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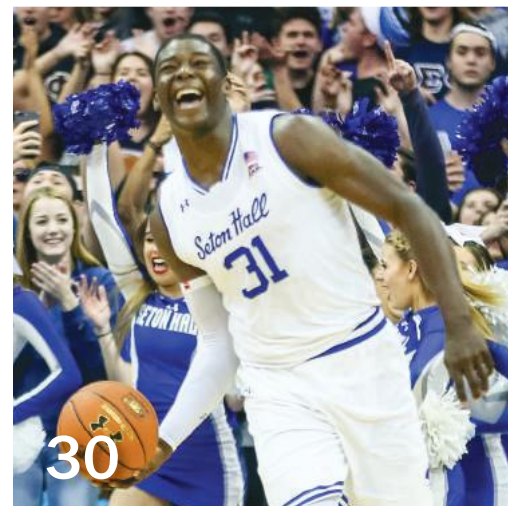
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Our Home

FOR THE MIND, HEART AND SPIRIT

How do we say goodbye to a place we have called home for the past decade? To a family comprising faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni, friends of the University and our beloved priest community? To a community that nurtured and helped our daughter grow intellectually, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually?

A few months ago, my family and I were on our way to Manila for a visit, and I found myself with the rare occasion for solitude and introspection. In my mind, we were heading “home” to the place where my wife and I were born and the place where we attended college, met, and got married. However, as is the case with most immigrants, the whole notion of “home” is a little more complicated.

Back in the United States, home to me and my family is Seton Hall. Not only have I worked for Seton Hall, I have lived next to campus, separated by a gate through my backyard. While it has been convenient, I have also gotten to hear every car alarm that goes off at 2, 3 or 4 in the morning and could feel every truck that bumped along Seton Drive starting at 4 a.m. Living where I have, I’ve developed a good sense for the rhythm of the University.

We consider Seton Hall home because it is where we wept and prayed as a community at the loss of Jessica Moore almost seven years ago. It is home because we

stood as a community, united in grief yet resolute in our determination to move forward. It is home because our community of priests was there to provide the spiritual and emotional support we needed as we grappled with the loss.

Seton Hall is home because it is a welcoming place. It welcomed me during my first year at the University, when I was alone. I remember getting to meet the late Monsignor Cafone and realizing we shared one great passion: food! Over the next few years, my wife Jo and I got to know the whole priest community as we broke bread with them over many meals, and we realized that each member of the priest community brought a unique gift to Seton Hall. Our lives have been forever enriched and blessed with their presence on our campus.

Seton Hall is home because its people make it their home. Whether it was welcoming families to campus in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, or traveling to El Salvador to work in a women’s shelter; or wrapping Christmas presents for orphans, or volunteering to mentor our students, Pirates have always shown big hearts.

Seton Hall transforms everyone who embraces the community. Every year, I have watched new students come in as unsure teenagers then transform into mature, conscientious and confident young men and women, grounded in our Catholic values, ready to take on the challenges of the world as future servant leaders.



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IN A WOMEN'S SHELTER, PIRATES HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN BIG HEARTS.**

When I interviewed for the job as provost I asked the different groups I met the same question — if I am walking down the street, how do I know when I meet a Seton Hall graduate? Now, I know my answer. Seton Hall is home because we work and grow as a community to achieve great things. When we first talked about our aspirations in the midst of the Great Recession, quite a few members of our community were skeptical that *any* of our goals could be achieved within a decade.

As Jo and I attended the Scholarship Reception in early April, walking across campus one last time, seeing the

silhouette of the new admissions and welcome center in the distance, chatting with faculty, alumni, staff, prospective students and their parents, I realized that we are leaving the place we call home a very different place than when I started.

It has been a great journey. Thanks for the memories.

Hazard Zet Forward ■

This column marks Dr. Esteban's last "Presidents Hall" message. He wrote this farewell shortly before he left Seton Hall to join DePaul University.

SHU in the news

"And the bottom line is this: the use of this technology at night by students correlates with academic underperformance, shorter sleep duration, insomnia, daytime sleepiness, and 'eveningness.'"

Dr. Peter Polos, Division of Medical Residencies and Fellowships, in an NPR *"Best of 2016 Academic Minute"* on his research about teen texting and smartphone use.

"Recent events have energized Washington and critics on the Hill and in the forthcoming administration to look at deeper problems at the United Nations — where it's not delivering, it's not efficient, it's not effective."

Hugh Dugan, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, on Fox News about the prospect of cutting U.S. funding to the United Nations.

"Christopher Tienken (Seton Hall) has solved a mystery, and we can cancel the Big Standardized Test."

Peter Greene of *The Huffington Post*, on a research study led by Christopher Tienken, College of Education, showing that Common Core test results are predictable based on demographic factors.

"Some saw him as a ruthless despot who trampled rights and freedoms; many others hailed him as the crowds did that first night, as a revolutionary hero for the ages."

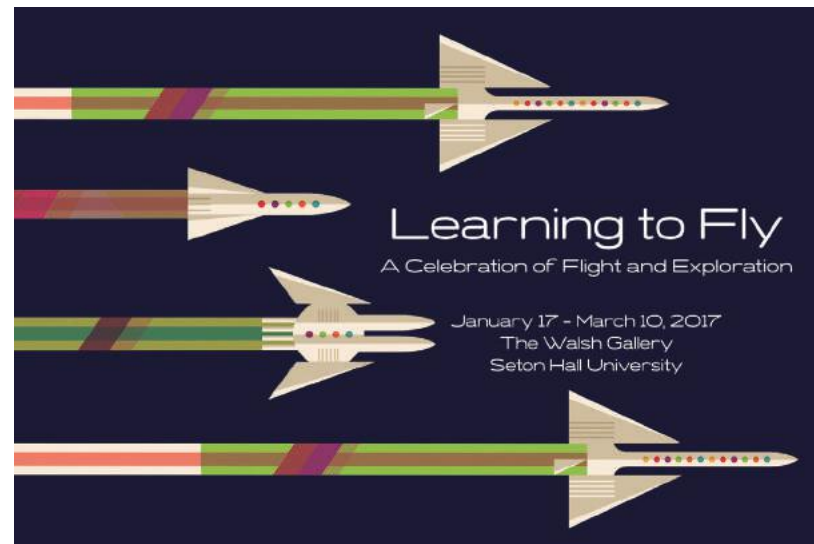
Anthony DePalma, College of Communication and the Arts, in the detailed retrospective he wrote on Fidel Castro that was published in *The New York Times* after the Cuban leader's death.

"A tremendous portion of our curriculum will be focused on the patient in the home and the community. That's radically different from primary care."

Dr. Bonita Stanton, School of Medicine, in *Clifton* magazine.

"No one will be written off in God's plan."

Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, in a recent message to parishioners.



Aviation Exhibit Celebrates Flight, Exploration

An exhibit at Walsh Gallery this winter tied together a number of notable aviation-related anniversaries happening in 2017, including Amelia Earhart's disappearance, the Hindenburg disaster and the launch of the Sputnik satellite.

"Learning to Fly: A Celebration of Flight and Exploration" used both contemporary art and historical artifacts to explore some major flying themes, and also noted New Jersey's impact on aviation history.

"Flight is something that we take for granted today, but it was once a new frontier that inspired mankind to innovate and compete," said curator Derek Butler.

In addition to the artwork, the show included objects on loan from the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Navy Lakehurst Historical Society, and the Newark Public Library, as well as from the University's Archives.

A modern twist was added with a temporary "pop-up" museum, with visitors invited to bring any object, memory or souvenir relating to the theme of flight and exploration, which were on display at the University Center Living Room for one day only.

SEMINARIANS CONNECT IN THE HOLY LAND

Trips to warm lands this winter connected lessons learned at Seton Hall to unforgettable experiences.

A visit to the Holy Land is part of every seminarian's experience at Immaculate Conception Seminary, providing essential insights to their calling. The trips are made every three years, made possible by Seminary benefactors, and the most recent journey over the winter break put a group of 28 priests and seminarians on a 12-day pilgrimage to the biblical past.

"For the seminarians, the prayerful and educational experience of walking where Jesus walked is an important part of their overall training to be priests," said Father Pablo Gadenz, associate professor. "The Holy Land has often been called 'The Fifth Gospel' because, like the four Gospels in the New Testament, it helps us discover the life of Jesus."

Seminarians took turns reading biblical passages associated with each location visited, with the professors providing explanations and exhortation.

Highlights of the trip included a boat ride on the

Sea of Galilee, recalling how the first disciples were called from among fishermen there, and the renewal of baptismal promises at the Jordan River. During several days in Jerusalem, the group prayed the Stations of the Cross through the Old City, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

"Many of the seminarians comment that they will never read the Bible the same way again and that the experience will assist them in their future ministry as priests as they preach on the Gospels at Sunday Mass," Father Gadenz said.

Also over the winter break, a group of University students took a trip to New Zealand, the culmination of a year-and-a-half project studying Christian and Catholic symbolism in J.R.R. Tolkien's works. New Zealand was the filming location for much of the Tolkien movies — the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *The Hobbit* — directed by Peter Jackson. An EWTN crew accompanied them, filming for a "Discovering Tolkien" special the Catholic television network plans to air in the fall.

SEEING THE HOLY LAND

Seton Hall seminarians take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee during a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land.





In Brief

- **Brian B. Shulman**, dean of the School of Health and Medical Sciences and professor of speech-language pathology, was elected to a three-year term as treasurer of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics.
- **Richard Boergers**, assistant professor of athletic training, was named to the New Jersey State Commission on Brain Injury Research.
- **The Seton Center for Community and Population Health** was selected by JFK Medical Center in Edison, N.J., to administer its Community Health Needs Assessment, one of the hospital's Affordable Care Act requirements.
- **Anca Grecu**, associate professor in the Department of Economics and Legal Studies, earned a Bright Idea Research Award from the New Jersey Policy Research Organization and the Stillman School of Business. Grecu was recognized for outstanding research and for significantly advancing knowledge in her discipline area.
- **Karen Boroff**, interim provost and executive vice president, earned the Gold Award at the North American Case Research Association's annual meeting for her case, "The Incident in Kabul." Boroff co-authored the case with Maj. Matthew Pratt of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
- **Father John J. Chadwick**, rector of Saint Andrew's College Seminary and adjunct professor of systematic theology, and **Father John J. Cryan**, director of pastoral formation for the Immaculate Conception Seminary, were invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem during a Mass and ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.
- **Mary Ellen Roberts**, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, was elected chair of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board.
- **Petra Chu**, professor of art history and museum studies, received a grant for Nineteenth-Century Art from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, and another for Nineteenth-Century Art Worldwide from the Terra Foundation for American Art.
- **William Haney**, professor of design, won multiple MARCOM awards, including gold and platinum entries, from The Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals.
- **Ann Marie Murphy**, associate professor of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations; **Judith Lothian**, graduate chair of the College of Nursing; and *Seton Hall* magazine editor **Pegeen Hopkins** were named to the "Irish Education 100" honor roll. This national list is published annually by *The Irish Voice* honoring prominent leaders in American education.

BY THE NUMBERS

Service on Saturdays

A series of Saturdays each year when Seton Hall students volunteer in the community

*These stats relate to activities in 2016.

867

Students participated

4,335

Hours volunteered

29

Team leaders

1

Buried monument discovered

2

Cellphones found at the bottom of a river

22

Sites visited

141

Pairs of gloves worn

1,200

Slices of pizza eaten



- **Pezzonovante**, a short film produced by Thomas Rondinella, associate dean and professor of communication, and edited by communication and the arts faculty member **William Pace** won Best Comedy Short at the Chandler International Film Festival in Chandler, Ariz.
- **The School of Diplomacy and International Relations** renewed its partnership with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. This partnership will enable diplomacy students to complete full-time internships at the Holy See's Mission.
- **Sara Bjerg Moller**, assistant professor of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, led a student field visit to the Combatting Terrorism Center at West Point, where students were briefed by the center's leadership.
- **Seton Hall University School of Law** will offer a hybrid-weekend J.D. program for working professionals beginning this fall. The American Bar Association-accredited program will be taught by the same faculty who teach in the full-time program.
- Seton Hall law professor **Margaret Lewis** was awarded a grant from the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program to spend the 2017-18 academic year researching human rights and criminal justice reforms in Taiwan.



You're Hired!

Recent graduates from Seton Hall, the Class of 2016, achieved a 90 percent employment rate.

Councilman Golabek, At Your Service

Daniel Golabek's future in public service seems clear, although he will not speculate how far his already considerable experience will take him.

For now, the Seton Hall senior in the Stillman School of Business is focused on fulfilling his duties as a newly elected member of the Elmwood Park, N.J., borough council.

"At this point, I am focused on my work as a councilman," he said. "I have a three-year term to fulfill."

When Golabek was elected last fall at age 21, he became the youngest council member in Bergen County. But it is far from his first civic engagement, and not even his first elected position.

He started attending Elmwood Park council and school board meetings when he was just 15, interested to learn about proposed funding cuts. He became active in student politics, and became a notable pres-

ence at the governmental meetings.

Five months after graduating high school in 2013, he won a seat on the Elmwood Park Board of Education, and last year was named vice president of the board. Then came the election to borough council last fall.

Golabek credits University professors Henry Amoroso in legal studies, Patrick Fisher in political science, and Chad Thralls, of the core curriculum, saying each "expanded my worldview and broadened my intellectual capabilities. Their influence lives through my work in public office."

During his four years at Seton Hall, he has had to balance his school board and civic duties with

being a commuting college student.

"We make sacrifices to be in public service," he noted. "It is the underlying passion and desire to improve the community that drive us to make everything in our lives balance out, whether we are in college or a full-time worker."



SERVING THE PEOPLE
Daniel Golabek is the youngest council member in Bergen County.



It's a Three-Peat for the Stillman School of Business

For the third consecutive year, the Gerald P. Buccino '63 Center for Leadership Development at the Stillman School of Business earned a #1 ranking in the Leadership 500 Excellence Awards.

New Welcome Center Rising



The steel frame of the new Welcome Center has risen at the University's main entrance, already marking a dramatic change to a visitor's first impression of campus.

Construction of the new 68,222-square-foot building began last summer and is expected to be completed by January 2018. Designed to reflect the historic architecture of Presidents Hall, the building will convey the Seton Hall tradition of academic excellence and Catholic heritage.

The Welcome Center will be a multipurpose space designed for campus events and will also serve as a central locale for admissions activities, offering a welcoming

first impression for campus tours, student admissions and the guidance process.

The exterior will feature red stone, slate roofs and copper trim, with a copper-covered steeple and a new cross over the main entrance. A large expanse of glass will spotlight the pre-function space to allow the activity within the building to be seen from the outside.

The main event space inside will be flexible to accommodate multiple events of varying sizes, and a catering kitchen will be included to support event functions. There will also be a 50-space parking garage beneath the building.

Special Delivery for Pirates

Getting a pizza delivered to your dorm room is not a novel experience at Seton Hall ... unless the pizza is a surprise brought to your door by a member of the men's basketball team, asking you to come to the next day's game.

And the pizzas were hand-tossed and sauced by Coach Kevin Willard in the dining hall.

"Our athletics department and Gourmet Dining Services have always been looking for ways to be creative with the students," says Thomas Chen, assistant athletics director, explaining the idea was to engage students in the Pirates' basketball season and build support for the team.

The coach made 20 pizzas, which were delivered by 10 student-athletes. "They just walked into the dorms, knocked on random doors, and offered the pizza to whom-ever opened the door," Chen says.

After making their deliveries, the team went back to the dining hall to hand out free tickets to the Pirates' home game against Butler.

This isn't the first time school spirit has been invoked with free food.

Last year, Willard gave out free lobster fra diavolo in the dining hall, and also handed out free coffee to



students during final exam week. Both he and Tony Bozzella '89, head coach of the women's team, have given out free hot dogs and popcorn during student season-ticket pickup at the start of the year.

"I think the students appreciate the sentiment, and it's always great when student athletes are interacting with their peers," Chen says. "It helps promote camaraderie, and it gives students another reason to come to a game and be loud in support of our student athletes."

Working Together for Better Health

A new initiative has brought New Jersey doctors, hospital executives and health-insurance officials together with Seton Hall to work on improving health care in the state.

The New Jersey Healthcare Executive Leadership Academy was formed by a partnership between the University and the state's healthcare associations: the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association and the New Jersey Association of Health Plans. The idea was formed by The Rippel Foundation, a Morristown-based organization focused on transforming health care, which recognized that the state's health systems had problems caused by a lack of coordination and cooperation.

Faculty from the School of Health and Medical Sciences are developing the curriculum and teaching the courses for the program, which will include discussions of end-of-life issues, innovation, sharing lead-

ership, population health, conflict resolution and health-system policy.

The inaugural six-month program session, which began with a two-day retreat in February, is continuing with monthly four-hour sessions through May, and will conclude with another two-day retreat at the end of June.

"We are honored that the School of Health and Medical Sciences has been selected for this cutting-edge program," said Dean Brian B. Shulman. "By partnering academic leadership with health-system payer and provider executives and clinicians, we have the best opportunity to find new solutions for our most pressing health-system issues."

Initial funding for the program was provided by The Physicians Foundation, the Fannie Rippel Foundation and the Institute of Medicine & Public Health of New Jersey.



Lessons Learned Out in the Garden

Like many health-conscious and environmentally friendly places, Seton Hall has a communal flower and vegetable garden. But in addition to harvesting produce, students reap life lessons in the ecosystems that keep the planet turning.

The 3,000-square-foot campus garden, located between Xavier Hall and the University Center, is a classroom for environmental studies courses taught by Wanda Knapik.

"The garden brings students together," she says. "They grow food. They connect with nature. They get off their technology

gadgets for a minute."

Knapik teaches permaculture — the construction of agricultural ecosystems that are self-sufficient and organic. It's integrating plants, animals, food, water, soil and environmental factors, she says, in the way nature intended.

The Seton Hall garden was created in 2011, when Knapik took a sloped and shaded area that wasn't being used and converted it to terraces with stone walls, pathways and drip irrigation.

Students start the garden each year in February and March, when

they plant herb and vegetable seeds in the greenhouse on the roof of the Science and Technology Center. In spring, the seedlings are transplanted into the garden.

The crops change every season, and the students maintain perennial fruits and flowers as well. Students are graded on what they learn from nature, no matter what grows or how well it grows. "They learn more from nature's challenges than success."

The garden has benches and tables for eating, reading, meeting and meditation, and also is a space for student art installations. It hosts a Harvest Festival in the fall and celebrates Earth Day in the spring.

What happens after the fruits and vegetables ripen and are picked? "The harvest goes in the students' stomachs. They eat the food they grow," Knapik says.



LEWINSON CENTER FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The work of a groundbreaking civil rights scholar and activist continues five years after his death with the founding of the Edwin R. Lewinson Center for the Study of Labor, Inequality and Social Justice at Seton Hall.

The center was endowed posthumously by Lewinson himself, a history professor for more than 30 years at the University and an active advocate for human rights even longer. He died in 2012 at the age of 82.

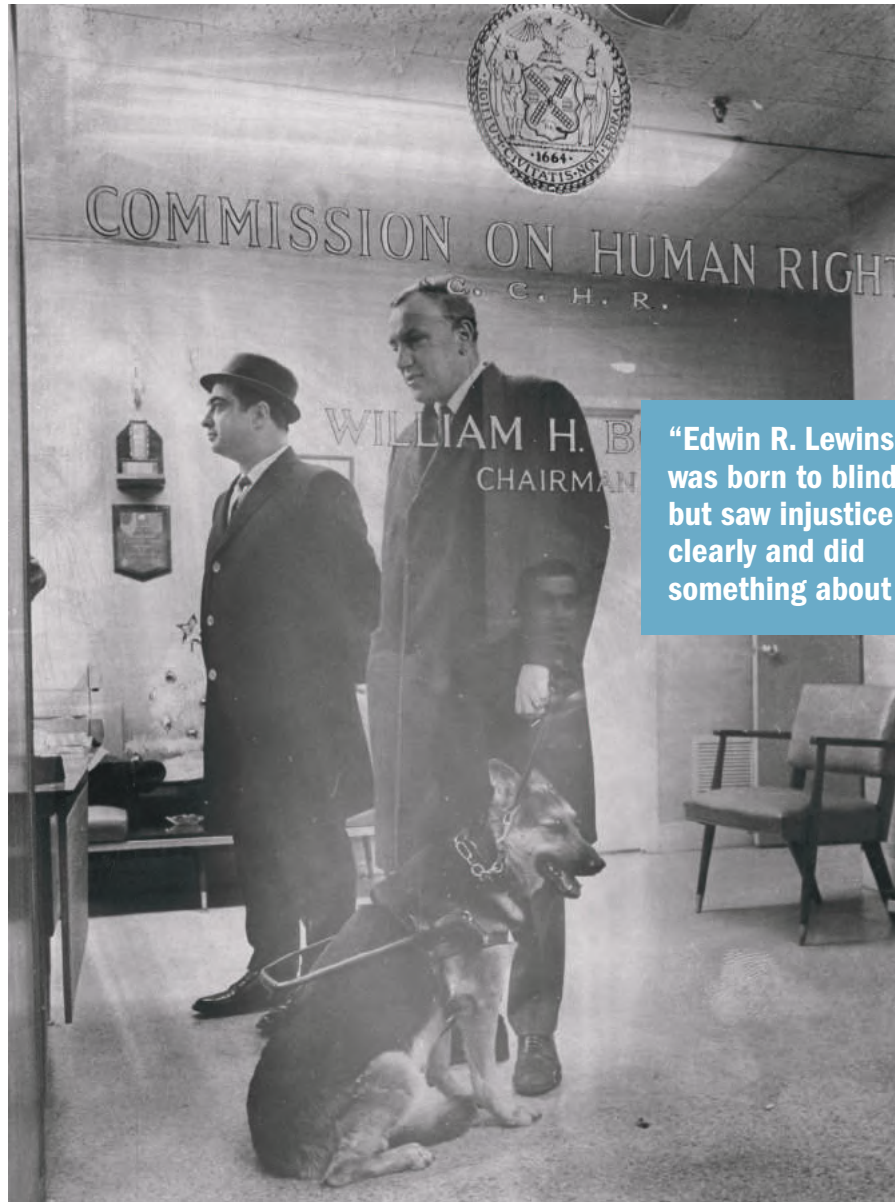
"Edwin R. Lewinson was born to blindness but saw injustice clearly and did something about it," said Professor Larry Greene, Lewinson's friend and colleague.

In addition to his work as a scholar, Lewinson was a pioneer in civil-rights activism, beginning with a desegregation sit-in in 1949.

"By November of 1964 he had been arrested five times, engaging in protests against discriminatory hiring practices, the 1963 March on Washington, the 1964 World's Fair sit-in, and almost anywhere else you can think of where people were fighting for fairness," Greene said. "He and his Seeing Eye dog were a constant presence in the struggle for equality, workers' rights and the rights of the disabled over a span of five decades."

The goal of the Lewinson Center is to advance social justice by engaging with topics such as labor and workplace issues, immigration, social media, economic security, and social and legal equality. The center's director is Associate Professor of Sociology Leslie Bunnage.

"Both the history and future of the world of work encompass real issues in real people's lives," she said. "The



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center will help bring these issues to the forefront on campus and throughout the community at large, where they belong."

The Lewinson Center's inaugural event was a speech by historian and writer Jelani Cobb in February. In addition to speakers, the center will sponsor events, research and scholarship.

FIGHT FOR FAIRNESS

Lewinson with his guide dog and Bronx City Councilman Merola outside the City Commission on Human Rights office.

BREAKING THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

STILLMAN
STUDENT
RYAN SKOLNICK
IS DEVELOPING
A VIDEO GAME
TO BETTER TEACH
FOREIGN
LANGUAGES.

Ryan Skolnick speaks Mandarin Chinese. He knows Latin. He's studied French and took Spanish back in kindergarten.

So as a guy who loves learning new languages, Skolnick says he was shocked to uncover data on how few people who study a second language ever master it. Now he's made it his mission to change that.

Skolnick is a junior in the Stillman School of Business, but he's also working to start his own business — a software company with immersive video games to help students learn new languages.

He came up with the idea for Aveho Learning (pronounced "A-way-ho") as a senior in high school. Skolnick had grown up playing video games and knew how engaging they could be — and how sometimes you learned something, too. He's aiming to create a photorealistic game that's appealing enough to play for fun, but that also teaches languages. He's still figuring out exactly what that will look like, but in the meantime, Skolnick says he's been in touch with the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages to connect with language experts.

As a freshman, Skolnick entered Aveho into Seton Hall's annual venture fund competition called Pirates Pitch and won first place: \$6,000 plus legal, marketing and business services.

"He was the only freshman there and yet immediately he seemed like the most experienced and seasoned entrepreneur," says Ray Hoffman, who helped judge the competition. "I saw qualities of a much older person than a college freshman. He behaves like an adult. That would be the simplest way for me to say it."

Hoffman was so impressed that he invited Skolnick to appear on his radio show, "CEO Radio" on WCBS Newsradio 880.

Skolnick has continued competing with Aveho since winning Pirates Pitch. In 2016, he was one of 32 semi-finalists in a national student startup competition. A few months later, he entered the first statewide collegiate business model competition, UPitchNJ, and won second place — a \$1,000 prize that came with business services and a private coaching session.

Brian Fitzpatrick '75, CEO of Bentley Laboratories, helped Skolnick prepare for UPitchNJ. He advised the sophomore to tone down the technical details and make sure his pitch was relevant to the people who'd be hearing it.

Fitzpatrick says that ditching the jargon and a "zoomed-in" view is something even seasoned entrepreneurs struggle with. But Skolnick "got it right away," he says. "That makes him a very unique individual."

"I was excited about his business plan because he convinced me it had a lot of relevance in the marketplace," Fitzpatrick adds. "He really had those numbers buttoned up."

But even with his competition successes, Skolnick needs money to make his game a reality. And to get that money, he needs a fleshed-out demo version, which he says will cost roughly \$50,000 to produce. He's been meeting with potential investors to drum up seed funding for Aveho, and he plans to work on the company full-time after graduation.

Skolnick has been an entrepreneur since he was a child. When he was 10 years old, he created DogEats, a nonprofit gourmet dog treat company. His parents taught him about website design and search engine optimization, and with those skills Skolnick says he managed to make DogEats spring up as a top result when someone searched the words "dog treats" online.

The business was so successful that Skolnick and his parents had to eventually shut it down. "It was growing too fast," he remembers, and would have required the family to remodel their kitchen and find a warehouse. The Skolnicks chose to hit the brakes — perhaps sensing that their son would have plenty of other business ideas in the future.

In fact, Ryan says he thinks of at least two or three new ventures every day.

"I come up with some weird ideas sometimes," he admits, "but it's just part of being creative: come up with a weird idea and just see where it goes. Sometimes the crazy solution turns out to be the best way." ■

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THE DOCTOR WILL HEAR YOU NOW

New research
by Sona Patel could
lead to a simple
voice test that detects
Parkinson's disease



f Sona Patel's research continues as she expects, soon doctors — and even patients themselves — may be able to detect Parkinson's disease using a simple voice test.

An assistant professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, Patel is already several years into her quest, having landed a three-year \$380,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health in 2014. She's still in the testing phase, but says the results have been promising so far.

When a person has Parkinson's disease, it not only causes tremors, muscle stiffness and loss of balance, it also affects speech. "People with Parkinson's will often speak in a quieter voice, and it may sound breathier," Patel says. "Volume is a big concern for spouses and family members, because they can't hear them. It makes communication really hard."

Patel, who serves as director of the University's Voice Analytics and Neuropsychology (VAN) Lab and who collaborates with colleagues at Hackensack Meridian Health, is looking into why those speech changes happen. She hopes the information will help her develop tools that can detect the neurological disease simply by examining someone's voice. Ideally, she says, a test could take the form of a smartphone app.

The goal isn't to replace neurologists, but rather to offer an early and noninvasive test that general practitioners could use in their offices or that patients could use to screen themselves at home. If the voice test indicates possible Parkinson's, a specialist referral and higher-level tests would follow.

"No one goes in to have a routine MRI or a routine spinal tap," Patel says. "But if you had something that was cheap, noninvasive — hey, why not try it?"

Patel grew up in Illinois and says science and math were prized in her house. Her father is a physician and her mother, who holds a master's degree in chemistry, manages his medical practice.

As an undergraduate at Boston University, Patel switched from a biomedical engineering major to electrical engineering. But just before her senior year, a summer

research job got her hooked on the science of speech.

She worked in a lab exploring speech intelligibility — the technology that powers voice-recognition programs like Siri and dictation software. The research applied to people with hearing difficulties, including hearing-aid wearers and those with cochlear implants.

"I really liked seeing that it had a clinical application rather than just a military or speech tech application," Patel says. Up until that point, she'd struggled to envision how her electrical engineering work could directly affect people.

Patel enrolled in a communication sciences and disorders program at the University of Florida and earned her Ph.D. there in 2009.

In her current Parkinson's lab test, Patel has patients come in and make a long "ahhh" sound while hearing their voices fed back through headphones. She asks subjects to hold the sound steady, but inserts pitch variations in the audio that's coming into their headphones. The human voice naturally corrects for those errors — so if Patel makes the "ahhh" swoop up, a participant will naturally correct the sound they're producing to compensate for the discrepancy.

Patel has found that people with Parkinson's disease overcompensate when they hear the voice errors, and she thinks that's because the disease reduces their ability to control their voice.

In an even newer set of findings, Patel has discovered that people with Parkinson's take longer to respond to the pitch errors than those who don't have the disease.

Outside of her own research, Patel teaches several courses at Seton Hall — graduate, undergraduate and online — and says guiding students gives her work even deeper meaning.

"It's the same kind of feeling you get when you do research to help improve the lives of patients or people with disorders," she adds. "You teach someone and see their face light up when they understand what you're talking about." ■

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Sharing the Love



A generous gift by Louise Hogan pays tribute to the affection her son Robert '80 had for Seton Hall.

In Louise Hogan's living room is a creche that is displayed in every season. The Holy Family tableau was a gift from her son Robert '80, who lived with her in this cozy house overlooking the Passaic River until his death from cancer at the age of 56.

"Bob was amazing. I never had to tell him to do anything; he was always there," Louise said. "Fifty-six years I had him, and I was there, holding his hand, when he died. And I know he's here with me now, watching me, listening to me."

When Bob Hogan died, he left his mother everything he had earned and saved over years of frugal living. In his honor, Louise Hogan has given \$200,000 to Seton Hall to fund the Robert Hogan Endowed Scholarship. "I want to do something to help students better themselves," she said, knowing that her son would want to support the school he loved and the students in it.

She always knew that her sons would go to college. "I never had a college education — we couldn't afford it, we were four kids, and when I was growing up, my mother and father had nothing. But my mother brought me up that if there's some way you can help somebody, you should help."



"GALLEON" MEMORIES
Robert Hogan '80 in his Seton Hall yearbook photo.

Seton Hall was Bob's first college choice, and he attended on a partial scholarship. He intended to enter a math-focused business field, and he found his academic home at the Stillman School of Business. With a group of friends who called themselves the Has-Beens, he played pick-up basketball and touch football and found a lifelong love for Pirates basketball, whose stats he tracked with a mathematical passion.

After graduation, he became a C.P.A. and spent much of his career working as an accountant for util-

ity companies, including Morristown's General Public Utilities and Jersey Central Power & Light. He loved to be outdoors — running every morning and taking long walks on his lunch break. He picked up coins along the way and saved every penny and dime.

In the evenings he returned to his childhood home to share supper with his mother. On his days off they often took day trips to outlet stores at the Jersey shore or up to West Point to walk the grounds. They attended plays at the Barn Theatre in Montville.

In the autumn of 2012, he was diagnosed with cancer. His mother cared for him throughout a 2½-year illness, until he passed away on March 28, 2015.



"My mother brought me up that if there's some way you can help somebody, you should help."

As Louise reflected on the beautiful life her son had lived and shared with her, Seton Hall shone brightly. In endowing a scholarship in his name, she ensured his gift to her would improve students' lives for years to come.

This academic year, William Sayegh '17, Nashaba Chowdhury '18 and Cassandre Rene Jules '17 were named the inaugural recipients of the Robert Hogan Endowed Scholarship. All of these students have an interest in the health sciences. Sayegh hopes to be a cardiac surgeon someday, Chowdhury studies nursing and Jules has worked for years as an emergency medical technician.

Jules worked her way through college, but a lapse in financial aid after her sophomore year obliged her to take a leave of absence from college. While working to save up for tuition to return to her coursework, she also cared for her mother and grandmother as they both underwent treatment for cancer that year.

The Robert Hogan Endowed Scholarship has eased the financial pressure on Jules, who is the first in her family to attend college. "I've fought so long to work my way through college, and this scholarship has greatly helped me," she said. "For Louise Hogan to have such a wonderful heart, to say that 'In memory of my son, I am going to help someone else,' that is so beautiful, it is something I couldn't have imagined. There's a lot that I would like to say to her, but the most important is 'Thank you' — and I feel that thank you is not even enough."

Louise sat in her kitchen and listened to the stories of the students who would be the beneficiaries of her son's legacy. "This would have been right up Bob's alley," she said. "It makes me feel wonderful to know that it's in his name, and that he'll never be forgotten." ■

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BRYAN MESZAROS,
FOUNDER OF OPENEYE GLOBAL,
HELPS COMPANIES AROUND
THE WORLD DEVELOP INVITING
DIGITAL EXPERIENCES.

DIGITAL DAZZLER

You can tell a lot about how Bryan Meszaros '00 runs his digital design agency just by reading his business card. It doesn't identify Meszaros as the founder or president or CEO of OpenEye Global. Instead, he's the "Big Cheese."

The cheeky title is a reminder of the let's-not-take-ourselves-too-seriously culture that Meszaros has cultivated

at OpenEye, where the controller is known as "The Bean Counter," the chief strategist as "The Scribe," and the creative director as "The Dude" (yes, from *The Big Lebowski*).

You get the idea. Meszaros and his team of 10 employees do take their work seriously — we're talking about \$2.2 million in annual revenues, after all — but themselves, not so.

Photo by Axel Dupeux

That company culture has evolved even without the advantage of a company headquarters. Meszaros works out of his home in South Amboy, N.J., and his staff is scattered across the country, from Staten Island, N.Y., to Bainbridge Island, Wash. With just two exceptions, he's known (and worked with) each of his employees for more than 10 years, and when he speaks of them collectively, he refers to them as "family."

"We're all invested in this, in OpenEye," Meszaros says. "There are no individual egos. Everyone pulls together."

Meszaros started the company in 2002, just two years after graduating from Seton Hall and he ran it solo for much of the next decade. The firm began by helping businesses design their digital signage, such as the kiosks that help travelers navigate their way through

and the bank remains OpenEye's largest client.

Chris Whalen worked closely with Meszaros as the creative director in the marketing department at Sovereign Bank, an OpenEye client, and continued to collaborate after Sovereign was bought by Santander. After OpenEye won the Santander contract, Meszaros convinced Whalen to come work for him. "One of things that impressed me about Bryan originally was that I could tell he was willing to go the extra mile," Whalen says. "They really wanted to see any program they work with succeed. He was excited about the prospects of it, and he was always coming in with new ideas and better ways of doing things."

Within the industry, OpenEye's work has not gone unnoticed. In 2009 the American Association of Museums presented OpenEye with a MUSE award for a digital nav-

AT OPENEYE, THE CONTROLLER IS KNOWN AS "THE BEAN COUNTER," THE CHIEF STRATEGIST AS "THE SCRIBE," AND THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR AS "THE DUDE."

airports. But in recent years OpenEye has expanded its services so dramatically that Meszaros sometimes has trouble explaining his company to the uninitiated. That's because OpenEye's work has gone beyond mere design, he says, to developing a fuller digital experience.

"It's basically helping people that have known spaces — whether it's retailers, museums, public spaces — to identify what's happening in their space, what are they struggling to do, and how do they use digital and interactive technology to solve that problem," Meszaros says.

In 2013 OpenEye won a multimillion-dollar contract with Santander Bank, a deal that raised eyebrows throughout the digital signage industry. "We competed for that project against agencies that should have crushed us," Meszaros says. "They liked us because we were noncontroversial. We never complain. We just do our job. We're like a blue-collar agency."

At the time, OpenEye consisted of Meszaros and a single employee, but the Santander deal enabled him to beef up his staff. Today OpenEye handles the digital signage at more than 700 Santander branches across the country,

ignation system the firm built for the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. *Design:Retail* has named Meszaros one of its 40 under 40, a roster of what the magazine called "the next generation of talented stars driving the future of retail design." Last year, *Smart CEO* magazine honored OpenEye with a Corporate Culture Award.

Meanwhile, OpenEye continues to redefine itself. Last year, at Madame Tussauds in New York City, the firm helped create the "Ghostbusters Experience," based on the popular film, which the wax sculpture museum described as "a fully immersive, authentic and multi-sensory space" in which visitors encountered digital reproductions of, among other venues, a crowded New York subway car and the neon-lit mayhem of Times Square. For Meszaros, the project expanded his perception of the digital services that OpenEye can provide.

"We've kind of set ourselves up," he says, "for really venturing more into the unknown." ■

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CORPS VALUES

A CALL TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP DRIVES DEDICATED SETON HALL GRADUATES TO SERVE IN THE PEACE CORPS. THE EXPERIENCE IS OFTEN A TRANSFORMATIVE ONE FOR ALL INVOLVED.



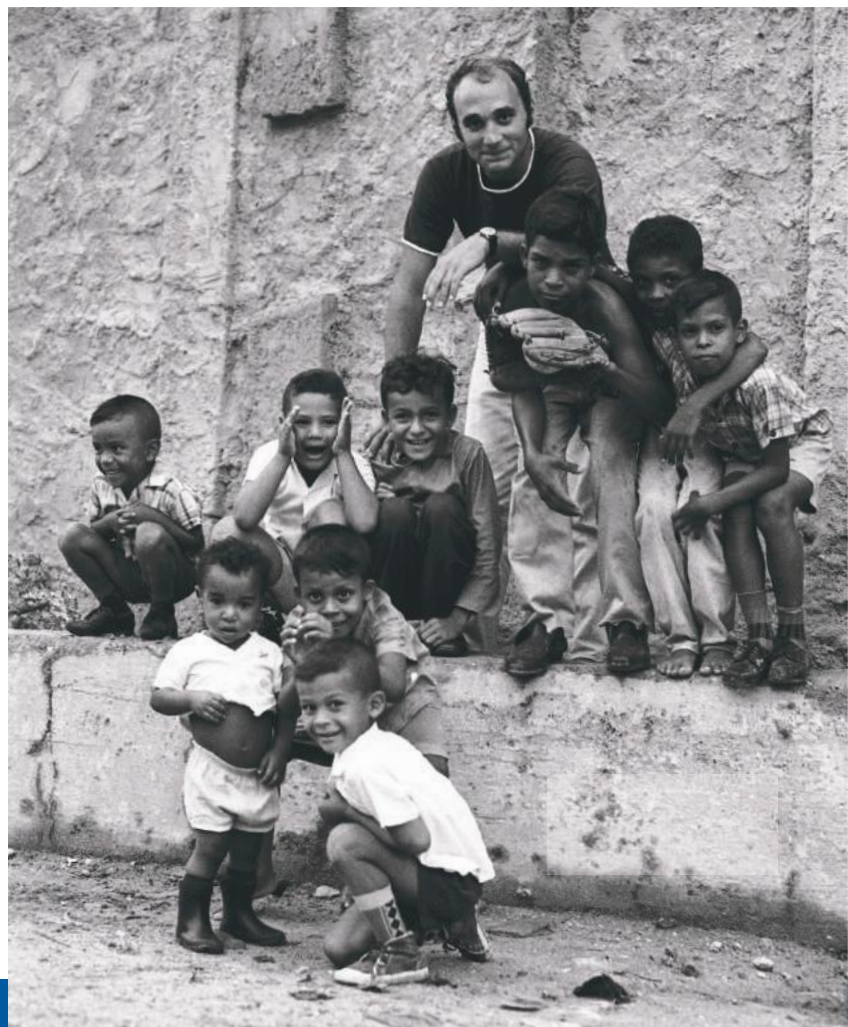
People in the '60s wanted to be different," says historian Elizabeth Cobbs. "They didn't want to just not be their parents. They wanted to find a way to be better Americans. And I think the Peace Corps was just absolutely about that."

As Cobbs writes in her book *All You Need is Love: The Peace Corps and the Spirit of the 1960s*, when the program was founded it "reassured a broad cross-section of Americans during a turbulent period that there was at least one aspect of their nation's policy that was indisputably good."

Tony Galioto '67, who did a two-year Peace Corps stint in Colombia in the '60s, can relate. Sort of. He had earned his psychology degree from Seton Hall and didn't know what he wanted to do. But the agency created in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy seemed a good fit.

Galioto "was very much a Kennedy fan back then. It was the '60s; it was a time, I thought, of kind of a new world."

New, indeed, for a guy from New Jersey to arrive in Colombia.



"Unbelievable. Get off an airplane, there's cows in the street. It was total shock," he said.

But before long, Galioto learned a bit of Spanish and was put to work as the photographer in a "slum rehabilitation office" in Cartagena to document the work that needed to be done. He also coached youth sports teams and helped run camps to keep kids busy in the summer.

"We lived in the barrios; we lived with the people. And it was pretty cool. People kept coming by and staring in the windows to see what these gringos were doing."

Some of the work was fundamental, like trying to improve irrigation or sewage treatment. But there were opportunities for broader teaching, as well.

"I remember going into the governor's office with some people from the barrio and having them ask for help, and they were so shy," Galioto recalled. "It was like they were embarrassed to be in the governor's presence. One of the things we tried to teach them — and it's very difficult to change a culture — is that you have rights, you're citizens."

Some of the influence of the Peace Corps, though, is less tangible.

"One of the biggest impacts we had is that the people understood that these gringos weren't these terrible people from the colossus in the north," Galioto said.

"But just the fact that we were there, that we were living with them, that we were just trying to help. It was kind of an outreach program from one country to another. And once people got to know us, they saw we didn't have any other motives but to help.

"I think the biggest shock was coming home," said Galioto, who went on to become an insurance executive for more than 30 years. "The shocking thing to me



LIVING IN COLOMBIA

Galioto (at top and on facing page) served as a photographer in the Peace Corps, capturing life in Cartagena.

was the luxuries that I grew up with. I still vividly remember taking my first shower [back] in my parents' house. [In Colombia], I

had been taking a shower off a lead tube that we constructed in the back yard. I really appreciate my country more, and people just don't understand what it's like [in other countries] and the extent of the poverty that people live in.

"No matter why the volunteer is there and what they're doing, the fact that they're there is probably the most important thing," Galioto said. "They're helping, they're living among the less fortunate and caring for them. That's huge."

The Peace Corps concept succeeded at the time, historian Cobbs says, "because it was one of those events that was in the air." Kennedy, she said, sensed that young peo-

ple had a desire to go abroad and help the less fortunate. “A really good leader doesn’t just invent something out of whole cloth, but rather somehow channels the popular spirit and will and then takes it to a new level,” she said.

Fast-forward several decades, and Seton Hall graduates feel some of that same spirit.

Daria Preston ’12 worked with the Peace Corps starting in 2014 as a public-health coordinator in Guatemala. Her focus was on the country’s “Healthy Schools” program.

Preston said she learned about the Peace Corps at age 12 when she began doing volunteer work. Community development became her top interest as she continued volunteering in high school.

“Ultimately, though, I’ve always considered the Peace Corps as the greatest personal challenge I could undertake,” Preston said, “and for years, I had been dreamily saying ‘Someday, I’ll join the Peace Corps.’ In a way, Peace Corps has been shaping my life for years.”

The Alaska native, unlike some Peace Corps workers who struggle to adjust, described her arrival in Guatemala as nearly idyllic.

“I just remember being unbelievably happy. In many ways, arriving in Guatemala was an affirmation of my

own ability to overcome obstacles and achieve goals,” Preston said.

“I was entirely consumed by how welcoming and humble my host family was. Their caring and help in acclimating us to a new country and culture was utterly invaluable. My Spanish at the time was still a bit rusty, and I fondly remember long evenings of sitting with my family, dictionary in hand, attempting to connect and make jokes and ask questions about their Mayan history and culture.

“In particular, I remember my host mom regaling us with our town’s many ghost stories, waving her hands wildly and raising her voice, causing my little host sisters to dissolve into fits of giggles. My first days in Guatemala were really defined by gratitude and appreciation of the simplicity and intimacy of daily life.”

Then it was time to get to work. Preston’s main role was to help school principals, teachers and government representatives help implement Guatemala’s plan to improve health and hygiene among students. The work was primarily with adults, but Preston sought out opportunities to spend time with kids by, like Galimoto, helping out at camps.

Preston said her favorite memory was from an activity where girls created “self-esteem shields.” They divided a piece of cardboard into sections where each could draw

The Peace Corps and Seton Hall

★ As of 2016, 144 Seton Hall graduates have served overseas since the Peace Corps was founded in 1961. That includes 11 graduates over the past three years, including six in 2016, according to the Peace Corps.

★ Seton Hall strengthened its partnership with the agency in March 2016 with the establishment on campus of a Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program — a graduate fellowship program that offers financial assistance to returned Peace Corps volunteers. Fellows complete internships in underserved American communities while they complete their studies.

★ A connection to the Peace Corps “tells us something about the college’s commitment to service,” Seton Hall assistant professor of higher education Robert Kelchen said in a February 2016

Washington Post article about the Peace Corps and colleges. “But it also tells us something about the students who go there and their commitment to service.”





BUILDING HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Daria Preston worked as a public health coordinator in Guatemala, where she helped implement a plan to improve health and hygiene among students.

something they had pride in about themselves, and about their goals.

"Watching these soon-to-be young women talk animatedly for the first time about who they wanted to be when they grow up would inspire just about anyone, but absolutely kept me grounded in my commitment to service," she said.

Preston has watched local leaders embrace the Healthy Schools plan, devoting more resources to it and measuring its success.

"I can't necessarily say I can give you the percent increase of students who have improved their hand-washing techniques, but what I can tell you is that the climate and attitude surrounding health and hygiene has changed drastically amongst key community leaders," she said.

"They were aware of the strategy; however, they had very little understanding or interest in how to implement it.

Now, schools are implementing small community projects and providing feedback and evidence of their successes."

The experience has also had a lasting impact on Preston, making her "tougher, yet so much more humble and compassionate."

"Navigating cross-cultural differences, understanding and negotiating differences in work style, and understanding Guatemalan professional and personal relationships are significantly more subtle and indirect than struggling with scarce resources, and can really be just as challenging personally and emotionally," she said.

Preston sees in herself an improved ability to lead, particularly among people from backgrounds dramatically different from her own. But she said she hasn't lost sight of the focus.

"These new strengths are deeply based in a new sense of humility and compassion for people and their individual struggles," she said.

Preston noted that President Kennedy's words in establishing the Peace Corps are read to volunteers at a ceremony marking the end of their service.

"So much of what the Peace Corps is is this unbounded inspiration and optimism of American citizens to improve the world, and it's a beautiful moment," she said. ■

THIS ARTICLE INCLUDES THE ACCOUNTS OF JUST TWO OF THE MANY SETON HALL ALUMNI WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE PEACE CORPS. HAVE YOU SERVED? SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US. EMAIL US AT SHUWRITER@SHU.EDU.

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HIGH NOTES

(Clockwise) Esteban at the 2017 student scholarship reception; Esteban and Hackensack Meridian Health co-CEO, Robert C. Garrett, at the medical school site; Seton Hall won the 2016 BIG EAST Championship; Presidents Hall serves as the inspiration for the new Welcome Center.



A MAN OF VISION

FORMER PRESIDENT A. GABRIEL ESTEBAN'S ASTUTE OUTLOOK LED TO SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH FOR SETON HALL, AND HIS PLANS HAVE SET THE UNIVERSITY ON A COURSE FOR LASTING SUCCESS. BY KEVIN COYNE



When the Welcome Center now rising from the parking lot near Seton Hall's main gate opens early next year, it will be the first stop for prospective students visiting the campus — a place where the University can better tell the story of what it has been, what it is now, and what it is becoming. It will house the admissions office, a gallery, an event space and underground parking in a three-story building whose design is meant to echo Presidents Hall.

This construction and other recent building projects were all initiated by a man with a clear vision for the future: A. Gabriel Esteban.

Starting this fall, Esteban will become the first lay president of DePaul University in Chicago. Esteban leaves Seton Hall on solid footing; the University has seen substantial growth during his tenure. The number

of students is up, and so are their SAT scores. The number of students chosen for prestigious academic awards such as Fulbright, Pickering and Boren scholarships rose to historic heights. New academic programs have been added, as well as new campus buildings, while old ones have been upgraded. More graduates are joining alumni clubs and donating to their alma mater.

And next year Seton Hall, in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, plans to open the first private medical school in the state, the sixth Catholic medical school in the nation.

"One part of me says, 'It would be great if you could be here for that,' but another part of me says, 'It's time,'" Esteban said. "I think it's healthy for an institution to have a change in leadership. The only question I ask myself is, 'Is it a better place because you were here or not?' and if you can answer in the affirmative then that's a great place to be, and hopefully I did have some role in making a difference at Seton Hall."

When Esteban took office, economic headwinds were strong. “We were in the depths of probably the greatest recession since the Great Depression, and it impacted this region probably more than any other because the financial industry took the brunt of it, and this area is very dependent on that sector of the economy,” said Esteban, who had been serving as provost when he was named interim president in July 2010. He was appointed Seton Hall’s 20th president in January 2011.

The fall 2011 freshman class size was 986, down about 200 students from the average freshman enrollment in the preceding years. “Against that backdrop the question was, ‘What do you do?’” Esteban said. “What we could have done at that point was cut, cut, cut, and that’s a natural inclination. But there are two ways to look at a situation like that — you either cut your way out or you grow your way out, and cutting is a cycle.”

The first way to grow was to attract more students, which the University did with its public tuition rate program. The program offered select students a private education at a rate comparable to public schools. “It was a pretty bold decision, and it didn’t take long to make it, once we worked out how much it would cost per student, and how many students fit that profile,” he said.

“It puts front and center what the cost of a quality private education is even before you apply, making transparent something which is sometimes opaque, plus it was close to the profile of the student we thought would benefit from a Seton Hall education. So that following year we had 1,453 freshmen, which was the largest class in our recent history.”

The growth in the number of undergraduate students — 15 percent more now than in 2009 — has been matched by a growth in student academic success. Admission is more competitive (with a 67 percent acceptance rate this year, the lowest in school history). The average SAT score has risen from 1050 to 1153, and the four-year graduation rate is 60 percent, the highest it’s ever been. The number of students from outside New Jersey has climbed to almost 40 percent — California is now the University’s biggest

out-of-state market after New York.

“We hear it from our faculty, that it’s easier to teach once you know you have a nice bell curve of students, and you can teach to the middle,” Esteban said. “But one of the things I worried about was how would this impact the diversity of our students, and I say ‘diversity’ in all aspects.”

Seton Hall has traditionally offered a ladder into the middle class for students whose families have never sent anyone to college before. “When I meet our more senior alums, they often start with the phrase, ‘If not for Seton Hall, I would not have ...,’” he said. About a quarter of the students now are first-generation college students, and a similar percentage of them are eligible for Pell grants. About 45 percent identify themselves as students of color, and more than two-thirds are Catholic.

“We wanted to raise students’ academic profile but we also wanted to be true to our mission — the first generation students, the diversity,” said Alyssa McCloud, M.A. ’01/Ph.D. ’09, vice president for enrollment management. “The rate at which we grew our selectivity, our SAT scores, and still managed to grow the class size and keep diversity — it’s pretty rare that a school is able to do all of that.”

The second way to grow was to update what the University had to offer. “The recognition back then was that we had to invest in the quality of life for the students,” said Patrick Murray ’64/M.B.A. ’72, chairman of Seton Hall’s Board of Regents.

A fourth floor and a new wing for Aquinas Hall, and renovations in other dorms; an expanded parking deck; a new classroom building to replace Stafford Hall; a Dunkin’ Donuts shop on campus; a new fitness center; upgraded athletic facilities and improved athletics dressing rooms, with individual lockers for all varsity sports — the face of the campus has changed.

What went on inside the buildings changed, too — a new College of Communication and the Arts; a new department of Catholic Studies; more investment in particularly strong departments, including accounting and finance, chemistry and biochemistry, history and international relations. The University rose quickly from 136 to 118 in *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual rankings.

“Certainly the emphasis on the mission of the Univer-

By the Numbers

Significant milestones reached by Seton Hall under former President Esteban's leadership

103

**POINT INCREASE IN SAT
AVERAGE OF INCOMING
FRESHMEN**

1050 (Fall 2009) to
1153 (Fall 2016)

8

**NOTABLE CAPITAL
PROJECTS COMPLETED**

Dunkin' Donuts in
Walsh Library
New Fitness Center
519 South Orange Avenue
Parking Deck Expansion
Aquinas Hall Addition and
Renovation
Athletics Hall of Fame
Regan Center Lobby
Renovation
New Stafford Hall



43%

**INCREASE IN FRESHMEN
IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT
OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS**

23 percent (Fall 2011) to
34 percent (Fall 2016)

2

NEW SCHOOLS OPENED

School of Medicine
College of Communication
and the Arts

9

**NCAA TOURNAMENT
APPEARANCES**

2011 Baseball
2014 Women's Golf
2014 Volleyball
2015 Women's Basketball
2015 Women's Golf
2016 Men's Basketball
2016 Women's Basketball
2016 Women's Golf
2017 Men's Basketball

29%

**INCREASE IN
UNDERGRADUATE
ALUMNI GIVING**

6.8 percent (FY12) to
8.4 percent (FY16)

18

**PLACE RISE IN
U.S. NEWS & WORLD
REPORT RANKING**

136th (Fall 2011) to
118th (Fall 2016)

\$11.9 MILLION

**INCREASE IN ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING
(gift commitments)**

\$9.7 million (FY12) to
\$21.6 million (FY16)



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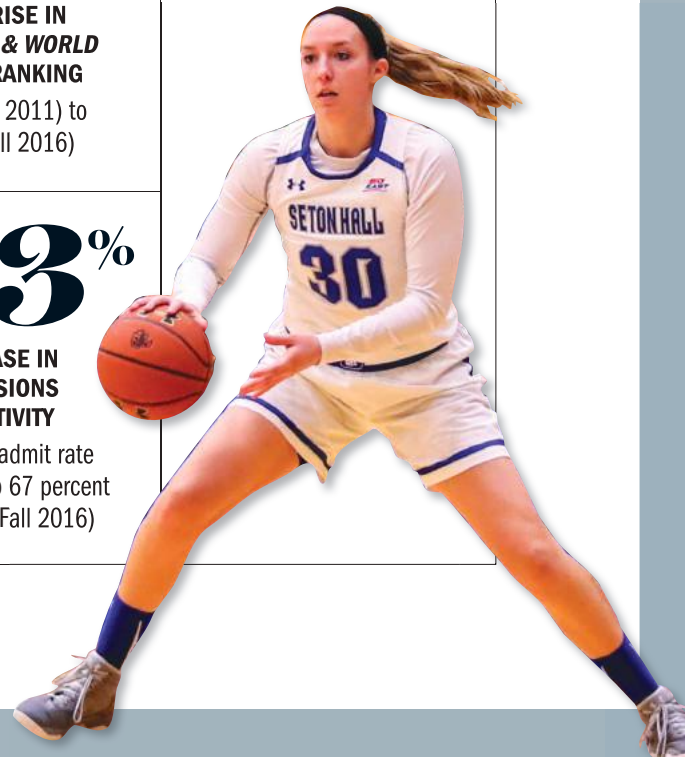
**BIG EAST
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2011 Baseball
2014 Women's Golf
2015 Women's Golf
2016 Men's Basketball
2016 Women's Golf
2017 Men's Swimming
& Diving

33%

**INCREASE IN
ADMISSIONS
SELECTIVITY**

89 percent admit rate
(Fall 2011) to 67 percent
admit rate (Fall 2016)



sity was one of the hallmarks of what Gabe did," Murray said. "I think the mission is the same but I think the University today is in a much different place. It's much more nationally known and we have some international recognition today."

And the biggest change of all is what's happening at the old Hoffman-La Roche complex in Nutley and Clifton — the campus where the new medical school will join the School of Health and Medical Sciences and the College of Nursing in a new, more collaborative, interdisciplinary way of training medical professionals.

"It was very clear in the conversation with him that the kind of medical school that I would be interested in — that is, one that would be training doctors to be delivering care so that everyone, regardless of their race or socioeconomic status, could have optimum health care — was spot-on with his vision," said Dr. Bonita Stanton, the founding dean of the School of Medicine. "It's very bittersweet. I'm very happy for him but very sad for us. This was really something that had his personal stamp on it."

The third way of growing Seton Hall was for Esteban to humbly and collegially encourage the University to embrace a shared perception of its future.

"A lot of times in higher education there's a tendency for institutions to have what I call the unbridled enthusiasm for the status quo," said Larry A. Robinson, who retired as provost in December, and who has known Esteban since they were faculty colleagues at the University of Houston in the early 1990s. "He was able to come in with an innovative strategic plan and to create involvement and to get that plan implemented with faculty support, and his leadership enabled us to evolve as an institution. It was a collaborative effort involving faculty and staff, all segments of the University community in the development of that strategic plan — the creating of a vision for the future of Seton Hall to make us more competitive and to elevate our prominence and our relevance as an institution."

Esteban has particularly enjoyed the prominence of the men's basketball team. He is a longtime fan of the sport and still an occasional player, although he tends to limit himself to free-throw contests when playing against students now.

He wore Seton Hall regalia whenever he traveled,

which led to memorable encounters with alumni, including an improbable chance meeting at an In-N-Out Burger in Southern California with William T. Nolan '55, a member of the University's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Once every semester Esteban met over lunch in his office with student government leaders. "He was really open to hearing about student body concerns, anything from parking issues to library hours," said Teagan Sebba, a senior who is president of the Student Government



Association. One conversation led to a program that collects for donation the leftover food from University events. "That's who he is — it was just a very thoughtful thing to do."

And in December each year, he presided over a ritual that fully embraces the spirit of the University's Catholic mission: the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

"I thought, since we spend all this time stringing the tree with lights, why don't we create a ceremony around it," he said. "The first year we thought if we had 50 to 70 people show up we'd be happy. About 350 showed up. The following year we thought, well, if we had the same show up we could continue. I think we had about 700 or 800. Now we're at 2,000."

The growth of this event, he came to see, paralleled the growth of something larger.

"I think the biggest change is in terms of the general atmosphere and the optimism about the future, the sense that if we work as a group there's a whole lot we can do

in terms of possibilities," Esteban said about his tenure as president. "The most critical decision was the decision to stay the course. There is always the temptation to let budget drive decision-making, but that shouldn't be the case — you let your goals and objectives drive your budget. Your budget helps you understand what the parameters could be, not what they should be."

And there is one more small part of the Seton Hall infrastructure that has been upgraded during Esteban's tenure: the garage of the University-owned house where he lived when he was provost. After he was named interim president, he chose not to move into the president's residence yet, and he asked for no salary increase. But he did have a request of Kurt Borowsky '61, who was

then chairman of the Board of Regents.

"I said, 'There is one thing — what about two new garage door openers?'" Esteban said. "I remember there being dead silence, and Kurt said, 'What's that again?' and I said, 'Can you have them install two garage door openers? The garage has those swing-open doors and the asphalt is not flat, so my wife and daughter have a difficult time opening them because they have to lift them up to go over the hump in the asphalt.'"

At an alumni event this winter, Esteban ran into the alumnus whose company installed the new doors. "I thought, 'This is perfect,'" Esteban said. "A perfect circle." ■

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A Homecoming for Our Interim President

During the 12 years she lived in Milwaukee, Mary Meehan '72/M.A. '74/Ph.D. '01 could always count on an invitation whenever Seton Hall's basketball team arrived to play Marquette.

"Everybody that I knew from Marquette would offer me their box," says Meehan, who until last July was president of Alverno College, a Catholic women's college in Milwaukee. "Of course everyone was from Marquette except me, and I'm there with my Seton Hall sweatshirt on."

She will have more company next season in New Jersey. On April 11, Meehan became the University's interim president, moving across the hall from the office she occupied for eight years as EVP for administration under former president Monsignor Robert Sheeran '67, S.T.D.

"It's like going home for me, it truly is," said Meehan, who will serve while a

search committee seeks a successor for A. Gabriel Esteban. "The nice thing is, when you know the place you really can walk in. You know where everything is and you know so many people. I can go in pretty quickly and hit the ground running."



Meehan grew up in Orange, N.J., where her parents both worked for the city. She followed her older brother to Seton Hall, where she was among the first women on the South Orange campus after coeducation arrived, a sociology major who commuted from home and worked

in the payroll department at Sears in the Livingston Mall. "My brother gave me the money for the first semester — \$526, which was a lot of money back then," she said. "After that I was able to pay for myself."

The first part of her career was in health care, as a counselor and director of a community mental-health center, then as

CEO of a psychiatric hospital and chief operating officer at an acute-care hospital. The second part was in higher education, at Seton Hall, and then from 2004 to 2016 at Alverno College.

"If you look at her résumé, her experience really hits everything that we're trying to do," said Patrick Murray '64/M.B.A. '72, chairman of the Board of Regents. "Her time at Seton Hall was very important, her experience with health care, and she knows a number of the people associated with health care in New Jersey and particularly with the Hackensack Meridian folks."

The new medical school is the biggest change at Seton Hall since her previous tenure. "It's an enormous endeavor and it's opening in a year, so I imagine that is going to be a significant piece of what I'll be doing this year," said Meehan, whose gender represents another significant change. She is the first woman to serve as president, as she was previously the first woman to serve as executive vice president. "Being the first woman, that's a nice milestone."

CONTROLLING THE GLASS

Angel Delgado was a unanimous first-team All-BIG EAST selection in 2017.

The Great Rebounder

When Angel Delgado arrived in the United States from the Dominican Republic in 2012, he sought opportunity for a better life. He knew he was talented enough to play college basketball, but was not sure where to go.

Coach Kevin Willard of Seton Hall was the first college coach he met while in high school, and as Willard and his staff fostered a relationship with the talented center, the decision became clear. "They have always been there for me," says Delgado. "They are always helping me do the right thing for the future."

Delgado has blossomed into one of the best post-men to play in the BIG EAST. He quickly showed Pirate fans he was capable of greatness, becoming one of just two Seton Hall players ever to win a BIG EAST Rookie of the Year award. Now, Delgado



has become arguably the nation's best rebounder, while also posing a potent offensive threat.

In three seasons, Delgado has become the program's all-time leading BIG EAST-era rebounder (1979-present), and is only the fifth player in program history to reach both 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds.

His progression from good to great can be traced to some hard work last summer. Not content with his role in helping win Seton Hall's first BIG EAST Tournament championship since 1993, Delgado was motivated to get even better. He worked out in the gym daily, losing body fat and adding 15 pounds of muscle.

"Angel has always been a high-level rebounder," Willard says. "But the work that he did this past summer on campus and the way he's developed his body have pushed him into an elite level. He's really bought into being the best rebounder in the country."

Delgado's significance as a Pirate goes beyond basketball — he is also an ambassador for the University. At community events, he engages fans in conversation and is a huge hit with children, who are mesmerized by his 6-10, 240-pound frame.

After games at the Prudential Center, Delgado signs autographs and poses for pictures. In early January, a photo of him embracing a young fan after a victory melted hearts across New Jersey. The social and behavioral sciences major is also a two-time member of the BIG EAST All-Academic team. He has starred in a new University commercial, which highlights the University's strengths and ends with him making a basket, saying Seton Hall is "really good at basketball, too."

Delgado seems to have unwavering energy, on and off the floor.

"It's a God-given gift that nobody can take from me," Delgado says when asked about the source of his passion. "Wearing 'Pirates' on my chest is a privilege. There are so many great guys that came here, and they did everything that they could to bring this school to a high level. One of my goals is to keep it that way."

But Delgado also plays for his family, and thinks about providing support for them once he's out of school.



WE'RE GOING DANCING

Delgado won the Haggerty Award in 2017, given to the Metro NY area's top player.

His mother, Angela Janet Astacio, is a physician; she moved to Argentina for work when he was 10 to better support Angel, his sister Yaelis and his brother Raidin.

Delgado says his mom dedicates her limited time off from work to visiting him. "She always has gone back and forth," he says. "My older siblings helped take care of me when I was a kid. It's time for me to take care of them. I wake up every day and put my feet on the floor to say 'thank you' to God. They deserve a lot for what they've done for me."

With every rebound, every victory, every good grade and every hug with a fan, Delgado is making the most of the opportunity he craved when he arrived in America. ■

John Fanta, a senior journalism major at Seton Hall, covers University Athletics for the Pirate Sports Network.

All Systems Go

Seton Hall star golfer Lloyd Jefferson Go has achieved more than he anticipated since leaving his home in the Philippines in 2013. In 2014, Go earned BIG EAST Freshman of the Year honors, and he was an All-BIG EAST selection his first three years. In 2016, he captured the BIG EAST individual championship and became the first Seton Hall golfer since 2000 to compete in an NCAA Regional. This year, he capped his collegiate career with another trip to the NAAs.

Yet Go believes the key to his success might be the fact he has almost no expectations when he steps onto the golf course. "I don't really expect a lot going into each tournament," he says. "And with that I really don't put pressure on myself."

Seton Hall coach Clay White agrees that Go's mental approach has been a tremendous asset, because his standout player has never been the longest driver on the course. "He's very humble, and he's one of those kids who's grateful for his talents and never takes them for granted," White says. "His personality is just awesome, and I think it's because he's comfortable here. And when you come from halfway around the world, it's definitely important that you feel comfortable."

Back in the Philippines, where golf courses are narrower and shorter, Go excelled in junior programs. During the summer Go traveled to the States to compete in tournaments, with an eye toward becoming a college golfer.

White saw Go play in a Las Vegas tournament, and walked away impressed. More than a year later the two connected again. A winter recruiting trip to New Jersey that included Go's initial encounter with snow didn't dissuade him from playing on the East Coast and he soon found himself at home at Seton Hall. His parents stayed

with him for about a month once he started college, and they've continued to make trips to watch him compete.

Go's strength, according to White, "is that his wedge game is unbelievable." Go has added distance to his game since his freshman year — probably 10 to 15 yards, White estimates — but "he's not one of those guys that's going to make you say, 'Wow, this kid hits it forever.' But he has a really good short game and he makes a lot of putts."

Go displayed all of those skills in winning the BIG EAST individual championship, a title that included a course-record 65 in the second round of the competition at Callawassie Island Golf Club in South Carolina. In the spring tourneys, Go had the lowest Seton Hall score in every event and he led the BIG EAST in stroke average (71.67) in the 2016 academic year.

Despite those accomplishments in the most individual of sports, Go prefers talking about the Pirates as a whole. "In college, golf is a team sport because everyone's score counts," Go says. "College has been fun especially because of my teammates. We pretty much do everything together and that helped with my transition a lot."

Go also credits Seton Hall's facilities, noting that the indoor golf lab's hitting stalls and simulators are invaluable for practice when playing outdoors isn't possible.

An accounting and finance major, Go hopes to become the first golfer from the Philippines to earn his card on the PGA Tour. Of course it's a lengthy road from Seton Hall to the Tour, even for a college golfer as accomplished as Go.

But as he's proven on the course ever since arriving from the Philippines, Go is used to thriving after long journeys. ■

Shawn Fury is an author in New York City.

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alumni

50s

Charles E. Sutter '51 celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary with his wife Terry on September 22, 2016. ...

Justin P. Walder '58 received the 2016 Gerald B. O'Connor Award from the New Jersey Association for Justice for his skill, creativity and career as a trial lawyer.

60s

William F. Andrews, M.B.A. '61 was included in a recent volume of Marquis' *Who's Who*, where he was recognized for his career in financial services. ... **Theodore M. Dashe, M.B.A. '62** completed his 10th transatlantic crossing aboard the Queen Mary 2. ... **James V. Soriano '69** published an essay, "The View from Anbar Province, Iraq," in the National Defense University Press anthology, *Unity of Mission*.

70s

Edwin L. Ford '70 published *Above the Law*, which compares biblical and manmade law. ... **Mary (Reid) Nichols '71**, professor emerita at Frontier Nursing University, works as a volunteer family nurse practitioner at Moss Free Clinic in Virginia. ... **Marc B. Feeley '72** began teaching social studies at Wilton High School in Wilton, Conn. ... **Paulette Brown, J.D. '76** received the O'Hern Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. ...

William E. Grau '78 was appointed U.S. head of marketing for Allianz Global Investors. ... **Thomas L. Tran '78** was named chief financial officer and chief operating officer at Sentry Data Systems.

80s

Robert L. Vetere, J.D. '80 received *Pet Age* magazine's ICON Award for his work as president and CEO of American Pet Products Association. ... **Robert Dennerlein '81/M.S.I.D. '01** was ap-

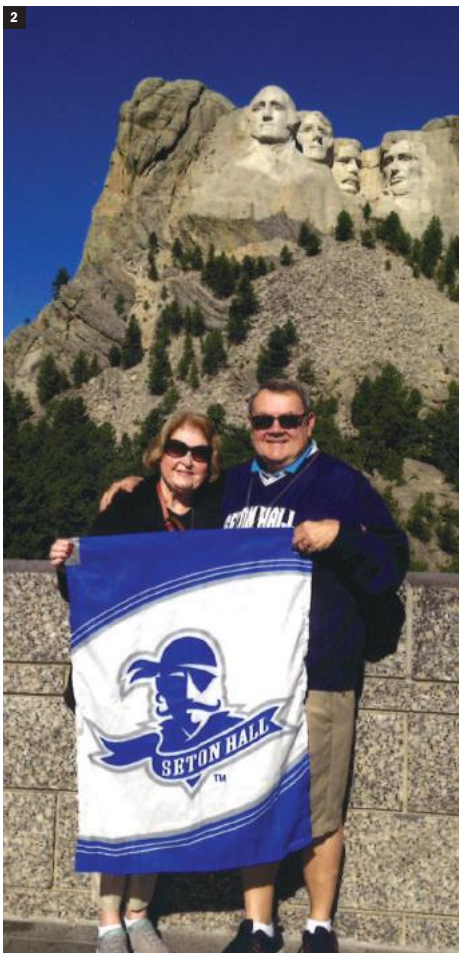
pointed chief financial officer of Internap Corp. ... **Joseph G. Monaghan, J.D. '81** was appointed a judge on New Jersey's Superior Court. ... **James A. Hughes, M.B.A. '83** was appointed to the board of trustees for the Center for Hope, Hospice & Palliative Care. ... **George Pace '83** spoke at Scotch Plains' public library on "Technology and Your Career" for the Scotch Plains-Mountainside Public Library Career Networking Group. ... **Robert A. Ballard '84** was appointed a judge on New Jersey's Superior Court. ... **John A. Selby '85** joined the business management consulting firm Savoy as vice president of consumer and senior markets. ... **Stephen P. Ferguson '86** was named vice president of the Contemporary Music Division at the Agency of Performing Arts, a talent agency. ... **Allan F. Wright '86/M.A. '97** wrote *25 Life-Changing Questions from the Gospels*. ... **Mary E. Clyne '87/M.S.N. '93/Ph.D. '12** received the Margaret C. Haley Award from the Seton Hall College of Nursing for her significant contributions to the field. ...

Pirate Pride

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bandana yet? Visit
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PRIDE IN ACTION

- 1) Ava McGraw, daughter of Tara and Craig McGraw '05.
- 2) Richard O'Connor '69 and Judy at Mt. Rushmore, S.D.
- 3) Mary Williams '89 shows her Pirate Pride Down Under in Australia.
- 4) Kannan Deivasigamani, M.B.A. '05 and his Pirate banner at work.



OVER THE LONG HAUL
The league Surdovel started in the '80s has thrived in the ensuing years.

Bill Surdovel '82 returned to Seton Hall for his junior year with an idea that would bond his fellow classmates for decades.

While spending a summer vacation on the Jersey Shore, he had joined a group of friends in a new concept called fantasy sports. Although popular today, at that time, it was not widely known.

For the uninitiated, in a fantasy sports league, participants assemble imaginary teams of real players of a professional sport, and compete with points earned based on how each player performs in actual games. Team "owners" can draft, trade and cut players, just as in the real sport.

After participating for two years, Surdovel and some fellow Pirates decided to create a fantasy football league out of their dorm room in Boland Hall.

"I told the guys about the process and how it worked, and we got a lot of interest," says Surdovel. This included members of the rugby team and Surdovel's fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma.

There was no internet yet, so Surdovel, his league co-leader Matthew "Hoddy" Mahon '83, and a few of their classmates used box scores from *The*

Star Ledger to designate scoring for each teams' respective players. Following each week's final game on Monday night, teams' scores were posted on Surdovel's dorm-room door. (Some of the group's rules for scoring back then are still used today, including the number of teams and the points system.)

The league has remained active, with members now living as far away as Hawaii, Massachusetts and Wisconsin. But the group has remained decidedly "Pirate Strong," with every member of the league a Seton Hall graduate.

Each year, the group meets on the first Saturday of the playoffs for an end-of-the-season party. "We have guys from across the country who fly back to New Jersey for this," Surdovel says. "It is a testament to how close we have become — due in large part to the success of our league."

Surdovel and his friends also have remained active in the Seton Hall community as season-ticket holders for the men's basketball team, and they took a group golfing trip to Ireland in 2010.

"It is a big deal for us," said Surdovel, "we have gotten close, and it is great that we have kept our connection." | ANDREW JORDAN

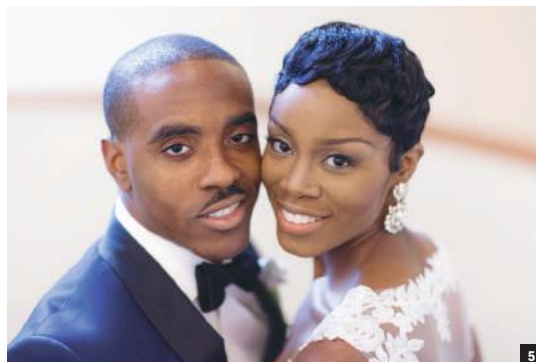
NEWS & NOTES

1. Christopher Collins '13 and Jena, a boy, Christian, on August 21, 2016.
2. Richard Lomurro '04 and Michelle, a girl, Alyssa Brielle, on June 2, 2016.
3. Josephine (Cristofano) '01/M.S. '02 and Nicholas Breiner, M.A. '16, a boy, Nicholas Julien, on March 16, 2016.
4. Kelly Rigler '09 and Zainu Kamara, a boy, Xavier Francis, on November 10, 2016.



Pirate Babies

Tying the knot



1. Anthony Sytko, J.D. '08 to Catherine Rotsides on October 15, 2016.
2. Amber R. Dang '09 to Benjamin E. Lennon '08 on September 17, 2016.
3. Melissa Bonamici '11 to David Pagliaro '11 on April 16, 2016.
4. Christina Fuerst '11 to Eric Harrison on August 27, 2016.
5. John Adams III '10 to Erica Francis on October 17, 2015.

David L. Flood '89/M.A. '95 was named president of the Intermountain Foundation at Intermountain Healthcare in Utah.

90s

Gary Noll, M.S. '90 wrote articles on the New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils for *Blueshirt Bulletin* magazine. ... **Kenneth M. Ralph, J.D. '90** joined the Pascack Valley, N.J., board of education. ... **Nicholas R. Ferrante '91** was appointed sales manager for the Middle Atlantic region of Serge Ferrari North America. ... **Germaine (Martinez) Ortiz '92** was appointed a Bergen County freeholder. ... **Gordon C. Smith '92** was named chief financial officer of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. ... **Maurice "Mick" R. Weeks '92** was elected to the Moorestown, N.J., board of education. ... **Gaetan Giannini, M.B.A. '93** was hired as dean of the Business & Entrepreneurial Initiative of Montgomery County Community College. ... **Christopher M. Santora, J.D. '93** joined SouthLaw as an associate attorney in the litigation department of the law firm's Omaha, Neb., office. ... **Janice R. Casserly, J.D. '96** was named vice president of human resources at Tabula Rasa HealthCare in Moorestown, N.J. ... **David B. Drumeler, J.D. '96** began working as the deputy administrator for Hudson County, N.J. ... **Jeralyn L. Lawrence, J.D. '96** moderated the Family Law Symposium sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. ... **Scott H. Margolin '96** co-founded the financial consulting company AcceleratingCFO and now serves as a managing partner. ... **Sandra L. Richards '97/M.P.A. '99** published *Rice & Rocks*, a children's book that teaches children the importance of cultural diversity. ... **Nicole M. Pride, M.A. '98** was named to the PR News 2017 Annual Top Women in Public Relations list. ... **Nyugen Smith '98** presented a solo art exhibition in Seton Hall's Walsh Gallery. ... **Ronald J. Campione, J.D. '99** was named a principal at the law firm Bressler, Amery, & Ross, P.C. ...

Richard P. Diegman, J.D. '99 was appointed senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Internap Corp. ... **William T. LaFond, J.D. '99** was promoted to the head of Wilmington Trust's Family Wealth Division.

00s

Jenny Kramer, J.D. '01 was elected partner at Chadbourne & Parke LLP in New York City. ... **Paul Tencher '02** served as campaign manager for former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, who sought to regain his former seat last fall. ... **Edward T. Cunning '03/M.A. '05** was named vice president of social media for the public relations agency Sunshine Sachs. ... **Jodie L. Driscoll, J.D. '03** joined Murtha Cullina as an associate in the New England law firm's business and finance department. ... **Lisa M. Gingeleskie '03** joined the law firm Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper P.C. ... **Ryan M. Petrie, M.B.A. '03** was promoted to assistant secretary/senior accounting associate at Atlantic Stewardship Bank in New Jersey. ... **Ryan M. Philp, J.D. '03** was named partner at the Bracewell LLP law firm. ... **Stephen M. Bacigalupo, M.B.A. '04** was promoted to partner at the law firm Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso. ... **Lucas C. Townsend, J.D. '04** was named partner at the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. ... **Kannan Deivasigamani, M.B.A. '05** completed his doctorate of management in organizational behavior, with a specialization in information systems and technology. ... **Scott Licata '05** was hired as a web developer by Virtual Inc. ... **Yolande Bouka, M.A.D.I. '06** was interviewed by Women in Foreign Policy about her research on the effect of conflict on people. ... **Andrew D. Linden, J.D. '07** spoke at the Brewery and Distillery Law in New Jersey training seminar, sponsored by The National Business Institute. ... **Timothy M. Maher, M.A. '07** was hired as director of business development for QCI Asset Management. ... **Lauren K. Sulovski, M.S. '07** joined St. Luke's Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates in Pennsylvania as a certified physician

assistant. ... **Dennis J. McMahon, J.D. '08** was named partner for the law firm Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto. ... **Daniel Passafiume, M.A. '08** was promoted to sergeant within the North Brunswick, N.J., police department. ... **Kristine L. Shurina, M.A.E. '08** received the 2016 Outstanding Middle Level Educator in the English Language Arts Award, given by the National Council of Teachers of English. ... **Daniel Simone Jr., Ed.D. '08** was elected to the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice's board of trustees.

10s

Joseph A. Fischetti, J.D. '10 was named counsel at Lowenstein Sandler LLP. ... **Thomas H. McMorran, Ed.D. '11** taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Education Principals' Center Summer Institute Program. ... **Fahim Abedrabbo, M.P.A. '12** was elected to the Clifton school board, becoming the first Muslim Palestinian-American elected in the Passaic County municipality. ... **Kelly M. Bradshaw, J.D. '12** joined Greenberg Traurig as an associate in the law firm's litigation practice. ... **Tiffany Heineman, J.D. '12** was appointed to the board of N.J. North Girls on the Run, a non-profit company promoting health and confidence in elementary and middle school girls. ... **Amanda M. Mioli '12** was recognized as a Top 25 Rising Star of Innovation Under 40 by LIMRA, a research, learning and development organization for the financial-services industry. ... **Nicholas Stratton, J.D. '12** was named co-chair at the law firm Denbeaux & Denbeaux. ... **Jason T. Mushnick, J.D. '13** joined Scarinci Hollenbeck's labor and employment group as an associate. ... **Amy E. Richmond, M.S.A.C. '13** earned a doctorate in athletic training from the University of Idaho, and now works in the Sports Medicine Department at High Point University. ... **Michelle A. Telischak, Ed.S. '13** was appointed principal of Fernbrook Elementary School in Randolph, N.J. ... **Justin Annacone, M.S.A.C. '14** joined The Siegfried Group, an accounting firm, as a senior associate for the

Philadelphia market. ... **Meghann O. VanPelt '14** is serving the community of Portland, Ore., as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. ... **Shannon L. Sharkey, Ed.S. '15** was appointed supervisor of special education in Warren Township, N.J., public schools for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Baby Pirates

Josephine (Cristofano) '01/M.S. '02 and **Nicholas Breiner, M.A. '16**, a boy, Nicholas Julien, on March 16, 2016.

Alicia (Santoliquido) '02 and **Jason McCraw, M.A. '14**, a boy, Joshua Graham, on January 16, 2017.

Michele (Kosmos) '04 and Chip Chaffee, a boy, Thomas Michael, on October 5, 2016.

Richard Lomurro '04 and Michelle, a girl, Alyssa Brielle, on June 2, 2016.

Kelly Rigler '09 and Zainu Kamara, a boy, Xavier Francis, on November 10, 2016.

Dianna (Schwegman) '10 and **Andrew Palequin '10**, a boy, Oliver Eugene, on October 1, 2016.

Christopher Collins '13 and Jena, a boy, Christian, on August 21, 2016.

Weddings

Mark Kaplowitz '05 to Rachel Hershkowitz on November 5, 2016.

Nicole Donohue '08 and **Adam Schwenker '08** on October 28, 2016.

Anthony Sytko, J.D. '08 to Catherine Rotsides on October 15, 2016.

Amber R. Dang '09 to **Benjamin E. Lennon '08** on September 17, 2016.

John Adams III '10 to Erica Francis on October 17, 2015.

Michael Berhang '11 to Alyssa Pasquariello on October 21, 2016.

Melissa Bonamici '11 to **David Pagliaro '11** on April 16, 2016.

Christina Fuerst '11 to Eric Harrison on August 27, 2016.

Alyssa C. Kelly, M.S.P.A. '13 to Granger Jewett on October 8, 2016.

In Memoriam

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Andrew J. Collier '49
Richard C. Dewitt '49

Robert T. Nitto '49
Victoria Pesce, M.A.E. '49
Rose A. Rigliano, M.A.E. '49
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Reverend Evan J. Greco '51
James A. Hannon '51
Eugene F. Kelly '51
Richard A. Maxwell '51
Clifford E. Murphy Jr. '51
Joan P. Bradshaw '52
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Duffy San Giacomo '56
James R. Giuliano '56
John A. Appezzato '57/J.D. '63
Mary E. (Yuhass) Kipp '57
Sister Mary Imelda Pilarski '57
Victoria Cirello, M.A.E. '58
Edward P. Deignan '58
Otto P. Schon '58
James P. Doyle '59
Gerald P. Egan '59
John R. Irwin, M.A. '59
Sister Maureen Matthews, M.A.E. '59
Mary A. Pagano, M.A.E. '59
Frank M. Prout '59
Kenneth A. Rogers, M.A.E. '59
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Brian P. Fagan '62
Sister Alice "Mary Clarice" Lynch '62
Michael J. Quigley III '62/J.D. '80
William B. Reilly III '62
Josephine T. (Corsello) Van Zandt '62
Francesco J. Barca '63
John F. Fleming '63
Kenneth S. Houghton, M.S. '63/Ph.D. '72
Joseph D. Kelly '63
Reverend Donald E. McLaughlin '63
Andrew A. Valeriani Jr., J.D. '63
Marie C. Billingsley '64
Dr. Joseph C. Bogdan, M.D. '64
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Charles B. Tichenor Jr., M.A.E. '64
John W. Mitros '65
Viola R. Selikowitz, M.A.E. '65
Alfred G. Steinmetz, J.D. '65
Richard A. Fant '66
Donald F. Roden, M.S. '66
Sister Maureen "Rose Michael"
Killough, M.A.E. '67
Maureen A. Linehan '67

A Toast to New Alumni

Seton Hall's Department of Alumni Relations welcomes December 2016 graduates to the alumni ranks. December graduates were celebrated by former University President A. Gabriel Esteban with a champagne toast in the Walsh Library's 4th floor Rotunda.



December graduates were toasted by A. Gabriel Esteban.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Seton Hall's 4th annual Volunteer Appreciation Day in February included a reception at Ricalton's Village Tavern in South Orange before the women's basketball team played Villanova in Walsh Gymnasium. Volunteers who attended were recognized during the game for their dedication and service to the University.

Whether you've written a postcard to welcome a new student, joined fellow Pirates for a project in your community, or served on a Seton Hall board, we thank you. We thank all of our alumni volunteers for continuing the tradition of servant leadership.



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Upcoming Alumni Events

 Seton Hall Theme Alumni Bash Walsh Hall, NJ August 8 Brooklyn, NY	 Black Alumni Weekend August 12-14 Seton Hall University and Grand Canyon Hotel Brooklyn, NY	 Seton Hall Alumni Luncheon August 12-14 Boston, MA San Francisco, CA Charlotte, NC
 Seton Hall Weekend September 23-25 Seton Hall University	 Golden Pines Reunion - Class of 1988 September 28 Seton Hall University	 College of Nursing Study Event September 28 Highlands Ranch, West Orange, NJ

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In The News

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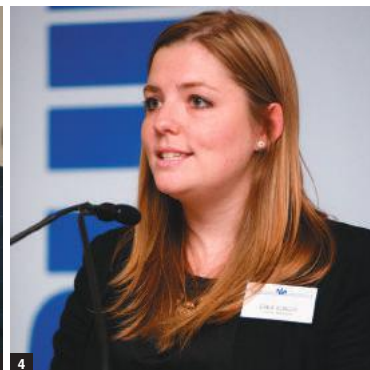
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Celebration of Success

More than 100 alumni and guests joined the School of Health and Medical Sciences (SHMS) in December at The Hilton Short Hills in Short Hills, N.J., to celebrate the school's recent accomplishments, recognize the impact of fellow alumni, and welcome a new class of alumni.

ALUMNI GATHER HERE

1) Josette Montilus-Jasmin, M.H.A. '12 (center) reunites with Healthcare Administration faculty members (from left) Anne Hewitt, Julie Sakowski, Nalin Johri and Thomas Woodard '96. 2) Cynthia E. Sherwood-Samuel, Ph.D. '16 took home a gift basket. 3) Lori Riley, M.A. '06, SHMS' director of public relations, marketing and events, with Dean Brian B. Shulman. 4) Erika Klinger, M.A. '11, director of campus partnerships in Alumni Relations, welcomed guests.





EARLY INTERVENTION
Bellissimo has worked
as a play therapist for
17 years

Christian Bellissimo '92 describes his work in a unique way: "I have spent 17 years on the floor of my playroom, working with one child at a time."

As a play therapist, a counselor who encourages kids to express feelings through play, Bellissimo works with children ages 2 through 7 who come from compromised social environments, some the victims of abuse and neglect. He is a contracted provider with New Jersey's Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

An early intervention specialist with the Asbury Park School District, he has also worked in private practice, and recently expanded on his work with the publication of *Universal Play Therapy: A Guide for Supporting Young Children's Development*.

The goal of the manual is to help a parent or teacher get a feel for how play therapy could help their child or student. "I

"My research led me to play therapy, which I found to be a compelling and powerful way for children to express themselves."

offer guidance in how to use play to support a child's emotional development," he says.

Bellissimo decided on his field after taking his first psychology course at Seton Hall. He credits University psychology professor Jeffrey Levy with providing guidance in his choice to get a master's degree in social work at Rutgers University.

After going to work at an elementary school, he found he would have to adapt to effectively work with children.

"I would get a 5-year-old into my office and I knew I could not have a conversation with a child who is throwing books across the room. My research led me to play therapy, which I found to be a compelling and powerful way for children to express themselves."

His practice expanded after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and he has since devoted his career to helping children overcome adverse situations.

"It is awe-inspiring to see how kids are expressing themselves and can gain a sense of control over an experience that has left them feeling powerless," he said. "It is great to see how kids can feel supported through this work." | ANDREW JORDAN

Family Day at The Rock

The second annual Family Day at the Rock gave alumni families the opportunity to enjoy a reception before the Seton Hall vs. St. John's game. Children got the chance to high-five the men's basketball players as they made their way out of the tunnel at halftime.



IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY

1) The Tecza family took in the action at Prudential Center.
2) Father and daughter enjoyed the game.
3) Young Pirates celebrated the team as they took the court.



Webinars

Seton Hall's free webinar series offers alumni the opportunity to continue learning.

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CORRECTION: Please note: In the Winter 2016-17 issue, the "Communicating with Conscience" column included a list of Seton Hall doctoral programs that neglected to include the University's doctoral programs in the health sciences.

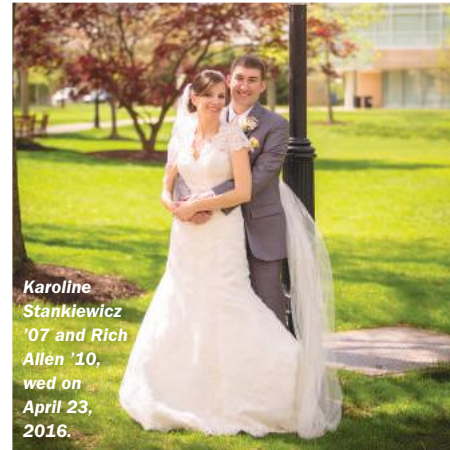
National Game Watch

Alumni across the country joined fellow local Pirates for Seton Hall's National Game Watch events. Thirteen states participated (and many places had more than one game watch location) in cheering on our men's basketball team as they faced DePaul. Our collective energy sent positive vibes to the team, and they took the win.



GAME ON!

- 1) A group cheered on the Pirates in Glendale, Ariz.
- 2) Eileen Bonilla '05, Hamlet Bonilla '06 and their little Pirate watched the game in Tampa, Fla.
- 3) Pirates showed their pride at a watch party in San Francisco, Calif.



Karoline Stankiewicz '07 and Rich Allen '10, wed on April 23, 2016.

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Playing the Long Game

Can immersing yourself in the study of philosophy or a foreign language prepare you for a successful career? Absolutely, says Peter Shoemaker, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Seton Hall magazine editor Pegeen Hopkins spoke with the dean recently to learn more about the advantages of studying the liberal arts.

What do you say to those who think liberal arts graduates do not make as much as money as their peers?

Numerous studies from the American Association of College and Universities show that while liberal arts students do not make as much money right out of college, by the time they are in their 50s, they are earning more than those who pursue professional degrees, with the exception of students who go into the sciences. And the science students earn even more if they learn soft skills. Being able to analyze situations critically, to read and write well, and to interact effectively with others are all critical these days.

Is studying the liberal arts practical?

Absolutely! Students will have two to four different careers before they retire. So while it might seem practical to learn a specialized skill today, we do not know what the skills of the future will be. Having “translatable skills” (mathematics, verbal and analytical skills) prepares someone to adapt to changes in the economy and job market. Someone who studied computer science 30 years ago may have studied Fortran, which no one cares about now. It is important to adapt as change comes, and liberal arts students are well equipped to do that.

Beyond professional skills, in what ways might a liberal arts degree enrich life as a whole?

As a Catholic university, we want students to not only have fulfilling careers, but also fulfilling lives. A liberal arts education encourages students to learn how to live the good life and determine what that looks like. How do you contribute to the world or your community? How can you appreciate what is beautiful? What does it mean to raise a family? A liberal arts education encourages students to embrace a more ambitious vision of what happiness is.

How do we provide practical experience at Seton Hall?

All the things you do at Seton Hall should help round you out as an individual. Employers don’t only look at what your major is, but also what is in your portfolio. As a French professor, I tell students it is not useless to study French. You could be a French major, complete an internship to gain career experience, and you also take several courses in accounting. That would give you a constellation of skills that make you a highly competitive job applicant. At Seton Hall, we advise students how to best develop their complete portfolios.

This spring, we are introducing a business boot camp in the College of Arts and Sciences to help students refine skills like interviewing and giving business presentations, and to provide a better understanding of how a budget is developed.

The liberal arts help us ask questions about what we are doing and why in the context of human values. This can play out in medical ethics and in the ways that technology shifts what it means to communicate or to even be human. To adjust appropriately, we need people who understand history and who are critical thinkers.

We also need leaders who think about the long game rather than the short game and who have a broad conception of what it means to be a successful nation. A good political leader understands how to analyze issues from different points of view and see how all the elements (science, economics, human nature, etc.) connect. That is what a liberal arts education teaches so well.

In his book *The Marketplace of Ideas*, Louis Menand makes an analogy, borrowed from *The Wizard of Oz*, about what makes an education “liberal.” A liberal arts major, he writes, learns to pay attention to the “man behind the curtain” — looking at what is going on behind the scenes, figuring out how things work. ■





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**ANDREW
AGUILERA**
CLASS OF 2018

Andrew is working on a junior mentoring project through the Gerald P. Buccino '63 Center for Leadership Development. As part of this business school project, he gains real-world experience and benefits from the advice of his executive mentor.



**TELA
WITTIG**
CLASS OF 2019

Tela, a diplomacy major, looks forward to an enriching cultural experience this summer as she heads to Wuhan, China, to intern at The David Perry English Learning Center.



**ELIANNI
DE LA CRUZ**
CLASS OF 2017

A student in the Education Opportunity Program and a member of the Student Government Association, Elianni has completed important, career-shaping internships at Prudential Financial and Goldman Sachs.



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