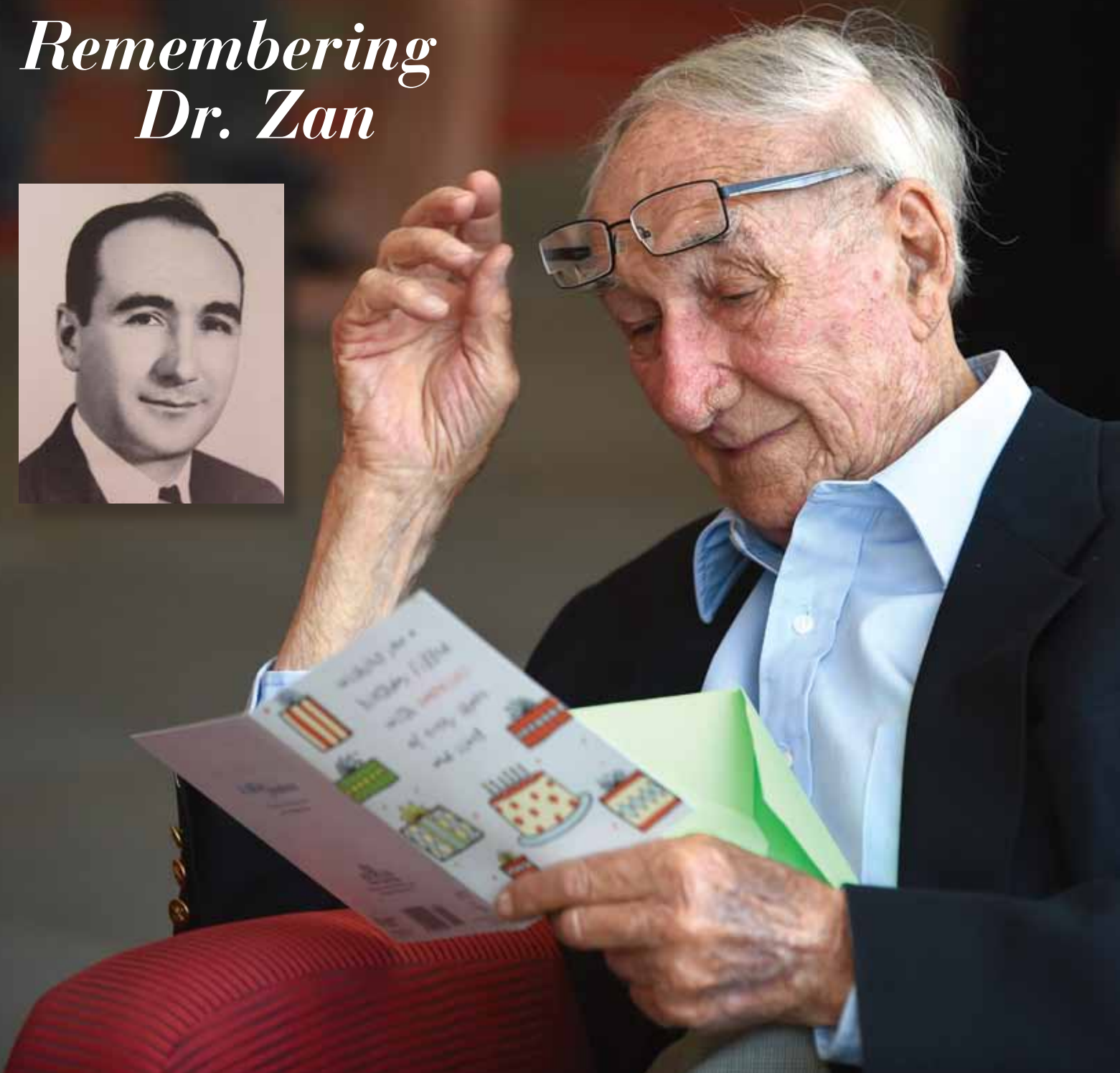


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a letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Peace and good! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas. During this season we are reminded that Jesus became like us so that we can become like Him. I hope this new year brings you an even deeper encounter with Christ.

As you will see in this issue of the SFU Magazine, the Lord has certainly blessed Saint Francis University over the past several months. An array of articles highlighting student accomplishments, new academic programs, and happenings on campus await you in these pages.

Saint Francis of Assisi and his band of friars labored together for the good of the Church. Saint Francis put others first, embracing the leper, preaching the Gospel, and serving the poor. I was happy to bestow the Assisi Award on one of our beloved alumnus, Bro. Shamus McGrenra, T.O.R. Bro. Shamus has bicycled many miles in support of the Dorothy Day Outreach Center. His battle with cancer did not stop him from thinking of others and raising money for the DDOC. He is a fine example of Franciscan service and one who cares for the poor. The Founders Day dinner at which we honored Bro. Shamus was truly special.

The university community bid farewell to our beloved "Dr. Zan." Dr. Albert Zanzucki, professor emeritus of accounting, passed away September 18, 2015 at the age of 99. He lived an amazing life devoted to Saint Francis University. Generations of alumni fondly recall his way in the classroom, life lessons imparted by him, and his tireless work (in retirement!) of raising scholarship funds for business students. It is quite fitting that the first floor of Schwab Hall, home of the School of Business, will be dedicated

in his memory, thanks to a generous gift from John and Sheila Connors.

When Pope Francis visited America back in September, a contingent of students went on a

pilgrimage to Philadelphia to attend the events. (We had invited the Holy Father to the University that bears his name, but because of his busy schedule, he was unable to make a side trip to Loretto. We tried!) Twenty-seven of our students were able to pray with the Pope and represent the University in Philadelphia. It was truly the opportunity of a lifetime for those students.

With the second year of my presidency well underway, I continue to meet alumni from various generations around the country. Your love for Saint Francis University is evident, and I appreciate you sharing your stories of how your time at SFU has shaped your lives. Know that you are always welcome back to campus.

At the University our goal is for our students to grow in knowledge and deepen their faith. Let us keep in mind the words of Pope Francis, "We must resolve now to live as nobly and as justly as possible, as we educate new generations not to turn their back on our 'neighbors' and everything around us." Like Saint Francis of Assisi and Dorothy Day, may the Lord give us all the grace to see Christ in others.

Sincerely,

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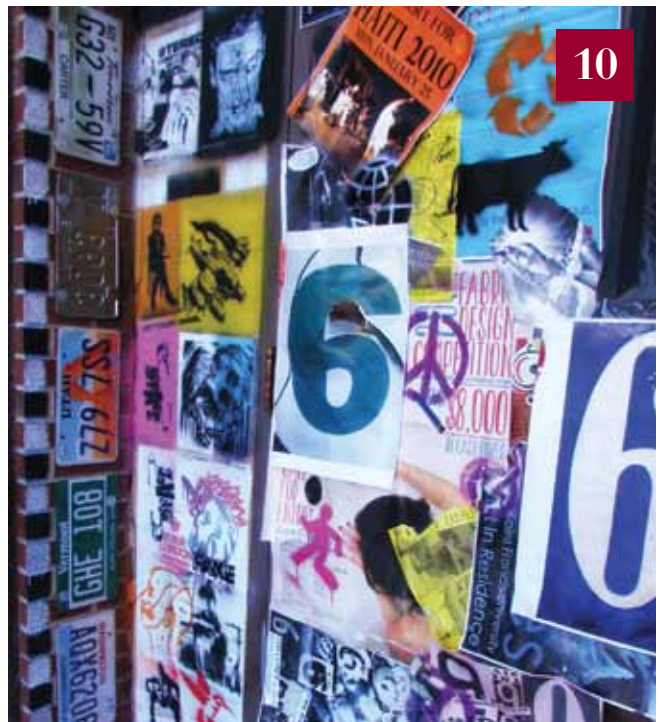
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Remembering **Dr. ‘Zan’**

Dr. Albert Zanzuccki, professor emeritus of accounting, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2015 at the age of 99. Simply put, Dr. Zan was a legendary figure at Saint Francis University, his association with the school lasting for nearly 70 years. His impact on the countless number of students, whether in the accounting classroom or as advisor to Alpha Phi Delta, is immeasurable. The success of this iconic educator lives on in the many accomplishments of his students. We celebrate his lasting legacy to Saint Francis.

The full career of Dr. Zan will be featured in the Spring/Summer 2016 issue. For now, we offer these words shared by his daughters at the funeral service held on campus at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on September 23, 2015.

“To you he was a colleague, teacher, mentor, tax accountant, neighbor and friend, but to us he was DAD. He was bigger than life. In fact, I just found out about two years ago

that he wasn’t 10 feet tall. He was the driving force in our house. We all towed the line—his line. We learned early on that life would be easier if we did.

He did all the normal “dad” things. He taught us how to throw a perfect spiral pass, how to punt a football, how to throw a baseball, how to hold a baseball bat and square up in the batter’s box, how to ride a two-wheeler. Mainly, he taught us how to live our lives and be successful.

Mom always told us dad loved three things: God and the Catholic Church, his family, and Saint Francis College. (Sorry Fr. Malachi, old habits are hard to overcome.)

He grounded us in our faith: He sent us to Catholic grade school, high school and college. We always attended mass on Sundays and Holy Days and in between times, too. Church was an integral part of our lives. I remember Dad stopping at Holy Name Church to say a prayer most days on his way home from Saint Francis. The good sisters, priests and teachers continued our education. We learned to be honorable people.

He loved us. He worked very hard to give us a good life. Not only did he teach at Saint Francis, he also prepared tax returns and did write-up work and quarterly reports for local businesses throughout the year. He did all this for us, his family. We lived in a beautiful home, had good food to eat and parents who loved us. I woke up early one morning to study for a high school exam and saw dad sitting in the living room, dressed in a suit, going over his lesson plan and studying an accounting text book. He must have taught that course about 20 times by then and yet he still prepared. He was a professional. He taught us to work hard and do our best. About three years ago he and Mom apologized to me for not giving us a good childhood. I almost fainted. I told them that I had had the best childhood ever. It was a "Leave it to Beaver" life. I thanked them over and over again and cried all the way home to Pittsburgh.

Dad started teaching at Saint Francis in 1946. Within a year he was Chairman of the Business Administration Department. To say he loved Saint Francis and teaching was an understatement. He loved going to work. I really don't think he considered it work. He loved being in the classroom and he loved the students he taught. He often would tell me the number of students he had taught. I should have listened more closely. Sorry, Dad. I think it was in excess of 8,000 students. He retired from teaching in 1984 at the age of 68, but continued working in the Advancement Office until 2014 when he was 98. My mom always said he loved Saint Francis more than he did us....sometimes I wondered."

— Linda (Zanzuccki) Myron '72, daughter

"Today, I have one last story I wish to share with you. It is his story of regret and disappointment, which he felt compelled to tell me just recently, during one of my visits.

When my father was stationed in Italy during World War II, he came up with the idea to buy his father a borsalino hat. The more he thought about it, the more determined he was to bring this particular hat back to his father in America. So he did some investigation and found the location of a shop not too far away. It was early evening when he arrived at the shop so he had to knock on the door several times before the merchant answered. He asked for the hat, but the merchant seemed reluctant to sell him the hat. He saw he was an American soldier and remained apprehensive. But my father was persistent and insisted he accept the five dollars he was offering and eventually departed with the hat.

It was not long after when he met up with a young boy who had escaped Hitler's army. He could see the boy was freezing. He had a coat, but no hat. My father asked him where was his hat? The young boy answered he had none. Without hesitation, he gave him his father's borsalino hat. My father then said he still feels so badly he was unable to bring his dad that

Dr. Albert "Dr. Zan" Zanzuccki of Ebensburg was born in Colver, Pa., son of Francesco and Maria (Spalazi) Zanzuccki and preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Joseph; a brother, Joseph; and a sister, Louise (Gallo).

He was a devoted husband of the former Velsie Carnavali and loving father of Linda, wife of Thomas Myron of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Francesco, husband to Joyce (Minish) of Wall Township, N.J.; Regina, wife of Ron Ponchione of Ebensburg, Pa.; and Louise, wife of Ed Coon of Leawood, Kan. Dr. Zan is survived by 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was a special agent for the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) during World War II. He received a bachelor's degree from Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana University of Pennsylvania), a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Zan was professor of accounting and chair of the school of business at Saint Francis University in Loretto from 1946-84. Following his retirement as a professor emeritus, he went to the University every morning to raise funds for the School of Business. In 2006, John and Sheila Connors established the Dr. Albert A. Zanzuccki Endowed Chair in Business Administration.

Dr. Zan was a lifelong teacher who loved his family, his garden, his car (especially) and tax season. He never stopped learning and was often found reading the Italian dictionary or the Saint Francis alumni directory.

borsalino hat. I could see the disappointment in his eyes. I assured him grandpap would never have wanted that hat over someone in need. Rather quickly, I used my phone to search borsalino hat, and we found the exact hat he had purchased so many years ago. As I took a closer look, I said, 'Oh, Dad, you have a much bigger problem. You owe that merchant \$290 more.'

Later, as I drove home, I thought about my father's story filled with regret, but all I heard was a beautiful story of a spontaneous act of kindness. So Dad, regrets not a one and disappointment hardly."

— Regina (Zanzuccki) Ponchione '76, daughter 

Psychology: A Dog's-Eye View

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Graduating with the class of 2015 were two unordinary “students:” Maizie and JoJo.

These “students” came to Saint Francis University from the Central PA Humane Society where they had been given up by previous owners. As part of a psychology course on animal behavior, a group of students guided by Dr. Stephen Gilmour, now professor emeritus of psychology, applied classroom theory in training these “hard-to-adopt” dogs. The end goal was simple: prepare both dogs to find a loving, forever home.

Work hard, train hard

Four students—Ann Beliles '15, Anna Fielding, Nathan Herdman and Meghan Studds '15—worked with the dogs once a week throughout the semester as a part of their Behavioral Psychology course.

Putting theories to practice, students attended class in a formal lab environment where they taught Maizie (right) and JoJo (page 6) basic obedience skills including proper commands and conduct. Throughout the class, the students were able to learn more about the psychology of learning and how it influences the way dogs are trained, as well as the dogs’ response to the training and proper training techniques.

Within weeks following their arrival on campus, Maizie and JoJo were learning and practicing leash training, sitting, heeling and more, while sporting their bright orange “in training” vests.

After a few months of intense instruction, Maizie and JoJo had learned a variety of skills and were ready to be adopted.



A ‘swim’ in the park: Maizie enjoyed a swim at a dog park near Ohio State, where her best friend Meghan now attends school.

Maizie and Meghan's journey from the Humane Society to Veterinary School

Their adoption, however, was unlike any other. Not only had the dogs been trained, but they had been loved and understood. Because of this, the foster students of these animals were able to share details about the dogs' personalities with potential families, which ultimately led to JoJo's adoption.

Companionship defined

Meghan, one of the students from the psychology class, fostered Maizie for the semester. While living together, Maizie and Meghan found companionship in one another, and by the end of the course, Meghan could not part with her new friend. Instead, she adopted her.

"Maizie is the best companion I could have asked for," explained Meghan. "She is my closest companion, and she is truly a stress reliever. Her silly personality makes me laugh and smile every single day."

After graduating from Saint Francis in May 2015, Meghan and Maizie went home to Butler, Pa. for the summer. While Meghan spent most of her summer working at a local veterinary office, Maizie spent most of her time relaxing. When Meghan was not at work, she and Maizie spent time outdoors—one of their favorite things to do together—going for walks, hikes and swims.

As summer came to an end, Meghan and Maizie prepared for their next journey together: moving to Columbus, Ohio to attend veterinary school at Ohio State University.

A journey together

"I decided that I wanted to be a veterinarian at a young age. By the time I started as a student at Saint Francis, I was sure that pursuing



"Her silly personality makes me laugh and smile every single day."

—Meghan Studds '15

Exploring nature: Meghan and Maizie explored the wilderness over the summer on one of their many hikes together, their favorite hobby.

veterinary medicine was my passion," said Meghan.

While at Saint Francis University, Meghan jumped on the opportunity to take the behavioral learning psychology class, knowing it would help her

succeed in veterinary school, and she is happy she did. Through this class, she not only gained insight regarding the ways in which animals learn and how training methods must complement that, but she also learned skills which

"I want to encourage everybody who is looking for a pet to consider adoption from a shelter or rescue organization. Maizie and JoJo are two incredible examples of how amazing many of the dogs in shelters are. There are many different reasons a dog, cat, rabbit, rat, etc., can end up in a shelter, many of which have nothing to do with the animals themselves. Please consider giving a homeless animal a chance!"

—Meghan Studds '15

Meghan adopted Maizie, a three-year-old yellow lab mix, upon graduating from Saint Francis University. Meghan and Maizie were a part of a psychology class focused on behavior and learning. Through this class, Meghan fostered Maizie and the two became life-long companions.

During this past fall semester the Psychology program worked with different four-legged animals to explore behavioral psychology. As part of a semester-long project, students worked with rats to teach them to do something that the rats had not done before, something "non-traditional" in rat training, for example, something other than navigating a maze. At the end of the semester, some of the students adopted the rats.



A treasured photo: Taken on their first day together, Meghan held Maizie tight as they posed for their first of many pictures together.



JoJo: Starting class and eager to learn.

have been beneficial in her veterinary studies. But above all, she met Maizie.

As she left Saint Francis University with Maizie by her side, Meghan began her journey at Ohio State University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) candidate in the class of 2019. According to Meghan, Maizie has been a tremendous benefit in her educational endeavors. She has learned to manage her time by caring for Maizie and keeping up with academic commitments. "Maizie has also been a great model to study anatomy," chuckled Meghan.


"Having a dog while in vet school

is a constant reminder of my ultimate goal," Meghan explained with a smile. "It is easy to get bogged-down in books and lectures, but she reminds me of the purpose of it all. I do not know exactly where I will be or what I will be doing after graduating from veterinary school, but wherever I end up and whatever I decide to do, Maizie will be right by my side."

Making a difference

Saint Francis is one of only three universities on the east coast to offer a class and adoption such as this. The

hope is to give dogs a second chance and a 'fur'ever home while enhancing the students' knowledge through hands-on interactions and experiences.

Maizie and JoJo's journey at Saint Francis was only the beginning of a course that will bring more animals to the University as students. Hopes are that the program will transpire again this spring, with the possibility of welcoming three dogs instead of two. 

Read more about Maizie and JoJo's education at Saint Francis at francis.edu/maizie-jojo-adoption/.

In Giving, *We Receive*

A Franciscan Friar 'riding' in the footsteps of St. Francis

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Saint Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received, but only what you have given."

Bro. Shamus McGrenra '72, a 68-year-old Franciscan Friar, demonstrates this message in his own life. Using his love of bicycling, he helps the poor and needy in the local area by riding annually to raise money for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center, and he never lets the fact that he is battling stage four cancer slow him down.

In recognition of Bro. Shamus' efforts, Saint Francis University President, Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D., presented him with the annual Assisi Award during the Founders Day dinner on October 2, 2015.

Founders Day is an annual event that recognizes both the founding of the University by six Franciscan Friars in 1847 and the benefactors who continue to support the traditions and work begun by those Friars. The Assisi Award is presented annually at the Founders Day dinner.

Named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of the University, the Assisi Award is the highest honor bestowed by Saint Francis University as it recognizes an individual, person, group, organization or agency that exemplifies the spirit and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. Recipients of this award demonstrate through their work Franciscan love, care, and compassion




Smiles of gratitude: University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., presented the Assisi Award to Bro. Shamus McGrenra '72, T.O.R., recognizing him for his inspiring efforts to help the less fortunate.

for the needy, the broken, the lost, or disenfranchised of society. They walk in the footsteps of the saint of Assisi in our contemporary world, seeking to bring respect, dignity and peace to all peoples regardless of their state in life.

'Riding' in the footsteps of St. Francis

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Bro. Shamus grew up in a poor family who did their best to make ends meet. Years later, during a visit to the Dorothy Day Outreach Center, he witnessed an intimate moment between a young mother and the Center's staff. Channeling his own childhood memories, he felt inspired to do something that would

enable the Center to continue to support the under-privileged in the local community and combined that inspiration with his love for cycling, beginning his annual charity ride.

Despite being diagnosed with colon cancer in 2013, Bro. Shamus has continued his annual charity bicycle ride and his fundraising efforts. Since 2011, he has cycled more than 1,500 miles, and has raised over \$135,000 for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center at Saint Francis University, raising over \$40,000 in 2015 alone. All of his donations have been used to help more than 400 local families in four counties in west-central Pennsylvania, giving them the basic necessities of food, warmth, and clothing. 

Mark Your Calendars for

Bro. Shamus' 2016 Charity Bicycle Ride

With another successful charity ride under his belt, it is safe to say that Bro. Shamus McGrenra, T.O.R. truly is an inspiration. Since 2011 he has cycled more than 1,500 miles and has raised over \$150,000 for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center, despite being diagnosed with cancer in 2013.

This year, the 68-year-old friar, who will celebrate his 69th birthday in March, doesn't have any plans of slowing down. His 2016 charity ride, "Atlantic Coast for Dorothy Day," will take him on a six-week journey approximately 1,600 miles down the east coast from New York City to Florida.

The ride will kick-off (date to be announced) at the Catholic Worker - St. Joseph House in New York City and will end at a group of Franciscan parishes in Florida, connecting the University's Franciscan goal of service to the poor and needy and Franciscan charism to the mission of Dorothy Day.


Not only will this cycle trip be the longest in his charity ride history, but Bro. Shamus is also upping his fundraising goal from \$35,000 to \$40,000, all of which will be donated directly to the Dorothy Day Outreach Center at Saint



This summer, Bro. Shamus bicycled nearly 550 miles, through 5 major cities, from Pittsburgh to New York City.

Francis University.

For updates on the 2016 charity ride, including dates, schedules and details, visit francis.edu/charityride throughout the year. 



Brother Shamus far exceeded his goal,
raising a total of

\$41,130

for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center.
(As of November 15, 2015.)

francis.edu/charityride

Thanks for your generous support!

Class Facts

2015-16 Academic Year

It is hard to believe that we are already half-way through another academic year! Here are a few facts to help you get to know our current students.

Our Student Population

More than 2,300 students call SFU home. Here's how the demographics break down.



Undergraduate Students

- 1,741 undergraduate students
- 62% are female, 38% are male
- 1,359 are Pennsylvania residents; 382 come from outside of PA - with 288 of them coming from 31 different U.S. states
- We have 94 international students from 35 countries outside of the U.S
- 360 (or 20.7%) represent diverse ethnicities

Graduate Students

- 604 graduate students
- 70% are female, 30% are male
- 400 are Pennsylvania residents; 204 come from outside of PA - with 199 of them coming from 28 different U.S. states
- We have 9 international graduate students - they come from 8 countries outside of the U.S.
- 87 (or 30.9%) identify themselves as being non-white

The Class of 2019

- 410 students
- 34 states and countries represented
- highest SAT average in any recent history
- 5 sets of multiples have arrived with this class (twins/triplets)
- 142 members of the class have been involved with the National Honor Society
- 348 students were involved athletically during high school with 86 serving as captains or co-captains
- 72 participated in theatre or musicals
- 365 students performed community service through their church or school

University Distinctions

Saint Francis was also recently named to the following ranking lists this year:

- **Best Regional University**
by U.S. News and World Report
- **Best Value College**
by Time's Money College Planner
- **Best University**
by Salary Potential by Payscale, Inc.
- **Catholic College of Distinction**
by Colleges of Distinction
- **Top College/University**
by Pittsburgh Business Times
- **Military-Friendly School**
by Victory Media
- **Value-Added University**
by the Brookings Institution





Art Garage

Open for business

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Artist and professor Chuck Olson loves to give tours of the new Art Garage which he describes as “the most urban place on campus.”

The Art Garage, along with its sister building the Boiler House, is now home to the University’s Fine

Arts Department. According to Olson, having dedicated art and performance spaces is going to dramatically impact the way students of all majors interact with the arts and will allow more students the chance to discover new passions.

Located at the base of the wooden stairs behind Padua Hall, the Art Garage is an appropriate name for the new student work space sculpted

within the former St. Joseph Service Center garage.

“Our incredible Physical Plant staff somehow transformed this old garage into a beautiful new space for art that we are very proud of,” stated Jim Donovan, assistant professor of Fine Arts. “We are ecstatic to have expanded the available space for hands-on arts engagement at Saint Francis.”

Students have already begun using the space, and their hands-on arts engagement can be seen (and smelled) as you approach the converted space. The aroma of spray paint fills the air as students create ever-changing displays with graffiti-filled tiles, bricks and posters in the entryway. The temporary art shares the space with an artful collection of old license plates.

Open beyond class times, the space allows students to work on projects whenever they wish, fitting this time of expression easily into their schedules.

Although it continues to evolve, the Art Garage officially opened with a celebration of music, art and camaraderie



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—Jim Donovan, assistant professor of Fine Arts

at the grand opening on September 29, 2015. The event featured American-infused rock music performed by The Six, a group including members Rob James and Greg Joseph of the popular Pittsburgh band, The Clarks, as well as Jim Donovan, formerly of Rusted Root, Chuck Olson, and Dan Murphy—some of whom daylight as Fine Arts professors at the University. Members of the African dance class added to the festive atmosphere.

“They’re creating a dedicated space for art expression. It’s amazing.”

*—Arielle Danan,
senior Fine Arts minor*

The celebration of the new Art Garage continues as students, faculty and staff are excited about the space and its future. The former combined Fine Arts space in the Boiler House has now been solely dedicated to the pursuit of music. Future thoughts for expansion include a black box theater, among other ideas.

“They’re creating a dedicated space for art expression,” said senior Fine Arts minor Arielle Danan. “It’s amazing.” 🏠



Brewing *a Career*

First Fermentation Arts Internship



Summer success:
Senior Aaron Kirsch
posed for a picture
with Tony Zamperini,
Draai Laag's head
brewer and blender,
bringing his summer
internship to an end.



It's brew day: Aaron learned the skills of brewing, a laborious but exciting task, and was able to brew one of his own "experiments."



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Have you ever had bread, cheese, yogurt, sauerkraut, chocolate, pickles, beer or wine?

If the answer is yes, then you have tasted fermented foods and beverages. But how much do you know about the person and the process behind the flavor and texture of these types of foods and beverages?

Since the beginning of time, humans have harnessed the power of fermentation to produce alcohol as well as preserve and enhance the flavor of food. Nearly one-third of all foods consumed world-wide have been fermented. As a result, the art of fermentation is a thriving field that continues to build promising careers.

Senior Aaron Kirsch, the first student in the new Fermentation Arts program at Saint Francis University, saw the opportunities aligned with this career goal and pursued it. His success is already brewing.

As part of the Fermentation Arts degree, students can gain hands-on experience through an internship. Aaron sought out several different breweries to intern with, and after considering each brewery, he chose Draai Laag Brewing Company

located in Millvale, Pa., because the people there are "doing something special."

Aaron explained, offering limited insight to keep the Draai Laag secret, that the craft beer maker is using brewing techniques unlike any other brewery. In fact, he stated, "probably no other brewery in America is using these techniques." The only bit of factual information he could offer without revealing too much is that Draai Laag spends 47 percent of its budget on research, whereas normal breweries only use about 10 percent. In Aaron's words, "Draai Laag is making good beer in a scientific way rather than just going through the motions."

So, what did all of this mean for Aaron? He was able to gain an extraordinary experience in his internship. Working primarily in manufacturing at the brewery, Aaron aided the head brewer. He was involved with pilot batches and experimental batches of beer fermenting and brewing. Beyond manufacturing, Aaron aided with the organization of promotional events, beer tasting events, beer events, etc. put on by Draai Laag. All of his experiences fell under the scope of a "brewer," which, Aaron pointed out, is a position that is

Barrels on barrels: Hand-crafted beers fermented in barrels, waiting to be bottled by hand a few weeks later when they were ready.




required to wear many different hats.

Although Aaron's internship encompassed a variety of skills, he felt confident and capable because of his education at Saint Francis. The new program, started in 2014, is a strong program, as Aaron explained. It is a growing program with great opportunities for students to get involved in unique experiences, such as having class in breweries and wineries in addition to interning.

Students are not the only ones excited about this new program. The local interest is also building. Companies are excited to involve students, such as Aaron. Draai Laag hopes

to bring in additional students from Saint Francis in the future, maintaining a strong relationship with the University, and other companies have also reached out to Saint Francis about getting student interns.

Aaron's specialized education and experiences are paying off. He has already been offered a job as assistant brewer at Draai Laag Brewing Company, which he will start the day after he graduates. Aaron is ecstatic about his opportunity, and he cannot wait to see the opportunities other students will gain as the program continues to grow. 

Careers Trends: New Programs at SFU

Over the past year, Saint Francis University has launched several new high-impact programs, geared toward providing much needed career experience within the broad framework of a traditional liberal arts education. Here is what's new:

School of Arts & Letters

- Fermentation Arts, B.A.
Concentrations in Fermentation Administration and Fermentation Culture
- Middle Childhood Education with Special Education, a dual certification, B.S.
- Italian studies, minor
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), graduate certificate

School of Business

- Entrepreneurship Concentration, can be paired with many of the majors in our School of Business, B.S.
- Sports Management, minor

School of Health Sciences

- Health Care Studies, B.S.
Concentrations in Pre-Allied Health, Pre-Occupational Therapy, and Pre-Physician Assistant Sciences

School of Sciences

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, B.S.
- Environmental Chemistry Concentration, can be paired with a major in Chemistry, B.S.
- Cyber Security Administration, minor

For a full listing of our academic offerings, visit francis.edu/academics/.



Joyful students proudly waive their Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Papal Pilgrim flags.



Kaitlyn Murphy, Beth Kopczyk, and Jill Clark were able to spend time with their friend Angela Conti '14, a postulant with the Little Sisters of the Poor.

A Papal Pilgrimage

Students transformed by Pope Francis

WRITTEN BY /
Lisa Georgiana, Director of Center for Service & Learning

Enlightening. Fantastic. Invigorating. Full of love. Inspiring. Incredible. A blessing. Anointed. These are the words Saint Francis University students used to describe what they experienced at the Papal Mass in Philadelphia during Pope Francis' visit to United States last September.

Twenty-seven students and four staff members hopped on a bus to the City of Brotherly Love as part of a 200-member pilgrimage of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to see the Holy Father. The group stayed in Center City at a local fitness center and walked many miles to various activities related to the Festival of Families. They lined up for two Papal parades, participated in the Diocesan Mass at St. John the Evangelist celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak, visited city landmarks, shared morning and evening prayer and reflection, and attended the Papal Mass.

Students returned from the trip feeling inspired, peaceful and full of hope. Below is a collection of thoughts written in the students own words:



"Being a part of this life-changing experience, seeing Pope Francis, and experiencing his humble personality, put into perspective the importance of love and hope. To stand next to people from around the globe and share peace and the joy of

the Eucharist created an overwhelming sense of unity."

– *Anna Macko, sophomore occupational therapy major*



"The trip was absolutely amazing. Seeing Pope Francis and hearing what he had to say has changed my life. His teachings on charity and the family have really changed my perspective and what I want to do with my life."

– *Matt Fraley, sophomore communications major*



"As a result of this trip, I have come to believe that I have a responsibility to be more humble and more selfless. Only then can I hope to see the changes in the world that I, and so many others, wish to see. Pope Francis makes this clear: it doesn't take drastic steps to improve the world: simply facilitating the happiness of others makes the world a better place."

– *Mark Frank, junior chemistry and biology major*



"The pilgrimage was one of those transformational moments in my spiritual life. Pope Francis has been a fantastic example of joy and humility, and especially of what it means to be like Christ in the world today. Beyond that, the pilgrimage gave me the opportunity to experience the Church in a way I've never really known before. Thousands upon thousands upon thousands of people, all there because they are proud to be Catholic—all sharing in the same Eucharist."

– *Nick Astle, senior history, religious studies, philosophy and secondary education major*

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 “It was amazing to hear him speak in person. He is so joyful and has such an endearing, simple way about him. I felt like we could be friends in an instant.”

– Eileen Shoemaker, junior occupational therapy major

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 “The atmosphere in Philadelphia was absolutely exhilarating. I am beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to attend such a historic celebration for not only Catholics, but America.”

– Kathryn Nazaruk, sophomore nursing major

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 “When the students are 80 years old and they look back at the timeline of their life, there will be big bright star over this experience.”

– Lisa Georgiana, Campus Minister and Director of the Center for Service & Learning

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 “Traveling to Philadelphia with our students and witnessing their enthusiasm and excitement was contagious and electrifying. This was truly a spiritual and uplifting experience I will never forget and always treasure.”

– Dr. Maria Colmer, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

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 The trip was coordinated with the Diocese through the Office of Mission Integration and the Department of Campus Ministry.

The pilgrimage was partially funded by the Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R., Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology. The Endowment was established by Lou DiCerbo '59 in July 2013 with a \$1 million commitment to support his alma mater's Catholic Franciscan mission. 🏡



Fr. Joe Lehman, T.O.R., and VP for Mission Integration, leads students in morning prayer before heading to the Papal Mass.



Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese with students after Mass at St. John Evangelist parish.



Staff leaders Dr. Maria Colmer, Jaimie Steel, Fr. Joe Lehman, T.O.R., and Lisa Georgiana.



Kristie Matevish '01 with Jaimie Steel '99, Director of Alumni Relations.

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Multicultural Week

Did you know there are more than 100 students and faculty from countries outside the United States at Saint Francis University?

Embracing this diversity of students, faculty and staff, Saint Francis University celebrated Multicultural Week September 13-18, hosted by the

School of Arts & Letters.

The week of multiculturalism included a multitude of activities that embraced the rich and diverse cultural backgrounds of students, faculty and staff at the University. From an honest and respectful discussion on race, religion and violence in America, prompted by #BlackLivesMatter;

lessons in languages; an international coffee house and poetry night; to a star-gazing session; a museum tour; and a fundraiser for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center, the celebrations were unending throughout the week.

Closing the week, the 3rd Annual Multicultural Festival featured music, dance, artistry, poetry, and food from countries from all over the world, along with beautiful weather.

Captain Michael McGuire Memorial Park

In a collaborative effort, Saint Francis University and Loretto Borough have officially opened the new Captain Michael McGuire Memorial Park, located on Metz Road, adjacent to the University campus. Drawing inspiration from Loretto Borough's history, the park is a multi-use community facility that promotes health and fitness while celebrating the historical, religious, and cultural heritage of Loretto and connecting with the town's ongoing revitalization efforts.

The park includes picnic tables,

"A Global Vision" is one of the eight Goals of Franciscan Higher Education, and the campus community embraced the goal wholeheartedly during Multicultural Week Sept. 13-18, 2015.





The new Captain Michael McGuire Memorial Park is now open to visitors.



University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., celebrated the opening of the park with descendants of Captain McGuire at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 15, 2015.

grills, benches, bike racks, restrooms, fitness paths, workout stations, and playground equipment to give users a variety of options for health and wellness activities. In addition, interpretive signs are stationed throughout the park with local historical information, and additional signage detailing the local environment habitat is complemented by an outdoor classroom, rain gardens and native plantings.

Captain Michael McGuire was a Revolutionary War hero and the founder of McGuire's Settlement, a community that would eventually develop into the town of Loretto. Born in Frederick County, Maryland, in the early part of the 18th century, Michael was the son of Michael, Sr., and Patience McGuire. The family resided in colonial Maryland, which served as a refuge for Catholics trying to escape persecution by the English Crown.

Following the end of the war, Captain Michael purchased acreage in central Pennsylvania and relocated his family, developing McGuire's Settlement in the late 1780s. They were soon followed by relatives and friends from Maryland. With the establishment of this settlement, the McGuire family became the first permanent settlers in this region of Cambria County.

After a long and remarkable life, Captain Michael died on November 17, 1793. He was the first person interred in the settlement's cemetery.

Pre-pharmacy Articulation Agreement with Duquesne

Students interested in pursuing a career in pharmacy now have two new options thanks to an articulation agreement between Saint Francis University and Duquesne University.

The two universities have formed a cooperative six-year doctorate program that provides a clear path for academically qualified Saint Francis University students to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy.

Interested students may begin their academic careers at Saint Francis in the Pre-Pharmacy Early Entry Program where they take two-years of pre-pharmacy coursework before transferring to the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy.

There is also a bachelor's degree pathway in which students may opt to remain a third year at Saint Francis prior to matriculating to Duquesne. After successful completion of their first year at Duquesne, students will be awarded a B.A. in Chemistry or a B.S. in Biology from Saint Francis University.

"We are excited to partner with Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy to provide a direct pathway for our students to pursue careers as pharmacists. This articulation agreement, along with our agreement with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, will provide multiple pathways from Saint Francis University to pharmacy school," said Dr. Edward Zovinka, professor of inorganic chemistry at Saint Francis.

Eighth-graders learn about WWII

The hardship of life during World War II is unimaginable to today's typical 13 or 14 year-old, yet touching a piece of history can help bridge the time gap.

As a part of an early Veteran's Day celebration on November 4, Saint Francis University students in Dr. Sarah Myers' HIST 403: World War II course presented public history projects for eighth grade students at the Cambria Heights Middle School in Patton.



Teaching tools: Items from the Joseph E. and Shirley J. Keirn World War II collection, donated to the University, are used as teaching tools on campus and in the community.

Dr. Myers' WWII students have been conducting research in the Joseph E. & Shirley J. Keirn World War II Collection housed in the University archives. As a result of their work this semester, they have created these portable teaching exhibits highlighting a few of the artifacts from the Keirn Collection, as well as video clips with wartime footage.

At Cambria Heights, SFU students created an interactive experience for the eighth graders using primary sources from the Keirn Collection including letters from American soldiers, a Monopoly game, propaganda posters, and items from an American infantryman's pack. The goal was to paint a picture of American life during the war in Europe and on the home front. The eighth graders wore archival gloves just as they would in a museum or archive so they could hold artifacts and experience history in a more personal way.

The SFU students who presented were Hannah Cole, Nick Sharr, Mary Woloschuk, Tom Sicree, Tyler Hrubochak, Maireade Byrne-Houser, and Halle Marion.

The Joseph E. & Shirley J. Keirn World War II Collection is a comprehensive collection of artifacts donated to the University in 2014 by the command sergeant major and his wife. Dr. Myers and her students are currently conducting an inventory of this substantial collection. The University plans to open a museum to make the collection accessible for both public viewing and scholarly research.

New Center for Service & Learning

Saint Francis University is pleased to announce the creation of a new strategic initiative for the University: the Center for Service & Learning.

The new Center for Service & Learning, which will be



Lisa Georgiana, the Center's inaugural director, is pictured on a service trip during Spring Break 2014 in Jamaica. This was one of Georgiana's many service trips.

located in Saint Francis Hall, evolved from the University's strategic plan "Francis 2020: A Clear Vision for Saint Francis University."

"This new initiative will help us to continue to integrate our mission into the fabric of the University," stated University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.

An objective of the plan aims to support and enhance student engagement in community service and service-learning in order to "provide transformational experiences to create the world's future generation of principled and visionary leaders."

Fr. Malachi recently appointed Lisa Georgiana as the Center's inaugural director.

A graduate of Carnegie Mellon with a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in public policy and management, Georgiana began teaching as a part-time marketing instructor at Saint Francis in 2012. She assumed a position in the Campus Ministry Department in the summer of 2013.

In her new role at the Center for Service & Learning, Georgiana will work closely with Paula Craw, the director of service-learning and Denise Farabaugh, executive assistant.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

During a time when police officers are under a national microscope for the actions of some of their ranks, nursing student Jordan Troxell was inspired to recognize those police officers who continue to serve and protect in these difficult times with the first annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day held on campus on November 10.

Troxell shared, "I am truly thankful for law enforcement and for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Now more than ever, we must recognize that the growing rift between many communities and law enforcement impacts the safety of both the general public and our police officers. At Saint Francis University, we aspire to encourage greater police involvement with students and community leaders to foster a better environment for citizens and police alike; one which

Pictured left to right: Captain Mike Troxell of the Pennsylvania State Police (and Jordan Troxell's father), Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Jordan Troxell, and LTC Bivens.



rests upon mutual trust and respect for each other and our collaborative purposes in a functioning society.”

A “Blue Mass” began the day’s events, and the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus was filled with law enforcement and community members as law enforcement was celebrated, praying with and for these brave men and women.

Following the Mass, a luncheon was held. Lt. Colonel George Bivens, Deputy Commissioner of Operations with the Pennsylvania State Police delivered the keynote speech.

The celebration continued into the evening with a speech by Chief

Timothy Mercer of the Logan Township Police Department—former Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Professional Responsibility for the Pennsylvania State Police. Chief Mercer provided insight on how law enforcement and community relations can be improved in the digital age, followed by a panel discussion.

RED Day 2015

R.E.D. (Reaching Every Door) is a single day of service in which Saint Francis students go into local communities to show appreciation for all of the support that these communities provide to the University year-round.

On October 7, a record-breaking total of 392 students, faculty and staff members turned out to make R.E.D. Day a huge success. Participation in the event was up by about 50 participants over last year.

Saint Francis’ chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma (a national service sorority) organized the event this year with psychology major Brittany Kirk serving as the chair of the R.E.D. committee. Members of the Saint Francis community signed up as individuals or groups to volunteer in communities as a way of saying “thank you.”

Volunteers conducted clean-up projects, painted local church rectories, helped out at local animal rescues, served at nearby community gardens, and even helped get a local pumpkin patch ready for little visitors.

All together the students completed 947 hours of community service.



Reaching Every Door proves that you don't have to travel across the globe to give back.

ATHLETICS

tales of the Red Flash

Nine inducted into Red Flash Hall of Fame

The Saint Francis University Hall of Fame enshrined its ninth class on August 8, 2015, including nine individuals and one team. The inductees joined the 58 existing members, taking their place in Red Flash history.

The new inductees include:

- Baseball standout William “Billy” Ryan Jr. ’66 who was posthumously enshrined.
- Red Flash sharp shooter Clarence Hopson ’74, who praised his team for coming together and helping him become the player he was.
- Nick Leasure ’79, an Academic All-American who expressed his gratitude to the University for his time representing the Red Flash men’s basketball team.
- Academic All-American and NCAA record holder Kristen Arnott ’02 who represented Red Flash women’s soccer.
- Michelle Raymond ’03, former Red Flash golfer who

praised her former coach, Bob Hahn, for his passion for his team and acting as a father figure to her during her time at SFU.

- Former Red Flash track standout Lindsey Stefan ’04, a three-time NEC Indoor and Outdoor High Jump Champion.
 - Former Red Flash track star and 2008 Beijing Olympian Brian Sell ’01. He was an All-American and winner of the 2001 NEC Triple Crown (Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Track & Field).
 - Kevin Donner, former cross-country and track & field coach who led the Red Flash to an impressive Triple Crown of NEC titles and 21 conference champions in a 12-year span.
 - All-NEC forward Beth Swink ’05 who won four NEC titles in her four years with the Red Flash women’s basketball team.
 - The 1990-91 men’s basketball team, who won the NEC championship and made the NCAA tournament.
- For more information about each of the inductees visit sfuathletics.com.



The ninth class of the Saint Francis University Hall of Fame includes (front row, from left) Kevin Donner, Judy Ryan Azzara, Michael Ryan, Beth Swink, Kristen Arnott, Lindsey Stefan, Brian Sell, Nick Leasure, (back row) University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, Rob Pasci, John Hilvert, John Sanow, Jim Baron, Clarence Hopson, Mike Fink and Jim Horn.



Former Red Flash star Devin Sweetney is seventh in Saint Francis history with 1,529 points during his career from 2006-10.

Sweetney invited to Nuggets training camp

Former Saint Francis men's basketball star Devin Sweetney was invited to training camp with the Denver Nuggets, according to *The Denver Post*.

With Saint Francis from 2006-10, Sweetney scored 1,529 points, seventh most in school history. He averaged 14 points per game in his career with the Red Flash, including a career-high 16.9 points per game during his senior year in 2009-10.

"I am very excited for Devin and the opportunity that he has to take one step closer to achieving one of his dreams," said Saint Francis head coach Rob Krimmel, who was an assistant during Sweetney's time in Loretto. "The success that he has enjoyed as a professional basketball player is a result of his focus, determination, work ethic, and humility. We are all very proud of Devin for all that he has accomplished on and off the court since he graduated from Saint Francis. He is a great ambassador of our University."

Sweetney, 27, went undrafted after his career at Saint Francis, but he went on to have a successful professional career playing abroad. He's made stops in Latvia, Iceland, Japan, Canada, Switzerland and the Dominican Republic. While playing in the National Basketball League of Canada



in 2012-13, Sweetney was named the league's Most Valuable Player after leading the league with a 25 points per game average for the Moncton Miracles.

Following his time in Canada, Sweetney moved to the top league in Switzerland. Playing for the Lugano Tigers in 2013-14, he helped the team to a league championship.



Earl Brown became the 39th player in school history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau when the Red Flash won at Rutgers last December.

Former standout Earl Brown sees professional success

Former Saint Francis men's basketball player Earl Brown '15 has signed a professional contract to play with Keflavik in the Icelandic professional league. Keflavik, one of the most successful teams in Iceland, was founded in 1929 and has won nine men's national championships in its history.

Brown capped his Saint Francis career with an excellent 2014-15 season. He was selected NABC All-District and All-NEC First Team as he led the conference with a 53.9 field goal percentage and was third in the league in rebounding, averaging 8.0 boards per game. Brown was also fifth in the NEC in scoring with a 15.9 points per game average. He also recorded 13 double-doubles and scored 20-plus points in six games.

"I am excited for Earl and the opportunity he has to begin his professional basketball career in Iceland," said Saint Francis head coach Rob Krimmel. "He represented our program and our University in a first-class manner during his time at Saint Francis and I know he will do the same for the Keflavik Basketball Club."

Brown finished his career 11th on the Saint Francis scoring list with 1,373 points and was just five rebounds shy of 10th place on the school's list with 792. During last season's NEC Tournament, he surpassed Saint Francis legend Norm Van Lier on the University's rebounding list. Brown was named to the NEC All-Tournament Team for his efforts in leading the Flash to the semifinals for the second consecutive year. Brown became the 39th player in school history to surpass the 1,000-point barrier during the Red Flash's upset victory at Rutgers last December.

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Shannon Pereira, a sophomore defender, tied for a Red Flash team lead with seven assists in 2015.

Pereira named to Canadian Junior National Team

Shannon Pereira's start in field hockey was innocent enough. She went out for the local team because the coach was a family friend. A career that started at the age of six has now blossomed on both the collegiate and international stage. An anchor on Saint Francis' defense, Pereira was once again named to the Canadian Junior National Team.

"This is a great honor," Pereira said. "Any time you can play for your country it is exciting. I am really excited to play with a lot of players I grew up with; there are a lot of Ontario natives on the team."

Pereira is one of 19 players currently named to the Canadian team that will head to Chile in January for a seven-game exhibition series against the Chilean National Team. It will be the final tune-up before the Junior World Cup qualifiers in Trinidad this March.

"To have an opportunity to compete on an international stage is incredible," Saint Francis head coach Stacey Bean said. "Athletes around the world, in any sport, will tell you that some of their proudest moments in their careers were the ones where they earned the right to put that national team jersey on and compete for their country."

This will be Pereira's second go-around with the Canadian Junior team. Last winter she played in an exhibition summit series with the United States Junior team. It was the first international experience for Pereira and many of her teammates, but not one that they will soon forget.

The international experience has helped Pereira here at Saint Francis, where she helps anchor a strong defense that is one of the best in a tough Atlantic-10 conference.

The Pereira-led defense is holding opponents to an average of just six shots on goal per game. Against Villanova, the sophomore scored her first goal of the season and added an assist in a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats. She is building off her freshman year that ended in All Atlantic-10 rookie team honors.

Alum Alli Williams moves her game to Europe

Former Saint Francis University women's basketball stand-out Alli Williams '14 has moved her post-graduation game to Europe. She is now showcasing her talents in Germany as part of the Eisvogel USC Freiburg team. She's seeing similar success on the global court and was named Eurobasket's player of the week in October.

Williams ranks second all-time in Saint Francis history with 2,170 career points for a 16.8 points per game average. She also ranked third all-time in career rebounds with 1,157 rebounds, averaging just shy of nine rebounds per game.



Alli Williams graduated in 2014 as one of the greatest players in the storied history of Saint Francis women's basketball, finishing with 2,170 career points.



Head Football Coach Chris Villarrial was named 2015 "Coach of the Year" in the Northeast Conference.

Red Flash Pride

Head Football Coach Chris Villarrial was named Northeast Conference Coach of the Year and nine members of the Saint Francis football team were named to the All-NEC team. Led by Villarrial, in his sixth season as head coach, Saint Francis just finished one of the top years in program history. The Red Flash went 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the NEC, winning seven games for the fifth time in school history. Villarrial is the first

NEC Coach of the Year in Saint Francis' history.

After three straight 5-6 seasons, Saint Francis earned a winning season for the first time since 1992 and reached four conference wins for the first time since 2012.

First Team

Khairi Dickson (Cleveland, Ohio/Cleveland Central Catholic), Running Back

Terrell Smith (West Haverstraw, N.Y./North Rockland), Receiver

Jimmy Marks (Middletown, Pa./Lower Dauphin), Center

DaQuan Minter (Johnstown, Pa./Greater Johnstown), Cornerback

Lorenzo Jerome (Sunrise, Fla./J.P. Taravella), Safety/Kick Returner

Lance Geesey (Harrisburg, Pa./Cumberland Valley), Kicker

Second Team

Christian Eubanks (Reynoldsburg, Ohio/Reynoldsburg), Guard

Samuel Freireich (Austin, Texas/Westlake), Tackle

Wesley Nagaseu (Waipahu, Hawaii/Waipahu), Nose Tackle





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ALUMNI

flashbacks

1950s

- ◆ **Michael Steirer '57** and his wife Janice recently completed a fascinating trip to Provence in Southern France. Mike continues to teach English Composition in Elyria, Ohio and resides in Medina, Ohio.
- ◆ **Arno Lutz '58** is enjoying 25 years of retirement on the Emerald Coast of Florida.

1960s



- ◆ **Edmund E. Lynch '63** returned to the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Program at Georgetown Law School as an instructor. Ed has taught in several NITA programs and

advocacy classes at Notre Dame Law School. He and his wife, Aud, reside in Englewood, Fla. and Silver Spring, Md. where they enjoy their four grandchildren.



- ◆ Members of the Class of '67 and '68 (and friends) met in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in March for their annual golf adventure. Pictured are: (seated, L-R) **Ed Landerkin '68, Paul Groeschel '68**, (kneeling) **Denis Faherty '68**, Frank Kovalak (friend), (standing L-R) **Tom Gill '67, George Corbett '68, Dick Jones '68, Dan Pienta '68, Paul O'Connell '68, Jay Matera '68, and Pat Normanly '68**. Not pictured is **Jim Brennan '68**. Those interested in joining the group next March are encouraged to contact Dick Jones at rjones@rcn.com.

1970s

- ◆ **Mary (Kuska) Carey '72** has relocated from Long Island, N.Y. to Largo, Fla. It is a beautiful area 2.5 miles southwest of Tampa. Mary is involved at Saint Jerome Church and is earning her certification to teach the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd", a faith

formation program for children.

- ◆ **Russel Kiel '74** has been married for 42 years, has 2 children, Mike and Amy, and 2 grandchildren, Jack (9) and Ben (5). Russel serves as the chairman of the Portage Area Industrial Development Association and the Cambria County Alliance for Business and Industry. He is also on the board of Cambria County Planning Community and the Portage Endowment Fund.
- ◆ **Richard J. Bernazzoli '75** has retired from the field of education after serving as superintendent to schools in the Portage area for eight years.

1980s



- ◆ **Joseph S. Sobocinski '80** is pleased to share that his youngest son, Thomas, is following his footsteps into the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Tom was hired in July 2015 as an Investigative Specialist in the Pittsburgh Division. Joe has served as Senior Resident Agent in the Wheeling, W.Va., Resident Agency for the past 18 years, and was happy to bring a son on board before facing mandatory retirement!

Flashbacks in this issue include information submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations between April and September 2015.

ALUMNI | *flashbacks*

◆ Several classmates from the early 1980s got together for a weekend in August (2015). Reunited, these SFU friends played golf at Cranberry Highlands Golf Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.



(left to right: **Brian Petry '82**, **Willie Monahan '81**, **Fred Pagliaro '80**, and **Brian Radatovich '82**), and attended a Pittsburgh Pirate's baseball game and tailgate party (left to right: **Brian Petry '82**, **Willie Monahan '81**, **Brian Radatovich '82**, and **Fred Pagliaro '80**).



◆ **Fr. Norman Hohenwarter Jr. '89** was appointed Chaplin at St. Anne Retirement Community in Columbia, Pa. in June of 2015.



◆ Members of the East Coast Pizza Alumni Chapter gathered in Cape May, N.J. to celebrate the last official weekend of the summer.

2000s



◆ **Eric McCabe '06** recently served as the commencement speaker at his alma mater, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township, Pa. He is pictured with class valedictorian, Dakota Maneval, who is now a freshman at SFU.

◆ **Jeffery Stoyanoff '07** graduated with his Ph.D. in Medieval English Literature from Duquesne University. Jeffery will be joining the Department of English and Writing at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. as an Assistant Professor of English, specializing in Medieval Literature.

◆ **Ashley L. Fundack '09** earned a second master's degree in Administration of Justice from The University of Phoenix in 2015. She has been accepted to and will attend a Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice at Capella University.

◆ **Dr. Erin Reifsteck '09** has recently been awarded a research grant through the NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program. The program selected six recipients from over 100 applications. Erin is cur-

rently a post-doctoral research fellow with the Institute to Promote Athlete Health and Wellness at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



◆ **Milton Muldrow '04** has been named Chair of Science at Wilmington University in Del. Milton attended some of the Field Ecology courses in the Florida Keys and Galapagos Islands with Dr. Sue Morra.

Engagements

◆ **Hannah Allard '11 '12 (M)** is engaged to Troy Kozee. The two are planning a wedding in Cleveland, Ohio early in 2016.



◆ **Daniel F. Connelly '11** and **Rebecca Hauser '11** were married on December 27, 2014 in Latrobe, Pa. Members of the wedding party included alumni **Caroline Dumm '11**, **Kristen Buxter '11**, **Elisha Fleig '12**, **Courtney Furwa '12**, **Jared Burd '10** and **Curtis Webb Jr. '11**. The couple resides in Cranberry Township, Pa.



◆ **Jacob Smith '13** and **Erin Rapsinski '11** were married on May 30, 2015. Many SFU alumni and family attended, including Fr. Nathan Malavolti T.O.R., who presided over the ceremony.

Marriages

◆ **Kristen (Knupp) Burnham '07** married Albert Burnham on July 28, 2012 and moved to Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Kristen serves as a special education teacher.

Births and Adoptions

◆ **Brian Peters '70** welcomed a new grandson in June named Owen. He has three other grandchildren: Colin (4), Ella (14), and Claire (17).



◆ **Kristen (Knupp) Burnham '07** and **Albert Burnham**, a daughter, **Grace Linda Burnham**. Born August 11, 2015, 8 lbs 0 oz., 19.5".



◆ **Alex Davidovich '11, '13 (DPT)** and **Shelly (Wasielewski) Davidovich '12 '13 (M)** welcomed their son, **Niko James Davidovich**, into the world on May 10, 2015, in San Francisco, Calif.

Deaths

John C. Adams '54	Grant J. Limegrover '42
Terrence M. Black '96	Joseph A. McCarthy '68
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Daher '63	John P. Miko '68
Fr. Patrick Donahoe, T.O.R. '70	William J. Novick '53
Richard E. Dorsey '63	Edward J. Oleksak '84
Philip R. Fagan '51	Peg Partridge '62
Joshua Neal Fay '14 (M)	James Patterson '73
James A. Field '60	Carole (Roman) Portman '58
Edward T. Gill '70	Samuel P. Saccone '68 (M)
Thomas T. Glancy '50	John H. Schnabel '69 (M)
Robert Goddu '64	Donald F. Stahr '56
Fr. Harold Homall, T.O.R. '51	John Thomas Strittmatter '65
Walker W. Kulka '56	Martin J. Valenti '51
William E. Lantzy '51	Gilbert Weakland '63
Michael Lentine '52	Dr. Albert Zanzucki

Randall Sanders '89 was accidentally marked deceased in our Spring/Summer 2015 magazine. He is alive and well, living in Ohio. Our sincere apologies to Randall.

Submitting a Flashback

We love to hear from our alumni! Please share with us information about career changes, promotions, relocations, volunteer work, engagements, marriages, births, and interesting things. How to submit a Flashback:

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Alumni Volunteer Program

If you're interested in becoming an alumni volunteer, please contact Eric Horell at EHorell@francis.edu to learn more about how you can recruit the next generation of Red Flash alumni. Your commitment level can be as little as 2-3 hours; however, the benefit is much greater! Please consider volunteering today.

The Office of Admissions is blessed to have a team of alumni volunteers who continue to assist the Office of Admissions with recruiting excellent students. This fall, these volunteers attended over thirty college fairs and talked to hundreds of students about the opportunities awaiting them at Saint Francis University. For their time and efforts, the Office of Admissions thanks the following alumni:

Bob McGrady '75
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Frank Soltis '79
Mindy Wolfmayer '08

In memoriam

**Fr. Patrick J. Donahoe, T.O.R.
August 16, 1947 – August 27, 2015**

“Bye for Now”

When the Franciscan community gathered on September 1 for the funeral of Fr. Patrick J. Donahoe, T.O.R., age 68, at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, family and friends paid tribute and said good-bye to a colleague and Franciscan, held in high esteem by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

A native of Wilmington, Del., Fr. Pat attended Saint Francis University and entered the Third Order Regular at St. Bonaventure Friary, Loretto, Pa., in 1967 as a postulant. He professed his solemn vows on June 1, 1972 at Sacred Heart Friary in Winchester, Va.

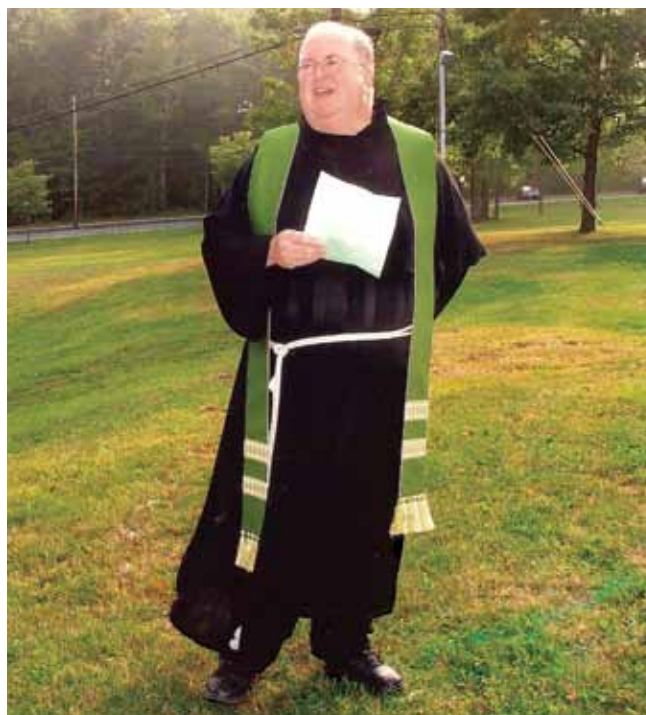
Fr. Pat received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and French from Saint Francis in May 1970 and completed his Theology studies at St. Francis Seminary with a Masters of Divinity in 1974. He later received a Master of Arts degree in French from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., and a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Fr. Pat faithfully served as a Franciscan Friar, teaching at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, and at Saint Francis University.

With contagious enthusiasm and esprit de corps as a Franciscan, Fr. Pat was a man filled with faith and love, and had an extraordinary gift of developing personal relationships with those he encountered. Gentle and sensitive, perhaps his greatest gift was his ability to articulate emotions and express empathy, putting others at ease by quickly making comfortable connections with friends and colleagues.

Countless students were impacted by Fr. Pat, a larger-than-life character blessed with a sharp wit, sense of humor and knack for delivery and comic timing that could have earned him a starring role on a television sitcom. There was always so much laughter when in his presence.

Alumni spanning more than three decades marveled how they would immediately be recognized by Fr. Pat when returning to campus years after graduation, always with his keen sense of recall for specific events, nicknames and inside jokes. Ann Rodgers, class of '82, was one of those students. She was shocked that Fr. Pat not only remembered her name, but told how he studied old yearbooks and photographs of students so that he would recognize them in person. “I was so touched that he took the time to do that,” Ann said. “Fr. Pat had a wonderful sense of humor and there was always laughter in his presence. My life was richer for



having known him and there is a now a hole in my heart with his passing.”

Among the many gifts that he shared so openly were his insight, understanding and grasp of what really mattered in life. Often described as a loyal mentor and spiritual advisor, Fr. Pat's unwavering support was steadfast through spontaneous phone calls or unscheduled visits as he never lost touch with friends.

Steve Rogers '82 and Jean (Payne) Rogers '82 met Fr. Pat as young students at Saint Francis and remained lifelong friends for nearly 35 years. When the Rogers were married by him, Fr. Pat wrapped their hands in a special wedding stole during the ceremony and blessed their union. Remembering him as one of the most thoughtful people she ever met, Jean recalled how Fr. Pat welcomed their first daughter, Maureen, when she, too, was a Saint Francis student.

“Fr. Pat had left several items in Maureen's dorm room to welcome her and ease our anxiety, including Saint Francis mom and dad T-shirts, and a very lovely note of reassurance. He instinctively knew that it would be a difficult transition and he was such a blessing to all of us. We felt as if we were leaving our daughter with an extended family member.”

The continuity of the special relationship with the Rogers family came full circle 27 years after Steve and Jean's wedding when Fr. Pat used the very same stole to bless the marriage of Maureen and her husband, Nick.

These are sentiments echoed by those enriched through the life of Fr. Pat. The deep loss of the kind, unassuming man who reflected the Franciscan spirit leaves a void.

Isabella (Dougherty) Beach, '82, was one of Fr. Pat's

students who reconnected with him after attending a class reunion. "The years since we saw each other in the classroom melted away and we started a new and lasting friendship—calling often and making a point to see each other when Fr. Pat was in Rehoboth Beach visiting his sister, Mary and her husband Steve." Those visits turned into annual reunions that included many SFU classmates over the years.

"Fr. Pat was always so thoughtful and there were just so many little things that enriched my life by knowing him. I will miss the comfort of his voice and his signature sign-off that we all knew so well – "bye for now." An appropriate substitute for the finality of good-bye.

Until we meet again, may Fr. Pat rest in peace.

– Submitted by
Joann (Bugrin) Cantrell '81



Fr. Pat presiding over the marriage ceremony of Maureen (Rogers) '09 and Nick Baro '08.

In memoriam

**Fr. Emil Resconich, T.O.R.
October 17, 1923 – December 18, 2014**



Fr. Emil Resconich, T.O.R., 91, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died on December 18, 2014, at St. Francis Friary at Mt. Assisi, Loretto, after a brief illness. He was born on October 17, 1923 in Portage, Pa., and given the name Carl at his baptism at Saints Peter and Paul

Byzantine Catholic Church in Portage. He was the son of the late Carl and Mary Patney Resconich. He entered the Third Order Regular on October 1, 1945 at Mt. Assisi Friary in Loretto. On June 30, 1947, he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate and pronounced his temporary vows on June 30, 1948, and his solemn vows on July 1, 1951. Fr. Emil was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on May 22, 1954. Fr. Emil received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Saint Francis College in May 1950. He completed his theology studies at St. Francis Seminary in Loretto in 1954. Fr. Emil received his Ph.D. in biology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., in 1959, after which he completed one year of post-doctoral studies in plant virology at the University of California at Berkeley, Calif. He received a Master of Arts degree in art from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1975. During his long

and very faithful Franciscan life, Fr. Emil ministered primarily in education. His teaching began in Philadelphia at Roman Catholic High School. He taught biology at Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio) for two years. In July 1962, Fr. Emil arrived at Saint Francis and was named associate professor/chair of biology. He taught botany, evolution, general biology, etc. for 38 years, eventually being named professor emeritus of biology. In August 2001, he was assigned to St. Francis Friary, Mt. Assisi, where he served in the ministry of prayer.

Fr. Emil was a scholar and a true renaissance man. He had a deep and lasting appreciation of the arts, particularly classical music and opera.

Fr. Emil is survived by his brother, retired SFU chemistry professor Dr. Samuel Resconich; his sister, Dorothy Resconich; nieces and nephews; and his Franciscan brothers. He was preceded in death by his brother, George. Fr. Emil was laid to rest in the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery on campus.

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