropolitan Tribunal and as secretary for canonical affairs. He came to the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST) in 1988 and served on the seminary faculty for five years. He returned to ICSST as vice-rector and business manager in 1996, and was rector and dean of the school from 2000 to 2012. He received a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Dr. Michael Loeven '07 began his medical career in 2011 after graduating from Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York. He did his residency in family medicine at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, Pa., and is establishing a primary care clinic at Wellspan Health's Ephrata Hospital in Pennsylvania to serve a diverse population in Manheim and the surrounding rural areas. He attended Seton Hall on a full-tuition Regents Scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. While at Seton Hall, he served as a campus sacristan and was a New Jersey Distinguished Scholar.

Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger, M.Div. '92/Ed.S. '06/Ed.D. '08 is the newly appointed vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Archdiocese of Newark, where he oversees day-to-day direction of the archdiocese's administrative agencies and departments and supervision of members of the archdiocesan curia. Ordained in 1992, he has held numerous positions in the archdiocese including secretary to the archbishop, director of vocations, and vice chancellor/assistant to the vicar general and moderator of the curia. Most recently, he was the pastor of St. Philomena Parish in Livingston and executive director of the Office of Clergy Personnel. He has served as vice rector/business manager and director of formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and as associate vice president for student services at Seton Hall University.

Joseph Sheridan is president and chief operating officer of Wakefern Food Corp., the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States. He joined the company in 1976 and rose through the ranks in various logistics, finance, procurement, management and executive positions. He serves on the board of directors of several industry groups, including the National Grocers Association and the Food Marketing Institute. He sits on the board of directors of the Embrace Kids Foundation and has served in advisory capacities for Kean University College of Business and Public Management and the Stillman School of Business. He received his bachelor's degree in management science at Kean University.

GREAT PAPAL HONOR

President A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D., and Father Christopher Ciccarino, S.T.D, associate dean for seminary and academic studies, were inducted recently as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem dates back to the First Crusade in the late 11th century, and membership in the order is one of the highest papal awards. The honor can be granted to those in the laity and clergy who have done praiseworthy work for the Church and they are approved for nomination by their bishops.

President Esteban was one of six laypersons and Father Ciccarino was one of six clergy who were inducted into the order on Sept. 27 with an investiture Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.



World-Class Scholars

Four Seton Hall graduates were awarded 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Student Awards, and a fifth earned a 2014 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. In addition, a Seton Hall Law School professor was awarded a Fulbright research award.

David Kelly '14 was awarded a Fulbright-García Robles Binational Business Grant to Mexico, which will enable him to intern at a company in Mexico City while taking master's-level business classes. Kelly graduated with a dual degree in diplomacy and international relations and modern languages, and a certificate in business. A student of Russian and Mandarin Chinese, he has studied in St. Petersburg, Russia and Beijing.

Heidi Erbsen '13 graduated with a dual degree in diplomacy and international relations and modern languages, as well as a minor in economics. She will be completing her Fulbright in Russia, where the award will allow her to continue studying Russian while helping to teach English at a university.

Elaina Montagnino '13 was selected for a Fulbright award to Colombia, having graduated magna cum laude with

a dual degree in diplomacy and international relations and Latin American and Latino studies. She will work with Colombian children and young adults, and plans to pursue a master's degree in international development and human rights.

Melissa Mott '09 was accepted to the Fulbright program in Poland as an English teaching assistant. She applied to the program as an at-large candidate, and graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in social work.

Oriana Luquetta '13, who graduated with a degree in diplomacy and international relations, will pursue a master's degree at the University of California, Los Angeles, after being awarded a 2014 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. The Pickering fellowship supports a two-year master's degree program in a field related to international affairs and diplomacy, and fellows participate in one domestic and one overseas internship.

Tracy Kaye, a law professor who specializes in federal income, international and comparative tax law, is spending a semester at the University of Luxembourg, conducting research on tax evasion and tax transparency.

SHU in the news

“Over the past quarter century, China has experienced dramatic transformations. Many of these changes, positive and negative, can be traced back to the choice the regime made in 1989.”

— Zheng Wang, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, *Time*, describing the Tiananmen Square protests as a turning point.

“Particularly for those succeeding a popular and charismatic president, the most important advice I can give is to know yourself, make the most of your personal strengths, and always act in the best interest of the students and the institution. And although you may not be following in the footsteps of a priest, it would be wise to pray for all the help and wisdom you can get.”

— President A. Gabriel Esteban, *The Presidency* magazine, offering advice to new college presidents

“This is not a political appointment. It’s a religious appointment.”

— Jo-Renee Formicola, College of Arts and Sciences, *Chicago Tribune*, on Cardinal Francis George’s battle with cancer, and Pope Francis’s selection process for Chicago’s next archbishop.

“The question is, what does the law really say? Does it really address these new technologies? Justice Scalia says it doesn’t; Justice Breyer says we’ll have to take each one as it comes...”

— David Opperbeck, School of Law, *TheStreet.com*, explaining the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on whether the streaming service Aereo violates copyright law.

“About 20 percent of water used in fracking gets trapped underground where there have been some incidents of freshwater reservoirs and aquifers getting polluted. This issue is a concern as it’s not easy to clean these freshwater sources.”

— Jose Lopez, College of Arts and Sciences, *NBC News*

“Indeed, in this age of growth-hormone scandals and skyrocketing salaries, and with the prospect of an aging fan base looming in the wings, what better way for baseball to demonstrate that it is not just a profit machine but rather the definitive American pastime — a metaphor for all that makes the nation and its people so great?”

— James J. Kimble, College of Arts and Sciences, *New York Post*, on the anniversary of a historic three-way game pitting all three New York City baseball franchises against one another at the Polo Grounds in 1944.

“You don’t send the village idiot to deal with Charles de Gaulle. You send a sharp diplomat.”

— Monsignor Robert Wister, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Associated Press, discussing Pope Saint John XXIII as a steely diplomat who handled some of the Church’s toughest assignments before becoming Pope.

“Gone may be the days of watching a patient retrieve a battered index card from the depths of a purse or wallet. Imagine, instead, a future in which a patient and a provider can quickly and simply update information, together, in real time.”

— Christopher Hanifin, School of Health and Medical Sciences, *LiveScience*, on the benefits of Apple’s Health app.

“The way we think about nature is the prelude — or the framework — within which we act in relationship to nature. Without a healthy planet, we cannot be healthy people.”

— Judith Stark, College of Arts and Sciences, *NJ Arts News*, “Words Matter” radio project



New Buildings, New Beginnings

Renovated, enlarged and modernized, Aquinas Hall welcomed another generation of residents this fall. But alumni with fond memories of the residence hall will enjoy knowing that the furniture they slept on, studied at and socialized with has a new life serving children and families in desperate need.

The University sent 11 tractor-trailer loads of outdated furniture — more than 2,000 bed frames, mattresses, desks, chairs, cabinets and dressers — to Christian Appalachian Project’s Operation Sharing, which distributed it in Kentucky and Tennessee. Couches and upholstered chairs from the lounges also headed south.

“The agencies that get the furniture for the people they serve said this was some of the best furniture that they have ever received from Operation Sharing,” wrote project director Jeff Burchett.

“So many of these families did not have any bedroom furniture. No bed to sleep in, no place to put the small amount of clothes that they did have,” he said, noting that thanks to Seton Hall, “hundreds of children now have a place to sleep and a place to put their clothes. Thank you all for this uplifting donation.”

Albert Cardona, associate director of housing and residence life at Seton Hall, noted that some of the Aquinas furniture went to a ministry in Liberty, Ky., that cares for infants born to women in prison.

“After delivery, the Galilean Home will receive the newborns, two or three days old, and provide around-the-clock love and care for the children,” Cardona said.



“After the mother has been released from prison, they are reunited.”

Back on campus, Aquinas Hall has a new fourth floor with a glass-enclosed study area, new student rooms and a priest suite.

Trim and doors in each wing have been color-coded green, yellow or blue to guide visitors. New ceilings hide pipes and cables once visible on the lower floors, which also got new paint, carpeting and energy-efficient windows. All the restrooms have been redesigned, and Aquinas also has a new lobby.

Two other major projects were completed on campus this summer.

Stafford Hall has been replaced by a new academic building, with the original cornerstone installed in the lobby. The building features 12 handicapped-accessible classrooms of various sizes, and has direct access to Marshall Hall on multiple floors.

The campus parking deck gained almost 600 much-needed new spaces, and is now better able to handle emergencies with elevators that have backup power and can accommodate a medical stretcher.

Taking Note

SENIOR TASEEN PETERSON'S STARTUP GOT A BIG BOOST THIS YEAR WHEN IT WAS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP BUSINESSES LAUNCHED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Taseen Peterson was already a CEO when he enrolled in the Stillman School of Business's undergraduate program in economics. His company, TapFactory, which he founded with his brother Mark in 2009, had found remarkable success with its flagship iPhone app, the note-taking and productivity app Notefuly. But 2014 proved to be Peterson's biggest year yet.

In March, Notefuly took first place in the 2013-14 Student Startup Madness contest at the South by Southwest Interactive Festival in Austin, Texas, topping a national field of 64 teams from 22 colleges and universities. Shortly thereafter, *Inc.* magazine named TapFactory one of the year's Coolest College Startups. Word about Peterson and his company went viral: He was featured offering business advice to other young entrepreneurs in an *Inc.* profile; and Notefuly and TapFactory were featured in *Business Insider* and *Investors Daily*, among other business publications.

Peterson traces much of Notefuly's recent success to mentorship he received at Stillman and its Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. From the start, the college senior has viewed his undergraduate education as more than just classwork. "The finance courses, the business courses have been great," said Peterson, a David B. Gerstein Scholarship recipient. "But school for me has always been an opportunity to network, to grow myself and grow my business. It's about making connections, building relationships." Throughout his career, Peterson's entrepreneurial achievement has come from his commitment to following his passions and taking advantage of every opportunity that arose.

In January 2007, Steve Jobs made a now-legendary speech introducing a little piece of hardware that he promised would change the way we interact with one

another and the larger world. When the first iPhone was released six months later, Peterson and his brother, Mark, were among the tech-savvy early adopters who started developing their own software for the new device.

At the time, Taseen was working as a mortgage loan officer and had little thought of changing careers. "My brother and I had grown up around computers and were essentially self-taught," he said. "We had no intention of turning it into a business; it was just a fascination — having fun, being creative, being curious, really."

The idea for the Petersons' first published app was sparked by everyday life: a new baby in the family inspired them to develop a kind of digital baby rattle. "It had a terrible user interface," Taseen recalled, "but it worked, and it made maybe \$50 or \$100 in the first month. And we thought, 'Well, that was easy' — not the creation, but once it was made, you just wait for people to download it. And after that we started brainstorming and coming up with ideas for other apps."

Following the 2007-08 financial crisis, Peterson was already beginning to reassess his future in the real-estate industry, and now he and his brother turned more time and attention to developing apps. Within a few years, working with design partner Cameron Smith, their fledgling company developed the app that would become the award-winning Notefuly.

Three million downloads later, Peterson enrolled at Stillman with the aim of acquiring the skills and connections he needed to take TapFactory to the next level. In line with his commitment to networking and relationship-building, he found a mentor in Susan Scherreik, founding director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. "We are working with one aspiring entrepreneur at a time, mentoring,

helping them make connections, giving them the resources they need to meet their full potential," Scherreik said. "The more we become an Internet society, the more in-person networking opportunities become important."

In 2013, Scherreik suggested that Peterson enter the center's annual venture-fund competition, Pirates Pitch. He took second place — a runner-up finish that proved to be a game-changer. "When Taseen didn't win first place at Pirates Pitch, that was a motivator for him — he was determined to improve his performance, and he certainly did," Scherreik said. "That's a sign of someone with an entrepreneurial mindset: they

see obstacles as opportunities."

On Scherreik's advice, Peterson entered the national Student Startup Madness competition, which asked student entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas to a judging panel of business leaders, tech experts and investors. This time, Peterson was ready. He worked with a coach and spent weeks honing his presentation. The work paid off when the Notefuly team was awarded first place.

Today Peterson and his colleagues are working to translate their national recognition into business success, seeking out investors for TapFactory's next steps. Downloads of Notefuly have surpassed 4 million, and the company is preparing

"We had no intention of turning it into a business; it was just a fascination."

Photo by Aaron Houston for NUBiz

to roll out cloud service for the app along with a major multiplatform upgrade. At the same time, TapFactory is expanding into Web design and development, digital consulting and creating software for wearable technology.

Peterson cites his time at Stillman as a key foundation upon which his business has grown. "Seton Hall is doing a great job of taking its entrepreneurial community to the next level — recognizing that we're not just students but students with ideas, and providing us with mentorship and opportunities to gain insight, experience and exposure." ■

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On the Right Wavelength

PROFESSOR SERGIU GORUN LEADS A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS SEEKING TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF LIGHT TO HELP FIGHT CANCER AND CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT.



When people think of solar energy, they imagine harnessing the sun’s rays to heat their homes and power their vehicles.

But solar energy has many other practical applications, and new research conducted by a group of scientists at Seton Hall — led by associate professor Sergiu Gorun — is investigating how to use the sun’s energy to fight cancer.

The work focuses on photodynamic therapy, which uses compounds that, when exposed to light, induce oxygen to become toxic to malignant and diseased cells.

“These new cancer-fighting molecules have the potential to be more selective in terms of eradicating the cancer itself, so they harm less healthy tissue, and generate fewer side effects

than traditional [cancer] treatments,” says David Sabatino, an assistant professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry, who has collaborated with Gorun to refine the materials used in the research.

Their research also may apply to other diseases — such as macular degeneration, a condition that can cause loss of vision — and to removing pollutants from the environment.

Gorun uses the term “bio-inspired catalysis” to describe what happens in photodynamic therapy, where solar energy is converted to chemical energy.

He compares it to the way plant leaves create nutrients from water and carbon dioxide during photosynthesis, helping remove pollutants from air and water.

His research operates on a similar principle, he says. “Oxygen, upon absorbing energy, becomes reactive and, as a result, is able to perform certain chemical functions, including the deactivation of malignant tumors or environmental pollutants.”

Gorun came to the United States in 1980 as a political refugee from Romania, bringing with him an “irrepressible curiosity about the world and the desire to create a better one.” Armed with a master’s degree from Columbia University and a doctoral degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he set his sights on first designing, and then researching, the reactive properties of artificial enzymes and related materials.

The holder of numerous patents and the author of an array of academic articles in top scientific journals, Gorun has received financial support for his research and educational efforts from the



Photos by Phil Cantor

Tools from Mother Nature: (above) Gorun also runs the University’s Center for Functional Materials, which is focused on designing new materials with the aim of finding practical uses for raw materials found in nature. (facing page) Gorun and his research team recently published an article in the Royal Society of Chemistry’s Chemical Communications.

Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation and other granting agencies.

His research team includes a group of talented post-graduate, graduate and undergraduate students who are “learning by doing.” The team recently published an article in the Royal Society of Chemistry’s *Chemical Communications*, and a number of Gorun’s undergraduate students earned prestigious NASA and Novartis scholarship awards. Recent alumni have secured positions in industry as well as post-graduate positions at Princeton University, MIT and other institutions, including leading universities in Europe.

The educational component of Gorun’s research is complemented by collaborative work with scientists throughout

the United States, as well as in Canada, Israel and Europe.

“The type of coordinated, cutting-edge work Sergiu’s team and other faculty are doing, coupled with the caliber of science being explored throughout the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as a whole are what led to it being named a Seton Hall Center of Excellence,” says Joan Guetti, senior associate provost.

The department was chosen as a Center of Excellence in 2014 as part of a program in the University’s strategic plan that channels resources into key areas to allow them to expand in size, depth of study and national prominence.

“Seton Hall has been particularly supportive of our team’s efforts,” Gorun says. “The University has created an ideal environment for accomplishing our goals with this critical research.” ■

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The Sweet Smell of Success

ROBERT DE SIMONE, M.S. '68/PH.D. '70 FOUND SUCCESS LAUNCHING A COMPANY THAT DEVELOPS NATURAL FLAVORS AND AROMAS; NOW HE'S HELPING YOUNG CHEMISTS PURSUE THEIR OWN RESEARCH IN SETON HALL LABS.

Forty-six years ago, Robert Augustine was a Seton Hall chemistry professor overseeing the work of some eight or 10 master's degree and doctoral candidates. He'd just bought a new home "with about half an acre of ragweed in the yard." Gazing at it, Augustine wondered whether an extract of ragweed's essential biochemical element would have any practical use.

One of his students, Robert De Simone, took up the investigation as part of his doctoral dissertation. A cancer cure (the idea behind the study) didn't pan out, but De Simone's study of the compounds — what chemists call sesquiterpenes (carbon molecules with the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$) — led him to a long and illustrious career.

Now, by creating the Robert De Simone Fellowship in Chemistry and Biochemistry with a gift of \$100,000, De Simone is strengthening the department and making it possible for promising young scientists to follow in his footsteps.

The co-founder and chief executive of Advanced Biotech, an \$80-million company that provides natural flavor and fragrance ingredients to Coke, Pepsi, Kraft Foods and Aveda, De Simone holds 20 patents for synthesizing aroma chemicals that smell good and flavor such household names as Jell-O, Tang, Snapple and, most recently, Monster Energy drinks.

Professor Emeritus Augustine, whose students in the late 1960s dubbed themselves Big Augie's Mob, isn't

surprised by De Simone's success. "He always acted like an entrepreneur and did research that was definitely out of the box."

While still a night student and junior chemist at one of about half a dozen firms where he worked before starting his own, De Simone used his knowledge of sesquiterpenes — a then little-known compound — to develop his first natural commercial compound for an oriental fragrance.

"Bob was one of the strongest students I ever had; not only academically, but in terms of leadership and generosity of his time in a shared collegial research environment," says Augustine.

The collegiality — within a small environment that's closely linked to industry — is what appealed to De Simone about Seton Hall's program, then and now. "It allows people to conduct research while pursuing a career at the same time. It's unique."

It is indeed Seton Hall's secret for success, agrees Nicholas H. Snow, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. "As perhaps the smallest Ph.D.-granting chemistry department in the nation," it has distinct advantages in cross-disciplinary team research. In fact, its collegial research technique is suddenly being imitated by big universities, Snow says.

One current example of how this works is a project to develop "highly water-resistant materials" for industry.



Supporting the Sciences: This is De Simone's second \$100,000 gift. An earlier gift helped the University build the Science and Technology Center.

Photo by Michael Paras

Students and faculty from physical, analytical, organic and computational chemistry are working as a team in "what is still a rather unique model" for university research, Snow says.

The De Simone Fellowship will fund this special type of applied learning by supplementing graduate students' stipends and teaching assistant pay, also making the department more competitive nationally. This year's distribution will be used to provide \$5,000 supplemental awards to four Ph.D. students based on academic achievement, performance to date in their research, proficiency as teaching assistants and financial need. The recipients were selected by the department chair and director of graduate studies from among current students.

For the chosen four, it will help them complete their research. In fact, next April, when the department holds its annual research symposium, Snow says, "Bob will be able to see the results of the students' work he has supported."

Beyond that, the gift's benefits "will ripple throughout the department," says Michael Zavada, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, allowing the department to reallocate funds for other emerging needs.

For this, Zavada is grateful. He notes that De Simone "has always been very generous to the University in time and financial support over the years." For instance, De Simone sits on the President's Advisory Council. He also supports North Star Academy, a University-assisted charter school that serves underprivileged youngsters in Newark — particularly in North Star's push in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) studies. "Bob shows the kids you can get a real and interesting job in these fields."

Certainly, De Simone's own career has been interesting. He credits his success both to the ragweed plant and his training under Professor Augustine. "I owe a lot to Seton Hall," he says. ■

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Out in Front

PAULETTE BROWN, J.D. '76, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, HAS A LONG HISTORY AS A TRAILBLAZER.

Before Paulette Brown became the first woman of color elected to lead the American Bar Association (ABA) — commencing in August 2015 — before she graduated from Howard University and attended Seton Hall University's School of Law; before she even knew a lawyer, let alone became one, she was a teenager in the segregated Baltimore school system — a kid whose friends called her “Mom.”

“I was sort of like the mother hen,” she says. “I felt like I needed to take care of everybody.”

That nurturing instinct stuck with her, first as a would-be social-work student, now as an influential attorney who mentors the next generation of lawyers and as a leader who plans to make a major impact on the ABA when she moves from president-elect to president next August.

“I was fortunate to be in attendance when the House of Delegates carried the motion making Paulette the ABA president-elect, the first African-American woman to hold the position,” said Patrick E. Hobbs, dean of Seton Hall Law. “What an incredible moment for Paulette and for Seton Hall Law School. She brings wisdom, grace and dedication to this role and we are proud to call her one of our own.”

“She’s done what women of color could not do when she started law school,” says Erika D. Robinson, an associate at Gregory, Doyle, Calhoun & Rogers and one of many people Brown has helped along in their career. “I feel like I am witnessing history, and I get to benefit from her experiences.”

Though she enrolled at Howard University in the late 1960s with plans to pursue a social-work degree, Brown found herself drawn to law classes. She arrived at Seton Hall Law and “learned to think in a very different way,” she says.

She singles out Robert Diab, a Seton Hall professor for 43 years until his retirement in 2001, as “one of the best professors ever. If he could not make you understand

the rule against perpetuity, no one could.”

Brown worked hard to establish herself in the legal world. Early on, others in a courtroom would ask if she was there as the defendant, or perhaps the court reporter. At times, those assumptions even reached the bench. “Judges now have training on biases and some things have improved,” she adds, “but back then, if there was [judicial] discretion, I never got it.”

Now a partner at Edwards Wildman Palmer, Brown has practiced labor and employment law, along with commercial litigation, for 25 years. *U.S. News & World Report* has named her one of the country’s top lawyers multiple times, and the *National Law Journal* included her among the 50 most influential minority lawyers in America. She was the first African American to win the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Young Lawyer of the Year Award; the first minority to receive the association’s Medal of Honor; and soon, the first woman of color to lead the 400,000-member ABA.

She sees the field slowly becoming less homogeneous — a cause she champions as her firm’s chief diversity officer. “But there’s still a great deal of work that has to be done,” she adds, noting that women of color make up less than 2 percent of law firm partners.

“I still go into court on a Monday trial-call and it will be 99 percent white men [attorneys],” Brown says. “A woman of color my age who’s still a litigator — I’m trying to think if I know another one in New Jersey. I can’t think of one.”

As the ABA’s president, Brown plans to visit law schools, “Main Street” law firms and local Boys & Girls Clubs in two towns each month. “I know it’s ambitious,” she says, “but I think I can do it.”

Those who know her agree: they consider Brown one of the hardest workers around — someone whose emails start at 5 a.m. and keep coming past midnight. “To many people,



Photo by Suzanne Kelter for The Boston Globe

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she has already arrived,” Robinson says. “But she continues to push herself all the more. She still works just as hard.”

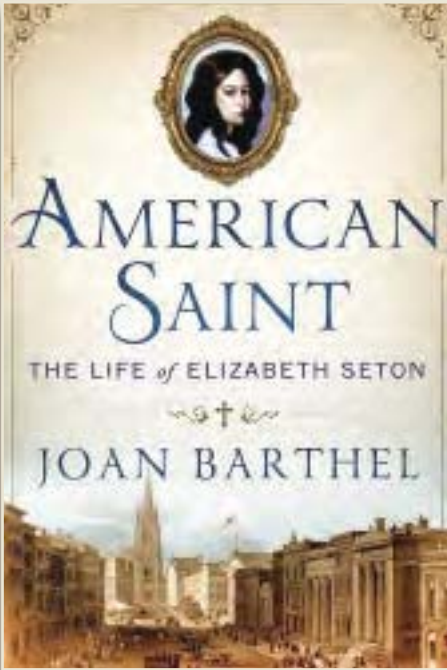
Packed as her schedule may be, friends say Brown always finds time for others. She’s completed five 60-mile walks to raise money through the Susan G. Komen organization. She drove six hours to attend a protégé’s wedding in Vermont. She’ll make time for a phone chat even as she’s about to get on a plane.

And that high-school nickname? It’s now in use by another generation of friends.

“She’s kind of like my ‘Legal Mom,’ so to speak,” Robinson says. “She really believes in supporting younger attorneys’ growth and development. She has been all that I could ask for in a mentor and much more.” ■

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Becoming a Catholic



ALONE AND GRIEVING IN EUROPE, A RECENTLY WIDOWED ELIZABETH ANN SETON FINDS HERSELF DRAWN TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH OF HER ITALIAN HOSTS. A NEW BIOGRAPHY OF THE FIRST AMERICAN SAINT DESCRIBES HER EVOLUTION OF FAITH.

Elizabeth Ann Seton, the University's namesake and America's first native-born saint, founded the nation's first Catholic school and established its first congregation of religious sisters. Her remarkable life featured privilege and poverty, abiding love and friendship as well as devastating loss.

This spring, best-selling author Joan Barthel published American Saint, a detailed biography of this brave woman who, through determination and faith, changed the lives of countless Catholics.

The following excerpt details Elizabeth's first steps in her journey of conversion to Catholicism from the Episcopal Church after the death of her beloved husband, Will. Elizabeth and Will had traveled to Leghorn, Italy, with their eldest daughter, Anna, in the hopes of temporarily finding a warmer climate for Will, who suffered from tuberculosis. While there, the Seton family was assisted by Will's Italian business associates, the Filicchis:

Will died two days after Christmas.

On Christmas Eve he could not get out of bed. With a sedative, he slept until midnight, when he awoke to see that Elizabeth was not sleeping. "No love," she told him. "Christmas Day is begun — the day of our dear Redeemer's Birth ... the day he opened to us the door of everlasting life." When Will asked for Holy Communion, Elizabeth put a little wine in a glass and they said portions of Psalms and prayers. "We took the cup of Thanksgiving setting aside the sorrow of time, in the view of the joys of Eternity."

Elizabeth stayed at Will's bedside around the clock. He wanted no one else in the room. When he imagined that he had won the lottery, and that his brother James had written to say that all their financial problems were solved, Elizabeth thought it best to let him think so. When he dreamed that he saw Rebecca, their infant daughter, Elizabeth worried about the sickly baby she'd left behind. "Is she too in heaven — thy will be done — how do I know how many are gone — thy will be done."

On the night after Christmas, a cold sweat washed over him. He wanted the candle taken out of the room. "Tell all my dear friends not to weep for me, that I die happy, and satisfied with the Almighty will," he murmured. Elizabeth knelt by his bedside, in the dark, holding his hand, praying aloud. She heard Will following her prayers; when she stopped for a moment, he continued to pray: "My Christ Jesus have mercy." At four o'clock in the morning he stopped talking. At quarter past seven, "his dear soul separated gently, without any groan or struggle."

Elizabeth sent for Anna, embraced her, and they knelt by Will's bed to "thank our Heavenly Father ... for the Joyful assurance that thro' our Blessed Redeemer he had entered into Life Eternal and implored his Protecting care and pity for us who have yet to finish our course."

At eleven o'clock next morning, Will was buried in the graveyard at St. John's Anglican Church in Leghorn, the prayer service led by Reverend Hall. The grave marker read: "Here lies the remains of Will Magee Seton, Merchant of New York, who departed this life at Pisa, the 27th day of December 1803."

Antonio Filicchi and his wife, Amabilia, with his older brother, Filippo, and Filippo's wife, Mary, an American from Boston, welcomed the widow and her daughter with open hearts. Until [their ship,] the *Shepherdess*, set out for New York, Elizabeth and Anna would live in Antonio's cream-colored stone house on the Via del Corso, within sight of the sea.

The *Shepherdess* would sail on February 19. On an earlier ship bound for Boston, Elizabeth sent the news of Will's death — she called it departure. She wrote a long letter to [Will's sister] Rebecca, asking her to tell the children "that they shall see their Father no more in this world." She thought of sending the journal she'd been keeping for her, then decided against it; if she never made it back to New York, she did not want her last message to be that saga of sorrow.

In her room at the Filicchis', and in their private chapel, Elizabeth tried to pray her way through currents of grief and worry. Will was gone. She had no money. She had no home. She had five children under eight.

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What would become of us?

Even in a country where Catholicism was the state religion, the Filicchis were prodigiously Catholic — Amabilia rose for Mass at four o’clock every morning — and promptly began trying to interest Elizabeth in their faith. In New York, Catholics were the despised immigrants ... now Elizabeth found that Catholics could be her social equals, and then some. Antonio had studied philosophy and law; Filippo spoke five languages and had been named by President Washington to be American consul general at Leghorn. When they brought in a scholarly Jesuit priest, Peter Plunkett, to talk about Catholicism, Elizabeth was amused. “I am hard pushed by these charitable Romans ... but they find me so willing to listen to their enlightened conversation, that consequently as learned people like to hear themselves, best, I have but little to say.”

Filippo Filicchi gave her a copy of *Introduction to the Devout Life* written by St. Francis de Sales, who had worked to convert Protestants to Catholicism. Filicchi told Elizabeth that there was only one true religion and without it we would not be acceptable to God. “Oh my sir,” Elizabeth exclaimed, “If there is but one Faith and nobody pleases God without it, where are all the good people who die out of it?”

“I don’t know,” he told her, “but I know where people will go who can know the right Faith if they pray for it and enquire for it, and do neither.”

“You want me to pray and enquire and be of your Faith?” Elizabeth laughed, but Filicchi was very serious.

“Pray and enquire,” he said. “That is all I ask you.”

Elizabeth reported the exchange in her journal. “So dearest Bec I am laughing with God when I try to be serious and say daily as the good gentleman told me in old Mr. Pope’s words, ‘if I am right O teach my heart still in the right to stay, if I am wrong thy grace impart to find the better way.’ Not that I can think there is a better way than I know — but everyone must be respected in their own.” ...



On January 8, Elizabeth entered a Catholic church for the first time.

At the Church of La Santissima Annunziata — the Most Holy Annunciation — Sunday Mass was in progress. In the shadowed church, lighted only by one small, high window covered in green silk and by wax tapers on the altar, Elizabeth could just make out “hundreds of people,” as an organ played distant music. She fell to her knees on the stone floor and wept “a torrent of tears.”

Before she left New York, Reverend Hobart [a curate of her church in New York] had warned her not to be seduced by the “sumptuous and splendid worship she would see in Italy,” in contrast to “the simple but affecting worship at Trinity Church.” But as she visited more churches, with their ceilings of carved gold, richly colored frescoes, marble altars inlaid with precious stones, and vividly stained glass, she saw not idolatry but exquisite offerings like the tributes of David and Solomon in the Old Testament. And she was intrigued by the faith they represented. In the Church of Santa Maria Novella, a painting of Jesus taken down from the cross “engaged my whole soul. Mary at the foot of it expressed well that the iron had entered into her.” Prayers and litanies to Mary were not part of her Episcopal Church practice; here, Mary was an honored presence. From one of Amabilia Filicchi’s books, Elizabeth read the prayer to Mary, the Memorare. “I felt really I had a Mother which you know my foolish heart so often lamented to have lost in early days.” She began to say the Hail Mary.

On February 18, Elizabeth and Anna said fond goodbyes and boarded the *Shepherdess*, “loaded with their blessing and presents,” ready to sail the next day. During a nighttime storm, another ship rammed into theirs; the sailing was delayed, and the passengers returned to shore. As the *Shepherdess* was being repaired, Anna developed a rash and high temperature, which the doctor pronounced scarlet fever. Captain O’Brien refused to take them on board, as his ship was scheduled to make a stop at Barcelona; without a Bill of Health, a quarantine there would be disastrous.

No other ship in the port was bound for America. Elizabeth would have more time in Italy now. ...



When King Henry VIII rejected the Catholic Church and established the Church of England, he held on to the theology of the “Real Presence” of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist: the belief that in some way surpassing the human understanding, the elements of bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ. Even when Martin Luther rejected some Catholic doctrines, he maintained a belief in the Real Presence, as the bread and wine “verily taken and received.” Then Queen Elizabeth’s Prayer Book of 1559 reflected a major shift in understanding. The new book spoke of remembrance, so that the bread and wine were “spiritually taken and received,” only as a memorial and symbol, and communion distributed only a few times a year on “Sacrament Sunday.”

So the Catholic belief in the Real Presence, with people able to receive Communion daily, came as an astonishment to Elizabeth. “Mrs. F. took me with her to Mass as she calls it, and we say to church — I don’t know how to say the awful effect at being where they told me God was present in the blessed Sacrament.” Elizabeth had always prayed in a personal relationship with God; now she was hearing how personal it

could be. “My sister dear,” she wrote to Rebecca, “how happy would we be if we believed what these dear Souls believe, that they possess God in the Sacrament and that he remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick ... my God how happy would I be even so far away from all so dear, if I could find you in the church as they do.” When she saw a priest from Santa Caterina Church, on the corner of Filicchis’ street, passing by, carrying the Eucharist, “I fell on my knees without thinking when the Blessed Sacrament passed by and cried in an agony to God to *bless me* if he was *there*.” At the chapel of Montenero, on a cliff overlooking Leghorn, when she heard an English visitor mocking people’s belief in the Real Presence, “my very heart trembled with shame and sorrow for his unfeeling interruption of their sacred adoration.”

As weeks went on, Elizabeth was more and more taken with Catholic beliefs and devotion. Montenero’s chapel had a painting of Mary, dressed in red with a blue cloak, holding the Child Jesus, whose little hands held a thread delicately tying a tiny bird to Mary’s arm. “I am a *Mother*, so the mother’s thought came also how my God was a little babe in the first stage of mortal existence in Mary.” At the Church of St. James, with its insistent bells — “at no loss to know the hours” — she was impressed to see men as well as women absorbed in prayers. “With us a man would be ashamed to be seen kneeling, especially of a weekday.” It was the season of Lent, the penitential time leading to Easter Sunday; when Elizabeth saw that Mrs. Filicchi fasted until three o’clock in the afternoon, she remembered asking Hobart what was meant by saying to God, “I turn to you in fasting, weeping and mourning,” after her bountiful breakfast of buckwheat cakes and coffee. He had dismissed fasting as an old custom; Elizabeth now saw that fasting could be a meaningful spiritual practice. “I like that very much,” she wrote Rebecca. “I don’t know how anybody can have any trouble in this world who believe all these dear Souls believe ... they must be as happy as the angels almost.”

By the end of her four-month stay with the Filicchis, Elizabeth felt she would become a Catholic. ■

Adventure *on* the High Seas

MEG REILLY '12 TOOK AN UNUSUAL TURN IN HER POST-COLLEGE LIFE. SHE LEFT BEHIND A COVETED POSITION IN COMMUNICATIONS TO ENLIST IN A YEARLONG, 47,000-MILE OCEAN RACE.

It was somewhere

between South Africa and Australia, in the middle of the Southern Ocean — where storms roared up from Antarctica and the swells rose 50 feet or more — that Meg Reilly truly understood the meaning of “awesome” — an adjective she had tossed around so casually when she was a student at Seton Hall.

She was on the bow of a 70-foot clipper, on the third leg of an 11-month race around the world, changing a sail as the biggest waves she had yet seen were rolling in from behind. As she looked back she saw a looming wall of water dwarfing her crewmate at the helm. “It just made him look like an ant, and I’m just sitting up there for a moment smiling, like “This is awesome,” she says.

They surfed right down the face of that swell, and the one behind that, and the one behind that, all through the storm, hitting speeds of more than 30 knots, and nowhere along the way did she wish she had stuck at her desk job in Manhattan instead of signing up for a once-in-a-lifetime journey that induced in her an enduring state of awe.

“I compare it to why people watch scary movies and like roller coasters,” she says. “It scares you to life.”

Until a few months earlier, Reilly’s seafaring adventures had mostly been confined to the placid waters of Barnegat Bay, N.J., in her family’s 25-foot powerboat on summer vacations. After graduating in 2012 with a bachelor’s





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degree in business administration, she had landed exactly the job was aiming for, with Young & Rubicam, the giant marketing and communications company. But after four months she was restless enough to be moved to action by a story she spotted on CNN.

"My heart was pounding," she says. The story was about the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, almost a year at sea with other similarly restless souls, many of them sailing novices like her. "I've never had a reaction like that."

She applied immediately, telling no one. "I just had a gut feeling that I had to do it and I didn't want someone to tell me no," she says.

Offered a spot, she then had to figure out how to afford it. She had saved some money and paid down her student loans by living at home and commuting to Manhattan, but the price tag was \$67,000, and she did not hail from the kind of tony sailing haven where that might be regarded as pocket change.

She did, however, know enough about marketing from her studies and her job that she managed to find a sponsor, 4POINT4, a sports apparel company.

Next she had to learn how to sail. She trained for three weeks in England, where the Clipper Race was founded in 1995, and where the 12 boats in the most recent race launched from last summer. The open ocean left her feeling both exalted and nauseous.

"I saw my first shooting star and then I saw two more and I'm like, 'Sold, you got me,'" she says. But she was seasick, too. "I was kind of mentally preparing myself to feel sick for a year. That was my new normal — I'm going to feel horrendous but I'm going to do it anyway because I'm a quite stubborn individual."

The Clipper race is not a pampered, leisurely cruise among the tropical outposts favored by the yachting class. The crews were led by professional captains and worked around the clock while at sea: four hours on, four hours off, with no chance for a full-night's sleep until they reached port, where their stays were usually just a few days. Their longest stretch at sea was 35 days,

Through Stormy Seas: Reilly faced treacherous conditions on her voyage (above), including 50-foot swells, but returned safely home to her family with a gold-medal finish (right).

between Brisbane and Singapore. Most of the people who signed up for the race were "leggers," aboard for just a stretch or two. Reilly was among the smaller group of "round-the-worlders." When she returned to the boat after each port call, her seasickness would return, too, but it would fade after a few days back at sea.

Although she hadn't cooked much before, she was assigned as the boat's victualer, which occasioned a panicked call to her mother for recipes. Among those in the 25-page document her mother assembled was the one that became the crew's favorite: pasta with artichoke hearts, sundried tomatoes, chicken and a lemony sauce.

"I don't know if it had the chicken in there all the time," says her mother, Paula Gunther-Reilly.

The crew named the dish Pasta Henri Lloyd, for the name of their boat, which was named after their sponsor, a British marine apparel company.

Her father traveled to England to see her off in September 2013, and left her with some advice from his own time at sea. A Navy veteran and a professional mariner who worked for many years for an oil-spill response company, he has most recently been rebuilding hurricane-damaged jetties on the Texas coast and has logged almost half a million ocean miles.

"The Clipper group does a good job preparing everybody for the race, but nobody can prepare you for when you're out alone in a 50-foot swell with 18 people," he says.

You also can't prepare for the days when the wind dies and you barely move, or for the sweltering heat around the equator, or for when the rudder breaks or the water-maker stops working. Or for the dolphins and killer whales riding the waves alongside, or for the way each sunset and sunrise looks different from the one before.

Or for the transformation of an amateur sailor into a competitive racer.

"When I signed up, really, the racing part had nothing to do with it. I was there for me," Reilly says. "But then



I realized this is a team sport and it could never be just about an individual."

And when the Henri Lloyd pulled into Jersey City in June, it was, to her great delight, in first place.

Meeting the boat at 11 at night were her parents, her three younger sisters and a host of aunts and uncles and cousins and neighbors, many of whom had been tracking the race map on their smartphones.

The Henri Lloyd was still in first place when it arrived in London in mid-July after 47,000 miles, leading the parade of clippers up the Thames and under the Tower Bridge.

"There's so much time to think," Reilly says. "I learned that the ideas of what I thought I should do with my life were not really my own but kind of a product of

what society thinks is right and what success is and that just didn't work for me and that's why I was unhappy in what I thought was my dream job."

She blogged from the boat, and plans now to write a book about her journey, as well as to give more talks of the kind she gave at several stops along the way, including at her alma mater, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and the Scotch Plains elementary school where her mother is an art teacher.

"I've learned that there are places where I think my mind, my body and my emotions have limits, but you can push beyond them," she says. "There are so many things you learn about how to motivate people to do things toward a common goal when they are miserable and overworked and underslept, about how to you get a team together when everybody doesn't want to do it."

She also learned that, wherever she goes next, a boat should be nearby. "I made it almost a week and a half without aching to be on the water," she says. So in the middle of her post-race trip around Europe, she took a boat out — just a small one — and sailed for a little while off the coast of France. ■

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This One's for You, Dad

Perhaps the most impressive student-athlete performance delivered during the 2013-14 academic year was the dazzling breakout of baseball pitcher Josh Prevost. After collecting just five wins in nine starts during his first three years at Seton Hall, as a senior, Prevost blossomed into one of the most dominating pitchers in the nation.

But, to stake his claim at the top of the BIG EAST baseball hierarchy, the 6-foot-8 right-hander had to overcome his share of adversity.

Prevost started the final game of the 2013 season, a heart-breaking 7-6 extra-inning loss to Pittsburgh in the BIG EAST Tournament. When he left the mound after surrendering three earned runs in five innings, he thought it might be the final time he'd pitch in college. Major League Baseball teams were interested in drafting him, and the sting of not making the NCAA Tournament, despite a memorable season, was fresh.

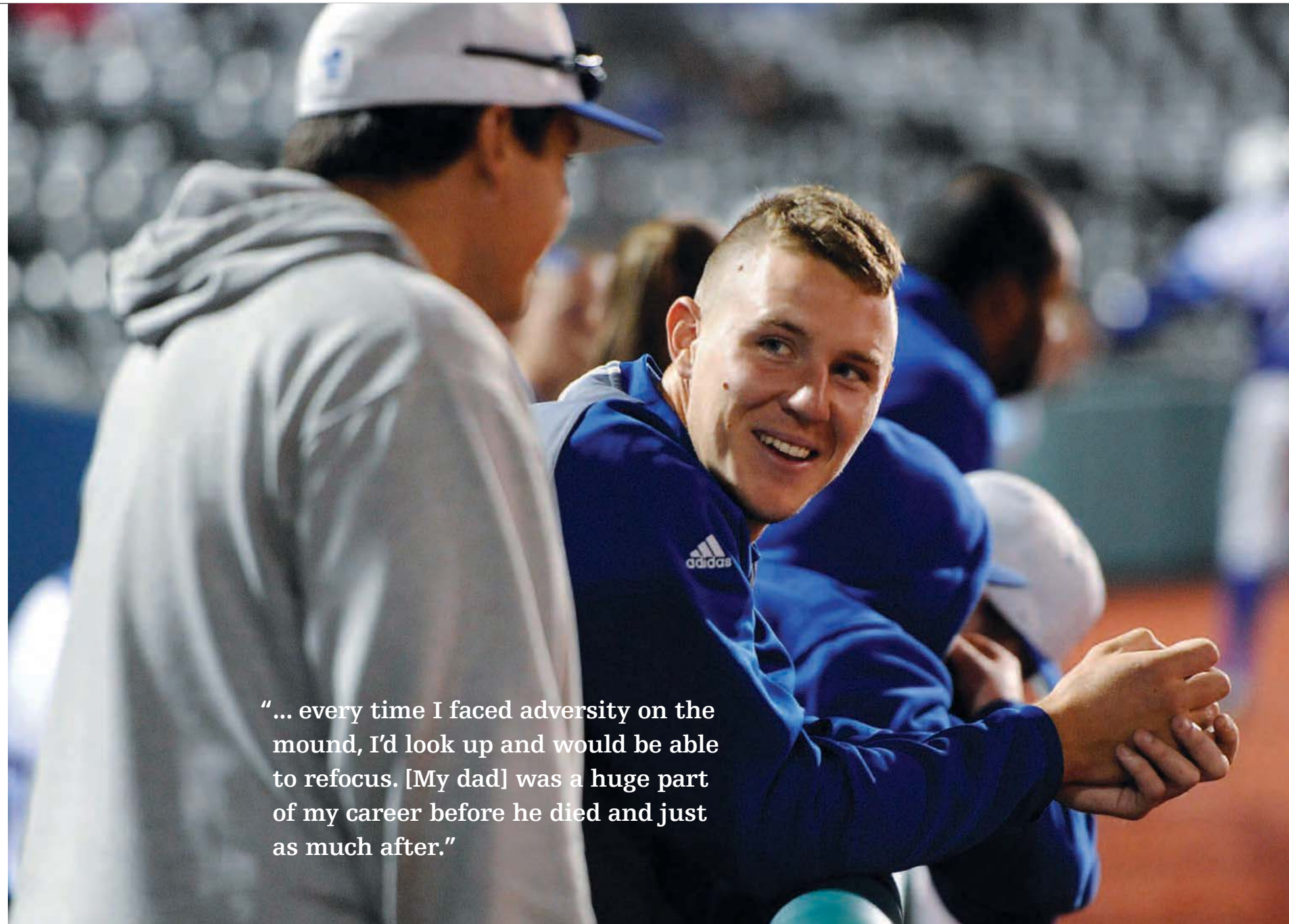
Then in January, Prevost's world was shaken when his father passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Bill Prevost was a staunch supporter of his son's career and the two were very close. Despite the pain, Bill's passing gave Josh a renewed sense of focus. He decided that he would return to Seton Hall for his senior year and dedicate the season to his father.

"I wanted to honor my dad," Prevost said. "I wrote 'Dad' in the bill of my cap, and every time I faced adversity on the mound, I'd look up and would be able to refocus. He was a huge part of my career before he died and just as much after."

One day shy of the one-month anniversary of his father's death, Prevost made his first start of the 2014 season and shut down the University of Oklahoma over six innings for his first win of the year. The tepid, inconsistent starter had transformed into a composed, dominant ace who would dispose of opposing lineups throughout the 2014 season.

He guided the Pirates to a 39-15 record, the most wins by the program since 2000. As the team's regular Friday starter, he pitched to a 12-2 record with a microscopic 1.62 earned run average with 111 strikeouts and just 20 walks. A consensus All-American, Prevost was named a semifinalist for the prestigious Golden Spikes Award, which honors the nation's best college baseball player.

Named Seton Hall's first BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year since 1992, Prevost earned conference Pitcher of the Week honors six times and was placed on the Weekly Honor Roll an additional three times. Prevost was also named ECAC Pitcher of the Year, among 300 member schools, and NJCBA Pitcher of the Year as the top hurler in the State of New Jersey. A unanimous First Team



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Photo by AP Photo/Kathy Kmonicek

All-Conference selection, Prevost finished the 2014 season as the BIG EAST leader in wins, ERA, strikeouts, opponent batting average, innings pitched, complete games and shutouts.

In May, Prevost again found himself starting in the BIG EAST Tournament. This time, he was the team's undisputed ace and took the mound as the reigning BIG EAST Player of the Year. Saving his best college career performance for the largest stage, Prevost dominated St. John's, recording a complete-game

A Year to Remember: Honoring the memory of his father, Josh Prevost '14 pitched his way to high honors, including BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year.

shutout, in Seton Hall's 1-0 victory. It was his conference-leading sixth complete game of the season. He scattered just four hits, struck out seven and walked only one batter.

"It's amazing what a difference a year makes," Prevost said.

Although the Pirates' season ended shortly after his marquee performance, the personal accolades continued for Prevost. On June 6, he realized a childhood dream when he was drafted in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the New York Mets.

Many have pitched for Seton Hall, but precious few have matched Prevost's magical 2014 season. ■

Championship Season for Women's Golf



Erin McClure

The Seton Hall women's golf team — launched just four years ago — won the BIG EAST Championship in 2014, defeating the rest of the field by seven strokes.

Seton Hall led the three-round event wire-to-wire and entered Saturday's final round leading by 13 strokes. The Pirates fired a 24-over-par 312 in round three to comfortably win the title over Georgetown. Seton Hall finished the event at 64 over par. Georgetown finished at 71 over, while St. John's finished at 73 over.

"This is proof that hard work and determination pay off in the end," said the team's head coach, Sara Doell. "I am truly overwhelmed with pride."

The title is Seton Hall's first team championship since the baseball team won the 2011 BIG EAST Championship.

Erin McClure and Megan Tenhundfeld led the Pirates in Saturday's final round. McClure shot a 4-over-par 76 that day, while Tenhundfeld fired a 5-over-par 77. Both golfers tied for second place among all individual golfers. They finished three strokes behind Harin Lee of St. John's, who won the individual championship for the second time in her impressive career.

Both McClure and Tenhundfeld finished the tournament with a very consistent 13 over par overall.

"It's hard to explain my emotions," McClure said. "It's truly amazing to come together as a team and win. It's an incredible feeling."

"Everyone contributed to this win, whether through their score or simply their support," Tenhundfeld said. "Personally, I was really happy with how I was able to contribute. I'm really glad to see my hard work paying off."

Ali Kruse placed ninth overall at 16 over par. She led Seton Hall in scoring average this year, has an individual tournament championship, and now can add a BIG EAST title to her impressive list of career accolades.

"I feel beyond blessed to be a member of this BIG EAST Championship team," Kruse said. "Deep down, we all knew we could win and I couldn't be more proud of my teammates."



We stayed in the moment, took every-thing one shot at a time and are bringing home a trophy for The Hall! Go Pirates!"

Hannah Basalone, one of the team's founding members and arguably the program's most decorated golfer, graduated as a champion. She tied for 13th place among all individual golfers at 22 over par. "To see this program develop and be a part of it from the very beginning has been so cool," Basalone said. "If you told me four years ago we'd win the BIG EAST before I graduated, I probably wouldn't have believed you. I'm so proud of the entire team for what we've been able to accomplish. I couldn't think of a better way to end my time at Seton Hall."

Karlie Zabrosky shaved nearly two strokes off her scoring average from her freshman to sophomore year and was a major contributor all season. She tied for 19th place at 30 over par.

"When I came to Seton Hall last year, I didn't think I'd experience anything quite this awesome," Zabrosky said.

With the BIG EAST championship, Seton Hall earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Championships as part of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship, May 8-10, in Tallahassee, Fla. There, the Pirates played against some of the country's best teams: Vanderbilt, Duke and Stanford.

"Four years ago we began this program on the ground level," Doell said. "It was significant just to be able to call them a team. Now, we can call them champions." ■

In the Winners Circle: (Above) Ali Kruse, Megan Tenhundfeld, Hannah Basalone, McKenzie Cutter, Erin McClure and Karlie Zabrosky celebrate their victory.
A Storied Run: (At right) After a 22-13 season, the 1988-89 men's basketball team lost the national championship game to Michigan in overtime by a single point. Several players later went on to professional basketball careers and Olympic glory.

'89 Dream Team in Hall of Fame

On June 18, Seton Hall Athletics honored the 1988-89 men's basketball squad by inducting the entire team into the University's Athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony held in Walsh Gymnasium.

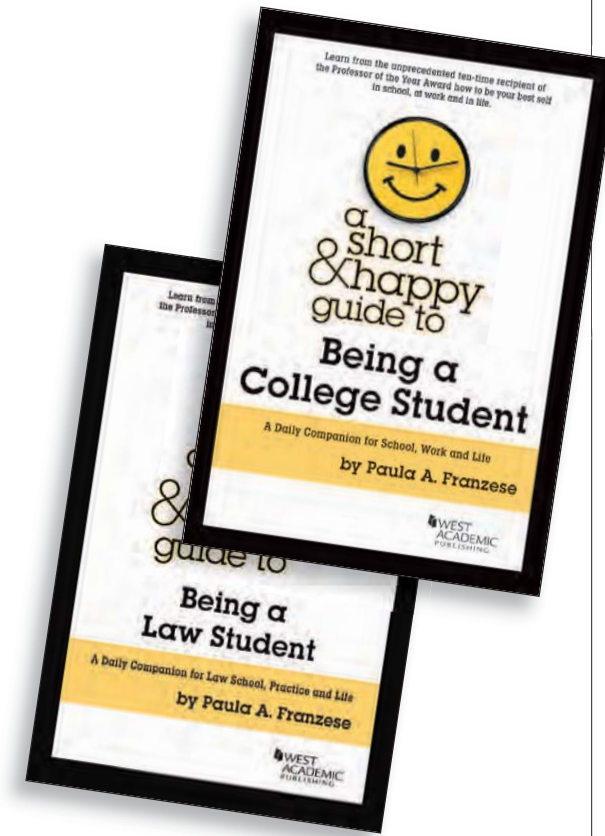
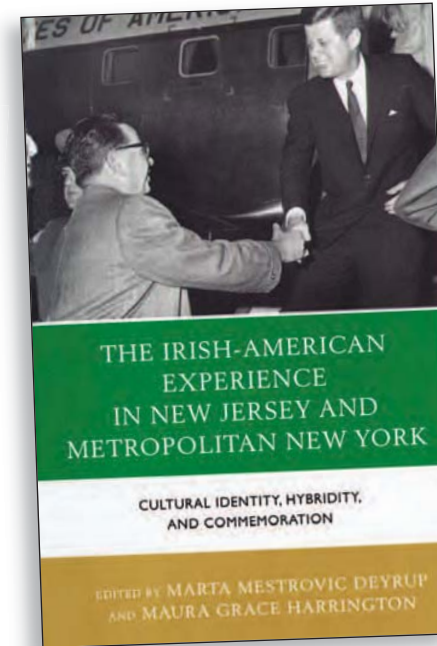
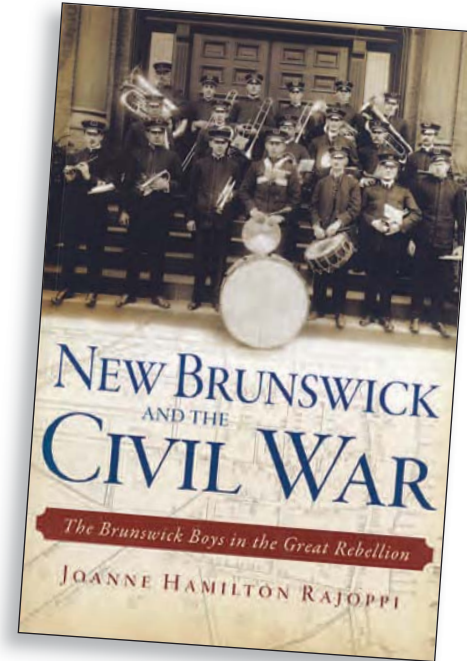
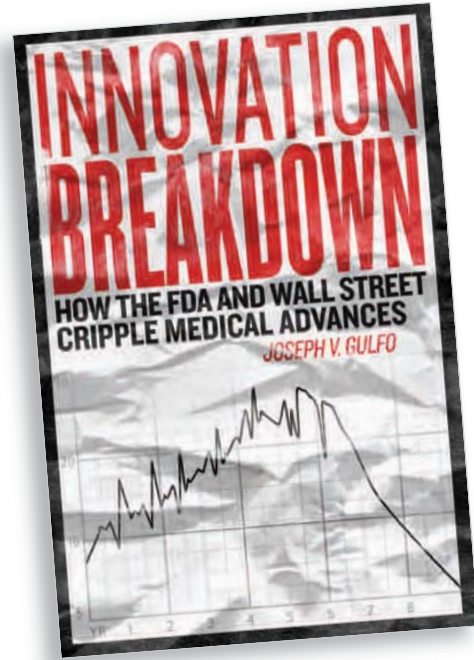
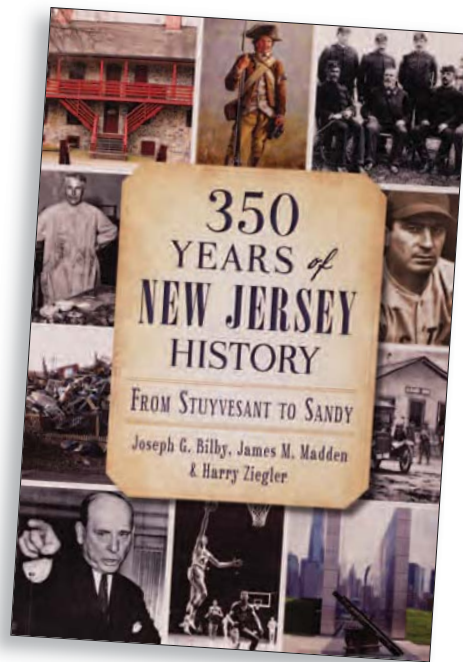
Following the recent 25th anniversary of its historic season, the now iconic team becomes the first in the Hall of Fame's 41-year history to be collectively inducted.

Led in part by head coach P.J. Carlesimo, as well as seniors John Morton and Ramon Ramos (who already were inducted into the Hall of Fame as individuals), the 1988-89 Pirates helped shape the modern era of athletics at Seton Hall with their transcendent run to the national title game.

A group ripe with some of the most recognizable names ever to don the blue and white, players honored also included Anthony Avent, Michael Cooper, Trevor Crowley, Andrew Gaze, Gerald Greene, Khyiem Long, Nick Katsikis, Rene Monteserin, Jose Rebimbas, Frantz Volcy, Daryll Walker and Pookey Wigington.

Assistant coaches Rod Baker, John Carroll, Bruce Hamburger and Tom Sullivan, former athletic director Larry Keating and student managers Wayne Brooks, Anthony Chaves, Chris Crowell, Robert Duffy, Dave Flood, Clark Holle, Lou LaForgia and Felix Roman were recognized for their valued contributions as well.





pirates in print

The American Craft Beer Cookbook: 155 Recipes From Your Favorite Brewpubs and Breweries
By John Holl '02 (Storey Publishing, \$19.95)

A craft beer revolution has taken place in the United States: more than 3,000 independently owned breweries have opened their doors and produce upward of 100 different styles of beer. Craft breweries and brewpubs not only have transformed beer culture, but they also have elevated the food traditionally enjoyed with beer. Chefs now are using the complex flavors imparted by different varieties of malt, hops, water and yeast to realize the full taste potential of dishes ranging from salads to steaks. Journalist John Holl traveled the country and collected more than 150 recipes that illustrate the intersection where food and beer meet.

350 Years of New Jersey History: From Stuyvesant to Sandy
By Joseph G. Bilby '65/M.A. '82, James M. Madden & Harry Ziegler (The History Press, \$19.99)

This year, New Jersey celebrates its sesquicentennial, the 350th year since its founding in 1664. In honor of this milestone, Joseph Bilby, James Madden and Harry Ziegler have compiled this year-by-year chronicle of the state's tragedies and triumphs, including notable people and events. The book covers New Jersey's growth and diversity, including its transition from agricultural to industrial and postindustrial economies, technological innovations, military service and settlement of immigrants from around the world. Ever wonder what Pieter Stuyvesant, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Felix the Cat and Bruce Springsteen have in common? They all are woven into the story of New Jersey. History and pop culture are covered side-by-side as readers are introduced to the state's most important leaders and innovators as well as the famous faces that serve as Garden State ambassadors to the rest of the nation and the world.

Innovation Breakdown: How the FDA and Wall Street Cripple Medical Advances
By Joseph V. Gulfo '84/M.B.A. '95 (Post Hill Press, \$27)

How do you convert a potentially life-saving new idea into a product available to doctors and patients? The seemingly simple first step is submitting the product for approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, but Joseph Gulfo found the process far more complicated than it appeared. Through the lens of his 10-year struggle to move a new melanoma-detection device to market, he writes about the bureaucracy of the FDA and the destructive influence of Wall Street — two entities he believes block the availability of major medical advances. Gulfo proposes a solution to the problem through a detailed "medical innovation manifesto," aimed at shifting the system's focus back to public health.

Note to authors: To have your commercially published book considered for "Pirates in Print," send your information and a review copy to *Seton Hall* magazine, 519 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079. Please request our guidelines first by writing to shuwriter@shu.edu.

Book descriptions contain direct quotes from book covers and publisher-provided materials.

New Brunswick and the Civil War: The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion
By Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi, M.P.A. '88 (The History Press, \$19.99)

Inspired by a collection of letters written by her great-grandfather during his Civil War service, Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi spent a year culling through dusty records at libraries and historical societies as well as family albums and cemeteries. Her careful research has come together to tell the story of "The Brunswick Boys" — 700 men and boys from New Brunswick, N.J., driven by patriotism and the prospects of better pay and adventure to enlist in the Union Army. *New Brunswick and the Civil War: The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion* paints a detailed portrait of everyday life in a close-knit manufacturing town and its disruption during the deadliest war in U.S. history. The book provides eye-witness accounts of the conflict as well as insight into the personal struggles faced by soldiers and civilians alike as they encountered suffering, loss and difficult postwar transitions.

The Irish-American Experience in New Jersey and Metropolitan New York: Cultural Identity, Hybridity, and Commemoration
Edited by Marta Mestrovic Deyrup, Ph.D., librarian/professor, University Libraries, and Maura Grace Harrington, M.A. '03, Ph.D., instructor of English (Lexington Books, \$85).

In 2010, Seton Hall unveiled The Irish Studies Discussion Series, which focuses on the Irish-American experience in the New York/New Jersey area. The series features speakers from legal, military and performing-arts backgrounds, among others. Marta Mestrovic Deyrup and Maura Grace Harrington present this collection of essays about Irish Americans to a wider audience in this book. It puts chapters written by series speakers, historians and scholars in the wider context of immigration studies, assimilation and contributions to American life. The contributors delve into what it has meant, and means, to be Irish-American in this region, and what this ethnic identity will signify in years to come.

A 30 percent discount is available on orders made by Dec. 31, 2014, through <https://rowman.com/lexingtonbooks> using promo code LEX30AUTH14.

A Short & Happy Guide to Being a College Student
A Short & Happy Guide to Being a Law Student
By Paula A. Franzese, professor of law (West Academic Publishing, \$19)

The second and third books in the *Short and Happy Guide* series are "must-reads" for anyone experiencing worry or doubt about where they stand as students. Both guides offer essential wisdoms on studying as well as on life. Franzese, 10-time recipient of the Student Bar Association's Professor of the Year award, tells students how to be their best in and out of class and how to prepare for and succeed on exams, as well as how to present well in a job interview, how to find teachers that inspire, what to do about teachers who don't, how to cope with stress, and how to create value in everything they do.



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Joanne B. (Ginsberg) Schwartz, M.A. '70 was elected a freeholder for Burlington County, N.J., in November 2012. ... **Robert P. Bzik '71** retired as the Somerset County, N.J. director of planning, and received a Sustainable Hero Award from Sustainable Jersey in June, culminating a 40-year career in regional planning. Bzik also received a lifetime planning award on June 5 from New Jersey Future, a nonprofit organization advocating responsible land use. ... **Thomas M. Redmond Jr. '72** wrote a book titled *Selling from the Inside Out ... and a Sense of Humor is Helpful*, which presents his process to increasing sales. ... **Margaret F. Brinig, J.D. '73** wrote a book titled *Lost Classroom, Lost Community: Catholic Schools' Importance in Urban America*. ... **Raymond Krov '77/M.B.A. '84** was named School Business Administrator of the Year by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials. ... **Sarah Martin, M.A.E. '77** was selected as Teacher of the Year by administrators and fellow educators in Passaic, N.J. ... **Stanley Sanger, M.A.E. '77** retired as Union City superintendent after a 41-year career that has been credited with transforming one of the state's lowest-performing school districts into one of the highest-achieving. ... **Daniel M. Berghoff '78** wrote a book titled *The Nostradamus Mission*, about a French scientist who discovers two secret societies. ... **Jeffrey Christakos '78** was selected as one of the top CPAs in the state by the New Jersey Society of Public Accountants. ... **Patricia Tabloski, M.S.N. '78** was among 50 alumni honored at Purdue University School of Nursing's 50th Anniversary Gala. ... **Virginia Burggraf, M.S.N '79** co-wrote a book titled *Healthy Aging: Principles and Clinical Practice for Clinicians*. ... **Gerard "Jerry" Frech, J.D. '79** was selected director of CohnReznick Advisory Group, a management consulting company.

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Janet Connery '80 joined The Greater Hudson Valley Health System in Middletown, N.Y., as director of labor and employee relations. ... **Bob Fodera '81** was named to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants CPA "A"

List. ... **Victor A. Rotolo, J.D. '82** was inducted into the National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 organization for the second consecutive year. ... **Kevin West '82/M.A.E. '85** was named a finalist for the Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the National Association of School Superintendents. ... **Michael Madsen '83** was promoted from associate publisher to publisher of *Government Security News*. ... **John W. Matsikoudis '83** was appointed managing director and head of the municipal underwriting department at CastleOak Securities LP. ... **Henrik R. Tvedt Jr. '84** was appointed vice president, product and delivery channel manager, retail sales for Lakeland Bank, based in Oak Ridge, N.J. ... **Brother Greg Cellini '85** placed third in the annual Garden State Journalists Association Awards competition for his segment on WSOU-FM, "Thank God for Monday: Guest, Tama Kieves." ... **Richard M. Marano, J.D. '85**, a Superior Court judge in Danbury, Conn., was awarded the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America. ... **Wayne Pinnell '85** was awarded an Outstanding Teacher Award at California State University, Fullerton. ... **Glenn Schuck '85** is working as a reporter at WINS-AM ... **Tamara Linde, '86/J.D. '89** was promoted from regulatory vice president of PSE&G to executive vice president and general counsel. ... **Tom Spychalski, M.S.T. '86** was named to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants CPA "A" List. ... **Marie Tzannetakis '86/M.B.A. '89** is working as a professor and researcher in the language department at La Universidad del Mar in Mexico. ... **Anthony R. Slimowicz '87** joined Crum & Forster as senior vice president and chief claims officer. ... **Michael L. Lombardi '88** was appointed senior vice president, domestic sales at EarthNetworks. ... **Madeline Cox Arleo, J.D. '89** was nominated for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey by President Barack Obama. ... **Myron Petruch, M.B.A. '89** was awarded the 2014 Industry Achievement Award from the American Coatings Association. ... **Michael A. Sumsy, J.D. '89** was named senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer for AAA Mid-Atlantic.



Wedding Bells Ring: (top left) Angela Berry '08 and Arcangelo Lofaro '08/M.B.A. '13 married July 27, 2013, (top center) Aliza Grutt '03 and Michael Gratale '03, (above) Kathryn Caseres '11 and Matt Semmelrock '09 married June 14, 2014.

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PROFILES Keen on Seton Hall



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What does it mean to be True Blue at Seton Hall? To be part of the University's most loyal alumni group?

For Maria Keen '11/M.P.A. '13, it's about getting back as much — or more — from being involved and invested in her alma mater as she puts in. Giving back and showing her Seton Hall pride come naturally to her. "I was a cheerleader; so of course I have school spirit," she explains.

But Keen also knows from her experience working in alumni relations that cheerleading isn't required to show support for your alma mater. When she joined the Student Alumni Association (SAA) as an undergraduate, Keen recognized the importance of alumni donating their resources and their time. Later, as a graduate assistant working in the alumni relations office, she served as an adviser to the SAA, helping to organize the alumni networking events the association sponsored. These experiences helped her land a job in alumni relations at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

At Dickinson, as at Seton Hall, Keen sees just how rewarding it is for people to give back — both financially and through volunteering — to the institutions that gave them so much.

The True Blue program recognizes alumni, parents and friends who are involved with the University each year. For more information go to www.shu.edu/go/trueblue.

Through it all, she learned the value of forging relationships between students and alumni.

"I have my education and job because of Seton Hall,"she notes, "but even without that, the relationships — both personal and professional — that I made would have made my time there worth it."

As a young alumna who has donated consistently since she was an undergraduate, Keen enjoys the satisfaction that comes with being engaged. Her job responsibilities, which include working evenings directing Dickinson's phone-a-thon, prevent her from attending many alumni events in her area. Undeterred, she has stepped in to volunteer her time to make phone calls that personally welcome incoming freshmen. She even planned a send-off picnic in a local park for new Seton Hall students from her area.

Keen believes that being True Blue means staying active and involved, giving back and sharing school spirit.

"It's the best way to show support for the programs at the University," she says. She is especially proud that two of her cousins just moved into Seton Hall as members of the Class of 2018, in part thanks to her glowing reviews.

"I'm almost jealous," she says. "I wish I could go back in time and be a student now, because the University is doing so many great things." ■

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V. “Gingy” Harshey-Meade ’90 was elected treasurer at the 2014 Membership Assembly of the American Nurses Association. ... **Mark Beutler, J.D. ’91** is of counsel with Fisher & Phillips LLP’s Fort Lauderdale office. ... **Margaret C. Ciocco ’91** wrote *Fast Facts for the Medical-Surgical Nurse – Clinical Orientation in a Nutshell*. ... **Paul J. Ferdenzi, J.D. ’92** was appointed vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at Curtiss-Wright Corporation. ... **James E. Higgins ’93** was appointed vice president of sales and marketing at Convene, a conference center network. ... **Thomas Raab, M.A.E. ’93** was the unanimous choice to become the Hanover, Mass., school district’s business manager after serving as Hanover High School principal. ... **Annmarie Simeone, J.D. ’93** was elected president of the board of trustees of the Resource Center of Somerset Inc., a nonprofit agency serving victims of domestic abuse. ... **Blake Cullen ’94** was appointed vice president of business development for Mayne Pharma’s U.S. generic products division. ... **Jon-Paul Tay ’95** was promoted to sergeant for the Bernardsville, N.J., police department. ... **George Maroulakos ’96** was appointed vice president of strategic alliances for Datavail, which provides database support and professional services. ... **Frank Di Maria, M.S.T. ’97** is a partner at Di Maria & Di Maria, a private CPA firm in Lodi, N.J. He is also chief financial officer of the town of Bogota, N.J. ... **Ana Dunkers ’97** opened Oasis Salon & Beauty Lounge in South Orange, N.J. ... **Carmelo G. Garcia ’97** was sworn in as state assemblyman representing New Jersey’s 33rd Legislative District in January. ... **Vicki C. Henn, J.D. ’98** was appointed chief human resources officer at PNC Financial Services Group Inc. ... **Jean G. Kline, M.A.E. ’98** was appointed as the new principal of Immaculata High School in Somerville, N.J. ... **Kimberly Espinales-Maloney, J.D. ’98** was nominated by Gov. Chris Christie to the New Jersey Superior Court bench. ... **Laurie A. Pine, M.A. ’98** was honored as a VIP Woman of the Year 2014-15 by the National Association of Professional Women, which recognizes outstanding excellence and dedication to a profession and the achievement of women. ... **Nicole Pride, M.A. ’98** was named chief of staff to the chancellor at North Carolina A&T State University. ... **James Wozniak ’98** was sworn in as the Cranford, N.J., police chief.

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Pamela A. Mulligan, M.A. ’01/J.D. ’06 has joined the law firm of Stark & Stark in its Lawrenceville, N.J., office. ... **Darrell K. Terry, M.H.A. ’01**, chief operating officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, was presented with the Corporate Award from the Oranges and Maplewood unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at their 101st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. ... **Jhanice V. Domingo, J.D. ’02**, counsel to the law firm of Einhorn, Harris, Ascher, Barbarito, & Frost, P.C., was sworn in as the 2014-15 president of the Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey. ... **Richard D. Giles II LTC R RDG II, M.A. ’02/M.A. ’02** was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Army at Joint Base McGuire-Dix, Lakehurst, N.J. ... **Loren L. Speziale, J.D. ’02**, partner attorney with Allentown, Pa., law firm Gross McGinley LLP, was awarded a Lehigh Valley Forty Under 40 designation by *Lehigh Valley Business*. ... **John M. Falzone, J.D. ’03** was named to the 2014 *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list. ... **Greg Lowry ’02/’03** was on a six-person team that won a 15-mile

international outrigger canoe race in the Hudson River. He was also on a world champion dragon-boat racing team and has competed in several international events. ... **Lorne Sheren, J.D. ’04** is an anesthesiologist at Jefferson Medical Center in West Virginia. ... **Cristina Guameri, Ed.S. ’05** wrote a work of fiction titled *Flames of Truth: Beyond the Darkness of Wall Street West*. ... **Daniel Messina, Ph.D. ’05** was appointed President and chief executive officer of Richmond University Medical Center. ... **Andrew Lester Chua ’06** finished his master’s degree in nurse anesthesia in 2012. ... **Candice Clawson ’06** was named director of undergraduate affairs at Prep for Prep in New York. ... **Marianne Gaffney, Ed.D. ’06** was hired as the new superintendent of the Pre K-8 school district in Linwood, N.J. ... **Liliana Esposito, J.D. ’06** was named chief communications officer of the Wendy’s Company. ... **Kelly E. Flock-Viola ’06** was appointed instructor of biomedical communications in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. ... **Ashley Grosso ’06** won the AIDS 2014 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award for an abstract she wrote. ... **Aurora F. Parrilla, J.D. ’06** was appointed associate to the commercial litigation practice at Sedgwick LLP. ... **Mark Garcia ’07**, creative director for Majestyk Apps, was awarded one of three grand prizes in the IBM Watson Mobile Developer Challenge. The win was based upon the firm’s proposal for the “Toy of the Future” dubbed Fang (Friendly Anthropomorphic Networked Genome). ... **Paul Roper ’08** was hired as a seasonal producer in the Florida region for IMG College in Winston-Salem, N.C. He will also be the score-board and studio host for the University of Florida football and basketball radio broadcasts on the Gator IMG Sports Network. ... **Michael G. Bruno ’09** was appointed principal at the Academy of Our Lady at Mount Carmel in Tenafly, N.J. ... **Jessica Jansyn, J.D. ’10** was appointed secretary to the board of directors at Mane Stream, a nonprofit charitable organization in Oldwick, N.J. ... **Ellen Naughton, M.A.E. ’10** was named principal of Queen of Peace Elementary School for the 2014-15 academic year. ... **Francesca M. Bove, J.D. ’11** is an attorney at Ryan Smith & Carbine, Ltd., and also was elected to the board of the Vermont Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division. ... **Melissa Alexis Rodriguez ’11** graduated from Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y., with a juris doctor degree. ... **Doug Goodale, M.A.E. ’12**, of Morristown, N.J. drew on his skills as an English instructor to help underprivileged students participate in a program called Scholars, Educators, Excellence, Dedication, Success. ... **Victor P. Hayek, Ed.D. ’13**, was named superintendent of the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District. ... **McKenna L. Ronquillo ’13** was given the N.J. Public Relations Society of America’s Future PR Professional of the Year award. ... **Joseph Thomas Selimo, D.P.T. ’14** received an award for Experiential Clinical Excellence, a research award for his final project, and was one of only six doctoral students to be inducted to the Alpha Eta Society for Allied Health.

Marriages

Jillian Widdows, M.A.E. ’14 to John Guarini ’01
Aliza Grutt ’03 to Michael Gratale ’03
Jason Carter ’08 to Meghan King
Angela Berry ’08 to Arcangelo Lofaro ’08/M.B.A. ’13
Kathryn Caseres ’11 to Matt Semmelrock ’09

Photo by Tim McDonald

PROFESSIONAL Health Care, Kessler-style



As a young woman, Bonnie A. Evans, M.H.A. ’02 suffered a serious illness that kept her hospitalized for nearly a year. Her occupational therapist, she recalled, helped her survive the ordeal.

“I would not have been able to get on with my life if not for her,” Evans says. “After spending time with her, I knew this was meant to be my calling. I wanted to help other people in similar situations.”

Evans followed her dream, and 40 years ago she became a physical therapist at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation Inc., in West Orange — the nation’s largest provider of in-patient physical rehabilitation. She has never left.

Today, as chief executive officer for Kessler’s West Orange campus, Evans follows the same core philosophy she learned as a therapist: provide patients with the best possible quality of life while helping them work toward independence.

Dedicated Healer: A passion for hands-on patient treatment led Bonnie Evans to a career that impacts individuals, their families, friends and caregivers, as well as the community.



“Whether it’s being able to pursue an education, vocation or avocation, independence is key,” she says. Kessler therapists also work with care-givers and family members to help them make patients become productive and feel useful.

With a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from Northeastern University in Boston and a master’s in health administration from Seton Hall, Evans believes the field was an ideal path for her; she loves the problem-solving and strategic planning.

“In Seton Hall’s health administration course, your life experience matters,” she says, adding that instructors placed major emphasis on “learning while doing,” and crediting the work of University administrators who helped start the University’s online graduate degree program.

Kessler has a strong connection to the campus; many Seton Hall students intern there, and alumni work throughout the organization.

Evans’s commitment to her chosen profession is evident through the mentoring she does for her younger colleagues. “I am proud I am able to influence the careers of those who share my passion,” she says. ■

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In Good Company



The ever-growing popularity of LinkedIn and other networking sites highlights the fact that being connected at work has never been more important to career success.

Recognizing the tremendous power of personal relationships and face-to-face interaction, Seton Hall has set out to help alumni network with colleagues within their own organizations and the Seton Hall community at large.

Alumni Relations is launching several initiatives to make this possible. The first is a series of corporate clubs that will bring together individuals at organizations that have a large number of Seton Hall employees working within them. The other will

engage prominent alumni in greater ways within the Seton Hall community by giving them opportunities for speaking engagements — on panels and in the classroom — mentoring students professionally and academically, and serving on advisory panels or boards.

For more information about launching a corporate club, please contact Robert Mayers, associate director of alumni clubs, at (973) 378-9821 or robert.mayers@shu.edu.

For more information about speaking engagements, mentoring and serving on panels, please contact John Borgese, director of corporate alumni engagement, at (973) 378-9868 or john.borgese@shu.edu.



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Baby Pirates

- John A. Niziol '68**, a grandson, Cormac Alcock, on Dec. 17, 2013
- Norma M. (Murgado) Carroll '92/J.D. '96** and Robert, a girl, Olivia Frances, on May 15, 2012
- Ben Potvin '94** and Allison, a girl, Savannah Hope, on June 9, 2014
- Stacy (Slater) Kisla '96** and Shaun, a girl, Caitlin Shyla, on Dec. 2, 2013
- Michele (Dudzinski) Simeone '97** and **Giovanni '95/M.B.A. '99**, a girl, Gabriela Katherine, on March 20, 2014
- Violeta (Gulevska) Kopec '00/M.A.E. '03/Ed.S. '05** and Jason, a boy, Alexander Jason, on April 29, 2014
- Sandra Kaminski '04** and **Clint '99/'04** adopted Olivia Sophia, on Jan. 15, 2014
- Zuzel (Herrera) Brescher '01/'04/M.S. '09** and Erik, a boy, Alek, on Jan. 3, 2014
- Mary Beth (Kipila) Albert '06** and Jesse, a girl, Megan, on Dec. 10, 2013
- Joseph L. Linares, M.B.A. '09** and Anna, a girl, Adelina Ann, on Jan. 14, 2014
- Rebecca Nugent, M.A.E. '10** and **Daniel '03/M.P.A. '10**, a boy, Jacob Daniel, on July 3, 2014
- Wendy Ekua (Quansah) Da'Cruz '12** and Dominique, a girl, Autumn Eve, on August 17, 2014

The Next Generation of Pirates: 1. Autumn Eve, daughter of Wendy Ekua (Quansah) Da'Cruz '12 and Dominique, with her mom. 2. Jacob Daniel, son of Rebecca Nugent, M.A.E. '10 and Daniel '03/M.P.A. '10. 3. Megan, daughter of Mary Beth (Kipila) Albert '06 and Jesse. 4. Olivia, daughter of Sandra Kaminski '04 and Clint '99/'04. 5. Alek and older brother Zack, sons of Zuzel (Herrera) Brescher '01/'04/M.S. '09 and Erik.

Pirate Alumni Volunteer in Sea Bright

On Saturday, June 28, 2014, alumni, parents, students and family gathered in Sea Bright, N.J., for a day of service. The group constructed a large stretch of "snow" fencing to keep visitors to the beach from walking on, and damaging, the dunes and dune grass put into place after Hurricane Sandy.

To learn more about Seton Hall's ever-expanding list of volunteer opportunities, visit www.shu.edu/go/volunteer or contact Erika Klinger in Alumni Relations at (973) 378-9827.



A Year of FIRSTS

Seton Hall's fiscal year 2014, which concluded on June 30, saw the most rapid expansion of alumni engagement initiatives in the University's history. With the addition of a number of new staff members, the Alumni Relations department (in partnership with colleagues from University Advancement and across campus) implemented a number of exciting initiatives aimed at significantly increasing opportunities for alumni to become involved with Seton Hall.

First National Day of Service
Three regional chapters participated

First faculty lecture at a regional chapter event

First alumni event to receive national media coverage
Valentine's Day Renewal of Vows

First “Seton Hall Family Day of Service” Held in Sea Bright, N.J.

Creation of 10 new affinity clubs

969
Alumni registered to volunteer for Seton Hall

5,219
Attendees at alumni events

20,000+
Alumni fans, followers and members of social media channels

100%
Annual Gift Participation for Alumni Board of Directors, Young Alumni Club and Student Alumni Association

125+
Events for alumni and students

In Memoriam

Nicholas J. Rosa Sr. '37
John J. Nestor Jr. '41
Humbert M. Gambacorta '46
Eugene Kopacz '46
Alfred W. Helwig Jr. '48
Robert Mulvaney '48
George B. Reiss '48
Henry A. Blaska '49
Thomas J. Brennan Jr. '49
Richard J. Decker '49
Edward A. Marley '49
Joseph O. Mende '49
Raphael J. Nepolitan '49
Edward J. Rochford '49
Anthony Sbrocco '49
Arthur J. Bennert '50
Anthony J. Buicko '50
John P. Curran '50
Robert A. Deptula '50
Anthony P. Garbarini '50
John T. Geoghegan '50
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Ralph H. Peck '50
Frank Pergolizzi '50
Thomas J. Poznanski '50
Edward B. Repko '50
Ronald Robina '50
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Ronald W. Schaefer Sr. '50
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William Thompson '50
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Louis T. Schaab '51
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Samuel C. Milanese '52
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Frederick G. Choromanski '53
Kurt Uebele '53
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Richard P. Heine '54
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Ralph Skelly '55
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Raymond J. Schmitt '56
Colonel Elenore F. Sullivan '56
John M. Wagner '56
Kathleen N. Zepf, M.A.E. '56
Anthony M. Capasso '57
Joseph G. D'Agostino Sr. '57
Carmen Fortunato '57
Thomas Laidlaw '57
Edward J. Murray '57
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Bruce P. Byrne '58
Hubert B. Clune '58
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Alfred Moretti '58
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Larry I. Kron, J.D. '68
Edward F. Powers '68
Mary F. Bodnar '69
Albert "Len" Course, M.B.A. '69
Ivria A. Damon, M.A.E. '69
Thomas F. Farrell, M.S. '69
Marie M. (Merritt) Priola '69
John N. Szymanski, M.A.E. '69
Michael Carey, M.A.E. '70
Marilyn R. Grandjean '70
James J. McKenna '70
Sister Irma Papaleo '70
Ron Patnaude '70
Richard F. Berk, M.B.A. '71
Victoria C. Hughes '71
Daniel J. Hussey, J.D. '71

Joan E. Kousela, J.D. '71
Robert McCullion '71
Cora M. (Thompson) O'Neill, M.A.E. '71
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Father Robert Cormier '77
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Gerald Lynch, J.D. '77
John A. Mooney, M.B.A. '77
Patricia A. Tracey '77
Ronald A. Venturi '77/M.B.A. '82/J.D. '86
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Laura Brock '79/M.A.E. '85
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John K. Hofacker '81
Michael Kissida, M.A.E. '81
Arlene (Lieberman) Rubinstein, M.A.E. '81
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Elaine M. Bohrod, J.D. '83

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PIRATE PRIDE

Clockwise from top left: **Allison Marron '10** shows her pride at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. **Craig Franchetti '09** at the Grand Canyon. **Lt. Col. Richard D. Giles II, M.A. '02/M.A. '02** shows his pride at his promotion ceremony. **Rich Allen '10** and **Karoline Stankiewicz '07** in front of Windmill "De Riekermolens" in the Netherlands. **John Manna '73** at the Coliseum in Rome. **Bety Anda-Harris, M.S. '03** at Diamond Head State Monument in Hawaii.

Receive your free Seton Hall bandana by visiting www.shu.edu/alumni and clicking on "Pirate Pride Gallery"

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The Hall on GMA

Members of the Student Alumni Association and the Pirate appeared with Ginger Zee on “Good Morning America” on Sept. 19, 2014, as part of the University’s International Talk Like a Pirate Day festivities. Visit www.shu.edu/arr or setonhallsaa.com for more information.



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Many Are One

On Friday, June 13, 2014, the 28th annual Many Are One alumni gala honored the outstanding achievements of 13 Seton Hall graduates. Selected for their professional accomplishments, service to others and devotion to Seton Hall, the honorees exemplify the University’s mission to educate students to become leaders in our global society. More than 400 alumni, parents, students and friends attended the black-tie event, and proceeds raised will provide scholarship funds for relatives of alumni who attend Seton Hall.

MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Gerald P. Buccino '63
President, The Buccino Foundation

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ESPN College Basketball Analyst

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College of Education and Human Services

Randy Marti, M.S. '03
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Stillman School of Business

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Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

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School of Law

Francisca (Guerrero) Champion '60
College of Nursing



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Jessica, daughter of Matt Stevenson '97 and Nicole Stevenson '00

Save the Date

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January 17, 2015

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Breakthroughs for Liver Patients

Chronic liver disease is a leading cause of death in middle-aged Americans, and now the threat is rising quickly among obese children and adults due to nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Yet new medications and advanced medical technology in the form of a machine called a Fibroscan are helping doctors at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark treat patients with liver disease. The results at the Liver Center there have been astonishing.

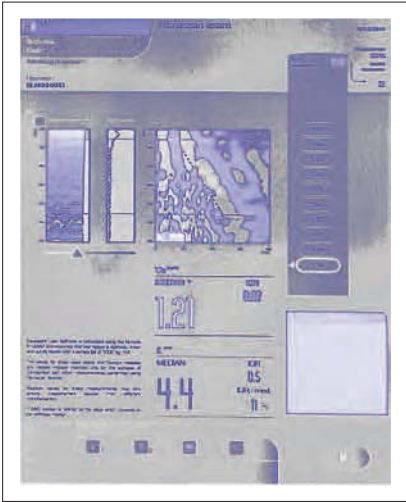
Dr. Jihad Slim, assistant professor and program director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at Seton Hall's School of Health and Medical Sciences (SHMS), sits on the Liver Center leadership team. To learn more about the center's recent advances, Seton Hall magazine editor Pegeen Hopkins turned to one of Dr. Slim's colleagues, Dr. Jason Dazley, who is a graduate of SHMS' infectious disease fellowship program.

What benefits does Saint Michael's Fibroscan machine offer?
We're now able to better treat people co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C. There are not many centers, or even many infectious disease specialists, that do that sort of work. It's much more challenging to treat the two diseases concurrently.

Until now, to diagnose liver disease we've had to do a liver biopsy, punching out a piece of the organ with a surgical device and then reviewing it under a microscope. For that reason, many patients dread getting a biopsy. With the Fibroscan, patients and doctors don't have to deal with complications of bleeding or infection.

The Fibroscan was approved in Europe first and has been used there for some time. The United States finally gave approval to use it here for viral Hepatitis, and it works a bit like an ultrasound machine. It has a probe — used like a wand — that is placed on the skin where the liver is situated in the body. The Fibroscan shows images that reveal the liver's stiffness. Using specific calculations, a score is generated and interpreted by a specialist who can tell exactly what stage of liver disease a person has.

It's a very savvy machine, very accurate.



Is Saint Michael's one of the few places in the area with a Fibroscan? Last time I checked, some larger universities and hospitals around us had ordered the Fibroscan, but had not received it yet.

Can you talk about the new treatments for Hepatitis C being used? For the last few months, we've been utilizing the new oral therapies, with and without injectable therapy. There's been tremendous success with it. With previous, injectable-only treatments, the success rate was low: 50 or 60 percent. Now we're already up to 90 to 95 percent success in treating patients and eradicating the virus from their livers. Treatment time is down to 12 to 24 weeks from a full year.

Are doctors at Saint Michael's involved in research for this new medicine? Most of them are involved in studies where the therapies have already been tested a few times; so we know they work well. As we continue the studies, we're able to see how different therapeutic combinations will work, especially in co-infected patients.

This also makes it possible for the medicines to be supplied to patients free of charge and increases the range of people we're able to treat. Many patients come to our hospital as inpatients; most of them don't have insurance at all.

Some of the research data is showing that as we treat the Hepatitis C we're actually improving patients' HIV as well. Their immune systems are improving because they're being treated well for Hepatitis C.

Many of these patients are already on the brink. They often have irreversible changes — possibly end-stage liver disease, where the liver is very scarred and not working. We frequently detect their disease right before it gets to that late stage. With proper treatment, their quality of life is improved, and we're able to halt the disease. ■

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“Scholarship support has allowed me to obtain the education needed to pursue my dreams. I would not have been given the many opportunities I have had at Seton Hall without financial support. For that I am grateful.”

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