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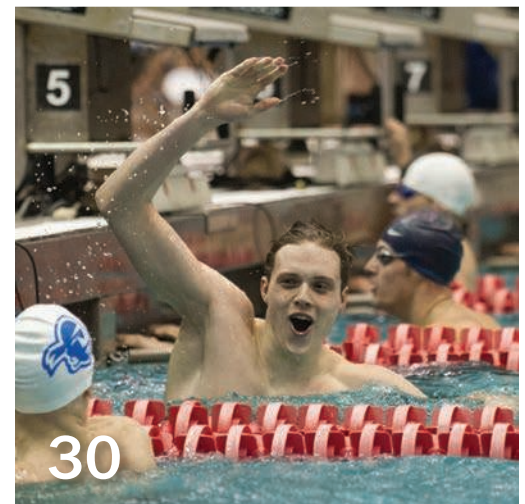
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The Road Ahead

Let me begin by saying that I could not be more proud to serve as your interim president. In my 40 years of leadership in health care and higher education, I have seen many transitions. Sometimes when people come into an institution from the outside — particularly in an interim role — it can take some time for them to understand the pulse of the place. That is why my decision to return to Seton Hall was an easy one. As a three-time graduate and former executive vice president who has been a part of the Pirate family for nearly five decades, I love our alma mater and what it represents. And that makes a difference, because when you really love a place — especially a university — the dedication it takes to achieve excellence comes readily.

Seton Hall has several important opportunities to capitalize on in the coming years. Naturally the search for our next president is high on the list of priorities. Though I am not involved in the search process, I know the search committee is dedicated to finding exactly the right person to lead our University at this exciting time.

Enhancing our academic reputation is another area of opportunity. To that end, I have been charged with ensuring that our School of Medicine opens as scheduled. We received positive feedback from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) when it visited our new Interprofessional Health Sciences campus in Nutley and Clifton, N.J., in September. We anticipate preliminary LCME approval in February, after which we can move forward with recruiting and admitting students.

Though our goals are expansive, they are well within our grasp thanks to the many Pirates who support the University with time, talent and financial resources. Last year, Seton Hall reached a milestone by counting 1,030 alumni on the University's volunteer roster, with more than 800 participating in at least one volunteer opportunity and more than 100 volunteering more than once. Among other activities, volunteers assist with admissions events, organize clubs, perform community service, congratulate newly accepted students by phone and host freshmen send-offs. Would you join them by adding your name to our volunteer roster? As a graduate, you can make unique contributions to our students' lives in ways that are meaningful and personally rewarding.

Such is the case with Gregory '89 and Mary Williams '89. For more than a decade, Greg and Mary have dedicated themselves to assisting with freshman recruitment. They travel frequently to Seton Hall to speak with prospective students and families. They participate in calling campaigns to congratulate accepted students and represent the University at college fairs. Through their efforts, they have influenced hundreds of students in deciding to attend Seton Hall.

Many more alumni devote their resources or talents to helping our students succeed. Some graduates donate to support student scholarships or academic programs at the University. Others, through a guest lecture or mentoring, or by serving on advisory boards and alumni councils, are helping ensure that the worldwide Pirate network grows ever stronger. Consider Timothy Sporcic '10,



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who recently led efforts to revitalize the Stillman Sophomore Mentoring Program. The program was having trouble enrolling enough mentors to satisfy the demand of eager Stillman students. Timothy found that fellow alumni were more likely to sign up as mentors if he contacted them, rather than if they were asked by a University representative. Today the mentoring program is robust thanks to his tireless devotion.

When I arrived in April to begin my tenure, Seton Hall felt at once completely familiar and yet strikingly new.

Despite the many ways our alma mater has grown and changed over the years, the core of Seton Hall's identity remains the same. We continue to be a prominent Catholic university that offers a rigorous education, personal attention and a supportive community that calls students to a higher purpose. And that will never change.

The story of Seton Hall remains your story. And the success of Seton Hall remains your success. I welcome your partnership as we further its outstanding legacy of servant leadership. ■

SHU in the news

"The most profound truth for him is that the human condition is a drama, 'an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.'"

Dermot Quinn, College of Arts and Sciences, in *Diario Financiero*, Chile, on the relevance of G.K. Chesterton to modernity.

"With Walmart's enormous logistics and distribution network, and its acquisition of the e-commerce company Jet.com last year, 'they could very well begin to take away some of Amazon's business.'"

Scott Rothbort, Stillman School of Business, in *USA Today*.

"The relationship between China and the U.S. is an ongoing phenomenon and part of the great arc of history, and this is a great opportunity to continue talking."

Hugh Dugan, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, on China Global Television Network (CGTN) discussing the G-20 meeting in Hamburg, Germany.

"Research shows that the outcomes of standardized tests don't reflect the quality of instruction, as they're intended to."

Christopher Tienken, College of Education and Human Services, in *The Conversation*, regarding his research related to standardized testing.

"I think that the period of rapidly rising college tuition rates is over at this point, especially as students and their families become more price-sensitive and politicians pressure colleges to hold the line on tuition increases."

Robert Kelchen, College of Education and Human Services, on NPR.

"The legal system is supposed to give tenants a remedy against unscrupulous landlords, but by allowing tenant blacklisting, it more often offers families a road to homelessness."

Paula Franzese, School of Law, in a press release from U.S. Sen. Cory Booker announcing proposed legislation based on her research to protect the rights of tenants subject to substandard housing.



A Primer in Civic Participation

Education met civic engagement in a big way when Seton Hall secondary education students helped local middle-school students prepare ambitious presentations for the statewide Project Citizen program.

Project Citizen teaches students how to get involved in public issues and make changes in their communities. Students in grades 3 through 12 work in small groups to develop digital portfolios on public-policy projects that compete with other students around the state.

Students from the College of Education and Human Services acted as consultants to two classes at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, N.J., who visited campus to present their projects in preparation for the state competition.

"It was evident that each student was eager to strengthen and improve their projects based upon their attention and responses to us," said education major Kaitlyn Quinn. "We enjoyed seeing their passion and learning more about issues that we also value."

University students from a variety of education disciplines advised the middle schoolers on projects addressing problems with college and career assessment tests, drinking water and hate crimes.

OUR NEWEST REGENTS

The Board of Regents of Seton Hall University has named three new members in 2017.

NICOLE ARCHIBALD '16 is a health industry consultant for PwC in New York, the London firm also known as PricewaterhouseCoopers. While at Seton Hall, she received the Distinguished Service Award for servant leadership in New Jersey, Colorado and El Salvador. She also was an Education Opportunity Program scholar, volunteer coordinator, resident assistant and academic tutor, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in finance. Archibald now volunteers as a student mentor and financial literacy instructor.

KIMBERLY ANNE CAPADONA '98/J.D. '01 was appointed president of the University Alumni Board of Directors in July. A resident of Jersey City, she is an attorney at Archer & Greiner P.C. in Hackensack, N.J., focusing on employment law and labor relations. In addition to her experience representing employers in wage and hour and employment matters, she advises human-resources managers and risk-management professionals on federal and state labor and employment laws. Capadona graduated from the University magna cum laude in 1998 with a degree in political science and earned her law degree in 2001 from the School of Law.



DAVID L. FLOOD '89/M.A. '95, is chief development officer at Intermountain Healthcare of Salt Lake City, Utah. He also serves as president of the Intermountain Foundation, a fundraising network serving the philanthropic and research needs of the system's 23 hospitals and related healthcare services. He began his career as associate director of alumni relations at Seton Hall, and serves on the Board of Trustees at Seton Hall Preparatory School, from which he graduated in 1984. Flood has been honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the College Seminary, St. Andrew's Hall, is a member of the Varsity Sports Hall of Fame, and has served the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund in many roles.



Presidential Search Underway

The search for Seton Hall's next president has begun. A Presidential Search Committee, consisting of three trustees, three regents and two faculty members, is being advised by Witt/Kieffer, a firm specializing in executive searches for academic and health-related organizations. The team met on campus in September with faculty leaders and deans, and held four open discussions to get input from faculty, staff, students and the University community as a whole. For more information, please visit www.shu.edu/search.



In Brief

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the **College of Nursing** Doctor of Nursing Practice program 72nd in the nation for 2018, while the Master of Nursing program was ranked 76th. The program rose 81 places on the list over last year.
- *BestColleges.com* recognized Seton Hall University as a Bronze Medal School of Distinction in its “Best of” rankings for online Master of Arts programs in the **College of Education and Human Services** and the **School of Health and Medical Sciences**.
- **Sérgiu Gorun**, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from Allied Academics for his keynote presentation at the 5th International Conference on Green Chemistry and Technology in Rome, and he has been asked to be an organizer of the 2018 meeting in Dublin.
- **Nicholas Snow**, founding endowed professor for the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was named to the Department of Chemistry Advisory Council at Virginia Tech.
- **David Sabatino**, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, **Constantine Bitsaktsis**, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Robert Korngold from Hackensack University Medical Center were awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health to support interdisciplinary research among their groups.
- **Fanli Jia**, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology, was selected to serve on the editorial board of both the *Journal of Moral Education* and the *Journal of Adolescent and Family Health*.
- **Kelly Goedert**, professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Psychology, was awarded fellow status from the Association for Psychological Science.
- **Susan Nolan**, professor in the Department of Psychology, has been elected a fellow of the international psychology division of the American Psychological Association.
- **Marianne Lloyd**, associate professor in the Department of Psychology, was elected as secretary and treasurer of the Society for Experimental Psychology and Cognitive Science division of the American Psychological Association.
- **Sara Moller**, assistant professor at the School of Diplomacy, was awarded a Stanton Junior Faculty Fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for 2017-18.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Career Center

5,908

Student participation
in career center programs

3,500

Career advising and counseling
sessions held for students and alumni

81%

Graduates who participated in
University-sponsored experiential
programs

88%

Employers who would hire their
Seton Hall interns

97%

Students who said their internships
were valuable

90%

Graduates finding career-related
employment within six months

580+

Employers visiting campus

- A medical legal partnership clinic is slated to launch during the 2018-19 academic year as a collaboration between the **School of Law** and the **Seton Hall-Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine**. The clinic will be based on the premise that healthcare providers can employ legal services as part of a strategy to improve health and well-being.
- **Vikram Dayalu**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, was appointed vice president for research and scholarship of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.
- **Michael La Fountaine**, associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and founding director of the Institute for Advanced Study of Rehabilitation and Sports Science in the School of Health and Medical Sciences, received a continuation of funding for a second year of a more than \$500,000 extramural grant award from the New Jersey Commission on Brain Injury Research.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the **Stillman School of Business** among the “Best Undergraduate Business Programs” in the nation. The School is ranked 109 and has risen more than 20 places on the list in the past two years.



They're Speaking My Language

Citing a significant need in parishes nationwide, the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology is developing affordable and easy-to-access course material for educating Spanish-speaking deacon candidates.

The project, which has been awarded a nearly \$50,000 grant from the Association of Theological Schools, is a partnership with the Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana.

"The goal is to develop Spanish-language resources for training deacons on DVD, including course outlines, lecture videos and other educational material," says Deacon



Andrew Saunders, director of the Center for Diaconal Formation. Each school is responsible for developing half of the lectures and materials — 12 five-hour modules each.

The project is focused on forming permanent deacons to

be ordained to serve parishes in Hispanic communities, as opposed to transitional deacons who are preparing for the priesthood.

"More than 30 million Catholics in the United States today identify as Hispanic or Latino, and of that number nearly half are foreign-born," wrote Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, in a letter supporting the grant application.

"Yet the number of Hispanic permanent deacons — only 16 percent of the total number of deacons in the Church today — is not sufficient to meet the needs of the laity in the parish," Cardinal Tobin wrote. "As I have been visiting people of the

Archdiocese lately, I am hearing this call loudly and clearly."

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology serves three northern New Jersey dioceses, each with a high percentage of Spanish-speaking populations. The grant application notes that dioceses across the country struggle with limited resources and a limited pool of qualified lecturers to train new deacons. The application also notes that having separate programs for English and Spanish speakers is not practical or cost-effective for many dioceses.

The goal is to have DVDs ready to market by September 2018.

REACHING FOR THE STARS — WITH SOME HELP FROM NASA

Seton Hall's commitment to putting research into undergraduate hands is reaching the stars, as students in science, technology, engineering and math fields take on projects in a NASA initiative to promote STEM education.

The University is one of 17 institutions in the New Jersey Space Grant Consortium Fellowship Program, NASA's education arm in the state. The program fosters research and development as it encourages space science, aerospace and STEM education for protecting life on Earth.

"Learning through research experiences is extremely valuable for our students," says physics professor Mehmet Alper Sahiner, who initiated the program at Seton Hall in 2009 and oversees the grant awards made by a science faculty panel.

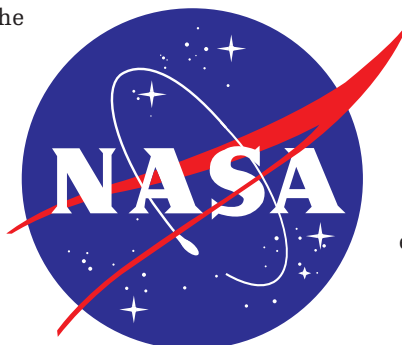
"This is why our graduates are going to highly competitive graduate programs with full fellowships and to high-

tech industries without any difficulties," Sahiner says.

Seton Hall typically gets two NASA research fellowships during the regular academic year, and more grants in a separate summer program — the University received 12 fellowships for summer 2017.

Students receive \$2,000 stipends and work alongside professors in research opportunities usually reserved for larger universities and graduate students. Among this summer's projects was research in improving solar energy cells with metal nanoparticles, in detecting toxic cyanobacteria that contaminate water supplies, and in using biochemistry to improve the effect of vaccines on the immune system.

"Bringing these NASA-funded grants for Seton Hall faculty and students is crucial to enhancing undergraduate STEM education," Sahiner says, noting that he is committed to expanding the programs.



Challenge Undertaken. Challenge Met.

A team of students from the Stillman School of Business represented the Americas this spring in an international investment research challenge — one of only four teams from around the world to take part in the final event in Prague.

This marked the second time a Seton Hall team made it to the global final of the CFA Institute Research Challenge, an annual competition that provides intensive training and experience in financial analysis.

Students work in teams to research and analyze a publicly traded company — sometimes meeting face-to-face with company management. Each team writes a research report on their assigned company with a buy, sell or hold recommendation, and may be asked to present and defend their analysis to a panel of industry professionals.

More than 1,000 teams from universities representing 81 countries took part this year. Local competitions lead to just four regional finals around the world, including the one sponsored by the New York Society of Security Analysts for teams from the United States and Canada.

Though this marked the University's second appearance in the global final, Seton Hall made it to the New York regional "final four" 11 times in the past 15 years the competition has been held.

"One of my visions has always been to extend the educational experience beyond the classroom and in turn broaden the market for student careers — and this Challenge is a golden opportunity to do these very things," said Professor Tony Loviscek, chair of the Department of Finance and adviser to the team.

Serving on the Stillman team were M.B.A. students Anthony Pescetto, Jonathan Glinzman and Katie McCarthy and undergraduates John Gallagher, a finance major, and Mark Moskwa, an economics major.



SINGING AS ONE — FOR PEACE

Music delivered an important and timely message when voices from the Seton Hall University Chorus and community joined the MidAtlantic Opera Orchestra for the "Prayer for Peace: The Power of One Voice" concert this fall.

The event, sponsored by the School of Diplomacy and International Relations and the College of Communication and the Arts, was the second of three major classical music concerts dedicated to peace. The series began at Carnegie Hall in 2015, inspired by Leonard Bernstein's mandate to make music "more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before" as a reply to violence.

"We hope to shine a light on the important role of music in diplomacy," explained Andrea Bartoli, dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations. "Our goal is to reflect on the contribution that the arts have made to peace in conflict situations."

Proceeds from the concert will fund a scholarship to aid refugee students to pursue a degree from Seton Hall.

"The power of one voice to make a change is a powerful force in art and international affairs," said Deirdre Yates, dean of the College of Communication and the Arts. "The musical works highlight the need for all of us to actively pursue peace and mutual understanding."

Conductor Jason Tramm, an assistant professor of music, auditioned students, alumni and community members to take part in the performance, which was held on October 27 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall.

Book Smart

|| FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR DARIA PIZZUTO TRAVELS TO CHILE TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC SPANISH LESSONS FOR HER STUDENTS.

In 2008, just as the Great Recession began, Daria Pizzuto lost her job. She wasn't especially sad to leave — she hated selling cellphones. But she was a little panicked. For years she had been drifting from one unfulfilling job to the next — waitress, fast food worker, gas station attendant — and she didn't know where to go next.

"At the time I was devastated," Pizzuto says. But the layoff was a blessing in disguise. It forced her to hunt for a new job, and she finally landed a position where she could use her degree in Spanish literature, teaching Spanish at an alternative high school. Despite a rough first year, she knew she had found her calling.

Now, nearly a decade later, Pizzuto teaches middle school Spanish in Basking Ridge and is also pursuing her Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership, Management and Policy. Last spring she received the ultimate validation that she is on the right path: a Fulbright award. When she found out she had been selected, "I just started crying," she says. "I couldn't believe I got it."

Joseph Stetar, a professor in Pizzuto's program who encouraged her to apply, wasn't surprised. "She's extremely motivated and intellectually engaged," he says.

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program gives teachers funding to travel abroad so they can complete an ambitious research project of their choosing. Pizzuto hoped to track down authentic Spanish literature to incorporate into her lesson plan. So she proposed a trip to Chile, a country famous for its rich literature.



INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Daria Pizzuto inspires her students to explore beyond textbooks into authentic international literature.



In the U.S., Spanish language students read very little, Pizzuto says. “When they do read, they don’t read authentic stories.” Instead they rely on textbooks or books translated from English. These materials don’t give students a sense of the vivid language or culture that exists in Spanish-speaking countries.

Authentic Spanish literature is easy to find online, of course. Even obscure books are only a mouse click away. “But to have a book and to be able to teach with that book are completely different things,” Pizzuto says. She wanted to not only find authentic literature, but also understand how teachers use it in the classroom — how do they introduce the book, how do they assess students after they’ve finished reading it, how do they drill the vocabulary, how do they teach cultural concepts?

From March through July — which includes the coldest months in South America — Pizzuto visited 13 schools across Chile. She was struck by the dedication of the teachers, who work long hours under often difficult conditions. For example, only one of the 13 schools she visited had a heating system. “In spite of all these challenges and difficulties, they still had the drive, motivation, and professionalism to keep going and develop wonderful lessons,” she says. “That, to me, was so inspiring.”

ON THE GROUND

Pizzuto visited 13 schools in Chile during the coldest months in South America.



When she came home, Pizzuto adapted the material to fit the needs of her students. The final product is a series of ready-to-use lessons and activities that rely on Chilean children’s literature. “It’s not a paper that will stay on the shelf,” she says. “It’s extremely practical.”

Pizzuto’s project is “really innovative,” says Emily Spinelli, executive director of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Middle-school Spanish teachers don’t typically use literature in the classroom. Pizzuto’s lessons will help teachers take

authentic literature and “bring it down to a level that middle-school students could understand,” she says. And that might inspire kids to more fully engage. “They’re more motivated to read it than some of the textbooks, which can be bland,” Spinelli says.

One of the things that sets Pizzuto apart is her international perspective, Stetar says. “There’s a tendency among some American students to be insular, and Daria was not that way,” he says.

That comes in part from Pizzuto’s unique background. She was born and raised in Russia, and when she was 12, her family moved to Spain for four years. Pizzuto didn’t speak any Spanish, but she had always loved languages and she picked up the basics quickly. Today, Pizzuto speaks three languages fluently and has visited 17 countries.

As a teacher, she wants her students to sample some of the rich culture that she has experienced. She wants her students to know the name of the first Chilean to win the Nobel Prize in Literature even if they can’t leave New Jersey. “I’m trying to make them into independent thinkers,” she says, “but also worldly and well-rounded thinkers.” And there’s little doubt she will succeed. ■

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Rx FOR AGING

NURSING PROFESSOR
JUDITH LUCAS IS A LEADING
EXPERT ON THE LONG-TERM
CARE OF OLDER ADULTS.

Leo Tolstoy said that the biggest surprise in a man's life is old age. The surprise of old age — and its sometimes harsh reality — often is framed in stark relief for Judith A. Lucas, associate professor in Seton Hall's College of Nursing and a prominent authority on the long-term care of older adults.

Lucas focuses her research on nursing-home care of geriatric patients with dementia. It is a timely subject as the Baby Boom generation and its successors gray. By 2060, it is estimated, 98 million Americans — nearly 25 percent of the population — will be over the age of 65, with close to 20 million of those 85 years of age or older. "Addressing the needs of older adults will be a dilemma



and a huge public-health problem," Lucas says. "Rather than dealing with these issues at the end of life, we need to take preventive measures and focus on addressing the lifetime risk factors that contribute to dementia."

Nurses, she says, will be at the forefront of this effort. "They are more than simply caregivers; they are resources," Lucas says. It is an ethos she works hard to impart to her gerontological nursing students. "Some students initially are afraid of working with the elderly," she says. "I encourage them to be positive in their approach, and by the end of our class I think most of them are."

Lucas is particularly concerned about the use of psychoactive drugs for patients with dementia in nursing homes. She decries the tendency to prescribe medications "in a way that treats everyone similarly." These powerful medications may be employed as a "chemical restraint" to quiet difficult patients, but their overuse can lead to destructive outcomes: injuries from falls, cardiac problems, strokes, pneumonia and even death.

In a clinical and academic career that spans more than 30 years, it has been Lucas' mission to conduct research and advance policy to rein in inappropriate use of such drugs. "We need to individualize care and change the culture in nursing homes," Lucas says.

Lucas was among a group of nursing experts who worked with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to design an online "toolkit" for nurses in long-term-care settings to promote non-pharmaceutical interventions for improved behavioral health. Her current research aims to assess the results of national elder-care policy. In July, she and a colleague at Miami University in Ohio published a study in the journal *Health Affairs* evaluating CMS efforts to reduce the use of antipsychotic drugs in nursing homes. The researchers found a "modest but significant reduction" in the use of antipsychotic drugs, but at the same time, they noted that other psychoactive medications — some of them potential substitutes for antipsychotics — were being used in some cases. "Continuous monitoring and consistent enforcement are needed to ensure the continued decline in unnecessary use of antipsychotics and psychoactive medications in nursing homes," they concluded.

"Her article in *Health Affairs* is a tremendous contribution to elder-care policy — one of the first to deconstruct the impacts of the CMS initiative to reduce antipsychotic use in nursing homes," says Linda Simoni-Wastila, chair of geriatric pharmacotherapy and director of the Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging at the University of Maryland. Lucas clearly has "great research chops," Simoni-Wastila says, but more important is the depth of her clinical experience. "She has a remarkable ability to see the questions that need to be asked. There are a lot of health-services researchers," Simoni-Wastila says, "but few who are able to bring her level of clinical expertise to the table."

Margaret Huryk was on the Seton Hall nursing faculty when she first met Lucas in 2013, and Lucas later would chair Huryk's doctoral committee. Lucas' "teaching has a lasting impression because she helps students have an understanding of aging and how the nurse can meet the needs of our older adults," says Huryk, an assistant professor of nursing. "Whether you became geriatric-nurse certified or from time to time work with someone 65 or older, what you learn in Dr. Lucas' class stays with you."

Lucas' influence has helped to guide many students into geriatric nursing, adds Marie Foley, dean of the College of Nursing. "Many of our undergraduate students who might not have thought that they would have a career in geriatric nursing have chosen to go in that direction," Foley says.

Lucas remains determined to see opportunities for delight, even in the twilight of one's life. Tacked to a bulletin board on the door of her office is a small poster with a photograph of Tao Porchon-Lynch, who, at age 99, is recognized as the world's oldest yoga instructor. Porchon-Lynch's accompanying quote is unambiguous: "The joy of living is inside you. Live it. Believe in it."

"I put that on my door as a model for my students of healthy aging," Lucas says. "We can each celebrate our lives and be productive and keep connected to one another and share our special gifts throughout life. That," she says, "is a prescription for successful and healthy aging." ■

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THE INCREDIBLE PLAYLIST OF STEVE FERGUSON

FORMER WSOU DJ SPINS
A CAREER CONNECTING
MUSICIANS TO THEIR FANS.

When Steve Ferguson '85 was an undergraduate communications major and a disc jockey at WSOU, he was dismayed to learn that radio DJs don't always get to play whatever they want — which, in his case, was mostly new wave and punk rock, although he did start every shift with The Beatles.

So instead of interning with a radio station as many of his classmates were doing, Ferguson sought an internship with Frontier

Booking International (also known as FBI), a talent agency run by the late Ian Copeland, brother of Stewart Copeland, then the drummer for The Police, which happened to be one of Ferguson's favorite bands. Arriving for his interview in the same three-piece pinstripe suit he had worn to his high-school prom — "I looked like the biggest dork," he says — Ferguson was gobsmacked to see a 10-foot-tall poster of The Police and a young employee sitting at reception who turned out to be Courteney Cox (who went on to star in "Friends"). He vowed to nail the internship. But first he had to get approval from a professor back on campus.

"I go back to my professor and start telling him I have this internship possibility at a booking agency," Ferguson recalls. "He said, 'What does this have to do with communications?' I say, 'Radio is involved, and MTV is exploding.' So the professor took FBI's list of clients home to his 14-year-old daughter, who was a huge fan of The Go-Go's, the infectious girl band that was a Frontier client.

With the rock 'n' roll fates thus aligned, Ferguson got the gig. Three decades later, he gives credit where credit is due: "I owe the entry of my music business career," he says, "to my professor's 14-year-old daughter."

Ferguson's internship led to a full-time job, and to a crucial period of apprenticeship as a music agent under Ian Copeland, the larger-than-life figure who founded FBI in 1978. In his long career, Ferguson has booked live performances in cramped nightclubs and large arenas for the likes of Morrissey, Blur, Warren Zevon and Iron Maiden. He's even booked concerts for some of his musical idols, among them Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, Bryan Ferry and Sting. "When you get that opportunity to work with one of your heroes," Ferguson says, "it's like, Wow!"

It's been a heady ride, and Ferguson's gusto for his work shows no sign of waning. "There's lots of money involved, and careers are at stake," he says. "But I like to have fun. We're not curing cancer here. We're booking rock 'n' roll concerts."

These days, as a vice president with the talent agency APA, Ferguson's client list includes Squeeze, Paul Weller, Saint Etienne, Modern English and Martha Wainwright. From his office in midtown Manhattan, he is forever in

search of new talent, following tips from industry insiders and frequenting nightclubs across the city. "I represent live talent, so you have to see what they're like as a live band," Ferguson says. "A lot of A&R people, they're searching YouTube, SoundCloud and Spotify to see how many streams they have, how many friends they have. I don't do that, because I try to rely more on my instinct and my gut."

More than anything, Ferguson says, he looks for "a connection" between musician and audience. One night 10 years ago, Ferguson found himself inside the Knitting



Factory, where the singer-songwriter Ingrid Michaelson was performing in a basement space with maybe 125 seats. One of her songs, "Keep Breathing," had been featured on the television show "Grey's Anatomy" just a week before, yet everyone in the room that night seemed to know every word. In the audience, Ferguson was thinking: Wow, there's a connection there. He's been booking Michaelson's live performances ever since.

"Steve was my first and only booking agent," Michaelson writes in an email. "He has become like my family over the years. My family who fights very hard for me!"

On this day, after he leaves his office, Ferguson will head uptown to the Beacon Theatre, where Blondie, an APA client, is headlining a sold-out concert. For Ferguson, it's a perk that never gets old. "I don't take it for granted," he says, "that I'm in a wonderful position." ■

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STRONGER, TOGETHER

STILLMAN STUDENTS SHOW LEADERSHIP WITH A GROUP
DONATION TO HONOR THEIR MENTOR.



Stillman School of Business leadership students share a special bond with Michael Reuter, director of the Gerald P. Buccino '63 Center for Leadership Development, and the seniors graduating last spring wanted to show the man they call Mike how much he matters.

So each of them, all 15, contributed \$100 to make donations totaling \$1,500 to the leadership program in Reuter's name.

"He gives us himself for four years. He says 'I'm here for you 24/7' and lives up to it," says Vina Tailor '17, one of the students who organized the group gift.

"Every year the seniors give him a gift, material things, but we thought this would be something that keeps on giving, something more permanent," adds Geoffrey Thomulka '17, another of the core organizers.

The students surprised Reuter with an oversized check and heartfelt tributes at the center's April dinner.

"It was one of the greatest honors of my entire life," says Reuter. "I was so deeply touched and humbled by their caring to give such a beautiful gift."

John Shannon, a Stillman professor of economics and legal studies, had planted the seed with the students of making a special gift to the program — and they responded. They met to hash out the details, deciding

\$1,500 was an amount that would aptly reflect their appreciation, Tailor says. The funds directly support the center's activities.

"This is an opportunity to give to the program that gave so much to us," says Thomulka. "It's not about the dollar amount, it's about all of us participating."

At the dinner, the Class of 2017 leadership students challenged their younger classmates to continue the tradition. "Our hope is next year's class will say 'Let's add to it,'" Tailor says. "Maybe alumni will see our efforts, maybe the council members will see it and say they will follow our lead."

The Buccino Leadership Development Center offers a four-year honors program with academic and professional development courses that promote confidence, critical thinking and analytical skills. In addition to their regular coursework, the students take noncredit courses in leadership, technology and trends, and team building. The program's centerpiece is the junior year mentorship initiative that assigns students to work one-on-one with a chief executive on a yearlong project.

"I attribute my ability to get a job, time and time over, to the program," says Thomulka, an accounting major hired by KPMG. "You learn professional skills, from how to be productive in meetings, to being able to interview,

HIGH PRAISE

Since Mike Reuter (shown with leadership students Vina Tailor and Geoffrey Thomulka) became the director of the Buccino Center, the caliber of each incoming class has improved immeasurably, says Gerald P. Buccino '63, the alumnus for whom the center is named.



to being a better-rounded individual."

Before becoming director of the Buccino Center in 2007, Reuter worked in finance and as an executive coach who assisted senior managers at major corporations. The onetime seminarian says working with students is "everything I wanted in life."

"My job is to serve them, to open up their minds to the gifts that are within them, to build their confidence," he says. "I see the potential and value in them, and my job is to help them see it and realize it."

Joyce Strawser, dean of the Stillman School, credits Reuter with raising the national profile of the program with experiential learning and professional development. Earlier this year the Buccino Center was ranked No. 1 by the LEAD Awards from HR.com for the third year in a

row. The Stillman program was honored over hundreds of others for its ambitious standards of academic and professional excellence.

"It is focused on principled leadership, and he is the person who brings it all together," Strawser says.

A collective donation of this size is rare for undergraduates, according to University fundraising professionals. But Strawser says it embodies the values of service and responsibility that Reuter instills every day.

"He's created a community and has helped students to learn it's not all about them, that they have an obligation to give back," she says. "This gift recognizes how much he has done for them." ■

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GIRL POWER

(Clockwise from top left) Women welcomed to the bookstore, 1968; WSOU news director, Kathy Forsyth, 1972; group Sigma Theta Sigma sorority picture, 1972; female student and friends



50 YEARS OF WOMEN

*In 1968, Seton Hall welcomed
its first integrated male and female class
to the South Orange campus*

BY KEVIN COYNE

THEY ARRIVED NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO, the first full class of women on the South Orange campus, dressed as if for church. They came garbed in demure wool skirts and sweaters—never, not even through that first cold winter, in slacks. Some even tottered between classes in heels. There was no dedicated dorm for them on campus yet, so many of them commuted by car or bus or train. Some rented

attics and basements and spare rooms in neighborhood houses and listened politely when their old Polish and Italian landladies clucked about the too-long hair of the men who called on them for dates.

They seemed at times like a new species migrating into an ecosystem that was still figuring out how to host them. Some of the men's bathrooms on campus had undergone a rudimentary gender change by way of little more than a new sign on the door. The urinals were still inside.

"You were certainly looked at," says Anita Campisi Whitehead '72, a veteran of that Boland Hall gauntlet. "But everybody was always very equally treated, I thought. I didn't notice any kind of talking down to us."

"It wasn't like a girl coming on the football team," says Diane Garbini '72. "I never got the feeling that you weren't welcome, or that this was an all-guys' school and that you shouldn't be here."

"They weren't holding open the doors to let us in," says Jacquie Salvatore '72. "There wasn't this big hoopla, either. If you think about it, today there probably would have been balloons and a big parade, but it wasn't like that."

"The student center was a much happier place with our presence, according to the guys," says Gale Yaeger Hay '72.

"I didn't feel like they resented us being there at all," says Karen Cubero '72.

At a university named for a woman, women have never been strangers.

And the women had to do some learning, too — about fraternity mixers, basketball games and the geography of their new home. On Cubero's first evening on campus, on a summer visit to look for a place to live, she shared a table in the dining hall with a male student, a junior taking summer classes. "He said, 'Do you want to go to the village?' and I said, 'The village?' I thought he meant Greenwich Village."

He didn't. They strolled down into the Village of South Orange for ice cream at Gruning's.



At a university named for a woman, women have never been strangers. Women religious from the the order founded by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Sisters of Charity, served at the school as nurses, cooks and domestic workers from its earliest years. The first female students enrolled in the 1930s, at what were known as the Extension Divisions — small satellite campuses in Newark, and Jersey City, where women outnumbered men, and where the total enrollment outnumbered the enrollment at the main campus in South Orange.

Of the 19 bachelor's degrees awarded at the Extension Division's first graduation in 1937, 11 went to women religious, and four to lay women.

Women taught on the faculty, and the first dean of the law school was a woman, Miriam Rooney, in 1951. Women religious came to South Orange for summer classes, and nursing students from Newark came to use the chemistry labs on Saturday mornings, but it wasn't until

the early 1960s that the discussion turned to opening the final door — full coeducation on the main campus.

“By broadening the base of applicants to include women, Seton Hall can find quality in quantity,” a student wrote in *The Setonian* in 1963. “A higher caliber woman would replace a lower caliber man, and their loss is the University’s gain.”

Another student put it more plainly in *The Setonian* that year: “These men who are yelling ‘bring on the girls’ are the same ones who will be yielding their seats to a more intelligent and mature female.”

Support for coeducation was building within the administration and faculty then, too. “Though the education of males alone has a particular value and in certain circumstances is the best policy, it seems to me that in our own circumstances now that times have so radically changed, that coeds ought to be invited to the campus day program as a means of bettering our total academic environment,” the dean of the college, Albert Hakim,

wrote in 1963. “After all, women aren’t freaks.”

But there was one last obstacle. “Women were not allowed on campus for one reason — that the divinity students were present on the campus,” Hakim says now. “In the minds of some ecclesiastically minded persons, that was an important consideration.”

After the divinity students were moved to the seminary at Darlington, Hakim says, “the road to accepting women on campus became a little easier for some.”

The pioneers were a tiny group of women, maybe a dozen in each year, in two honors programs: one in chemistry and one in humanities. “We were sort of oddities, but really only once or twice did I feel in classrooms as if I was the odd person out,” says Beatrice Granville Jacobson ’67, a retired English professor at Saint Ambrose University in Iowa, where her husband, Paul ’67, retired as a philosophy professor and dean. They met in a philosophy class junior year. “Generally speaking, the faculty were receptive.

“Any faculty who saw a woman in one of their day-time classes knew this was an honors student so they knew we were serious, so that probably helped.”

She commuted from her parents’ home in Mendham, never in slacks, which were prohibited on women by school policy. “It just wasn’t done at the time by anybody,” she says. “I also think there was a way in which, in subtle ways at least, we were trying not to draw any more attention to ourselves.”

The next step came at the start of the spring semester in 1968, when 640 women started taking classes in South Orange after the Newark satellite campus closed. “It was an earthquake on campus because for the first time you had more than those few humanities honors women moving across campus,” says Bob Windrem ’68, who was then editor of *The Setonian*, which argued in favor of coeducation. “As I can recall, the first mixing of the sexes was sort of tentative because nobody knew what to expect.”

Windrem himself offered some private advice to university president Bishop John Dougherty in a conversation before women arrived on campus. “I pointed out to him that perhaps he might want to take a look at the carvings and the graffiti on the various desks through-



TRAILBLAZER
Mary Grace Dougherty,
first female student
at Seton Hall extension
school, 1937.

out the university because, as one might expect at an all-male school, there were a lot of, shall we say, inappropriate comments," Windrem says. "I have no idea if this was as the result of anything I said, but I can remember coming back for the new semester and seeing that all the desks had been sanded and painted black."

The final step was the arrival in South Orange of the entering class of freshmen in the fall of 1968, not all of whom knew they were upending a century-old tradition. "The first I knew that The Hall had been all male was at an orientation session the day before classes began," says Anita Whitehead, who was in the humanities honors program, as was her husband, Jim '70. "A guy in my group complained that he had not been told there would be women on campus, leaped up and ran out."

Most of the first women majored in either elementary education or nursing, so in many of their classes they were surrounded by other women. But in some of the large introductory lecture classes, and in classes outside their majors, they were often surrounded by men. Anita Whitehead's Russian professor opened each class with a

greeting he had never used before. "He would always say, 'Good morning, gentlemen,' and then he would turn to me and add, 'and lady,'" she says. "It was not sarcastic. It was truly, 'Oh, I forgot you.' He was just so used to saying, 'Good morning, gentlemen,' and then I showed up."

Women were also outnumbered in the student center, where the fraternity brothers commandeered long tables at which they hung their Greek banners and congregated between classes. "I can envision walking into the bottom of the student center and all the Greek tables were down there then and just seeing this massive amount of guys," says Diane Garbini, an elementary education major who had gone to an all-girls high school, East Orange Catholic, and who commuted from her home in Livingston. "You just walked in and there was this sea of men and I was kind of like, 'OK, where am I?'"

The women soon countered by commandeering some tables of their own for the sororities they formed. "It was kind of crazy when you think about it, because there was no sorority house, just a table," says Jacquie Salvatore, who went to East Orange Catholic with Garbini and wore the same blue beanie with gold letters when they both pledged to Sigma Theta Sigma. She commuted from her home in Newark. "You sat at your



1968



1970s

5 Decades
of Women

little table at lunch, and you hung out at that table.”

A residence hall for women didn’t open until that first coed class reached its senior year, so most women commuted, including a transfer sociology major from Fordham University who lived with her parents in Orange and worked in the payroll department at Sears in the Livingston Mall: Mary Meehan ’72/M.A. ’74/Ph.D. ’01, the University’s current interim president. Women who didn’t commute lived in off-campus houses, like the room with a bed and a fold-out couch in Mrs. Jazcinski’s house on Norman Road that Gale Hay and her roommate shared as freshmen. “If we pulled that couch out for a bed there was no room to do anything else. We brought our parents in and they were speechless,” Hay says. As sophomores, they moved into a sprawling three-story house on Montrose Street where they had a kitchen, a balcony and enough bedrooms for seven of their friends to eventually join them. “The bathroom there was as big as the whole room we lived in as freshmen.”

And by the time they moved into the bigger house with the bigger bathroom, they, and all of their classmates, were no longer required to wear skirts or dresses on campus. “I remember as dean one of the student advisers called me and asked if I had any objection to doing away

with that requirement for the women as long as they were modestly dressed,” Albert Hakim says. “I said I had no objection at all.”

Jeans soon proliferated, as they did on denim-clad campuses across the country. “So we went from this place that did not allow women to wear pants on campus to being in *Life* magazine for being Vietnam protesters,” Hay says. “It was a fast-changing time.”

All those women in pants were so quickly absorbed into campus life that it soon became hard to imagine a time without them. Women now make up 55 percent of the university’s undergraduate population.

Coeducation had some other lasting effects, too. When Karen Cubero returned to South Orange after her summer visit to start her freshman year, she moved into an attic bedroom off campus with another nursing student and a chemistry major. “We were just so happy to be on our own we didn’t care,” she says.

She also started dating John Cubero ’71, the junior biology major — and future cardiologist — who had invited her to the village for ice cream. They have been married for 44 years. ■

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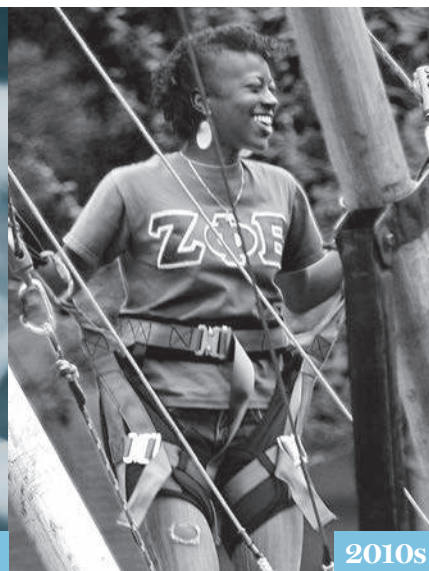
1980s



1990s



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EVER FORWARD
Saint Elizabeth
Ann Seton,
looking forward
with faith.

THE STRONG LADY

The campus statue of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton serves as a powerful symbol of courage, determination and faith. By Christopher Hann

She stands high atop a brawny granite pedestal, her eyes fixed, her countenance resolute, her stride ever forward. Her right hand clutches her wind-blown cape as her left hand clutches her Bible. Ribbons drawn snugly beneath her chin secure her cap. Her right foot, encased in a thick boot, steps atop a substantial rock inscribed with the Seton Hall motto: Hazard Zet Forward.

The eight-foot bronze statue of Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton — founder of the Sisters of Charity, the first American-born saint, and the University's namesake — can be seen from almost anywhere on the University Green. It's a fitting location, as for nearly two decades since its installation, the statue of Mother Seton has occupied a rarefied space at the epicenter of the Seton Hall community.

"This statue sort of spoke to me," says Maureen Byrnes, a clinical assistant nursing professor. "It's got

a spiritual quality to it."

To Monsignor Robert Wister, who served on the committee that planned the statue, it's critical that Mother Seton is depicted in full stride. Such a posture embodies the Seton Hall motto, a combination of Norman French and archaic English that means to forge ahead at whatever risk. In conversations with the sculptor, Sister Margaret Beaudette, the planning committee made clear that it wanted Mother Seton in motion.

"We didn't want a frozen figure standing," Monsignor Wister says. "She did a wonderful job with that. There's wind billowing her cape. She's moving. It's one of the things that makes it unique among all the Mother Seton statues I've seen."

So what's the statue mean to Monsignor Wister?

"To me it's a symbol of heritage and Catholic education and its mission to continue that," he says. "And that's why I like the motion of it — in other words, it doesn't stand still."

The Making of Mother Seton

As a child of privilege who became the first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton may seem an unlikely namesake for a Catholic college. But she defied convention throughout her life. Some highlights:



1774

Born into a prominent (and devout) Episcopal family in New York City, Elizabeth is the daughter of Catherine Charlton Bayley and Dr. Richard Bayley, a surgeon and the city's first health officer.

Catherine Bayley dies three years later.

1794

At 19, Elizabeth marries William Seton, a wealthy shipping baron, and over the next eight years they produce five children. But the following year Seton dies of tuberculosis in Italy, leaving Elizabeth a widow at 29.

The Sculptor

Sister Margaret Beaudette produced more than 60 major sculptures of religious figures during a long and lauded career as a teacher and artist.

After she left teaching in 1987, Sister Margaret devoted the last 30 years of her life to her own creations, working out of the DePaul Sculpture Studio on the campus of The College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx, her alma mater. Her first major commission, in 1979, a five-foot bronze of St. Paul the Apostle, is installed at St. Paul's Church in New York City.

Dozens of commissions followed, including a life-size bronze statue of St. Bernadette, completed in 1997 and displayed in front of the library in Lourdes, France. Among the testimonials on Sister Margaret's website is a quote from Jean-Luc Delchambre, a tour guide in Lourdes: "This American work of art has become a favorite site of the pilgrims who visit Lourdes. The statue of St. Bernadette is now part of the village's daily tours. Notice that her hand is never empty! Pilgrims leave all sorts of 'gifts' with her."

Today Sister Margaret's work can be seen in churches, shrines, and hospitals across the United States and in Canada, Bermuda, Haiti, and South Korea. They range from a 12-inch bonded bronze statuette of St. John the Baptist to a 9-foot-tall granite statue of Mother Seton, installed at Saint Raymond's Cemetery in the Bronx. For Sister Margaret, Mother Seton was a favorite subject — her major works include no fewer than 11 depictions of the first American-born saint.

Sister Margaret entered the Sisters of Charity of New York in February 1947, a month shy of her 19th birthday. She died

in March 2017 at age 89. In an obituary posted on The Sisters of Charity of New York website, Sister Margaret explains the motivation behind her art.

"My sculpture," she said, "was the best way I could express that God, ever compassionate and kind, is incarnated in the figures I sculpt."

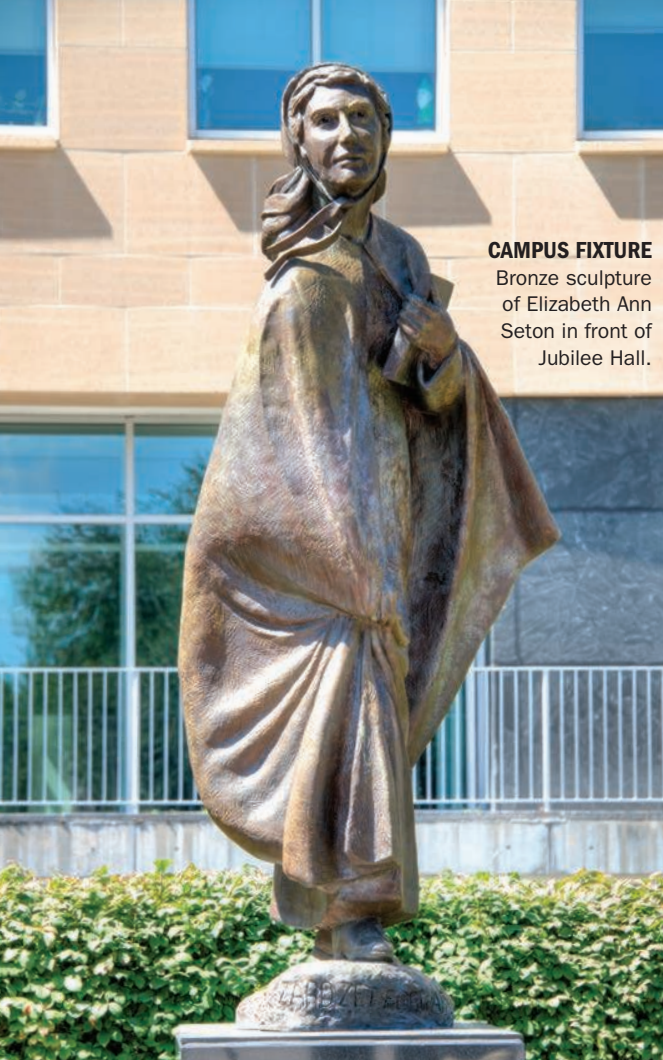
The Donor

For the late Monsignor Kevin Hanbury '68/M.Div.'75/Ed.S.'79/Ed.D.'85, the Mother Seton statue was something of a love song to his parents. In the late 1990s, following the death of Raymond and Rose Ann Hanbury, Monsignor Hanbury wanted to remember his parents with a lasting memorial. In discussions with University officials, it was determined that Monsignor Hanbury would provide the funding for a public statue of Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.

Monsignor Hanbury spent 35 years on the Seton Hall campus, last serving as associate dean at the College of Education and Human Services. In 2006 Archbishop John J. Myers appointed him the vicar for education and superintendent of schools in the Newark Archdiocese.

Dr. Ray Hanbury, chief psychologist at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, N.J., says his brother loved his 40 years in the priesthood and was especially committed to providing a Catholic education for young people. When he was appointed superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, Ray Hanbury says, his brother made a promise to himself: "He was going to visit every single Catholic elementary, middle, and high school in the diocese his first year. And he did."

Ray Hanbury remembers attending the



CAMPUS FIXTURE
Bronze sculpture
of Elizabeth Ann
Seton in front of
Jubilee Hall.

dedication of the Mother Seton statue at a Charter Day ceremony in 1998 with his wife, Pat, and their family. They watched as Monsignor Hanbury, together with Monsignor Robert T. Sheeran '67, then the president of Seton Hall, collaborated in the formal unveiling.

"This statue means an awful lot to me," Monsignor Hanbury said that day. "My parents taught me my faith. After we are long gone, not only will Seton Hall live on, but so will my parents."

Memories of Mother Seton

Maura Kolkmeier '12

"I love how she is stepping and leaning forward, into challenge and the unknown, carving her own path. Since starting my business, I am often back on

campus working with students and faculty. I often sit on the bench next to the statue. I feel a special connection to her, as my birthday is her feast day. Knowing her journey, defying what was expected of her to educate and create a new system of education to help build the futures of children, I look up at her statue ... and am inspired to keep pushing forward."

Melissa Taylor Bahrs, M.A. '09

"My father graduated from Seton Hall; my stepson graduated from Seton Hall; and I graduated from Seton Hall. I had a separate respect and love for Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, and then got to be on the campus seeing this [statue] so often. Her life was a profile in courage."

Timothy Hester '99/M.A.T. '07

"Not long after the statue was erected, the terrible Boland Hall fire happened. I was a seminarian at the time, and at the dedication of the bell tower, our choir (of which I was a member) sang the Regina Coeli. I'll never forget looking out and seeing that statue and truly feeling comforted by the presence of the strong lady that Elizabeth Seton was and her presence in my life. Tomorrow I begin work as an assistant principal at a school named St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller, Texas. Although I am 1,500 miles and many years away from that moment, I still think of the statue and the woman it represents."

A new statue of Mother Seton, designed by Sister Margaret Beaudette before she died earlier this year, will be given a place of prominence in the welcome center, Bethany Hall, now being constructed on campus. ■

1809

After converting to Catholicism, Elizabeth moves to Emmitsburg, Maryland, and establishes a school for girls. She founds the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first religious order of women founded in the young nation.

1816

The Sisters of Charity codify their mission: "works of piety, charity and usefulness, and especially for the care of the sick, the succor of aged, infirm and necessitous persons, and the education of young females."

1821

Tuberculosis takes Mother Seton's life at 46. On her deathbed she utters her last words: "Be children of the church. Be children of the church."



1856

Thirty-five years after the death of Mother Seton, her nephew, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, founds Seton Hall College, named in honor of his aunt.

1975

Blessed Pope Paul VI canonizes Mother Seton.

Chasing History

When Alexis Walkden finishes her college softball career in 2018, she will go down as one of the greatest hitters in Seton Hall history. The Texas native holds the single-season home run record with 20, and through three seasons she has clubbed 41 homers, putting her in range of the school career mark of 59. Her abilities with the bat made her the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in 2015 and the conference's Player of the Year in 2017.

And yet when Walkden started at Seton Hall as the team's third baseman, she wasn't allowed to step up to the plate. "In the first week of her freshman year we actually hit for her," says Seton Hall coach Paige Smith. "And she agreed with it. She's like, 'I wouldn't have let me hit either, I was hitting terribly.'"

Walkden finally got the chance to swing the bat in her third game. The result? A home run. One game later, Walkden slugged two more home runs. "She hasn't been hit for since," Smith jokes.

Walkden always seemed destined for a life on the diamond, even though softball wasn't her first sport. "My dad's side of the family is a huge baseball family," she says. "So that's what got me into it originally." Her uncle, Mike Walkden, was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1991, and she started playing T-ball "at like 3 or 4 years old, and I played baseball for a really long time." She eventually made the switch to softball, becoming a star in suburban San Antonio.

The Seton Hall coaching staff spotted her at a tournament in California. Walkden researched the school and saw "it was up by New York and was going to be a really different experience," she says. "I had offers to stay in Texas, but the idea of trying something new was really cool."

The Pirates staff didn't anticipate that Walkden would

dominate with her hitting when they recruited her. "We offered her a scholarship," Smith says, "and had never seen her get a base hit. It was the intangibles."

Since that first season with the Pirates, Walkden has grown into a feared hitter and a strong leader, a player who worries little about her individual accomplishments and more about the team's success. "I like being a leader in more of a supportive way instead of getting to practice and telling you exactly what to do," she says.

She also leads on the field. Walkden defends against slaps and bunts and excels with her glove at third base, although she played shortstop most of her life.

And with the bat, she never has stopped hitting. Walkden followed up her record-setting 20-homer freshman campaign with eight home runs in 2016 and 13 more in 2017. The right-handed slugger has an unorthodox hitting style, according to her coach, who has marveled at her skills for three seasons. "She replants her rear foot and also replants her left foot," Smith says. "The double plant thing she only does in games. ... Most coaches would have tried to change her swing by now. We never tried to fix anything."

Walkden wants to teach high-school math after graduation, and she might also coach. But for now, she has one more season and she needs 18 more homers to match the career record held by Laura Taylor '05. "I have 150 people that tell me [about the record] so it's hard to forget," Walkden says with a laugh. "Once the season starts, it's not something I really think about."

But just as it's been ever since she started swinging a bat for the Pirates, Walkden's hitting will be what everyone in the BIG EAST talks about. ■

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LEAGUE OF HER OWN

Alexis Walkden scores big
not just on the field, but
also in the classroom.

In the Fast Lane

Elite swimmers often display their skills at a young age, but Noah Yanchulis took a different lane on his way to stardom at Seton Hall. Swimming on an eighth-grade club team in Maryland, “Every single day, I didn’t want to do it,” he says. “It was bad. But I stuck it out. In ninth grade I really started to like it.” And he started to get really good at it.

Now — twice named BIG EAST Most Outstanding Male Swimmer — Yanchulis is a mainstay of the Pirates team, and has become a star in the water and a leader out of it.

It wasn’t until the end of his senior year in high school that his future came into focus. Yanchulis received little attention from college recruiters, but his club coach contacted Seton Hall and he visited campus. “Probably two or three weeks later, I committed,” he says. At one point in high school, Yanchulis wanted to go to a “school that had a football team,” but he eventually fell for the smaller Seton Hall campus and enjoys “that you pretty much know everyone.”

As a freshman, Yanchulis made sure BIG EAST competitors knew him. He came in first in the 200-yard free-style at the BIG EAST Championships in 2015 and second in the 200 fly. Each year Yanchulis has gained speed in the pool and medals on the stand. In 2016 he won the 200 free and 500 free, and as a junior in 2017 he won both of those events again and added titles in the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay.

It’s an impressive haul for a late starter, especially one who didn’t have a lot of Division I schools seeking his talents. In addition to the smaller campus and proximity to New York, the chance to swim in college’s top division also attracted him to Seton Hall, and in three years he’s shown other schools what they missed out on. In high

school, he had seen friends back in Maryland getting attention from recruiters, and while he “wasn’t mad about not getting calls, it was definitely a big motivator. I knew I had something to prove.”

He’s done that, according to head coach Derek Sapp, who has watched Yanchulis’ three-year progression. Sapp remains especially impressed at the way Yanchulis battled through shoulder problems as a sophomore, and says the biggest factor in the swimmer’s success is his work ethic. “And he’s definitely more confident than he was three or four years ago,” Sapp says. “You could see that coming.”

“It’s not a team sport but at the same time it is, because if someone has a good swim before me, I’m thinking, ‘OK, I have to top that.’”

At 6-foot-5, Yanchulis uses his height to great advantage, but physical skills are only part of the equation. “The biggest thing,” he says, “is your mindset and having a competitive edge, wanting to win more than the other person. If you can fight through the pain more than the other person, if you can keep pushing through it and they slack off — that’s it right there.”

As a captain for the Pirates, Yanchulis also drives his teammates — Seton Hall captured its first conference title in 2017. “You’re not doing it for yourself. It’s not a team sport but at the same time it is, because if someone has a good swim before me, I’m thinking, ‘OK, I have to top that.’”



PERFECT TIMING
Noah Yanchulis has gained speed each year in the pool.

Sapp says Yanchulis also inspires with his performance. The coach remembers at the 2016 BIG EAST Championships when Yanchulis won the 500 free “and a lot of people just fed off of that. You’re literally swimming the race by yourself, but people see that and it gets them all excited and ready to go.”

With one season remaining, Yanchulis — a double major in IT and marketing who would love a career in sports — has one big goal: to qualify for the NCAA

championships, an event for the best of the best.

“It’s the most competitive event in the world,” he says.

“It’s very intense, and it’s very tough to make, but that’s the goal. ... It’s going to be very hard, but there’s so much I can improve on.” And a trip to the NCAA championships would be the perfect ending to the career with the unusual beginning. ■

Shawn Fury is an author in New York City.

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50s

Richard J. Connors '50 wrote the book *New Jersey and the Great War*.

60s

Maria (Mazziotti) Gillan '61 published *Paterson Light and Shadow*, a book of poems and photography about Paterson, N.J. ... **Shirley B. Carvatt '62** published her third book, titled *Annabella Teddy, and the Rainbow Trail*, for middle-school children. ... **Nick Scalera '63**, the former state director of the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, recently published an informational booklet titled *How Megan's Law Affects Juveniles in New Jersey*. ... **Robert G. Kahrmann, M.A.E. '64** is the president of the Woods Landing Homeowners Association in Atlantic County, N.J. ... **Joseph Dowling '65** was the subject of a biography titled *Up and Over* about his career as a hand cyclist. ... **Diane W. Sawyer, M.S. '65** wrote her sixth novel, *The Tell-Tale Treasure*.

... **Robert J. Tarte '65/J.D. '69** was appointed to the president's advisory group at Seton Hall. ... **Joseph P. Delaney '67** was named chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities of Staten Island. ...

Richard Masella '68 published the book *Korean War Leadership and Leftist Revolution – America Betrayed*. ... **Robert B. Windrem '68** was awarded the Television Spot News Award by the Deadline Club for "Hacking Democracy," investigative coverage of Russian cyber hacking aimed at the 2016 U.S. presidential election. ... **Vincent Tavormina '69** was elected state secretary of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus at the annual convention in May.

70s

Joseph Ridgway '70 won second place in the 2016 International Literary Awards for his poem "Love's Sequence." ... **Robert Bzik '71** retired from his position as planning director of Somerset County, N.J., where he worked to advance the local YMCA. ... **Bettye J.**

King, M.A.E. '73 was honored with an award in April for her 40th anniversary as a distinguished chartered member of the Delta Kappa Pi international education honor society. ... **Wes Blakeslee '74** was appointed to the advisory board of Oral Cancer Cause, a nonprofit support organization. ... **Robert Montgomery '74** celebrated six years since cofounding Jurs Montgomery Brokerage LLC, based in Pittsford, N.Y. ... **Thomas P. Zampino, J.D. '74** received the 2017 Eugene Serpentelli award from the Family Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. **Paulette Brown, J.D. '76** was honored by Western Michigan University Law School for excellence in law. ... **William G. DeFabiis, M.A.E. '76** was hired to serve as interim superintendent for the 2017-18 academic year for the Readington Township (N.J.) School District. ... **Eleanor J. Roland, M.S.N. '77** published a book titled *We Go Forth: Reflections of WSSU Nursing Trailblazers – Class of 1961*, which traces the careers of eight African-American nurses who graduated during the

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PRIDE IN ACTION

1) Fredrica Van Sprang '90 in Havana, Cuba 2) Mike Lamb '17, Arnie Majano '17 and Prachi Makkar '17 at the 2017 Young Alumni Reunion at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como, N.J. 3) Maribel Landrau '13/M.A.T. '16 and children Denise '18, Ashley '12, Jorge Jose '00/J.D. '03 show their Pirate Pride. 4) Betsy Kerr-Belmonte '79, Terri Burns-Russo '79, Lori Maloney-Stanziale '79 in Bermuda. 5) Kathy (Robinson) Cunningham '85, Betsey (Bradley) Sheprow '78, Mark McNulty '77, Liz (Kenny) McNulty '78 and Matt Sheprow '77 in Ireland.





AWARD-WINNING TALENT:
Alex Rodríguez, Bardia Shah-Rais, Kevin Burkhardt and Frank Thomas are all smiles after a big win at the 38th Annual Sports Emmy Awards in May.

His job doesn't feel like work, says Bardia Shah-Rais '95, a sports lover who is vice president of production at Fox Sports. "When people ask me what I do for a living," he jokes, "I say, 'Well, we watch the game and we talk about it.'" But while his occupation is enjoyable, it's not easy — nor does it come without challenges.

Shah-Rais juggles multiple tasks before, during and between broadcasts, which he says takes teamwork and humor.

For instance, lead-off questions must be prepared for the likes of baseball legend and Fox analyst Alex Rodriguez, who asks great questions of his own, but who sometimes goes off script. A-Rod once accidentally tossed a football that shattered a studio monitor. Amid laughs, before the broadcast ended he received an ornate invoice for \$1,500 created by the show's graphics department. Likewise, when commentator Pete Rose suggested that the slumping Chicago Cubs should visit the zoo to get their mojo back, a list of equally "off-the-wall" locations appeared on screen soon after.

It helps that Shah-Rais is good at what he does. In May, the show he produces, "MLB on FOX: The Postseason," received an Emmy for "Outstanding

Studio Show." He credits his nimbleness to his training at Seton Hall, especially at WSOU, the University's student-run radio station. "I had to do anything and everything to get on the air and stay afloat," he recalls, adding that this is where he learned "to rely on a true team, not just yourself."

How a Southern California boy got to Seton Hall, and succeeded there, comes down to two names, Shah-Rais says. Bob Ley '76, an ESPN broadcaster, urged Shah-Rais to study at Seton Hall. And then Vice President of Student Services Tracy Gottlieb '75, his adviser at the time, pushed him to take courses to stretch his talent. "She also taught me the values of working hard and treating people the right way."

Today, Shah-Rais has broad authority at Fox Sports. He has a say in who gets hired, what will be featured on air, and even sponsorship. But he's learned that there's something he can't always control — an open microphone. As a student announcer for Seton Hall's men's basketball team, which was playing in a tournament in Hawaii, he let slip an enthusiastic, but unfortunate, superlative about the island state. The lasting lesson: "Always assume what you say is being transmitted." | BOB GILBERT

NEWS & NOTES

1. Jessica (Hunter) '06/M.A. '08 and Brian O'Neil '05, a girl, Elizabeth Seton on August 8, 2014.
2. Jason T. Carter '08 and Meghan, a girl, Avery June on June 7, 2017.
3. Elizabeth (Rathbun) '09/M.A.E. '12 and James Schmidt '08, a girl, Nora Elizabeth on May 13, 2017.
4. Brian Quigley '06 and Sara, a girl, Caroline Grace on April 20, 2017.
5. Maura (Reilly) '07 and John Lunieski '07, a boy, Nicholas Jude on February 23, 2017, with other sons.



Pirate Babies

Tying the knot



1. Kelly Kaysonepheth '06 to Anthony Hultz on April 29, 2017.
From left, Class of 2006 Seton Hall Alumni: Joseph Krause, Stephanie Bohr Ahasic, Kelly Kaysonepheth, Amanda Grybko, John-Paul Yates
2. Patricia Cedrone '13 to Ricky Jewell '11 on July 23, 2016.
3. Rachel Tolentino '06/D.P.T. '09 to Michael DeLoreto on January 7, 2017.

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desegregation era in North Carolina.

... **Theodore Jarmusz '78/M.A.E.**

'91 was inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in June. He was the head baseball coach at Monmouth Regional High School for 28 years, and now serves as assistant coach at Red Bank Catholic High School. ... **Lisa F. Bencel '79** was appointed chief financial officer for Servotronics, an electronic parts supplier in New York. ... **Simon Patrick Pignataro, M.A.E. '79/Ed.S. '81/M.S.N '00** retired from the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps after 30 years.

80s

Dominick R. Catena-Sommella Jr. '80 is an account manager with Dream Water USA, a sleep aid company. ... **David J. Duggan '80** was appointed chief financial officer of Diamond Chemical Company Inc. ... **John A. Conte '81/J.D. '84** was certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil trial attorney. ... **Christopher J. Durkin '81** was named Irishman of the Year by Essex County. ... **Daniel Pacicco '81** was appointed senior vice president, chief accounting officer and controller of Assurant, a risk-management solutions company. ... **Domenick J. Margiotta '81** was promoted to executive vice president of Amboy Bank in May. ... **Rosalyn Waters-Maxwell, M.A.E. '81**, liaison for The Jersey City West Indian Caribbean-American Carnival Association, held a Caribbean-American business conference at City Hall in Jersey City. ... **Robert P. Zoller, J.D. '81** was selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. ... **Jeffrey E. Finegan '82** spoke at the Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh, N.Y., about his two books, *Colonel Washington and Me* and *'Tis Well ... The Life and Death of George Washington*. ... **Francine M. Aster '83/J.D. '87** became president of the Essex County Bar Association in May. ... **Robert B. Hille, J.D. '83** was sworn in as president of the New Jersey State Bar Association in May. ... **Karen Sheehy '83/J.D. '88** was appointed chief compliance officer

of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals. ...

Richard K. Hurley Jr., J.D. '84 became a partner with Cory and Hurley Law Group representing veterans nationwide. ...

Kimberly G. Kingsland, J.D. '84 was hired as a wealth-management professional for Bryn Mawr Trust. ... **Todd M. Tersigni '84** was elected town council president for Phillipsburg, N.J., for 2017. ... **James M. Porfido '85**, a criminal defense attorney, has been selected to the *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list for 10 years, 2008 to 2017. ... **Deborah Reperowitz, J.D. '85** was elected

president of Turnaround Management Association's New York chapter and co-chair of the Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights Group at the Stradley Ronon law firm. ... **Marqus White '85** was named a partner at Sax LLP, an accounting, tax and advisory firm. ... **Gregory A. Buontempo '87** was sworn in as mayor of Holmdel Township, N.J., in January. ... **Richard F. Hennessy Jr. '87** was inducted into the Hennessy Financial Hall of Fame. ... **Brian M. Keane '87**, an investigating officer in the Morris County, N.J., Prosecutor's Office, was promoted to captain. ... **Glenn J. Smith '86/M.B.A. '88/J.D. '91** is a partner in the labor and employment department of the Seyfarth Shaw law firm in New York. ... **Elizabeth Wise '87** was named president of the Lehigh Valley Health Network-Pocono in East Stroudsburg, Pa. ... **Alan S. Gever '88** was appointed chief financial officer and chief operating officer for Twinlab Consolidated Holdings, a manufacturer of health supplements. ... **Joanne H. Rajoppi, M.P.A. '88** wrote the book *Northern Women in the Aftermath of the Civil War*. ... **Joseph Scarpa '88** is seeking his 10th three-year term on the Rochelle Park Township (N.J.) Committee. ... **Angelo A. Stio '88/M.P.A '90/J.D. '97** was named by New Jersey Super Lawyers as a top attorney in New Jersey for 2017. ... **Myron Petruch, M.B.A. '89** received the "Anthony Mauriello Man of the Year" award from the Metro New York Printing Ink Association for his contributions to the ink industry. ... **Thomas P. Scrivo, J.D. '89** was appointed chairman of New Jersey Economic Development Author-

ity. ... **Cynthia D. Robinson Smith '89** participated in the Women in History program at Barbara Benson Elementary School in Tustin, Calif. ... **Nancy A. Washington, J.D. '89** was appointed senior vice president and general counsel for New Jersey Resources Corp., an energy company. ... **Myrna P. Young, M.S. '89** received the Global Nursing Recognition Award at the United Nations on International Nurses Day.

90s

Douglas R. Cabana, J.D. '90 was re-elected a freeholder for Boonton Township and as Morris County's representative for the New Jersey Association of Counties. ... **John Maloney, J.D. '90** was named counsel to the business law and mergers and acquisitions group at the Norris McLaughlin & Marcus law firm. ... **Roseann Pagano Pizzi '90** is a psychologist and project lead for the Pediatric Integrated Behavioral Health Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, N.J. ... **Joseph Pacello '91** joined the BDO USA accounting firm as a tax partner in the asset-management practice. ... **Carol M. Bianchi, J.D. '92** was honored as an Outstanding Woman in Somerset County, N.J. ... **Steven Kimble, J.D. '92** was named chairman and CEO of Deloitte Tax LLP. ... **Christoph Kimker '92**, an investigating officer, was promoted to lieutenant in the Morris County Prosecutor's Office. ... **Drew D. Krause, J.D. '92** was appointed principal at Ridge High School in Bernards Township, N.J. ... **Joelene T. Wolfe '92** joined Do Good Marketing's account-services team. ... **Cynthia Beagles, J.D. '93** was appointed vice president for the legal department of the American Kennel Club. ... **Kevin Harrigan, M.B.A. '93** was promoted to chief operating officer at New Penn Financial, based in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. ... **John J. Lehner '93** was appointed executive vice president and head of investment manager services at State Street Corporation, a financial services company based in Boston. ... **Camelia M. Valdes '93** was the May commencement speaker for the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J. ...

Christopher Cosentino '94 was appointed president of Saint Maria Goretti High School in Hagerstown, Md. ... **Christine C. (Lotz) Wathen '94/M.B.A. '97** attained her doctor of education degree in Educational Leadership and Management from Capella University in Minneapolis. ... **John K. Haslach, M.S. '94** is the chief financial officer for Time Equities Inc., a large real-estate investment company, and teaches real-estate taxation at New York University and Fordham University. ... **Artūras Karnišovas '94** was promoted to general manager of the Denver Nuggets. ... **Rosalyn A. Metzger, J.D. '94** was named to the 2017 *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list and to the 2017 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list. ... **Margaret E. Calverley '95** was honored as the Grand Marshal of Bayonne's St. Patrick's Day Parade, a title also held by her grandfather 30 years ago. ... **Vincent M. Giblin, J.D. '95** was named partner for the law firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, & Cole, which is now DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, & Giblin LLP. ... **Jon-Paul Tay '95** was awarded a 2016 Medal of Valor from the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association. ... **Jeralyn L. Lawrence, J.D. '96** was selected as one of the 2017 Top 100 NJ Super Lawyers and 2017 Top 50 Women Lawyers in NJ. ... **Edward Martinez '96/M.P.A. '98** was promoted to executive director at Morgan Stanley's corporate real-estate management department. ... **Carlos M. Pomares, M.A. '96** was honored with the Caldwell University Veritas Award for Cultural Activism in March. ... **Timothy N. Trodden '96** was named senior vice president, chief human-resources officer for WellCare Health Plans. ... **Tracy A. Matozzo '97/M.A.E. '08** became the first female principal of Haddonfield (N.J.) Middle School in July. ... **Joseph Sisco, M.A. '97** celebrated his 28th anniversary as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Paterson. ... **Catherine V. Smith, M.S.N. '98** graduated in May from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. ... **John E. Town, J.D. '98** is serving as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. ... **Craig J. Leach, J.D. '99**

was named chairman and CEO of Collegium Holdings, a professional service firm. ... **Rosemary Mercedes '99/M.A. '02** was promoted to executive vice president and chief communications officer for Univision Communications Inc. ... **Tara A. Rich, J.D. '99** was sworn in as a Superior Court judge for the Hudson County, N.J., family division.

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Shaun Golden, M.A.E. '00 was sworn in for his third term as Monmouth County (N.J.) Sheriff. ... **Bryan J. Meszaros '00** was honored by Seton Hall University's College of Communication and the Arts at its second annual alumni reception. ... **John D. Rogers, J.D. '00** was promoted to director of NJM Insurance Group in June. ... **Neil Spidaletto, M.A.E. '00** was promoted to chief of police for Sparta Township, N.J., in May. ... **Lisa M. Gallaudet '01** was promoted to partner at Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman LLP, a real-estate law firm. ... **Kevin J. Smith, M.A.E '01**, superintendent of schools in Wilton, Conn., addressed the Kiwanis Club in April. ... **Jhanice Domingo, J.D. '02** was named to the board of directors for the Somerset (N.J.) Community Action Program. ... **Leora B. Freire, J.D. '02** was nominated for the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches' 2017 Women in Leadership Awards in Florida. ... **Joseph Kabali, M.S. '02/Ph.D. '07** published the book *Embracing Remarriage Stability and Satisfaction*. ... **Jeffrey Fucci '05/M.P.A. '11** joined BMB Law Firm as senior associate for civil rights, personal injury and municipal law. ... **Daniel Messina, Ph.D. '05** was elected to the Greater New York Hospital Association Board of Governors. ... **Ronald Seaman, M.A. '05** was promoted to lieutenant at the South Brunswick (N.J.) Police Department. ... **Alonso Tangarife '05** received his master's in business administration from Florida State University, and was named the associate director for UBS Wealth Management. ... **Gregory Weber '05/M.A. '11** joined the leadership team for Toffler Associates, a consulting and advisory firm. ... **Gregory L. Acquaviva, J.D. '06** was nominated by

Gov. Chris Christie to be a judge on the New Jersey Superior Court. ... **Dominick DiPaolo, M.S. '06** was appointed senior vice president of quality and regulatory compliance for Matinas BioPharma, a biopharmaceutical company. ... **Megan Scanlon, J.D. '06** joined the law firm Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank as an associate in commercial real estate and finance. ... **Julie A. Kot, J.D. '07** was named business administrator for the Roseland (N.J.), School District. ... **Christopher R. LoSapio '07/M.B.A. '08** was promoted to director of asset management for Federal Capital Partners in Chevy Chase, Md. ... **Dale C. Maxwell, M.H.A. '07** was named president and CEO of Presbyterian Healthcare Services in New Mexico. ... **Upneet S. Teji, J.D. '07** was named an officer at Greensfelder Hemker & Gale, P.C., a law firm based in St. Louis, Mo. ... **Freddie Evans, Ed.D. '08** was appointed national commissioner of education in Bermuda. ... **Bethany McNamee, J.D. '08**, a school social worker, was awarded the Governor's Educational Services Professional Award by the Bryam Township (N.J.) Board of Education. ... **Christina A. Parlapiano, J.D. '08** was elected to partner at Day Pitney LLP's Parsippany, N.J., office. ... **Cristina Quaglia '08** was selected by New Jersey's Department of Education as the 2016-2017 Monmouth County Superintendents Educational Services Teacher of the Year at Middle Road School in Hazlet, N.J., where she teaches second grade. ... **Liana Rabadi, D.P.T. '08** joined Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services Inc. as facility director for its outpatient physical therapy clinic located in Easton, Pa. ... **Thomas F. Rizzo, M.A. '08** was promoted to captain within the Howell (N.J.) Police Department. ... **Mark Schwarz, M.A.E '08** is superintendent of the Madison (N.J.) School District. ... **Victoria J. Cioppettini, J.D. '09** is a partner at the law firm Cole Schotz P.C. ... **Cosmo A. Cirillo '09** was appointed the town administrator for Guttenburg, N.J. ... **Allison Comport, M.A. '09/Ed.S. '10** is the project manager for the Rhode Island State Pre-K program, recognized as a national leader by the National Institute for Early



GOING THE DISTANCE:

News and politics reporter Maria Athens interviewed state Sen. Bill Wielechowski on politics and the state of Alaska.

With a population of 740,000 people spread over 663,000 square miles — a larger landmass than all but 18 countries — Alaska is not a place where it's likely to bump into someone with a common background in New Jersey. Indeed, what is the chance of two of Seton Hall's 24 Alaska-based graduates meeting there? As remote as Denali?

But perhaps because of their prominent jobs, an encounter between Bill Wielechowski '89/J.D.'92 and Maria Athens '03/M.A. '05 was all but inevitable. Wielechowski is a Democratic state senator serving East Anchorage. Athens is the chief news anchor for the state's Fox and ABC television stations, and a statewide political reporter.

"Within 30 seconds we discovered we'd both gone to Seton Hall," recalls Athens, who was about to interview the senator. Some similari-

Both are guided by values learned in South Orange. Or as Wielechowski puts it: "I always find myself looking out for the little guy."

ties are striking: Both have dual degrees — Wielechowski has a bachelor's degree in business management and finance, along with a law degree; Athens earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree from the School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Both have parents with ties to the University: Wielechowski's parents met at the school, while Athens' father, Lonnie, is a professor.

However, their routes to Alaska varied.

Wielechowski first visited for the outdoor life, then brought his future wife,

Laura, who loved "the mountains, the fishing and the air." They moved permanently in 1999, despite his not having a job. Eventually, he became a defense attorney, a union lawyer and, in 2006, a state senator.

Athens was following a lifetime dream. "I wanted to be a newscaster since I could talk," she explains. Her journey took her through journalistic jobs in New York and Greece, starting with a CNN internship at U.N. headquarters. Her diplomacy degree helped her "know what I was talking about," she adds.

Both have deep loyalty to Seton Hall. Wielechowski visits Pirates' basketball games on his trips home. Athens' dog has a Seton Hall sweatshirt. More seriously, both are guided by values learned in South Orange. Or as Wielechowski puts it: "I always find myself looking out for the little guy."

Would they like to form a statewide alumni association? Yes, definitely. Wielechowski laughs at the suggestion that all two dozen grads gather by dog-sled in the middle of the state. "But we are talking about ways to get together." | BOB GILBERT



2017 HONOREES
 From left, Joseph Kacirek, M.A. '81; Arti Dhaon Kakkar, M.A. '04/Ed.S. '05; Bonnie A. Evans, M.H.A. '02; Mark Garcia '07

Many Are One

June 9, 2017

In June, the Many Are One alumni awards gala, Seton Hall's annual signature black-tie event, celebrated an important milestone: 100,000 alumni representing Seton Hall throughout the world. Alumni are found in all 50 states and in more than 60 countries.

Each year, members of the University community are selected for special recognition. These honorees are chosen because of their dedication to improving Seton Hall and their communities.

The event raised money for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, which provides much-needed financial support to children, grandchildren and siblings of alumni. The scholarship allows the next generation of Pirates to follow in their relatives' footsteps.

Most Distinguished Alumna

Bonnie A. Evans, M.H.A. '02

Bonnie A. Evans is the chief executive officer at Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation in West Orange, N.J. She began her Kessler career in 1974 and has since helped thousands of individuals with life-changing conditions rebuild their lives. Her leadership has helped position Kessler as one of the nation's top rehabilitation hospitals.

Humanitarian of the Year

Arti Dhaon Kakkar, M.A. '04/Ed.S. '05

Arti Dhaon Kakkar is the chief of health and human services at New Community Corp. in Newark, N.J. Kakkar has played a significant role in the growth of one of the country's largest not-for-profit community development corporations. Kakkar began working in NCC's Family Service Bureau in 2002 as a crisis counselor for survivors of the 9/11 tragedy. Her annual Fabulous Me Womanhood Conference at Seton Hall challenges young women to reach their highest potential and raises awareness about mental health, education and relationships.

Alumni Impact Award

Joseph Kacirek, M.A. '81

Joseph Kacirek was a history teacher at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Iselin, N.J., for 28 years, and he also served as vice principal. Now retired, Kacirek dedicates time to the University as a member of the Seton Hall Admission Resource Program, the Bayley Society, the True Blue loyalty program, the alumni volunteer program and as a mentor to Seton Hall students.

Young Alumni Impact Award

Mark García '07

Mark García is vice president and creative director of Majestyk, a digital creative studio in New York City. He has been a key contributor to the development of CogniToys' Dino, an internet-connected smart toy, which was named one of *TIME* magazine's "Best Inventions of 2015," and he was recently named one of *Graphic Design USA* magazine's "2017 People to Watch."

School and College Honorees

For commitment to their communities and professions, the following alumni received school or college service awards at this year's Many Are One celebration:

College of Arts and Sciences

The Honorable Caridad F. Rigo '73/J.D. '77

College of Communication and the Arts

Glenn G. Schuck '85

School of Diplomacy and International Relations

Lydiette Diaz, M.A. '11

College of Education and Human Services

Bette Simmons, Ed.D. '97

School of Health and Medical Sciences

Air Force Capt. Joanna Borawski, D.P.T. '10

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Michael St. Pierre, M.A.T. '03/M.A.E. '09

School of Law

Remi L. Spencer, J.D. '02

College of Nursing

Kathe M. Conlon '87

Stillman School of Business

James Malgieri '82

Visit www.shu.edu/manyareone to view videos about the honorees.



Celebrating Success

(1) Mary J. Meehan '72/M.A.'74/Ph.D.'01 giving remarks.
(2) Emily Oborn '19, Laura Tecza '18 and Rachel Beeman '18
(3) Michael Burt, Father John "Jack" Cryan, Father William "Bill" McDonald and Monsignor Joseph Reilly (4) Many Are One guests participating in the silent auction.



Education Research. ... **Jana L. La Sorte, M.P.A. '09** founded Ambassadora, a consulting agency that advises arts and social impact, and is working on CreateNYC, a cultural plan for the City of New York. ... **Shannon P. Hennessy Pulaski, J.D. '09** was selected to the 2017 *New Jersey Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list.

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Michelle E. Ditzhazy, J.D. '10 was sworn in as community prosecutor in Huntington Beach, Calif. ... **Christopher D. Huss, Ed.D. '10** was appointed superintendent of the Millstone Township (N.J.) School District. ... **Piper Jameson, M.A. '10** is executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Universal Technical Institute. ... **Daniel Jean, Ed.D. '10** was elected to the Haledon Public School Board of Education in Passaic County, N.J. ... **Father Adam Joseph Cichoski. '12** was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Camden in May. ... **Britnee N. Timberlake '10/M.P.A. '12**, president of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, was a guest on "The ChangeMakers Radio Show" in April. ... **Nicholas J. Dimakos, J.D. '11** spoke at a New Jersey State Bar Association program titled "Handling Contested Guardianships." ... **Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. '11** was named superintendent of the Jeffco Public Schools in Golden, Colo. ... **Kristen D. Hardy '11** received the 2017 National Summit of Black Women Lawyers Association's Emerging Leader Award. ... **Kerry F. Magro '11/M.A. '13** was recognized as a 2017 New Jersey Hero for advocacy in support of college students with autism spectrum disorder through his organization, KFM Making a Difference. ... **Drew Niekrasz, M.A. '11** retired from his position as chief with the Bayonne (N.J.) Police Department. ... **Kari L. Alldredge, M.A. '12** was named vice provost of enrollment management for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. ... **Jake Costello '12** graduated from the Morris County Police Academy and was hired by the Sussex County (N.J.) Sheriff's Office Bureau of Corrections in April. ... **Elizabeth S. Dudley '12** was ap-

pointed a veterans' affairs and foreign policy staff member in U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen's Washington, D.C., office. ... **Father Andrew J. Fryml '12** was ordained a priest in June at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Charleston, S.C. ... **Paula A. Gutierrez, M.H.A. '12** received the American College of Healthcare Executives' Early Careerist Award. ... **Katherine Kieres, Ed.D. '12** was appointed principal at Emmaus (Pa.) High School. ... **Ashley Manz '12/M.P.A. '16** earned the Accreditation in Public Relations credential. ... **Andrew Berry '13** received a Fulbright award, and will serve as an English teacher assistant at the University of Malta. ... **Luciana Contuzzi '13** opened a health food café in Fairfield, N.J., called Zest. ... **Derrick E. Nelson, Ed.D. '13** was appointed principal of Westfield (N.J.) High School. ... **Susan K. Graziano, Ed.S '14** was named head of school for the Coastal Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Wilmington, Del. ... **Andrew Paulsen, M.A. '14** received a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching grant to teach mathematics in Taiwan. ... **Scott R. Rocco, Ed.D. '14** was named superintendent at the Hamilton Township (N.J.) School District. ... **Alexandra C. Smith, J.D. '14** was named one of Newsmax's "30 Most Influential Republicans Under 30." ... **Christine Earley '15** was awarded a scholarship by the American Association of Women, Mountain Lakes (N.J.) Area Branch, to pursue a master's degree.

Baby Pirates

Dana (Denaro) '97 and **Sean Susani '98**, a boy, Connor Michael, on December 2, 2016.
Jessica '02/M.B.A. '04 and **Nathan Umbriac '03/M.B.A. '10**, a boy, Francesco Joseph, on April 4, 2016.
Jessica (Hunter) '06/M.A. '08 and **Brian O'Neil '05**, a girl, Elizabeth Seton, on August 8, 2014.
Brian Quigley '06 and **Sara**, a girl, Caroline Grace, on April 20, 2017.
Maura (Reilly) '07 and **John Lunieski '07**, a boy, Nicholas Jude, on Feb. 23, 2017.
Elizabeth (Rathbun) '09/M.A. '12 and **James Schmidt '08**, a girl, Nora Elizabeth, on May 13, 2017.

Jason T. Carter '08 and Meghan, a girl, Avery June, on June 7, 2017.
James T. Ryan III, J.D. '10 and **Mercedes**, a girl, Anastasia Genevieve, on January 22, 2017.

Weddings

Bruce Austra '83 to Namsoon Choi on November 18, 2016.
Simon Patrick Pignataro, M.A.E. '79/Ed.S. '81 to Emely Colonia on November 16, 2016.
Kelly Kaysonepheth '06 to Anthony Hultz on April 29, 2017.
Rachael Tolentino '06/D.P.T. '09 to Michael DeLoreto on January 7, 2017.
Patricia Cedrone '13 to **Ricky Jewell '11** on July 23, 2016.

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Answering the Big Questions

The “silo effect” is a major problem in academia today. And nowhere is the lack of free-flowing information across disciplines more of a problem than in the sciences. At Seton Hall, a new initiative promotes cross-disciplinary learning, particularly in areas that relate to STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering, and math. Seton Hall magazine editor Pegeen Hopkins spoke with a professor teaching these courses, Father Joseph Laracy, to learn more.

Can you describe the interdisciplinary work being done at Seton Hall?

There’s a lot of work being done, much of it instigated by the core curriculum and the University’s goal that students have a variety of options for discipline-specific classes that engage the Catholic intellectual tradition.

How did the initiative get started?

One driver was a recent course development project for an advanced mathematics and computer science course that engages the Catholic intellectual tradition in a serious way. It was a difficult project to start because math and computer science courses build on each other and much of the material is neutral with regard to philosophy and theology. But logic turned out to be a very interesting discipline given its history and its application over the millennia, both in pre-Christian and Christian philosophy and in Catholic theology. At the end of the course, students commented that it connected well with their Seton Hall education overall, integrating other University courses and their own technical education.

Professor Thomas Marlowe, co-creator of the course, and I realized how important it is that we, as educators, help students develop critical thinking skills and to not be afraid to engage with what I call the “Big Questions.” A student may wonder: What is the relationship between the brain, the mind, and the soul? This is a wonderful question, but to engage it you need neuroscience and cognitive



science, psychology, philosophy and theology. There is not one discipline that can answer the question.

Another student may wonder: Are the theory of evolution and the Book of Genesis compatible? Again, you need some knowledge of “big bang” cosmology and Scripture. Students at Seton Hall also tend to be conscious of issues of social justice and service. They may ask: What are scientifically viable and ethical approaches to relieving hunger in the developing world. That solution requires food chemistry, agricultural science and political science. Father Gerald Buonopane has a new course that explores that very topic.

What are the long-term benefits to this kind of integration between faith and science?

Students often come to the University with some presumption that Catholic faith and modern science have an inherent conflict and that one must choose a particular side. Of course, this is not true. One of our courses, “Creation and Science,” engages this question head-on and looks at the history of science — where it emerged and how. Historical scholarship is very clear that science as we know it emerged in Christian Europe during the Middle Ages. Many of the great minds that developed the current scientific method back in the medieval period were members of the Catholic clergy. That fact is often very interesting to students because it challenges that presumption of conflict between science and faith. By using various philosophical approaches and reading Scripture, we have helped them to explore the relationship between Christianity and science in a more rigorous way. ■

Meet Gerard Volel '15

AS A STUDENT, Gerard received essential financial support from generous alumni through the Seton Hall Fund. His financial aid, which eased the cost of tuition, opened the door to his Seton Hall experience.

As a grateful alumnus, Gerard began to pay it forward in 2016 by making his first gift to the Seton Hall Fund. He hopes other alumni will follow his lead and assist the students of tomorrow.



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