

# SETON HALL

*A home for the mind, the heart and the spirit*

*Summer 2016*

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, light blue jeans, and a black climbing harness, is climbing a white rock wall. She is reaching up with her right hand to grab a yellow climbing hold. The wall is covered with various colored holds (yellow, orange, red, green). A rope is visible on the left side of the wall. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

## Weekends at Seton Hall

**The weekends used to be  
a quiet time on campus.  
Not anymore.**

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MILLION-DOLLAR IDEAS FROM A  
MASTER INVENTOR  
A NOVEL WAY TO COMBAT NASTY ALGAE







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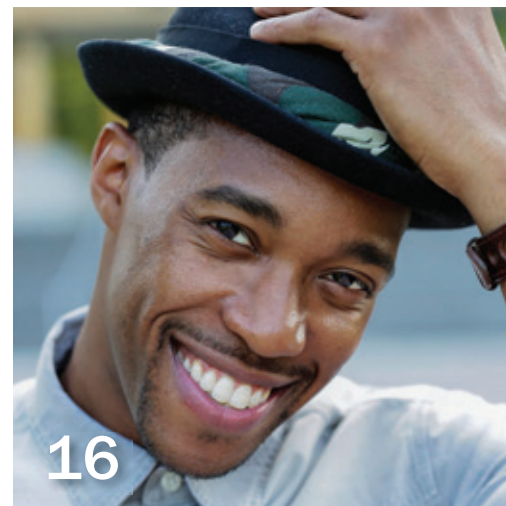
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# STANDING ON Good Science

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‘Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart the desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that by knowing and loving God, men and women can come to the fullness of the truth about themselves.’ With these words, Pope Saint John Paul II begins the encyclical *Fides et Ratio*. Some 12 years in the making, it is the first encyclical on the relationship between faith and reason since Pope Leo XIII issued *Aeterni Patris* in 1879.

Now, more than ever, the world needs people who can view the complexities of modern science through the framework of faith and reason. Our science curriculum teaches students more than how the world around them is formed and changed. They learn how to think critically about moral and ethical issues. Seton Hall is committed to a scientific education that promotes originality, creativity and invention — three characteristics that the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in Rome views as important to any academic pursuit.

This approach to science instruction and research at Seton Hall is nothing new. In fact, it has been a cornerstone of our academic experience for more than 150 years. The University’s first science courses were offered as early as the 1850s, and our first doctoral program was approved in 1964 in the field of chemistry.

In recent years, our science curriculum has continued to grow, and with the advent of our new medical school,

future Setonians will take advantage of even greater learning and research opportunities.

For some students, introductory-level courses mark the beginning of a lifelong commitment to advancing the frontiers of scientific knowledge. Even students who do not pursue upper-level courses gain analytic skills that prove useful long after graduation — every time they weigh a financial decision, read the ingredients on a food container, or consider the energy policy of a political candidate.

Students who decide to make science their life’s calling find an education that exceeds their expectations and fosters in them a servant leader’s desire to advance the cause of humanity. From their first days on campus, freshmen are able to conduct research in a collaborative environment that unites the efforts of faculty members, graduate students and undergraduates. Very few universities can offer these opportunities to undergraduate





students, and fewer still exhibit their students' original scientific research in forums like the annual Petersheim Academic Exposition.

For two decades, the Petersheim Exposition has allowed our students to take ownership of their learning in a powerful way. By conducting and presenting their own original research, students address some of the most vital scientific issues of our time. The work they do to create new knowledge — and to share it with their mentors and peers — reflects a deep commitment to academic excellence and the fulfillment of an unparalleled learning opportunity that simply cannot be replicated in a classroom.

Once in the classroom, however, they are mentored by faculty members who are at the forefront of their fields. In fact, Seton Hall is among a handful of universities where the most senior professors instruct introductory-level courses — particularly in traditional science

departments. They include Sulie Chang, who has received numerous National Institutes of Health grants; Allan Blake, a University Teacher of the Year; and Wyatt Murphy, who received the Northern New Jersey Excellence in Education Award from the American Chemical Society.

Their success in continuing to offer top-notch instruction hinges on the quality of the learning environment, which we routinely upgrade to keep pace with the latest advances of modern science. Today, all of our students use tools such as magnetic resonance spectrometers, mass spectrometer-based separation instruments and next-generation sequencing facilities. Currently, the general chemistry laboratories are being upgraded to include Vernier computer-controlled instruments.

Because science instruction at Seton Hall functions within the context of a liberal arts education, our students' academic experience includes a strong grounding in the intellectual tradition of humanities and the arts. This broad exposure gives Pirates an advantage over students from other institutions that offer more technically focused educations. Our programs emphasize crossing disciplinary boundaries by offering dual degrees in areas such as biology/pre-med or pre-dental, social and behavioral sciences/occupational therapy, chemistry/nursing as well as physics/engineering.

Ultimately, our students acquire leading-edge skills and knowledge that make them highly desirable candidates for graduate schools or positions at some of the numerous science- and technology-related companies based in New Jersey and beyond. Because many of our students acquire internship experience as part of their education, they arrive ready to jump into their professional careers with both feet, well-versed in the tools and techniques that make them strong participants in the global scientific community. ■

## SHU in the news

**“You still can’t test my kid. ... However, if you do feel the need to persuade me that the testing ritual is excellent and worthwhile, you should know that I have heard most of your arguments, and, frankly, you need new ones.”**

Daniel Katz, College of Education and Human Services, in *The Huffington Post* on state-mandated standardized testing for elementary and secondary school students.

**“I would have liked the company to have taken a bit of a more aggressive approach in handling some of the problems that they had recently. I look at the gold standard for dealing with these types of crises, as how Johnson & Johnson handled the Tylenol-McNeil crisis. They fell short of that.”**

Scott Rothbort, Stillman School of Business in *U.S. News & World Report* on Chipotle.

**“A lot of people, particularly in the U.S. and Europe, are presented at a very young age with the false conflict that Christian faith and modern science are incompatible. Whether it’s future priests or lay ministers in Church, we need to equip people to confront that lie.”**

Father Joseph Laracy, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, in *CatholicPhilly.com* on the science and faith course he is teaching, which was awarded funding by The John Templeton Foundation.

**“It turns out that almost everything we think about Rosie the Riveter is wrong. ... This image is part of our cultural heritage, so it’s important we understand the context. And part of that context is the correct identity of the woman in the poster.”**

James J. Kimble, College of Communication and the Arts, in the *Omaha World-Herald* on his research that debunked the mistaken identity of the famous figure in the World War II-era “We Can Do It!” poster showing a woman in overalls rolling up her sleeve to work.

**“My vision is that in some ways it will be all things to all people, and that’s because we’re going to make a big impact on the health care of the United States. ... So we will be educators, we will be researchers and we will be giving top-quality care.”**

Dean Bonita Stanton, School of Medicine, on *NJTV News* in response to a question that asked for her vision in which the reporter suggested that the new school of medicine “couldn’t be all things to all people.”



## Food for Thought — And Spirit

Father Leo Patalinghug, “The Cooking Priest,” arrived at Seton Hall in April to give the second annual Monsignor James Cafone Memorial Lecture at the Bishop Dougherty University Center. Of course, the event was part talk and part delicious cooking demonstration for an audience of more than 100 students and community members.

Father Leo — who hosts a show on the Catholic television station EWTN and another on Sirius Radio, and who is also the author of several cookbooks — is the force behind the “Grace Before Meals” movement, a simple, fundamentally Catholic theological concept of sharing and community. After the Seton Hall event, he told *NJ.com* that “food is the greatest gift to help strengthen our relationships with ourselves, each other and God. I want students to be well-fed so they can be well-educated.”



# The Valente Library Celebrates Twenty Years

**T**his September marks 20 years since the Valente Italian Library was established at Seton Hall. Today the collection of Italian history and culture is considered the most notable of its kind in New Jersey — and a crown jewel among the University's research collections.

The collection has grown so massive, in fact, that its 29,500-volumes span over a mile of shelving inside the Walsh Library. In those thousands of volumes, the Valente Library covers all aspects of Italian and Italian-American history, heritage and language — from cinema and philosophy to religion, art and literature.

John Buschman, dean of University Libraries, says it's rare for an Italian Studies collection to live in a single area of a university library as it does at Seton Hall. Scholars at most schools have to dash from floor to floor — or even building to building — tracking down titles for their research.

But as Buschman puts it, "You can walk into the Valente Library and just browse."

Between that convenience and the collection's wealth of Italian-focused subjects, scholars come from all over the world to use the Valente Library for their research. As a result, the collection is shaping and informing scholarship across the entire field of Italian Studies.

The collection was made possible by Sal Valente, who established its initial endowment in honor of his late father, Bruno, who immigrated to the United States from Italy as a young man and found success as a self-made businessman. Sal has continued that legacy, expanding and diversifying his father's business in the building materials industry while also serving as a community leader.

Though Valente sparked the collection — and is still highly involved in maintaining it — Buschman says the broader community has helped it keep expanding.

A recent donor list included more than 325 names, and University Libraries also invested heavily in the collection early on with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

So what can you find on the shelves in the Valente Italian Library? Thousands of books and papers that span dates from 400 A.D. to the present, mostly written in Italian and English.

Among those 29,500 volumes, there's the entire cata-



log of the publications of the Sicilian Historical Deputation; a rare first edition of the first printed history of Sicily; the Italian equivalent of the Oxford English Dictionary; and all of the major Italian collections of historical documents.

And don't discount the quirky or whimsical — it's all there, too, from travel books and restaurant guides to Italian postcards that document rural life and the diaspora to America.

The Valente Italian Library collection is available for online research at [library.shu.edu/valente](http://library.shu.edu/valente). The materials are available to the public if you visit Seton Hall University Libraries.



- *NJBIZ* magazine named **President A. Gabriel Esteban** to its “Power 50 Health Care” list.
- **Andrea Bartoli, dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations**, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. Bartoli will collaborate on governance of the organization, which focuses on community improvement initiatives.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service awarded **Forrest Pritchett, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Program**, with the “President’s Call to Service Award,” which honors those who have provided more than 4,000 hours of community service in their lifetimes.
- **The Department of Catholic Studies** won grants from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York City and the New Jersey Chinese Cultural Studies Foundation to sponsor a symposium at Seton Hall in honor of John C.H. Wu, a former Seton Hall law school professor who was also a noted Chinese jurist and author.
- **Douglas Purviance, adjunct professor of brass studies**, performed with the Christian McBride Big Band as part of the “In Performance at the White House” series on PBS. Purviance was also interviewed on *PBS NewsHour* for his role as manager of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra in celebration of its 50th anniversary.
- Based on his expertise in exchange-traded funds, **Frank (Hongfei) Tang, associate professor of finance**, was offered a prestigious one-year appointment with the Securities and Exchange Commission in its Division of Economic and Risk Analysis.
- **Jeanne Brasile, director of the Walsh Gallery**, appeared on NJTV’s One-on-One with Steve Adubato, filmed at the Newark Museum. She spoke about the gallery, student mentoring opportunities and collaboration with the Newark community.
- **Professor of digital media Kenneth Hoffman’s** photography exhibit “Vietnam Street Photographs” was displayed at the Soho Gallery in New York from June 8 to July 2. The photographs came from the two years Hoffman spent as part of the 221st Signal Company “Pictorial” Unit during the Vietnam War.
- **Mary Ellen Roberts, assistant professor of graduate nursing**, was named the 2016 recipient of the Towers Pinnacle Award by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. This award is given to a nurse practitioner who has made significant contributions on a national level through policy, practice and education.
- **Phyllis Hansell, professor of nursing**, received the Scholarship and Research Award from Teacher’s College Columbia University Nursing Alumni Association at its annual Stewart Conference in May 2016.



- **The College of Nursing**, in partnership with Newark Councilman Joseph McCallum and the City of Newark, hosted a community health and wellness fair in Newark, N.J., on May 7.
- The Chronicle of Higher Education named **Robert Kelchen, assistant professor of higher education**, to its list of “15 Indispensable Academic Twitter Accounts.”
- **Eilish R. Harrington, institutional research specialist in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology**, was named to *The Irish Echo*’s “40 Under 40” annual honor roll.
- In April, **Father Thomas G. Guarino, professor of systematic theology**, was named a Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Francis, thereby being elevated to the rank of monsignor, on the recommendation of Archbishop John J. Myers.
- **Anne M. Hewitt, program director for the Master of Healthcare Administration degree program**, received the Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives on June 1.
- **Thomas Mernar, assistant professor of occupational therapy**, received a three-year appointment as a research health science specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care Systems.
- **Susan Scherreik, founding director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies**, was selected as a “Leading Woman Entrepreneur or Intrapreneur of New Jersey” by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine. The honor is based on innovation, market potential, community involvement and advocacy for women.
- In May, **Karen Boroff, professor of management and dean emeritus of the Stillman School of Business**, taught organizational behavior at Anhui Normal University in Wuhu Province, China, to 25 business students. The course is one of several collaborations between the Stillman School of Business and universities in China.
- An article published by the *Loyola Consumer Law Review*, “The Hand That Truly Rocks the Cradle: A Reprise of Infant Crib Safety, Lawsuits & Regulation from 2007–2012,” by **Richard Hunter, professor of economics and legal studies**, and Stillman alumna Melissa Montouri, was cited in a brief before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.
- **Thomas Rondinella, professor of visual and sound media**, had his latest short film, *Teaming Up*, screened at several film festivals around the country, including the UNO Film Festival in New Orleans, the Garden State Film Festival in Atlantic City, N.J., and the Short Sweet Film Festival in Cleveland.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# Technology at Seton Hall

**20**

Miles of fiber optic cable on campus

**2,000**

Wi-Fi access points on campus

**100**

Percent of campus with Wi-Fi coverage

**25,000**

Average unique devices on campus networks

**100**

Percent of classrooms with wireless presentation technology

**2TB**

RAM of most powerful server on campus

**6,000+**

Undergraduates receiving laptops from the University





## Fighting Cancer, One Lap at a Time

\$56,910.39.

That's how much money 57 teams and 1,076 participants raised in 12 hours at the University's most recent Relay for Life event, held April 15 in the Richie Regan Recreation and Athletic Center, making it one of Seton Hall's most successful Relay events.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer program, Relay for Life honors those who have battled cancer and contributes to the fight against the disease. Students form teams representing sororities, fraternities, dorm floors or organizations, get pledges or hold fundraisers, and run or walk laps around the track from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. They are joined by cancer survivors and caregivers.

In the past 10 years, Seton Hall's Relay for Life teams have contributed \$500,000 to the cancer battle.

## NEW COLLEGE DEANS



Maureen Gillette, an educational scholar, is the new dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Before coming to Seton Hall, she was the dean of the College of Education at Northeastern Illinois University for more

than 10 years, developing a commitment to a diverse and effective teacher workforce. She has extensive National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education experience and serves as chair of the NCATE Board of Examiners.

Previously, she was an associate dean at William Paterson University in New Jersey from 1999 through 2005.

Gillette began her career as a teacher, spending 13 years in elementary and middle school classrooms before starting a new path as a teacher educator at The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.

She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in curriculum and instruction, and earned master's and bachelor's degrees in education from Northern Illinois University.

Last year she was named one of the 30 most influential deans of education in the United States by Mometrix Test Preparation.



Peter Shoemaker, a noted scholar of 17th-century French literature and culture, is the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He came to Seton Hall from The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington,

D.C., where he was vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies, as well as director of the honors program and associate professor of French. His responsibilities at CUA included programs designed to retain first-year students, review of general education curriculum, assessment of student learning outcomes, and developing a sustainability program.

Before working at CUA, he taught at Princeton University and Macalester College.

Shoemaker received his doctoral degree in Romance Languages and literature from Princeton, where he held a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship and received a French government fellowship, the Bourse Chateaubriand, which enabled studies at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris for a year.

He also holds a master's degree in Romance Languages from Princeton and a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Chicago.



# Missionary of Mercy

**M**onsignor Joseph Reilly, the rector/dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, was named a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in 2016 for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

For Monsignor Reilly, the only priest from the Archdiocese of Newark to be appointed, the honor was as unexpected as it was gratifying. He was informed of his nomination in the fall of 2015 by Archbishop John J. Myers, but "I still have no idea who nominated me," he says. "I was surprised and humbled."

On Ash Wednesday, Monsignor Reilly found himself standing in St. Peter's Basilica with 700 other priests from around the world (there are 1,000 Missionaries in all) being commissioned formally by Pope Francis. "It was a very powerful experience, walking in procession with hundreds of priests into the Basilica, where the Pope received us," Monsignor Reilly says. "The Holy Father said that he hoped our presence in the Church around the world would help people in a tangible way to experience the tenderness and mercy of God."

The priests commissioned as Missionaries of Mercy have special authority to give absolution for restricted sins — sins such as desecrating the Eucharist that can bring with them automatic excommunication, and

are normally left to the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court. Monsignor Reilly makes himself available in parish settings to hear confessions, both locally and in other states, and is giving talks throughout the Newark archdiocese this year.

"When I was a young seminarian," he says, "I dreamed of becoming a missionary, but I soon realized that I lacked the temperament to leave everything and start a new life. When this opportunity came before me, I prayed about it and realized it was a way to fulfill the dream I had when I was a younger man, to bring hope and salvation, while remaining rooted in the life I still have."

He also points out that "the message of mercy" carried by the Missionaries "isn't just reserved for Catholics. There is something of the nature of God revealed to us through acts of mercy toward our brothers and sisters. Mercy goes beyond the practice of Catholicism. It's embedded in the human family, in how we treat one another."



**MESSENGERS OF PEACE** Pope Francis (left) commissioned Missionaries of Mercy, including Monsignor Reilly, (above) on Ash Wednesday at St. Peter's Basilica.

# New Home for the School of Medicine

Seton Hall and Hackensack Meridian Health signed a long-term lease agreement for a new health and medical sciences campus. Consisting of about 16 acres and two state-of-the-art buildings on the former Hoffmann-La Roche biomedical campus in Nutley and Clifton, N.J., the site will also house the College of Nursing and School of Health and Medical Sciences, which will be moving from their present location on Seton Hall's main campus in South Orange.

The co-location of the College of Nursing and School of Health and Medical Sciences with the new School of Medicine is designed to mirror how health care will be delivered in the future. This team-based approach will train students from medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, and other related fields together to improve patient care and health outcomes. Hackensack Meridian's hospitals will serve as the primary clinical teaching sites for the new School of Medicine and Seton Hall's affiliated graduate-education programs.

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The Seton Hall and Hackensack Meridian Health partnership will establish the only private school of medicine in the state, and is expected to provide a significant economic boost to the region and help curb the critical physician shortage that New Jersey and the nation currently face.

Earlier this year, Dr. Bonita Stanton, a nationally recognized expert on pediatric medicine, was appointed the founding dean of the new School of Medicine, which is slated to open in fall 2018. The school will be committed to educational and health-care excellence, cutting-edge research, high-quality care, the advancement of medical and health science imperatives and establishing Seton Hall as the preeminent center for Catholic-based health



**HEALTH-CARE PARTNERSHIP** The medical school will be housed in buildings on the former Hoffman-La Roche campus (above). Co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health Robert C. Garrett, Dean Bonita Stanton and President A. Gabriel Esteban at the lease-signing ceremony.

sciences education in the Northeast.

The 25-year-lease of the new campus is set to begin in early October. The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners granted conditional approval for the new School of Medicine earlier this year, subject to the approval from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

Photos by Michael Paras and Yasmeen Anderson



# Fulbright Winners

Three new student Fulbright Scholars from the Class of 2016 were named at Seton Hall this spring, all hailing from the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, which brings to 21 the number of students who have won the scholarship since 2009. Winning a Fulbright is no easy task. Named after U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, scholarships for the prestigious international exchange program are given out to fewer than 2,000 outstanding U.S. students every year.

**ADELA PEREZ-FRANCO** of Pennington, N.J., majored in diplomacy and minored in Italian and philosophy. Already an experienced world traveler (she has visited 14 countries), Perez-Franco will head to Spain, where she will teach English and volunteer with Mujeres Unidas Contra el Maltrato, an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of women who are victims of abuse.



**MEGAN J. FERGUSON** comes from Tualatin, Ore., and pursued a dual major in diplomacy and philosophy, as well as a minor in Asian Studies. Her Fulbright scholarship will take her back to Taiwan, where she has studied abroad. She will teach English on the islands in the Kinmen archipelago. In her spare time, Ferguson plays the upright bass.



**CYNTHIA SULARZ**, of West Milford, N.J., majored in diplomacy, international relations and modern languages, and minored in Eastern European studies. She has a passion for outdoor activities like hiking and she will head to Ukraine as an English-language teaching assistant. While there, she will also conduct research on how conflict in a war-torn country affects adolescent girls.



## MOVING ‘THE ROCK’

Since 1968, a Native American petroglyph (known as “The Rock” by generations of Seton Hall students and the Jennings Petroglyph by the archaeology and anthropology community) was housed in the middle of the Fahy Hall lobby.

The petroglyph depicts human and animal figures and is said to be the work of the Lenni-Lenape, a Native American people who lived in what is now New Jersey, Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania.

The petroglyph was found, excavated and contributed by former Seton Hall Professor Herbert Kraft — a leading archaeologist and authority on the Lenni-Lenape tribe — who died in 2000. Found on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River across from Dingmans Ferry, Pa., the petroglyph was removed to Seton Hall, according to the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, to save it from being covered by a lake to be formed by a dam that was ultimately never built.

Unfortunately, the petroglyph’s glass showcase broke after long use, and a new protective module would have obstructed wheelchair access to Fahy.

So “The Rock” — roughly 4 feet wide and 5 feet long and weighing 1,500 pounds — was moved to a new permanent home in the Walsh Library. The move is part of a reorganization of the Seton Hall University Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology collection, which includes more than 26,000 pieces of Native American, Asian and African art and artifacts — as well as some Greek, Roman and Byzantine pieces.

# SENDING A LIFELINE TO THE THIN BLUE LINE

IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE LIVES, COUNSELING STUDENT SGT. KENT SWANSON HAS A MISSION TO HEIGHTEN AWARENESS ABOUT SUICIDE AMONG POLICE OFFICERS.



Just two weeks before Idaho Falls police officer Kent Swanson began a course for an online master's degree in professional counseling at Seton Hall last fall, a SWAT team member in his department committed suicide.

"He was my cover when I was deploying my dog," says Swanson, a K-9 handler and crisis responder. "He was one of the strongest men I ever knew, emotionally, physically and every other way. He was the one you wanted at your side when going through the door."

The incident triggered Swanson to focus his counseling studies on developing an advocacy program to help prevent such tragedies in Idaho,

where "there is no organized effort to recognize or deal with the trauma police officers face." Nor are there police unions to push for psychological interventions, he says. The means of his advocacy? Spreading the word about mental-health resources that are already available to officers but are not often used.

Swanson has been sharing critical information at statewide Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) meetings and other venues. Reporting some success, he has made presentations about the warning signs of suicide to the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association and the Idaho Sheriffs' Association during their regular gatherings.

In a culture that prizes strength, obedience, no complaining and "where there is a great fear of appearing



weak,” stresses often add up in silence. The hopelessness and despair encountered on the job can be hard to deal with, Swanson says, noting that some officers respond by drinking — which can lead to absenteeism and increased pressure to perform from superiors.

The profile of the typical suicide among police officers is a male who has served from 15 to 19 years and is between 40 and 44 years old, according to statistics from the Badge of Life police mental-health organization, which promotes the emotional well-being of officers in the United States and Canada. The number of police suicides totaled 126 in 2012 (the latest year data was tabulated by the organization).

This figure represents “a substantial threat that is not being addressed,” says Swanson. There is no mandatory counseling in Idaho and police officers find it difficult to accept help, Swanson says. It therefore falls to upper-echelon officers to understand and spot the symptoms in advance of tragedy, he says. So Swanson sees his work as educating chiefs, lieutenants and sergeants across Idaho’s cities and many small-town departments about the issues in what he calls “a grass-roots effort.”

Swanson says that some of the warning signs of pre-suicidal behavior among police can include:

- Taking off a lot of Fridays;
- Not being available for “callouts” (emergency-duty assignments by K-9 and SWAT teams);
- An increase in the number of civilian complaints against an officer for rudeness and aggression on calls, and;
- A spike in these behaviors, which previously were not normal for the officer.

Nationwide, police suicides have declined from 143 in 2009, according to Badge of Life findings, and the organization speculates that this may be because of the kinds of education and support efforts Swanson is promoting.

“This is encouraging news,” the Badge of Life website notes, “that we tentatively attribute to the increased number of departments adopting peer-support programs and the increased willingness of officers, many of them younger, to seek professional assistance — not

only when they have a problem, but before problems develop through things like ‘mental-health checks’ done annually.”

Swanson, who chose Seton Hall because he “was drawn to the values, ethics and philosophy of the university,” plans to open a private counseling practice that specializes in police and military clients when he graduates. In the interim he has already helped fellow officers to understand that assistance is available to them. His department held a mandatory counseling session where officers received training and information, and participants were able to schedule a confidential meeting afterward with a professional counselor. Several did.

Capt. Darren Cook, the Idaho Falls department leader who helped Sgt. Swanson roll out the program locally, says he was initially skeptical of the “framework of a

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department-wide adjustment to how we address officer stress and identifying those officers who may need some help.” But after training in recognizing and helping such officers, the department has “made some progress in both morale and officer retention.”

Kyle Christopherson, president of the Idaho Falls FOP lodge, notes that the process of changing attitudes is slow. “We had requested to be put on the main agenda for the state meeting next month but the best we were offered was a breakout session.” Yet, “we have made major changes in all the agencies that are part of our local lodge and are using social media to reach out to others and team up with groups like the Code9Project (a New York-based support organization for first responders).” ■

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challenges.



**T**he dark ages of medicine.” That’s how former British Prime Minister David Cameron has characterized today’s era of “superbugs” — bacteria that respond to no antibiotic — and viruses that threaten a global health crisis. “We risk being in a post-antibiotic world,” says Dr. Thomas Frieden, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you bring up the topic of frightening superbugs with Seton Hall Associate Professor of Biological Scienc-

es Tin-Chun Chu, however, she might reach for a nice cup of hot tea. But not just to drink.

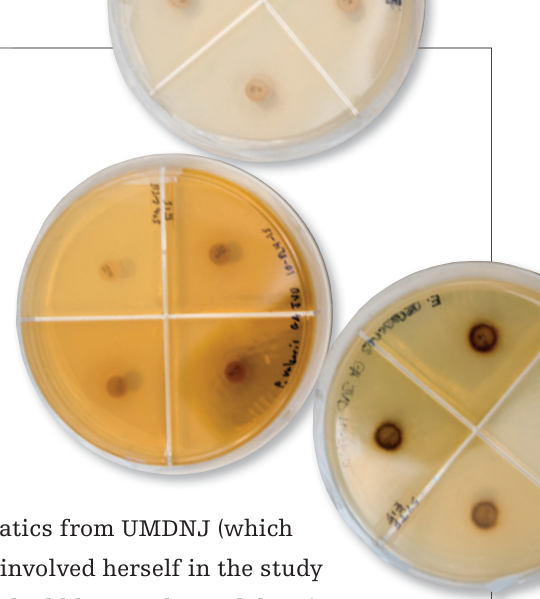
Chu’s research centers on polyphenols, or products of metabolism, in green and black tea. Combine them with lower-than-usual doses of antibiotics, Chu and her colleagues have discovered, and you’ve got a promising defense against bacteria — and even certain viruses, like herpes simplex.

It’s a dream combo, which boosts the effectiveness of antibiotics like Ampicillin more than 400 percent, Chu says.

Photo by Joy Yagid



# ism for that



"We're hoping to find something purely natural," says Chu, whose collaborators working on green tea are Stephen Hsu of Augusta University and Lee H. Lee of Montclair State University. Chu and her Seton Hall students have also investigated the properties of black tea.

"We see all of those horrible side effects from synthetic drugs," Chu continues, "where commercials tell you they solve one problem; then they give you 10 minutes about side effects. Now, we're thinking that if we're able to go back to the natural product and ingredients — anything already in our diet; some of the spices and herbs and stuff like that — we're thinking that since everyone says tea has a good health benefit, let's have the science prove it."

In fact, the trio has done just that: Their joint U.S. patent, awarded last January, confirms green tea's ability to inhibit endospores from the bacillus genus, which includes dangerous anthrax; and from clostridium, whose byproduct, botulinum, turns food deadly — implying that tea might be an excellent food preservative.

For her efforts, Chu was named Seton Hall University Researcher of the Year in 2013 and College of Arts and Sciences College Professor of the Year for 2013–14. This April, she was keynote speaker at the New Jersey branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Not bad for a Taiwanese immigrant — now in her late 30s — who arrived in New Jersey in 1998 to visit a cousin in Parsippany. Back then Chu, who goes by "Tina," was a student majoring in forestry at National Taiwan University, and that didn't resonate. So, she took up her cousin's suggestion to stick around and study locally.

Enrolling at Montclair State, she met Professor Lee, who had coincidentally attended the same high school and college back in Taiwan, and joined Lee's lab.

Moving up the academic ladder, Chu obtained her

Ph.D. in biomedical informatics from UMDNJ (which later became Rutgers) and involved herself in the study of cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms, those globs of green that float atop lakes and streams, which used to be called blue-green algae.

"Some strains of cyanobacteria can release toxins, and that's very scary," Chu explains, describing potential fatal effects to fish, and liver cancer in humans. One of the major toxin-producing cyanobacteria tainted Toledo, Ohio's drinking water in 2014, and before the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, caused Chinese soldiers to be dispatched to clean the rivers for rowing events by scooping up the blooms with their helmets.

"That's why we went to China," Chu says of work she did with Zhejiang University to isolate organisms called cyanophages, which kill the bacteria. She's now collaborating with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to detect the blooms and cyanotoxins before they take root in local waterways.

Nowadays, Chu is conducting research on two tracks: bloom-causing cyanobacteria (and their cyanophages) as well as natural products, including tea polyphenols.

On a recent spring day, Chu led a tour of her sunny lab crammed with equipment and — as part of her "natural" focus — a patchouli plant and tea extract. (No dangerous bacteria on site, she assured a visitor.)


"I love to integrate my research into teaching," said Chu of her teaching philosophy. "To learn science is to do science."

As for those tea extracts that take up her time, Chu offered a piece of useful advice: Drink your tea hot.

Chilling the tea weakens its antioxidant effects. ■

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A full-page photograph of a man with a goatee, wearing a black fedora, round sunglasses, and a light grey short-sleeved button-down shirt. He is leaning against a white textured wall with his hands in his pockets. The background is a blurred green lawn.

PROFILE | CHRISTOPHER HANN

# ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

WALTER “TRE” HOLLOWAY III '07  
TURNED A CHILDHOOD LOVE OF TAP  
INTO A BURGEONING CAREER AS  
A DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER.

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Walter “Tre” Holloway III ‘07 was always an artistic kid.

Growing up in Burlington Township in southern New Jersey, he took piano lessons and acted in school plays. But one day, when he was 12 or 13, he watched, mesmerized, as Gregory Hines glided across the TV screen in the feature film *Tap*, portraying a onetime tap dancer now paroled from prison and desperate for a comeback. Holloway was hooked. “There was something about the percussion,” he says, “that I couldn’t let go.”

Soon he signed up for tap classes at Miss Nina’s Dance Cues in nearby Westampton. (He also took ballet, although he drew the line when it came to donning the form’s traditional wardrobe, insisting to his father he would never wear tights.) In any case, a career was cast. “I knew I was going to dance then,” Holloway says.

He hasn’t stopped dancing ever since. Before enrolling at Seton Hall, Holloway earned a spot in *Tap Kids*, a traveling stage show. After graduating, he moved to California and earned jobs dancing in television commercials and music videos. Before long he was landing coveted gigs dancing behind big-name performers such as Whitney Houston, Nicki Minaj, Justin Bieber, Kylie Minogue, Robin Thicke and Alicia Keys.

Last December he served as a dancer and assistant choreographer in NBC’s widely lauded live version of *The Wiz*. And this summer Holloway danced behind the pop star Gwen Stefani on a cross-country tour that stopped in Seattle, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta and Toronto, among other cities. On July 19, Stefani and company performed at the 7,000-seat BB&T Pavilion, an outdoor arena in Camden, where “at least 20” of Holloway’s friends and family members attended. The tour ends in October with two shows at the 17,500-seat Los Angeles Forum.

“I’m one of the most competitive people I have ever met,” Holloway says. “I knew I would be here one day. It’s never been an arrogant thing, because I’m not like that. I knew when I came to L.A. I was going to do well. It’s just my work ethic, the way I carry myself.”

Holloway just might be the only professional dancer in America with a degree in finance (he minored in psychology). At Seton Hall, he received a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, which paid for his tuition. In his last three years, he worked as a resident assistant — one year in Xavier Hall and two years in Aquinas.

Holloway harbored no alternative career options when he moved to Southern California in February 2008, nine months after graduating from Seton Hall. As he says, “Going to college was never my Plan B.”

Starting out, he trudged from one audition to another and got accustomed to rejection. But the jobs began to trickle in. He danced behind Chris Brown at the Grammy Awards. He danced at the Academy Awards. He danced on Whitney Houston’s 2010 world tour, on Kylie Minogue’s 2011 “Aphrodite Les Folies” tour, and at the 2012 NBA All-Star game. He danced in music videos by Brown, the Black Eyed Peas and Cheryl Cole, the British pop star with whom Holloway shared a yearlong romance (their subsequent breakup became fodder for England’s tabloid press). Since arriving in Los Angeles eight years ago to chase his childhood dream, Holloway has never held a job other than that of dancer. These days it’s often the choreographers who come calling.

“He’s been able to be such a success because he’s put a lot of hard work into his craft,” says Tony Testa, a choreographer and a childhood friend of Holloway’s (they became fast friends when both were cast members in *Tap Kids*). “He’s got natural talent, and he’s worked very hard to hone it.”

These days, Holloway lives in Glendale, outside Los Angeles. It’s about 2,700 miles from Burlington Township, but on his bedroom wall Holloway keeps two reminders of home. One is a photograph, taken at Seton Hall’s 2007 graduation at the Izod Center, in which a beaming Holloway looks toward his family in the crowd and makes peace signs with both hands. (“Epic day,” he says.) The other is his Seton Hall diploma, framed. ■

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# good chemistry

*A lasting legacy from the  
53-year marriage of  
Sylvia and Tom Tencza,  
M.S. '64/Ph.D. '66.*

**A**s a biochemist, the late Tom Tencza, M.S. '64/Ph.D. '66 left a lasting mark by helping to create products such as Excedrin, Bufferin and NoDoz when he was senior director of product development at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Now, he and his widow, Sylvia, will leave another enduring legacy: a seven-figure commitment to the University that, upon her passing, will become the first endowed chair for the chemistry department from which he graduated a half-century ago.

Behind that commitment lies the story of a son of working-class Polish immigrants who "had a deep love for Seton Hall," says Sylvia Tencza. "He used to say, 'What I am today is because of Seton Hall.'"

Sitting in her kitchen serving coffee and sweets to a visitor, Sylvia talked of "a classy gentleman" whom she met through a cousin. The introduction came after Tencza returned in 1956 from Army duty in Japan, where he taught meteorology to Japanese nationals. A few months later she was wearing his class ring (from Columbia University, where he got a bachelor's degree in organic

chemistry) and was told: "When I go steady, I mean that marriage is my end point."

Tencza's integrity translated to his work life as well. In his first job, as a young researcher, he refused to falsify numbers on certain biochemical compounds he assayed, even when his superiors ordered him to do so, says his wife of 53 years. "He was a man of principle, part of his deep Catholic faith," she says, "and shortly after, he quit that company." The company no longer exists.

Tencza, who died in 2012 at the age of 80, was known at Bristol-Myers as a man who "led by example," according to Ara Nersesian, who was in charge of toiletries development at the company and worked with Tencza for close to 40 years. "Tom took care of his staff and was very encouraging," says Nersesian. "He was a great scientist and empowered his people to develop new products."

Tencza, who was proud of the Polish heritage he and Sylvia shared, was the first person in his family to earn a college degree. His pride in all things Polish motivated him to serve as a longtime member of the Chopin Singing Society, a 100-year-old choir that sings English and ethnic





songs during performances in the heavily Polish Wallington, N.J., area. He spent his teen summers helping his father and brother in the family masonry business, “mixing cement and carrying cinder blocks” until, as Sylvia tells the story, “his father said, ‘This work is not for you, sonny boy.’”

What was for him was chemistry. And that passion led him to enter the University’s inaugural class of chemistry Ph.D. candidates, which required his taking a one-year leave from Bristol-Myers to complete. It was a decision that paid off handsomely in laying the groundwork for his remarkable professional success at the company.

Tencza was a man with many interests. An avid gardener, “he loved to see things grow from seed,” Sylvia recalls. A natural instructor who Sylvia says would have made a fine teacher, Tencza will ultimately help further the education of students in a field he loved. “He always

wanted to do something that would make a difference in the chemistry department at Seton Hall,” Sylvia noted. And, over time, he and Sylvia will. Thanks to their generosity, The Thomas M. Tencza Chair in Chemistry will help underwrite a portion of the salary of a professor of chemistry at the University in addition to supporting research and other priorities in the department.

If University officials convince Mrs. Tencza, it might be called the Thomas M. and Sylvia T. Tencza Chair. But the habitually modest Sylvia isn’t budging so far. “I want Tom to get the maximum credit,” she says. ■

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FEATURE | MOLLY PETRILLA

# NEVER A DULL

**WEEKENDS** used to be a quiet time on campus, with most students heading out to visit families or friends.

These days, Seton Hall buzzes with energy and events every day of the week during the school year. From free outdoor movies to blue-themed festivals to sporting events and danceathons, it's easy to stay busy without ever leaving campus. And then there are the sponsored trips — to Red Bulls soccer games, paintball sessions and whitewater rafting outings — not to mention the slate of excursions to Broadway shows and the hottest pop concerts. There's also the ever-popular Seton Hall Weekend, which students and alumni can enjoy.

The change in campus atmosphere has been marked. Older alumni may remember a university primarily geared toward commuters, with empty parking lots and few activities when classes ended Friday afternoons.

This past year, however, 80 percent of the student body stayed in South Orange three or four weekends each month as a result of greatly expanded activities offered by Student Services and other University departments.

For instance, all freshmen living on campus now take part in the Department of Housing and Residence Life's "First 56 Days" program of activities that help them make friends, learn life skills and get to know the area. Parents are reminded, "If your student ever tells you that they have nothing to do, tell them to take a look on the back of their bedroom door." There hangs an oversized calendar full of activities every day of the week from late August through the end of October.

At Seton Hall these days, there's something for everyone to enjoy. What follows is small sampling of weekend events students could take part in over the past year.

Photos from left: Milan Stanic; Michael Paras; Milan Stanic





# MOMENT

## SCENES FROM WEEKENDS AT SETON HALL

# thursday

### THEATER

#### **A Little Night Music**

Student actor-singers pulled on Victorian hats, tuxes and poufy gowns for this classic Stephen Sondheim musical. The South Orange Performing Arts Center hosts Seton Hall student performances — including this theatrical one — only a mile from campus in its 439-seat main-stage theater. Whether performing or

watching from the audience, students say these productions are not to be missed. Last year's lineup also included *The Good Doctor* and the Broadway hit *The Way of the World*.

### LECTURE

#### **SHU Speaks: Brandon Stanton**

Students got the chance to hear firsthand from Brandon Stanton, the photographer and blogger responsible for the wildly popular "Humans of New York" blog. Stanton photographs ordinary people on New York City streets and shares their

personal stories with his millions of followers on social media.

### MUSIC

#### **Gentlemen of the Hall**

You can catch this popular a cappella group performing all around campus — and off campus too — on almost any given weekend. Last semester they hit PirateThon, Pirate Preview, a scholarship reception and several other events. They opened for a professional a cappella group on campus in April and were even tapped to sing the national anthem at a Mets game in 2014.



## ART

### Student Showcase

All the artwork in “Vivedly Obscure,” an art exhibition in the Walsh Gallery, was submitted by Seton Hall students and selected by a panel of professional artists. The media and subject matter varied as much as the students themselves — from photography to fine art to graphic design. A nighttime reception included the awarding of Best in Show and honorable mentions, and offered the student-artists a chance to meet attendees and discuss their work.

— before it even came out on DVD. The Student Activities Board organizes these free screenings of recent releases (last year included *Minions*, *Creed*, *Pitch Perfect 2* and *Inside Out*) and even supplies the snacks. When it’s chilly or raining, the show moves inside to the University Center. Occasionally things go retro, including a *Back to the Future* screening last fall — for which an original DeLorean came to campus.



## FOOD

### Seton Village Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival

Just steps from campus, Irvington Avenue fills up with 15 food trucks, two stages, three live bands and a craft beer garden for this annual fete. Sample everything from empanadas to lobster rolls to Thai fare, then top it all off with some banana soft-serve ice cream, Belgian waffles or decadent cupcakes. This street festival is fun for anyone, but a special delight for student foodies.



## MENTALIST

### Jim Karol

Thanks to years of brain training, Jim “Mind Over Man” Karol has been voted the World’s Greatest Mentalist and has appeared on almost every talk show out there. His high-energy live shows are more about “the science of brain power” than “magic,” and every Welcome Week he dazzles Seton Hallers. Feats include memorizing a shuffled deck of playing cards in under a minute, pinpointing information about audience members and knowing an absurd number of ZIP codes (80,000) and digits of pi (also in the thousands).



## FITNESS

### Cycling

On Friday afternoons, students can head over to the fitness center and take an indoor cycling class set to motivating music — burning up to 620 calories in the process!



## FILM

### Free Flick Fridays

Last fall, more than 260 students sprawled out on towels and blankets spread across the University Green to watch *Jurassic World* together

friday



saturday



## SERVICE

### Service on Saturdays

On certain fall Saturdays, students, alumni and Seton Hall employees — usually about 350 people — volunteer together in Essex and Union counties. This is a chance to stop texting and instead use your hands to paint, landscape, prepare meals or clean up local rivers and parks. Volunteer sites include the Community



Food Bank, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey and the Jersey City Cemetery.

## DANCE

### **PirateThon — Saturday/Sunday**

This annual dance marathon benefits The Valerie Fund — a local non-profit that supports children with cancer and blood disorders. Saturday night through Sunday morning, teams dance for 12 straight hours, pulling out everything from the “Cotton-Eyed Joe” line dance to moonwalks.

## SPORTS

### **Garden State Hardwood Classic and Bounce 'n Trounce**

Seton Hall and Rutgers have been rivals in men’s basketball for a century. They face off annually in this game, battling for a wooden Jersey-shaped trophy — and bragging rights, of course. Before tip-off, Seton Hall hosts Bounce 'n Trounce for 24 hours where students must keep a blue-and-white basketball constantly bouncing.

## FAITH

### **Feast of San Gennaro**

The Department of Housing and Residence Life sponsors a yearly outing to this beloved religious festival. A salute to the patron saint of Naples, the event draws more than a million people to New York’s Little Italy for music performances, food, lectures, live radio broadcasts and even a cannoli-eating contest.

## FESTIVAL

### **SHUchella Spring Fling**

Coachella provided the inspiration for this year’s Spring Fling Carnival — a Seton Hall tradition. A Ferris wheel and other rides fill Galleon Lawn, as do thousands of students. There are

fried Oreos, cotton candy, funnel cake and other carnival treats, and the Seton Hall Pirate celebrates his birthday. This year, the Filipino League surprised attendees with a flash mob — proving that no one can predict what will happen at the carnival.



# THE INSIDER'S VIEW

To get a better sense of how students view the weekend scene at Seton Hall, we asked some of them about the ways they kept themselves busy on campus. Here's what they had to say:



**TIM BEST, JUNIOR**  
**SPORTS FAN**

"I've probably gone to about 200 games in the two years I've been at Seton Hall. I have a lot of pride in my school, and I'm trying to get a big student fan base for all our sports. I helped start a group called the Bleacher Creatures for the baseball games and a Sign Mafia at the men's basketball games. Even some of the sports that don't sound as fun to watch, you'd be surprised to see how much fun the games are, especially when you go with your friends."

**HIGHLIGHT:** "I was there last season for all three BIG EAST tournament games when we won the championship. It was just an amazing experience."



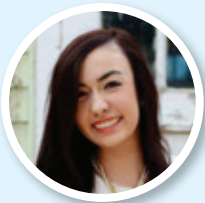
**BAILEY HOWELL, JUNIOR**  
**ARTS AFICIONADO**

"I do a lot of theater. I work on all the main stage shows — four a year — either acting or behind



the scenes, and next year I'm going to be a student producer for the Theatre Council. There are a lot of rehearsals on weekends, which means I'm always really busy — there's always something going on. Seton Hall also has a great relationship with the South Orange Performing Arts Center. They let students in for free, so I've seen tons of performances there. And there's New York City close by, where you can go and see Broadway shows for student or rush prices."

**HIGHLIGHT:** "The first show I was ever cast in was *Radium Girls*. I was a freshman and I think the audition was my second week of school. That just proves you can get involved as soon as you get to campus — and it proved to me that I picked the right school."



**TEAGAN SEBBA, SENIOR**  
**GREEK LIFE GURU**

"I'm in Alpha Gamma Delta. We each do about 20 hours of community service every semester, so many girls plan

that for the weekends. Recently I did a beach cleanup and volunteered at a women's home for domestic violence. There are also a lot of social events on the weekends and even sports: Many of the fraternities and sororities have intramural teams that play against each other. I come from out of state — Colorado. One of my big reasons for joining a sorority was that I'd have something to do on the weekends, and Greek Life has definitely kept me busy and kept me social."

**HIGHLIGHT:** "My big thing is civic engagement, and I realized some girls in my sorority weren't even registered to vote or didn't understand the election. It's been exciting this year having girls reach out to me and ask me to do a presentation about how they can become more involved and understand the issues and the candidates."

## WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE?

More and more Seton Hall students remain on campus now instead of venturing home or away for the weekend.

ON CAMPUS	2015-16	2009-10
3 or more weekends a month	80%	56%
1 to 2 weekends a month	17%	34%
Never stay on weekends	3%	10%

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE'S ANNUAL HOUSING BENCHMARK SURVEY.



# sunday

## FESTIVAL

### Blue Day

Seton Hall celebrates freshman convocation with this outdoor carnival. Expect maximum blue-ness wherever possible: blue rides, blue prizes for games, blue cotton candy and the annual Blue Day T-shirt. Music is provided by a local radio DJ, and carnival rides include chair swings and the Scrambler.

## FAITH

### Mass at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Inside the beautifully renovated, 150-year-old chapel, students, faculty and community members worship side by side. Weekend masses

accommodate any schedule, with four options on Sundays and two on Fridays. The chapel is also a favorite for alumni weddings.

## HOLIDAYS

### Giving Out Toy Tags at Masses

As part of Seton Hall's annual Christmas Toy Drive, toys for needy children are collected throughout December. In November, students distribute tags with a child's gender and age to people donating new holiday gifts. Collected presents are wrapped, then sent to families in need.

## FILM

### Screening of Student Documentary

More than 125 people turned up for the premiere of *Six*, a documentary film that students from the College

of Communication and the Arts made and edited. It chronicles the life of six senior citizens from South Orange, and debuted in a screening at the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

## SPORTS

### Subway Series

Watch the Mets/Yankees rivalry firsthand at Citi Field — and cheer on your favorite New York team. Last year the Yankees ended the Mets' 11-game winning streak in Game 1 of the series, held at Yankee Stadium. ■

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*A newly launched "Weekender" blog — [blogs.shu.edu/weekender](http://blogs.shu.edu/weekender) — will provide students with information to help them explore areas around campus—from South Orange to Manhattan.*



Photo by Michael Paras

# THE MAN

## WITH MILLION-DOLLAR IDEAS

NAMED AN INVENTOR OF THE YEAR IN 2015 BY THE NEW JERSEY INVENTORS HALL OF FAME, **WALTER ALINA '56** TRANSFORMED ENTIRE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES WITH HIS VISIONARY CONCEPTS

**T**he silicon wafers used to manufacture electronics in the early 1960s were the size of cookies, and to turn the wafers into semiconductors, ranks of women sat at benches in RCA's Somerville, N.J., plant, peering through microscopes and tweezing small indium dots onto them like sprinkles. It was slow and laborious work, straining the women's eyes and tendons. The process strained RCA's profit margins, too, in a competitive electronics industry.

Walter Alina '56 thought there must be a better way.

Alina was just a few years out of Seton Hall and a rising star at RCA who had already appeared on the cover of a trade journal, *Product Finishing*. An idea of his — to tin-plate transistor shells rather than coat them with

solder — had won a national competition the magazine sponsored, and had cut costs for RCA by 80 percent. He had made himself into an expert on electroplating — using chemical baths and electric current to, as he says, “take a cheap piece of metal and put a coating on it that will do the job of a very, very expensive piece of metal.”

One afternoon, he had an idea about how to get those dots onto those wafers without a battalion of squinting, tweezer-wielding women. “So I’m saying to myself, it just came to me one day, there’s no reason you can’t electroplate this,” he says. “So I did some experiments to show it was feasible.”

It was indeed feasible, and over the next several years he refined the process he had envisioned, which was patented in 1965. “RCA said this is so valuable to us we’re going to file this in 16 countries. The old record was 11,”







he says, paging through a folder of patent documents in multiple languages in his home in the Lakewood, N.J., retirement community that he shares with Lucille, his wife of 62 years. "The patent belongs to RCA but they had to take me out to lunch and they gave me \$150."

The process allowed RCA to make semiconductors more quickly and cheaply, and to keep abreast of its Japanese competitors. "This is the most important thing I have ever done in my life; that little brainstorm from one afternoon saved [the company] millions," Alina says.

And it was the achievement cited most prominently among his many others when he received an Inventor of the Year Award from the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame last October. "Mr. Walter Alina was responsible in a major capacity in developing and implementing ideas well ahead of his time," wrote the late Evan P. Zlock, engineering manager at RCA, in the letter nominating Alina. "His contributions were beyond the normal scope of manufacturing patents and improvements and resulted in millions of dollars of savings, higher quality, shorter delivery cycles. All of this at a time when competition was hottest and heaviest."

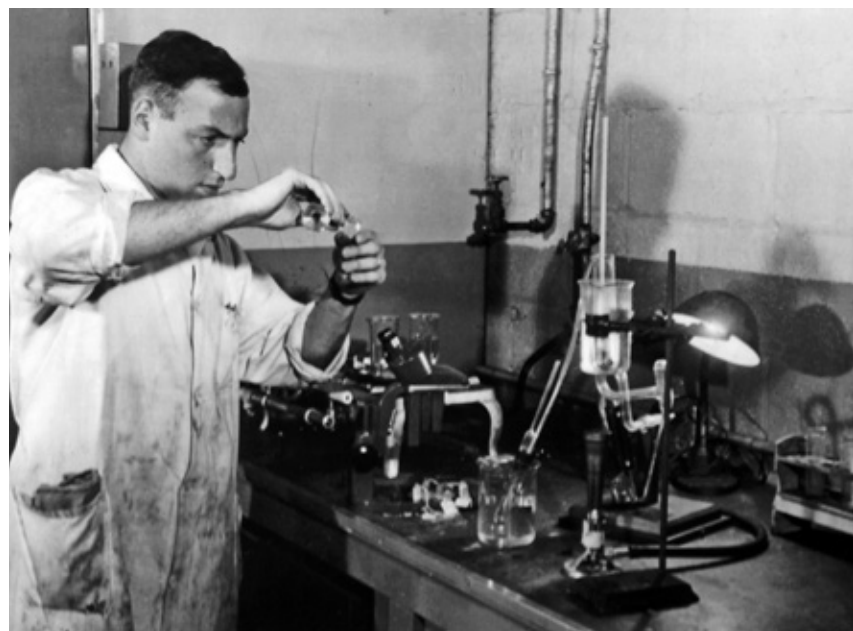
In his acceptance speech at the black-tie banquet in Hoboken, Alina invoked his father, a dentist. "I remember when I was a little boy, my father once told me that he had been fortunate to have lived through a time period that had the greatest scientific transformation the world had ever seen," he says. "I often thought about how fortunate I was to be able to participate and contribute to help shape some future transformations throughout my lifetime."

But if not for his father, Walter Alina might never have shaped anything.

Alina was born in Vienna in 1931 and grew up there in a decade when Jewish families like his felt increasingly threatened by the rise of the Nazi faction in nearby Germany. "My father saw the handwriting on the wall," he says. "He couldn't convince any of our family to get out. They thought it was going to blow over. Of course they all perished, the whole lot."

In early 1938, just before Germany seized Austria, Alina's father managed to get three visas for Finland. Walter, an only child, and his mother left first, followed a month later by his father. The first year was peaceful, Walter learning Finnish, and his father, who couldn't work as a dentist there, carting garbage in a hospital. But then the Soviet Union invaded, and bombs started falling. Sponsored by an aunt and uncle who had long lived in New York, they sailed for America in March 1940 on the SS Bergensfjord.

They settled in the Weequahic section of Newark, where his father worked first as a dental technician and then opened his own dental lab. Alina was placed in the second



**EARLY DAYS** Walter Alina at work in a Seton Hall laboratory in 1955

grade, where the teacher soon realized he didn't belong and took him to see the principal, who gave him an impromptu math test. "Fortunately I was very good at math," he says. "After I finished answering all the questions, the next thing I knew I was moved into the fourth grade."

He was good at piano, too. "My mother wanted me to be a concert pianist, you know how mothers are, and I said to her, 'I can think of better ways of starving to



**H**IS CONTRIBUTIONS WERE BEYOND THE NORMAL SCOPE OF MANUFACTURING PATENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND RESULTED IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF SAVINGS, HIGHER QUALITY, SHORTER DELIVERY CYCLES. ALL OF THIS WHEN COMPETITION WAS HOTTEST AND HEAVIEST.”

death,” he says. He chose Seton Hall for college and he majored in chemistry and minored in business, aiming for a career somewhere in the sciences. He wasn’t quite sure where, except that it wouldn’t be in his father’s business. “I told my father I needed something creative, that I’d like to build something, to do something with my own mind,” he says.

He surprised his mother one Wednesday when he was a freshman, tuning the radio in their living room to WSOU-FM before taking the bus to campus. “I told her, ‘At 3 o’clock just turn it on and listen,’” he says. He had earlier walked into the campus station and asked if there was a piano show he could play on. An impromptu audition — like that impromptu math test for the school principal — earned him his own half-hour slot, on Wednesday afternoons. “And so from then on my mother had a lineup of chairs and dishes of candy and peanuts and had her friends over to listen. She got off my back and she realized that I was going through with my science career.”

After two years as a full-time student, he switched to part-time, taking night classes at the downtown Newark campus and working days — selling wind-up toys to shops across New Jersey at first, and then as a lab manager at a chemical lab in Newark. “That’s where I fell in love with electroplating,” he says. “It became my specialty, sort of by accident.”

He had fallen in love, too, with the daughter of the owner of the Catskills hotel where he worked as a waiter the summer after his freshman year. He and Lucille were married in 1955 and have two children and three grandchildren. After he started working at RCA in 1958, Alina went back to night school, taking classes in metallurgy at Newark College of Engineering.

“You’ve got to know a lot of theory; you’ve got to know the basis of what you’re talking about, and you’ve got to study and study and study,” says Alina, who has published 40 technical papers. “Once you know this, you’ve got to find what you don’t know.”

He left RCA in 1973 for a plating company in Newark, and then spent the last 21 years of his career, until he retired in 2001, at General Magnaplate in Linden, which is best known for developing and making the metal coatings used on thousands of NASA’s space vehicle parts. He managed to get the company into the 1995 edition of *Guinness World Records* after noticing an error in an earlier edition of the record book, which listed Teflon as the “most slippery solid lubricant,” with a coefficient of friction of 0.04. Alina knew that Magnaplate’s Hi-T-Lube was lower, at 0.03, and the record was corrected, with much attendant publicity for him and the company.

“It was very big deal around here,” says Candida Aversenti, CEO of General Magnaplate, who keeps in her office a plaque with a laminated newspaper story about the Guinness record. Attached to the back is a handwritten note to Alina from her late father, Charles Covino, who started the company in 1952. (“Without your inspiration and perseverance this record would never have been recognized by Guinness. You are the greatest in my book,” it reads.)

Alina keeps a copy of that Guinness book, as well as many of his old college texts. “I love reading them, especially a lot of the metallurgy stuff. That doesn’t change,” he says. “It’s what they do with it that changes.” ■

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# An Unmistakable Voice in Pirate Sports

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It didn't take John Fanta long to make an impression on Seton Hall Vice President and Director of Athletics Pat Lyons. As a freshman, Fanta, a broadcasting wunderkind from Westlake, Ohio, sounded so good behind a microphone and proved so determined to master his craft, Lyons says he "used to kid John and say he was going to be a one-and-done."

One-and-done describes talented basketball players entering the NBA after just one season of college ball. Seeing — and hearing — Fanta's talent, Lyons figured he could skip the rest of school and enter the broadcasting field.

Fanta, who is now a senior, stuck around, and in three years he has become, in Lyons's words, "the face and the voice of Seton Hall athletics. He's as talented a student as I've ever come across."

Fanta is one of the lead play-by-play announcers for Seton Hall athletics through the Pirate Sports Network, a hard-working group of students who produce more than 50 live Pirates sporting events a year. He got his start as a freshman by announcing a women's soccer game, commenting so well on a sport he knew little about that he earned the attention of many people at the school.

But now he does much more, especially for the athletics department's website, [shupirates.com](http://shupirates.com). Fanta tells the story of Seton Hall sports with the weekly *On Deck* web show. He broadcasts many home events and works with the athletic communications staff to produce videos and handle media requests. He occasionally travels with the teams, taking trips where he is both a reporter and his own videographer. Among other gigs, he also works as a correspondent for the BIG EAST Digital Network.

There's no doubt Fanta has given a lot to the school, but to hear him talk, Seton Hall has provided him just as much. Comparing his relationship to the University to a marriage, Fanta says, "They've been nothing but great to me in giving me opportunity after opportunity, and in always being there for me. Any question I ask, they have an answer for me, always a helpful hand."

Even back in Ohio, where he grew up the oldest of four kids, local journalists wrote stories about Fanta's work ethic and skills as a young broadcaster, noting the traits that later won over the Seton Hall community. Although he remains a diehard fan of Cleveland sports, Fanta wanted to leave Ohio for school and decided upon Seton



Hall because of its location in the New York area, the Catholic education, and the people he encountered on his visit and during other interactions.

"They were always saying, 'We want you here. You can have an immediate opportunity,'" Fanta says.

Fanta seized those chances, not just with Seton Hall athletics, but also through internships with Westwood One Sports Radio, CNBC, and, this summer, with Fox Sports out in Los Angeles. When he enters the broadcasting world full-time, Fanta says, he could see himself in a variety of roles. Maybe he'll do play-by-play. Or perhaps he'll quarterback an entire crew as a studio host. He could excel with an insider-type role on the sidelines.

As he's shown at Seton Hall by doing everything, he possesses the talent to do just about anything. And when

he does graduate, Lyons says, "You're not going to replace him. He's beyond his years. He's got the work ethic; he's got the talent; he's got the maturity of someone twice his age. This kid is as good as they come."

But Fanta has one more year as a student, continuing to tell the stories of student-athletes who aren't just interview subjects, but peers. He understands what athletes go through in classes, and on campus he sees their human side.

"I feel honored to have the role that I have, and that's why I put in the hours that I do," he says. "The athletes keep me going, and my pursuit of a career keeps me going. And the fact that Seton Hall has trusted me with this role — that really keeps me rolling." ■

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**THE ART OF THE INTERVIEW** Fanta with 2015 Seton Hall Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Lou Cerchio '96.

# The Quiet Man

Ismael “Ish” Sanogo’s importance to the Seton Hall men’s basketball team can’t be measured in a nightly box score or in the season-ending statistics. As a sophomore on the 2015-16 team, Sanogo averaged just five points per game. But without Sanogo’s contributions, the Pirates would have never become the BIG EAST Conference Tournament champions.

During the season, head coach Kevin Willard called Sanogo the hardest-working kid he had ever coached. And the 6-foot-8 Sanogo’s toughness is especially evident on defense, where he battles centers or guards, big guys or little ones, fast ones or powerful ones. Those efforts

are difficult to measure, but his teammates and coach appreciate his unusual skills.

“He gave us so many options on the defensive end,” Willard says. “We could switch pick and rolls, we could trap pick and rolls. ... He’s a very smart young man and he studies the game. I know for me he was almost like a security blanket. ‘We can do this because Ish is out here.’ And that’s as good a compliment as I can give to a player.”

Sanogo performed like that at East Side High School in Newark, but as a freshman with the Pirates he didn’t play much. He felt frustrated, but did what he’s always done: “I could complain, but I knew if I kept working hard I’d get to where I am now. Because of my past experiences, I realized I had to work to get to where I wanted.”

Those past experiences off the court are why he feels comfortable handling anything on it. Originally from the Ivory Coast, Sanogo lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and moved to Chicago before settling in New Jersey. “Going through all that made me grow up early and realize nothing is ever guaranteed,” he says.

Sanogo picked up the nickname “Ish” in New Jersey, and it was at East Side where he displayed the defensive intensity that enticed Willard and his coaching staff. “You saw it in high school when you’d watch them practice. He always played the hardest and was always the toughest kid out there,” Willard says. “Anybody who works that hard and plays that hard is going to end up being a good player.”

Sanogo’s long arms and quick feet make him an elite defender, but “a lot of it is mental,” he adds. It’s about studying film and knowing an opponent’s strengths and weaknesses. “People say I’m able to guard guards; that’s because if you think like a guard you’ll be able to stop

**ON OFFENSE** Sanogo shoots over Villanova’s Kris Jenkins during the 2016 BIG EAST Championship final at Madison Square Garden.







#### ON DEFENSE

Sanogo defends Xavier's Myles Davis during the semifinals of the 2016 BIG EAST Championship at Madison Square Garden.

“ ‘We can do this because Ish is out here.’  
And that’s as good a compliment as I can give to a player. ”

—HEAD COACH KEVIN WILLARD

them. You know what their next move is.” And when he battles bigger players, “I have to be able to use my quickness and beat them to the spot. That’s again when I have to outsmart them and know where they’re going.”

Those abilities helped Seton Hall capture the 2016 BIG EAST title with a dramatic victory in Madison Square Garden over Villanova, a triumph that looked even more impressive a few weeks later when the Wildcats won the national title. Watching Villanova win the NCAA championship convinced Sanogo and his teammates they could compete with anyone in the country and could have made a similar run in the tournament if

they hadn’t had an opening-round loss to Gonzaga.

In the offseason, knowing the Pirates need more from him if they want to duplicate their 2016 success, Sanogo has been dedicating himself to improving on the offensive end, believing the work ethic he used to become a shutdown defender will transform him into a dangerous shooter. “He’s already putting the work in,” Willard says. “As he gets as much confidence in his offensive game as he has with his defensive game, I think you’re going to see another nice jump with him.”

Maybe then the statistics and box scores will reflect just how valuable Sanogo is to Seton Hall. ■



# alumni

## 50s

**Father Richard Rento '52** published his book *It's Not Necessarily So: A Senior Priest Separates Faith from Fiction and Makes Sense of Belief*, and discussed it at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Morristown.

## 60s

**Bishop Paul Bootkoski '62/M.Div. '75** retired from his position as the head of the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J. ... **Michael Camerino '64/J.D. '67** was named Somerset County (N.J.) Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Somerset County Business Partnership. ... **Robert Quinlan '68** celebrated his 30th year as an independent health insurance agent and broker. ... **Martin Tuchman, M.B.A. '68** was honored by New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Management, which is to be

renamed "The Martin Tuchman School of Management." ... **Dr. John Graeber '69** was elected president of the Academy of Laser Dentistry.

## 70s

**John Gatta, M.A.E. '70** was recognized by the Avon, N.J., school district for outstanding achievement after 26 years of service. ... **Robert Bzik '71** was appointed to the board of managers for the Somerset County (N.J.) YMCA. ... **Richard Riccardelli '71** retired from his position of chief of staff for combat support after 46 years with the office of the Secretary of Defense. ... **Martin Ustin, J.D. '71** was appointed to South Beach Spirits' board of directors in Florida. ... **Jerome Froelich Jr., J.D. '72** was elected president of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. ... **Alan Maio '72** was appointed a leader of the Sarasota County (Fla.) Commission, where he will preside over commission meetings. ... **William Meeker '72** received the highest national

award from the National Association of Realtors in Chicago. ... **John Yavelak '73/M.B.A. '79** stepped down from the Atlanta Quality Assurance Association of Georgia, where he served for six years, to focus on his new position as senior quality assurance analyst at General Motors. ... **Anthony Massi '75/J.D. '78** was appointed as a criminal court judge in Mercer County, N.J. ... **John Shannon '75/M.B.A. '77/J.D. '80** was inducted into *Irish Voice's* "Irish Education 100" Honor Roll. ... **John Hayes '76** was inducted into the New York American Marketing Association's Marketing Hall of Fame. ... **Kevin McEvoy '76** was appointed mayor of East Brunswick, N.J. ... **Josephine DeVito '78/M.S.N. '85** was a finalist for the Nurse of the Year Award from March of Dimes, in the category "Health Educator." ... **James Cahill, J.D. '79** will be honored at the Diocese of Metuchen's Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner for his leadership and service in the city of New Brunswick. ... **Walter Timpone, J.D. '79** was nominated to the New Jersey Supreme Court. ...

## Pirate Pride

Get your Seton Hall Pirate Pride bandana by requesting one at [www.shu.edu/alumni](http://www.shu.edu/alumni). Show off your pride anywhere!



**PRIDE IN ACTION** 1) G.A. Pavlick '87 shows his Pirate Pride 15,000 feet above Sussex County, N.J. 2) Several Washington Regional Chapter members gather together: Chris Kisco, M.A.'06/M.B.A.'06; Aaron Abbarno, M.A.'06; Linda Manus '09; Kelly Fink '06/M.A. '08 and Eduardo Vargas, M.A. '07. 3) Krissy May '14, Ashley Jefferson '15, Rich Allen '10 and Imani Wills '15 at the 2016 Young Alumni Reunion at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como, N.J. 4) David Claxton '83 photographed Michael Trusio, son of Mike Trusio '83, at Pikes Peak in Colorado earlier this year.





**E**mily Dell '06 travels the trendy highway of mobile entrepreneurship, driving new clothes directly to her customers in a fashion truck business called Runaway.

Her “mobile boutique” — a 24-foot Ford delivery van that inside resembles a chic store — holds a rotating stock of about 250 pieces of apparel plus accessories, providing a shopping experience on wheels.

Runaway takes the food truck idea and applies it to fashion, avoiding the high cost of rent.

“So many retailers are shuttering their doors because they can’t compete with online retailers with their overhead,” says Dell, now in her third year of business. “I’m able to continue to be out there year after year, offering my customers signature pieces.”

According to the American Mobile Retail Association, there are at least 500 mobile shops across the country that go where their customers are — street fairs, farmers markets, or downtown shopping districts.

Runaway is based in Hoboken, where Dell has a permit to park and sell. She also travels to festivals and is available for home parties, corporate events and fundraisers. The company recently started selling online to help cover the winter months, when travel is difficult and festivals are few.

Dell studied communications at Seton Hall, com-

ing east from Akron, Ohio, because she wanted to be near Manhattan.

Seton Hall has great marketing and communications programs, and has a great location, she says. “I saw a lot of students landing internships at really strong companies. It was a great opportunity for me.”

Dell ended up working at a few public-relations agencies after graduation, but “fashion was always an interest.”

“And I knew there was something that I wanted — to be my own boss and have the freedom that comes from entrepreneurial lifestyle,” she says. Fashion trucks were popping up, and she liked the flexibility they afforded.

Key to Dell’s success is her husband, Jonathan Kazary, who owns an auto-body shop in Linden. Not only did he take an older truck and refit it for the business, but he also maintains it, eliminating one of the major costs of running a mobile store.

The business itself was started with her sister, Hilary Dell, a fashion designer and buyer, who educated her on the clothing business. Her sister has since left to pursue other dreams, and Dell runs the operation solo.

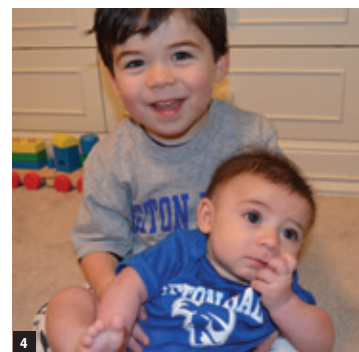
“You’re responsible for everything. You can’t pass the buck. You have to be aware and knowledgeable about everything, and it demands that you learn new skills.” | KIM DE BOURBON AND WILLIAM GOLBA, M.A. '16



## NEWS & NOTES



1. Willa Moroney, daughter of Kristin (Ominus) Moroney '05/M.A.E. '10 and Sean Moroney '06/M.B.A. '08.
2. Clara Burns, daughter of Courtney Burns '14 and Robert '14.
3. Kaylee Dale, daughter of Diana (Jones) Cecchini '06 and Greg '06.
4. Adrian William and Anthony Louis, sons of Jesse Dunn-Aguanno '01 and Anthony Aguanno '01.



## Pirate Babies

## Tying the knot



1. Maryan Nasralla '10/D.P.T. '14 and Johnathan Wicker '10 married on October 3, 2015.
2. Christina Vieira '08 and Scott Pollack married on April 18, 2015. In attendance were from left, Annemarie (Stanislawczyk) Kehler, M.A. '08, Maggie Magro '88, Valentina (Magro) Gabriele '03, Jose Rebimbas '90/M.A. '92, Suzy (Rebimbas) Azevedo '96, Heather Valente '09/M.A. '10, Frank Valente '09, and Lisa (Vale) Rebimbas '93/ M.P.A. '96.
3. Joseph Carino '97/J.D. '00 and Marie Spaccarotella married on January 23, 2016.
4. Chelsea Collins '09 and Sean Brennan '09 married on August 15, 2015.



# alumni

**Francis Vernoia, J.D. '79** was transferred to the Appellate Division of Superior Court, New Jersey's intermediate appellate court.

## 80s

**Clay Constantinou, J.D. '81** rejoined Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in the law firm's Woodbridge, N.J. office. ... **Robert Copeland '81** was appointed superintendent of Lower Merion School District in Montgomery County, Pa. ... **Leonard Gleason, J.D. '81** was named general counsel of The Provident Bank in Iselin, N.J. ... **Margaret (Preston) Matzen '81** was honored as one of Somerset County's 2016 Outstanding Women. ... **Robert Munch, M.B.A. '81** was elected to the board of directors for NuStar Energy. ... **Peter Roselle '81/M.B.A. '86** served on the faculty at the Rutgers University Business School's Ethical Leadership Institute's Corporate Responsibility Certificate Program. ... **Judith Rattner '82/M.A.E. '93** was selected as New Jersey's 2016 candidate for the American Association of School Administrators' National Superintendent of the Year Award. ... **Damian Braga, M.B.A. '83** retired from his position as president at Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi, a public-health company, after 27 years with the company. ... **Todd Tersigni '84** was elected town council president in Phillipsburg, N.J. ... **Cheryl (Swody) Nigro '85** launched The Marketing Agents, a health-care marketing agency in Summit, N.J. ... **Thomas Considine '86/J.D. '89** was appointed CEO of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. ... **Kathleen Cunningham '86** was named Citizen of the Year of Spring Lake, N.J. ... **Theodore Spera '86** was selected to run for Scotch Plains, N.J., town council by the Scotch Plains Republican Committee. ... **Raymond Bogan, J.D. '87** was appointed United States recreational commissioner of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas by President Barack Obama. ... **Brian O'Brien '87** was featured on the

website Broadway Box, where he shared his experience as a performer of the Broadway show *Chicago*. ... **Mary Ellen Clyne '87/M.S.N. '93/Ph.D. '12** was named grand marshal of the Nutley, N.J. annual St. Patrick's Day parade and recognized for her excellence in clinical care. ... **Perry Mandarino '87** will serve as senior managing director and head of corporate restructuring for B. Riley & Co. LLC's new restructuring solutions team. ... **John Cavan, M.B.A. '88** was appointed chief financial officer of ContraVir Pharmaceuticals. ... **Margaret (Cenci) Frontera '88** was promoted to director of corporate responsibility and government affairs at the Sealed Air Corporation. ... **Kathleen Hopkins '88** was elected as a fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. ... **Michael Leanza '88/M.B.A. '91** was named a Five Star Wealth Manager by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine for the fifth consecutive year. ... **Peter Ryan '88** was appointed Superior Court judge serving Ocean County, N.J. ... **Stephen Waldis '89** was named to Synchronoss Technologies Inc.'s board of advisors for its new Enterprise Business Unit.

## 90s

**Michael Murray '90** became the new director of marketing of Whiteman, Osterman, and Hanna LLP, an Albany, N.Y., law firm. ... **John Sweeney, J.D. '90** was appointed to the board of trustees of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, a historical site in Bedminster, N.J. ... **Vivian (Lugo) Caruolo '91/J.D. '94** joined the Rhode Island state board of education's Council on Postsecondary Education, appointed by Gov. Gina Raimondo. ... **Kristin Corrado, J.D. '91** is running for nomination to the state Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey in 2017. ... **Marlene Timberlake D'Adamo '91** was named chief compliance officer by the California Public Employees' Retirement System. ... **Margaret Davino, M.B.A. '91** was promoted to partner in Fox Rothschild's Health Law Practice Group. ... **Patrick**

**Duncan Jr., J.D. '91** was named to *Irish Voice's* "Irish Education 100" Honor Roll. ... **Edward Lynskey, M.A.E. '91/Ed.S. '99/Ed.D. '01** was awarded the Veterans Graduate Award by Berkeley College military students at their annual Salute to Veterans Gala. ... **James Nigro '91** was appointed executive vice president, chief risk officer of Lakeland Bank in Oak Ridge, N.J. ... **Carol Bianchi, J.D. '92** was appointed mayor of Bernards Township, N.J. ... **Ruth Calas, M.B.A. '92** was appointed director of philanthropy at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital in Blue Hill, Maine. ... **Sandra Colyer, M.B.A. '92** was appointed vice president of operations and finance for Christopher Guy Americas, a luxury furniture company. ... **Samuel Cullari '92** joined the Reed Smith LLP Information and Innovation Group as counsel in the law firm's Philadelphia office. ... **Josephine (Calandra) Swiss '92** was promoted to senior interior designer for DesignPoint Inc. of Bethlehem, Pa. ... **Kenneth Jennings, M.Div. '93** was named principal of Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda, Calif. ... **David Almroth, J.D. '94** was appointed partner at the law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in New York. ... **Rita Dyer, M.S.N. '94** was the lead speaker at the SAGE Eldercare educational program "Facing Medical Decisions," focused on making difficult medical decisions while hospitalized. ... **Ralph Ferraro, M.B.A. '94** was named senior vice president of Lincoln Financial Group's Retirement Plan Services. ... **Mary Jolley, J.D. '94** was appointed to the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. ... **Ronald Mieczkowski, M.A.E. '94** was appointed deputy chief of the Edison, N.J., Police Department. ... **Kathy Qasim, J.D. '94** was appointed to Superior Court by the New Jersey Senate. ... **Christopher DeGrezia, J.D. '95** is vice-chair of the board of trustees for the D&R Greenway Land Trust Fund based in Princeton, N.J. ... **Laura Zaplishny, M.S.T. '95** was inducted into the 2016-17 VIP Women of the Year Circle by the National Association of Professional Women. ... **Paula Cozzarelli, M.P.A. '96** was appointed director

of personnel for the city of Clifton, N.J. ... **James Cryan '96** was appointed as business administrator in the town of West New York, N.J. ... **Danielle (De Vita) Cerza, J.D. '96** was named executive vice president of real estate at Simon Premium Outlets. ... **Megan Gajewski, J.D. '96** was promoted to partner at the Kelley Kronenberg law firm. ... **Filipe Pedroso, J.D. '96** was recognized by Kean University's Office of Africana Studies with the 2016 Award of Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Global African Community. ... **Paul Prior, J.D. '96** presented a seminar on government programs for adults with developmental disabilities as part of the "Spectrum of Options Seminar Series," hosted by The Children's Institute of Verona, N.J. ... **Bruce Hyde, M.S.T. '97** was appointed partner by the New York City law firm Round Table Wealth. ... **Jennifer Mazawey Vinosky, J.D. '97** was named among *NJBiz* magazine's "Best 50 Women in Business." ... **Jennifer Faliveno '98** was featured in Denville, N.J., school district's monthly faculty spotlight for her volunteer efforts. ... **Kelly (Carroll) Gaughan, J.D. '98** was named one of Northeast Pennsylvania's "Top 25 Women in Business" by *The Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal*. ... **Andrew Lilley '98** directed and produced *I'll Knock a Homer for You: The Timeless Story of Johnny Sylvester and Babe Ruth*, which won the Home Grown Documentary Award at the Garden State Film Festival. ... **Karin Mellina, M.A.E. '98** was named the principal of Coronado Middle School in California. ... **Victoria Ribon, M.S.H.R. '98** was named director of human resources at Integrity House, a substance abuse rehabilitation organization. ... **Mark Sparta, M.P.A. '98** was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer of Hackensack University Medical Center. ... **Kristin (Volk) Hayes, J.D. '99** received the Morris County Bar Association's Pro Bono award. ... **David Paprota, M.A.E. '99/Ed.D. '12** has retired from his position as emergency management coordinator for the Lacey Township, N.J., police department.

## 00s

**Laura Weitzman, Ed.D. '00** began directing a program providing consultation and counseling for children with special needs and their caregivers, created by the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey. ... **Nathan Milliron '01** was recognized by *Law & Politics* and *Texas Monthly Magazine* on the "2016 Texas Rising Stars List." ... **Quovella Spruill, M.A. '01** became the first African-American woman to serve as the chief of detectives at Essex County, N.J., Prosecutor's Office, and received the Coretta Scott King Leadership Award at Essex County's 13th Annual African-American History Month Celebration. ... **Michael Belcher, M.A. '02** was promoted to police captain by the Toms River Police Department. ... **Adam Ford, J.D. '02** co-founded the Ford O'Brien LLP law firm in New York, specializing in securities litigation, arbitration, regulatory enforcement and white-collar criminal defense. ... **Alexandra Gallo, J.D. '02** joined New Jersey State Bar Association's board of trustees. ... **Michael Pfeiffer '02** was appointed to the Long Island chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals board of directors. ... **Robert Adams Jr., M.P.A. '03** was appointed chief operating officer for Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin, N.J. ... **Michael Bevacqua, J.D. '03** joined the law firm Mandelbaum Salsburg, working as co-chair in the banking litigation and consumer finance defense practice group. ... **Dr. Christine Chansky, J.D. '03** was appointed chief regulatory officer for Calmere Therapeutics of Connecticut, a chronic pain and wound care company. ... **Angel Diaz, J.D. '03** donated ancient coins and bone relics to Saint Andrew the Apostle Church of Clifton, N.J. ... **Obadiah English, J.D. '03** will lead Mannion Prior's new practice in Bucks County, Pa. ... **Marc Fedorchak, M.S. '03** was promoted to detective by the borough of Oradell, N.J. ... **Simon Filip '03/M.A. '04/M.S.T. '11** has been named a partner at Kreinces, Rollins, & Shanker LLC, a certified public accounting firm in Paramus, N.J. ... **Christopher lu, J.D. '03** was named acting insurance fraud prosecutor for New Jersey, oversee-

ing investigations of insurance and Medicaid fraud. ... **David Walsh, M.B.A. '03** was nominated to the Hamilton Township, N.J., economic commission. ... **Nancy Fitterer, M.A. '04** was appointed chief of staff for the New Jersey attorney general. ... **Gregg Bateman, J.D. '05** was appointed partner by the New York City law firm Seward & Kissel. ... **Anthony Bocchi, J.D. '05** rejoined Sokol Behot of Hackensack, N.J., as a partner. ... **Max Dolgopyat, M.S. '05** became a certified registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists. ... **Kristina Trauger, J.D. '05** was promoted to partner at the law firm Haynes and Boone LLP. ... **Jennifer Young, J.D. '05** was named to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County's corporate advisory board. ... **Erwin Cablayn, M.H.A. '06** was named the director of East Asian operations for the nonprofit organization First Cause. ... **Kimberly Kempton-Serra, J.D. '06** was promoted to partner of Garfunkel Wild, P.C. ... **Shane Giblin '07/M.A. '09** was named chief advancement officer of Saint Michael's Abbey in Silverado, Calif. ... **Kevin Hajduk, Ed.S. '07** was named principal of John F. Kennedy Elementary School in South Plainfield, N.J. ... **Samuel Kenward '07** was named head of commercial training for fitness at Lifetime Training. ... **Justin Stanislaus '07** self-published his second children's book, *Gregory McFlea the Excitement B*. ... **Dr. Alanna Guzman '08** started a general surgery residency at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences campus. ... **Cynthia Hawkins, M.A. '08** was appointed a juror of a photography exhibit at Dansville ArtWorks Gallery of N.Y. ... **Matthew Marino, M.A. '08** is running for the borough council of Bernardsville, N.J. ... **Triantafillos Parlapianides, Ed.D. '08** co-wrote the book *Class Dismissed: Lessons of Survival*, which details the rebuilding of Seaside Heights Elementary School following Superstorm Sandy. ... **Timothy Purnell, Ed.D. '08** was named 2015 New Jersey Association of School Administrators' Superintendent of the Year. ... **Todd DeLaney, M.B.A. '09** was named the executive director of Seabrook, a retirement community in Tinton Falls, N.J. ...



## Young Alumni Tour the Pocono Wine Trail

For the second consecutive year, the **YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB** organized an April wine tour. More than 30 young alumni (those who have graduated in the past 10 years) gathered for a day of wine tasting on the Pocono Wine Trail in Pennsylvania, visiting three vineyards and sampling multiple wine pairings along the way.



## Easter at the Hall

Alumni and their families made their way to campus in March for a special Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a day of fun-filled Easter activities including an Easter egg hunt, cookie decorating and photos with the Easter Bunny.

*Above: Guests at the 2016 Easter at the Hall event take a moment to pose with the Easter Bunny*

## We Salute You, For All You Do

Alumni Relations hosted more than 140 volunteers at the Newark Club on May 9 as one small token of appreciation to those who gave their time and talents to Seton Hall over the past year.

We are extremely grateful for each and every one of the loyal – and proud – alumni, family and friends who help the University continue its long legacy of service.

To learn about the various ways you can give back, visit [www.shu.edu/go/volunteer](http://www.shu.edu/go/volunteer).



*Members of the Student Alumni Association Alexa Elliott '18, Jessica Stivers '18, Marisa Harding '18, and Laura Tecza '18 at this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner.*

## ALUMNI BENEFITS

**Don't Miss Out!** Are you taking advantage of all the benefits available to you as a Seton Hall graduate?

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### Upcoming Alumni Events

 <b>Seton Hall Alumni Board Reception</b> August 13-14 Seton Hall University and Grand Sumner Hotel Manhattan, NY	 <b>Black Alumni Weekend</b> August 13-14 Seton Hall University and Grand Sumner Hotel Manhattan, NY	 <b>Summer Baseball Series</b> August 13-21 Boston, MA San Francisco, CA Charlotte, NC
 <b>Seton Hall Weekend</b> September 23-25 Seton Hall University	 <b>Golden Phoenix Reunion - Class of 1995</b> September 25 Seton Hall University	 <b>College of Nursing Welcomes Alumni</b> September 28 Highstown Park, West Orange, NJ

[View the full calendar >](http://www.shu.edu/alumni)

### In The News

 Seton Hall University Celebrates the Black Leadership NewsSource: The Atlantic, News and more	 Hall on the NYU 2016 Forum College of Communication and the Arts	 Marisa Harding Wins Student Association Scholar Leadership Award NewsSource: The Atlantic
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## PIRATE PRESS

**Do you receive** the alumni *Pirate Press* e-newsletter? Subscribe and receive exclusive discounts on Seton Hall merchandise as well as special promotions. To subscribe, email Alumni Relations at [alumni@shu.edu](mailto:alumni@shu.edu).

## YOU'RE IN BUSINESS

**Alumni Relations creates opportunities** for business leaders and rising executives to connect with one another and with current students. Many of our alumni in the corporate world serve as mentors and internship providers. To get involved, contact John Borgese at [john.borgese@shu.edu](mailto:john.borgese@shu.edu).

**Mitchell D'Rozario '09** was published as first author in *Cell Reports*, for his work with Drexel University on schizophrenia. ... **Kurt Wubbenhorst '09** expanded his company, Architekt Music, opening a new site in Glen Rock, N.J.

## 10s

**Ivette Febo, Ed.S. '11** wrote a children's book titled *Daddy-OH*, recently published by RoseDog Books. ...

**Matthew Dzialo, M.A. '12** was appointed operations manager for Diamax Information Systems and Eastern European Affiliates in Vienna, Va. ...

**Valerie Rossi, M.P.A. '12** was elected to the 2016 board of directors for Healthcare Leaders of New York, a local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. ... **Nicholas Stratton, J.D. '12** was appointed managing associate attorney at Denbeaux & Denbeaux family law practice. ...

**Beth Bickerton '13** wrote an article on ecotourism for *Global Public Policy Watch*. ... **Jessica Chambers, Ed.D. '13** was named the associate vice president of enrollment management

for The College of Southern Maryland. ... **Kimberly Harrigan, M.A.E. '13** was named principal of Visitation Academy in Paramus, N.J. ... **Lauren Hoisl '13** spoke to students at Corpus Christi School in Connecticut about her experience as a Peace Corp volunteer in Mozambique. ... **Carla Tharp, Ph.D. '14** was appointed dean of students at Salem State University. ... **Aaron Taylor '15** was accepted to Tel Aviv University's Conflict Resolution graduate studies program.

## Baby Pirates

**Jessie Dunn-Aguanno '01** and **Anthony '01**, a boy, Adrian William, on August 16, 2015.

**Kristin (Ominus) Moroney '05/M.A.E. '10** and **Sean '06/M.B.A. '08**, a girl, Willa, on March 24, 2016.

**Diana (Jones) Cecchini '06** and **Greg '06**, a girl, Kaylee Dale, on March 11, 2016.

## Marriages

**Joseph Carino '97/J.D. '00** to Marie Spaccarotella

**Emily Dakin '08** to **Michael Zoller '11**

**Chelsea Collins '09** to **Sean Brennan '09**

**Damiano Spano, M.A. '09** to Laura Chesonis

**Amanda Muti '10** to **David Marconi '11**  
**Maryam Nasralla '10/ D.P.T. '14** to  
**Jonathan Wicker '10**  
**Kaitlyn Patire '10** to **Michael Urciuoli '10**  
**Katherine Zatta, D.P.T. '14** to **Michael Jovellanos, M.S. '13**  
**Meghan Conda '06** to **Stephen Wilson '08**



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## Margaret C. Haley Awards

Monday, September 26, 2016

Graduates of the College of Nursing are invited to celebrate the success of their fellow alumni at this annual event.

For information on this year's honorees or to register, visit the event page at [www.shu.edu/go/haley](http://www.shu.edu/go/haley)



Last year's winner of the Margaret C. Haley award Jane Dellert '68/M.S.N. '86 stands with Dean Marie C. Foley.



**B**arbara Mucha '05 is a standout computer programmer in a field dominated by men — so much so that RecruitLoop.com named her one of the top 10 female full-stack developers in New York City. (Full-stack developers are those who can work with both front-end and back-end technology.)

"People associate computer science with computer games," Mucha says. "I think there's a great disconnect between what people think a computer scientist does and what we actually do."

After graduating from Seton Hall and earning a master's from SUNY Stony Brook, she worked at Anheuser-Busch to develop software that automates the brewing process, allowing for greater consistency. She went on to Goldman Sachs, where she developed trading software that managed millions of dollars of transactions each day. Then she worked to develop and manage customer relationship management software at Starwood Hotels and Resorts.

Now the director of engineering at PlaceIQ, Mucha manages the team responsible for creating and maintaining the company's data analysis products. Mucha herself served as lead developer on PlaceIQ's flagship product, Place Visit Rate, a first-of-a-kind

metric that measures actual foot traffic driven to locations by media campaigns. PlaceIQ uses information collected through mobile devices to help companies better engage with customers.

Throughout her career, one thing has remained consistent: Women have been vastly underrepresented in programming. "Some companies are better than others, maybe 35 to 40 percent female," she says. "But I've never heard of a 50/50 office."

Mucha believes early exposure to computer science in fifth or sixth grade would help girls discover interest and talent for programming. Role models, too, can make a difference. "Having successful women in the field to look up to can help a lot," she says.

On the last point, Mucha has already done her part.

| WILLIAM GOLBA, M.A. '16



## Golden Pirates Reunion

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

Alumni of the Class of 1966  
are invited back to Seton Hall to  
celebrate their 50th reunion.

Visit [www.shu.edu/goldenpirates](http://www.shu.edu/goldenpirates)  
for event information and to  
purchase tickets.



## In Memoriam

George T. Boutsikaris '41  
 Raymond J. Mistretta Sr. '42  
 Frank N. Clark Jr. '47  
 Henry S. Parow '47  
 William J. Amberg '48  
 Rita S. James '48  
 William F. Philburn Jr. '48  
 Joseph Casciano '49  
 Edward Dorian Sr. '49  
 Frank D. Fox '49  
 Violet (Wiechmann) Hohl, M.S. '49  
 Frank G. Boye III '50  
 Eugene B. Cizynski '50  
 Robert A. Lind '50  
 Allan J. MacDonald '50  
 John T. Mielach Sr. '50  
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 Robert M. Novack '54  
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 Walter W. Burk Sr. '66  
 Michael Fowler '66/M.A. '68  
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 Geoffrey P. Power '66  
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 Richard J. Donohue, J.D. '67  
 Theodore C. Link, M.B.A. '67  
 Robert W. Nann '67/M.A.E. '72  
 Thomas Peacock Jr. '67  
 Richard A. Rafanello Sr., J.D. '67  
 Morris J. Sutter, M.A.E. '67  
 Thomas Casavant, M.A.E. '68  
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 Lawrence L. Lupi, M.B.A. '68  
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 Kathleen (Woods) Nish '68  
 William O. Perkins Jr., J.D. '68  
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# Broadcast Luminaries

Seton Hall's student-run radio station, WSOU, hosted its now-annual Hall of Fame ceremony in April to celebrate the accomplishments of several WSOU alumni. More than 120 fellow Pirates were in attendance for the induction of Bernie Wagenblast '78, Bob Picozzi '72 and Stephanie Wightman '08, who earned a place in the Hall of Fame in the Most Distinguished Young Alumna category.



From left, are Stephanie Wightman, Bernie Wagenblast, and Bob Picozzi

# Join the Club!



Seton Hall's Alumni Club program brings together graduates with similar career, service and social interests as well as affinities.

Joining or starting an Alumni Club is a great way to stay connected. The club you choose may be based on a passion you had during your college years or may be sparked by a new interest. Visit [www.shu.edu/alumni](http://www.shu.edu/alumni) for more information.



Amanda Muti '10 and David Marconi '11 married on September 27, 2015.

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# A Pathway Into the Lab

*Since 1989, Seton Hall University has been the beneficiary of an important program that helps women gain a foothold in the sciences. Established by Clare Boothe Luce, an accomplished author, politician and U.S. ambassador, the program that bears her name is one of the most significant sources of support for women in science, engineering and mathematics. Its grants fund undergraduate student scholarships and summer research programs, graduate fellowships and assistant/associate professorships. To learn more about how the program works at Seton Hall, magazine editor Pegeen Hopkins spoke with Wyatt Murphy, a professor in the University's department of chemistry and biochemistry, who serves as one the program's administrators, along with professors Carolyn Bentivegna, Laura Schoppmann and Nick Snow.*

## What are the Clare Boothe Luce Program's main objectives?

To encourage women to first study, then teach in science, mathematics and engineering. Part of the reason Clare Boothe Luce created the initiative was to help provide women with opportunities for faculty positions and positions of leadership. Luce was Catholic, and Seton Hall was included in her will, along with a small group of other schools, specifically because of its Catholicity.

## How does the grant program work?

The national Henry Luce Foundation holds the program's grant money, and each year, it allocates about \$300,000 to the University. The Seton Hall faculty committee recommends specific candidates — either undergraduate students or faculty — to the grants office. Then the grants office submits these candidates to the foundation for their approval.

## How has the program improved?

The grant money became more effective when we introduced the mid-career program, which was an idea that emanated from Seton Hall and was embraced by the Luce Foundation. Originally, scholarship students were funded for all four years and were selected before they entered



Seton Hall. Then we asked, "Is there a way we could fund students for just the last two years of their studies?"

When students apply as incoming freshmen, you have an imperfect view of their capabilities. You only have their SATs, GPA, class rank and whatever letters teachers write for them. What we found was that another, non-scholarship, student would come in, and she might look just OK on paper before she started college. But the student turned into a superstar when she got into our classes. You'd say, "I wish we could support this student."

So, through a collaboration between the financial aid office, the committee and the University grants officer, we came up with a program where we began to evaluate potential scholarship students either halfway through sophomore year or junior year. We looked specifically at what students achieved academically here at Seton Hall. Over the years, the faculty have learned to identify potential mid-career candidates who have demonstrated excellent performance in the classroom and have shown an interest or proficiency in a research environment.

And we found that the yield of students going on to higher levels of education was much better with the mid-career program.

The funding from the program can make a life-changing difference. In one instance, a student had a dad who was in the National Guard and was called up to serve in Iraq. Then when he got back from deployment, he had a heart attack. The student was either going to get additional funding or have to quit Seton Hall and move back to Florida. She was a great researcher; she had the grades. With the availability of a mid-career grant, we were able to cover the cost of attendance and allow her to stay at Seton Hall. She eventually earned a master's degree and is now working as a forensic chemist. That is a success story.





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