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a letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Peace and good! As I compose this letter to you, it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my first year as President of our beloved Saint Francis University. The first year has certainly been blessed, but has passed quickly, as time is known to do.

Last fall, during my Inaugural address, I exhorted the University community to push "onwards toward the highest principles." This theme for the Inaugural year was inspired by Pope Francis. During his pontificate, he has taken the rich traditions of the Church and the simple message of the Gospel and has "made all things new." He reminds people of all faiths to return to the Gospel message of love and service to the poor.

During my first year as President, I have celebrated the successes of our University community. By living out the Gospel and our mission as described in the eight Goals of Franciscan Higher Education, we too seek to serve the poor and marginalized. Whether through the Dorothy Day Outreach Center, spring break mission trips, or student-led community service projects, we strive to simply and humbly live the Gospel.

As we "push onwards," I am happy to celebrate the groundbreaking during Alumni Weekend for a soon-to-betransformed Schwab Hall. Through the generosity of alumni and other benefactors, the School of Business at Schwab Hall will be ready for student use in August of 2016. Transformative gifts will also memorialize Dr. Albert Zanzuccki, Dr. James McConnell, Father Christian Oravec, T.O.R. and Bishop John Kudrick.

As I have said repeatedly during my



first year as President, one of the joys of the job is the opportunity for me to meet so many of you. Whether on the alumni trip to Ambialet, France, last year or at alumni receptions on campus and throughout the northeast, I have enjoyed meeting our alumni and hearing their stories. The recurring themes are the love for their alma mater, the meaningfulness of life-long friendships made as students, and the gratitude for the education received at Saint Francis.

I invite you to enjoy this issue of the *Saint Francis University Magazine*. I am pleased to showcase the good things happening on campus, the successes of our students, and the accomplishments of our alumni. Of course, feel free to "stop by" if you are ever in the neighborhood.

Be assured of my prayers for the alumni family, as together we push onwards toward the highest principles.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. President

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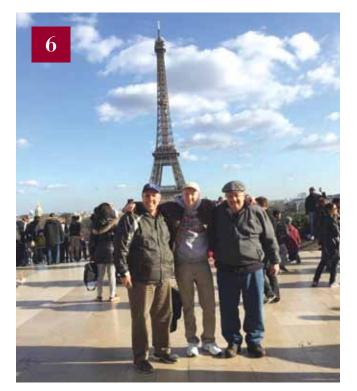
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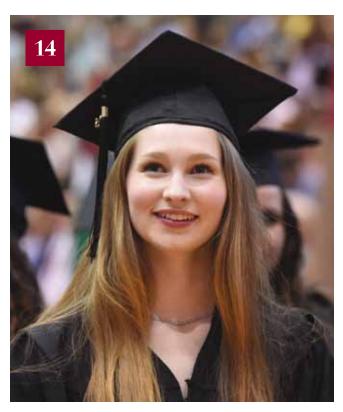
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"Believe, believe, believe"

Student-athletes "Become that Someone" through partnership with Team IMPACT

WRITTEN BY | Rachel Vasilko '13

poster that once hung above the bed of Maurice Stokes read, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world."

This quote sums up perfectly the inspirational brotherhood of former Saint Francis basketball star Maurice Stokes and his NBA teammate Jack Twyman, and, over the course of this year, has also started to ring true for many of Saint Francis University's current student-athletes as well.

Through the University's recent partnership with Team IMPACT, an organization chartered to improve the quality of life for children facing life-threatening or chronic illnesses, members of both the football and men's basketball teams have discovered the true meaning behind the Red Flash theme, "Become that Someone."

In 2014, the players welcomed a new teammate to each of their respective teams – 11-year-old Brent Zierer signed his national letter of intent with Red Flash football in April 2014 and 13-year-old Jorden McClure was drafted to the men's basketball team in February 2014. It was then that the student-athletes began to learn just how much of an impact they can have when they reach out to someone in need of friendship and brotherhood, just as Twyman did for Stokes nearly 60 years ago.

Since their signings, both Brent and Jorden have remained invaluable members of their teams. Attending practices, sitting sideline at the games and offering advice to teammates, they are like little brothers to their fellow athletes.

"The whole team has taken him in," said junior physical therapy major and Red Flash forward from Jamestown, Ohio, Ronnie Drinnon. "It's not just a team thing – it's a brotherhood basically."

Making an IMPACT

Harnessing the power of teamwork, Team IMPACT matches courageous kids with college athletic teams across America. The Boston-based nonprofit partners with colleges and universities to draft Team IMPACT children onto local athletic teams, allowing them to become official members of the team for the duration of their treatment.

"At first we were unsure of how it would be to have Jorden join the team, but since he was signed, he has made a huge impact on the entire team, and even more so on the campus," Drinnon said. "Everyone supports him, and cares for him. He really is a member of the campus community."

Team IMPACT stands for Inspire, Motivate, and Play Against Challenges Together, and that is precisely what the program aims to do. The relationship between a Team IMPACT child and his/her team is focused on increasing emotional, social, physical and academic success. When a child is signed, the family joins the athletic team, and in turn, the teammates join the family support system. The experience serves as an exciting distraction from the children's medical realities, especially the stress of treatment, and allows them the opportunity to be a kid, surrounded by a group of mentors who make eating right, exercise and studying a priority.

"It's really put a lot of things into perspective for our student-athletes. It's something they've really rallied around," said John Krimmel, assistant director of athletics for student-athlete academic services at Saint Francis. "The student-athletes may be sore after



Through Saint Francis University's partnership with Team IMPACT, Brent Zierer and Jorden McClure have become invaluable members of the Red Flash football and men's basketball teams, respectively, as well as the entire campus community.

practice, or may be stressed about an upcoming test, but they don't have to face daily life living with a chronic or life-threatening illness, like these kids do." According to Krimmel, Saint Francis² involvement with Team IMPACT is based on the number of kids in the local area who have reached out to the organization. Those kids are then

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-John Krimmel, assistant director of athletics for student-athlete academic services



Brent Zierer participated in the annual Think Pink Push-Up Showdown with his fellow Red Flash football teammates and many other student-athletes.

placed with sports teams that fit best with each child's expressed interest.

A part of the team

The Red Flash first got involved with Team IMPACT when student-athlete Kellie Mason, who now works as the assistant director of student-athlete academic services at Saint Francis, reached out to establish a partnership with the organization through the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Mason, who is originally from the northeast, local to the home of Team IMPACT, heard about the program and believed Saint Francis would be a perfect fit for children in need.

"The student-athletes absolutely love it, and it's something we always want to continue to do," said Krimmel. "We have more [Red Flash] teams interested, and we're trying to create more awareness of Team IMPACT. The organization is constantly signing new kids every single day at different college teams across the country."

Both the football and men's basketball teams have appointed leadership groups that work closely with Team IMPACT as representatives for their respective teams. In addition, women's basketball player Hope Phillips has been appointed as the campus ambassador to the organization – staying in contact with both Brent and Jorden's families to keep them connected to the University and Team IMPACT.

"[Appointing an ambassador] is a way that we can get even more student-athletes involved with Team IMPACT," Krimmel said. "Hope can stay connected even though women's basketball doesn't have its own child team member."

Since Brent and Jorden joined the Red Flash more than a year ago, both are now recognized as popular members of the Red Flash campus community. Both stay in contact with their teammates even in the offseason, and they become involved in other on-campus activities as well. Krimmel said that Brent recently acted as a judge at the annual Mr. SFU Pageant, and Jorden has attended almost every home basketball game, joining the team in the locker room and giving them advice.

"There needs to be constant communication between the team and the kid," Krimmel said, adding that both Brent and Jorden either text or call their teammates almost daily. "It's a yearround relationship. It's not something that just happens over one semester."

Krimmel said that through their association with Saint Francis, Brent and Jorden have also grown close to each other. He said making connections with other kids who are also suffering from chronic illnesses is important to the mission of Team IMPACT to provide support and friendship.

Becoming that someone

While it is their responsibility to act as mentors for Brent and Jorden, members of both the football and men's basketball teams have oftentimes found themselves inspired by their younger teammates. The boys' resilient spirits and positive attitudes in the face of their illnesses is something that provides encouragement and motivation to the Red Flash student-athletes, in work and in play.

"Jorden's attitude amazes me," said Drinnon. "I don't think I've ever seen him without a smile on his face. For someone in his circumstances, he's one of the most positive kids I've ever seen."

"During a game with Robert Morris, right after they went on a run, everyone was feeling really down and getting discouraged," added rising senior Greg Brown, a management information systems major and Red Flash guard from Odenton, Md. "Jorden came into the huddle, and told us to just believe, believe, believe. He told everyone to believe, and lifted everyone's spirit after that."

It is Jorden's confidence in himself and his team that has made such a difference in the basketball players' lives. In return, the team does as much as they can to make a difference for him. Drinnon said that he and other members of the team often text Jorden just to check in, and do their best to attend his summer baseball games to cheer him on. He said they also visited Jorden on his birthday, bringing him a cake and singing "Happy Birthday."

Similarly, members of the Red Flash football team have said that Brent has also become "just one of the guys," and the team is happy to have him around whether on or off the field. They all agree that he is influencing their lives just as much as they may be influencing his.

"They call it Team IMPACT for a reason; it definitely has an impact on us as a team," said Capri Thompson, a rising senior quarterback and management major from Clairton, Pa. "For us, playing football for a Division I school is an amazing opportunity. [Brent] has a chronic illness, and he'll never be able to do what we can do, but he never complains. We look at him and learn that things could always be worse."

"He's one of our buddies, and he wants to hang out with us, and do stuff with us outside of the team," added tight end Matt Camilletti, a rising senior management and marketing major from Bangor, Pa. "He doesn't even think about his disability when he's with the team."



The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has continued to work to raise awareness of the positive power of Team IMPACT, by recently hosting an event dedicated to the organization in the Stokes' Athletic Center.

him," Thompson said. "The other kid wasn't at the game, so Brent wasn't able to give it to him. But it just goes to show how kind Brent is – he didn't even know the kid, and he still took the time to write him a note. He's always reaching out to other kids."

"Brent also led us onto the field during our game at Youngstown State in front of thousands of people," added Camilletti. "It was a great experience cheerleaders, and brothers for their teammates, especially Jorden and Brent. They have all rallied together as individual teams, but also as an organization and campus community to be someone that the boys can rely on and turn to for friendship and support.

"Our theme of 'Become that Someone' is inspired by the bond between Jack Tywman and Maurice Stokes. It's about lending a hand to a

"It's not just us making a difference in his life. He's really making a big difference in ours."

-Greg Brown, management information systems major

Just like Jorden, the football players say that it is Brent's attitude toward life that they find to be the most uplifting, and they continue to be inspired by his courage every day. His unremitting "good heart" in spite of his illness is what they believe makes Brent such a unique kid.

"When we were going to a game at Bowling Green, Brent found out that the Bowling Green team also had a Team IMPACT kid. He wrote him a nice note inside a card, and took it to for him. We lost that game, but he didn't care. He was just happy to be there, and be a part of something."

Since Saint Francis first partnered with Team IMPACT, the experiences that the student-athletes have shared with Jorden and Brent have inspired them to continue to do what they can for others. In keeping with the Red Flash's theme of "Become that Someone," inspired by the story of Maurice Stokes and Jack Twyman, the players are striving to be role models, person in need, and we're embodying that," said Camilletti. "We're becoming that someone for Brent. We've become his friends and his big brothers."

"Team IMPACT helps not just an individual become that someone, but it helps the whole team rally together to be a support system for Jorden," Brown added. "It's not just us making a difference in his life. He's really making a big difference in ours."



David Budash, a double major in strategic communications and marketing, makes a lifelong pal while volunteering during spring break in Maggoty, Jamaica.

Spring Break around the world

WRITTEN BY | Mary Brown '13/'14

pring comes but once a year, and with it comes sprouts of flowers, buds on trees, the chirping of birds as they return to the North, warm weather, and a week enjoying the change.

This week to enjoy the change, also known as spring break, arouses different meanings in different people. For all, it's a break – a chance to get away from daily obligations and have fun, whatever that "fun" may be. For some, it means a trip to the beach with sunsets and long walks. For others, it means a week of preparing the yard for summer, enjoying hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, and spending time with family. But at Saint Francis, it transforms into much more – it is a week of reaching higher and going far all around the world to learn, help, and make a difference.

This year's spring break, which ran from Feb. 28 through March 8, was no different. Students, faculty and staff alike were more than excited to dedicate their time and their break to travel the world, spreading the love of Saint Francis.

Where in the world did our students go?

LONDON, ENGLAND

Business students, along with faculty and staff, traveled to London for the week to learn more about the role of Great Britain in the European Union, a cornerstone of MGMT 307. Three faculty members and one staff member led 19 students—seven graduate students and 12 undergraduate students. The trip included a walking tour of the financial district of London, special visits to Lloyds of London and Bloomberg London, a lecture on the current state and challenges facing the European Union by a noted economist and hedge fund manager, a trip to Windsor Castle, a Jack the Ripper Walking Tour, and a day trip to Paris.

"The Springtime in London educational program is truly an experience of a lifetime. From visiting Lloyds of London and Bloomberg, to touring the Windsor Castle and the Tower of London, I marveled in great admiration of the sites I saw, the business transactions I witnessed, and the buildings and monuments that simply took my breath away."

-Nicole Bauman, London Business Trip

MAGGOTY, JAMAICA

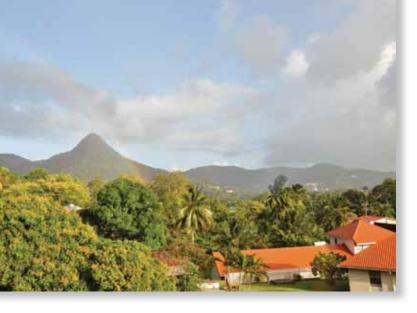
Helping the Underprivileged by Giving our Service (HUGS) traveled to Holy Spirit Parish in Maggoty, Jamaica. Nineteen students, faculty and staff provided medical care and physical and occupational therapy, ran a microlending program, and helped with an afterschool program. Physical therapy, occupational therapy and physician assistant students were given the opportunity to obtain clinical care practice as they treated people in need. Business students provided loans, all under \$1,000, to small business owners, helping to try and break the cycle of unemployment in Jamaica. On top of these endeavors, everyone contributed to the afterschool program, providing much needed love and support to the children.





"Although this was my 3rd mission trip to Jamaica, it was still just as transformational as the first trip. As always, it was extremely rewarding to give the loan recipients their money. They were so thankful and appreciative of our support which made me feel like I was making an impact. During the afternoons, we had the chance to play with the local children and help them with school work. One of my favorite parts of this trip is being able to give these children love that they don't necessarily get at home. Most of them simply want to be hugged and given attention – simple gestures like that will make their day. Overall, the entire trip was extremely rewarding. I was able to grow more confident with spirituality and my micro-lending knowledge. I cannot put into words how passionate I am about helping others in need, and this is solely due to the impact that the HUGS trip has had on me."

-Kilee Bomgardner, HUGS Jamaica



CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA

Additional students, faculty and staff journeyed to Castries, St. Lucia as a part of the HUGS program. This was the first time HUGS traveled to St. Lucia, and they are hoping to continue to make this journey annually. The team worked out of the Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. They painted and varnished at the Center; helped elderly at the local Missionaries of Charity home; and helped with the children's meal program at the Missionaries of Charities. While there, they made lifetime connections with the people of St. Lucia and other visitors. Through these connections, the students, faculty and staff were moved by their experiences in St. Lucia.



"Sometimes, many times, I forget to say thank you for all of my blessings, the real blessings, the ones that cannot be seen, or bought, or sold. The HUGS outreach trip to St. Lucia was a tremendous blessing where I learned more about the people of St. Lucia, about other visitors from Nepal, about our team, and about myself. This trip will always hold a special place in my heart and mind because it was the inaugural HUGS Mission/Outreach trip to St. Lucia. I felt the spirit of St. Francis in the people, nature, animals, and in the actions of our Team. Feeling blessed and grateful for this opportunity."

-Dr. Pat Fitzgerald, HUGS St. Lucia

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA and BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Two different groups of students, faculty and staff took part in Habitat for Humanity. One group set out to Charleston, South Carolina for the week, and the other group voyaged to Beaufort, South Carolina. While in South Carolina, both groups helped with various aspects of home building—from roofing, digging foundations and nailing walls to painting—helping to provide new homes to people in need.

"My experience with Habitat for Humanity was one that I will never forget. This trip expanded my horizon and gave me this rewarding feeling, knowing I made an impact on someone in South Carolina. Additionally, I got to spend time with some amazing students and faculty that I might not have ever talked to or met if it wasn't for this trip."

> –Student volunteer, Habitat for Humanity South Carolina



"The trip was an amazing experience. I loved each day with my Habitat group, and I know that we had an impact on many lives in just one short week. This trip has definitely changed my life, and I am fortunate that I had this opportunity."

> –Student volunteer, Habitat for Humanity South Carolina

EUROPE

The 30 students studying abroad in France this semester spent their spring break visiting various locations throughout Europe, seeing new places, and meeting more people.

"It was incredible. I never imagined in my wildest dreams that I would study abroad, but the fact that I got to go and see Venice, Rome and Ireland on my spring break, words cannot describe. I saw and experienced some of the most beautiful places in the world. Rome was filled to the brim with history and delicious food. Venice, even though we were soaking wet during our stay, had its own charm in the closeness of the buildings and the stillness of the canals. And Ireland. my favorite, with the beautiful lush green countryside and the wonderful atmosphere of the people in town. I will never forget any of these wonderful places or the friends that I met along the way."

> -Rebecca Bargielski, Semester in France student









Support future outreach programs

We are proud of our students spring break endeavors, and we invite you to join and support the many students who are drawn to spring break outreach programs for opportunities to engage in service learning, meet new people, explore culture of the place they travel to, and have a transformative spring break. To support future spring break trips you may contact the Office of Advancement at 814-472-3021 or donate to Hugs United or Study Abroad programs online at http://francis.edu/gift-giving-options/



Reaching higher and going far.

Our students reached higher and went far this spring break to help people all around the world.

In return for a week of volunteering, our students were able to immerse themselves into new cultures, experience new adventures in life, meet new people, learn new things, and grow. Above all, they will be able to reach higher and go far in life with these experiences.

Volunteering, learning, making memories and so much more...that is spring break at Saint Francis.

No matter where in the world our students, faculty, staff and alumni are or go, they reach higher and go far. \checkmark

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"Returning to Our Roots"

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Reaching Higher Professionally

Former student-athlete awarded NCAA research grant

WRITTEN BY | Jaime Lipski Assistant Field Hockey Coach

tudent-athletes are accustomed to high levels of training and often reach peak physical condition during their collegiate playing days. What about after they graduate? Do student-athletes know how to maintain a physically active lifestyle as they transition out of college?

Unfortunately, this is not the case. But hopefully not for much longer, thanks to former Saint Francis University student-athlete, Dr. Erin Reifsteck, who is dedicating her research to this very idea and has recently been awarded a grant through the NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program.

The NCAA has always been dedicated to helping the well-being of their student-athletes. With this at the forefront of their mind, they decided to create an Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program to support research and data-driven pilot projects designed to enhance student-athlete psychosocial well-being and mental health. This year, just the second year of the program, the NCAA chose to



Reifsteck's playing time at SFU earned her a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America selection (2008, 2009).

fund six research proposals, one of which is Reifsteck's.

As a former Division I student-athlete, Reifsteck understands firsthand the demands of being a student-athlete. She also has personal insight into the difficulties so many face as they transition from having others scheduling mandatory training sessions, to being left struggling to find the time and motivation to incorporate it into hectic, post-graduate life. Reifsteck followed her scheduled workouts meticulously in college; she completed each and every day of the assigned summer workouts. However, even she found the transition difficult as she went on to pursue her masters after graduation from SFU. She began to question, "Why is it so hard to motivate myself to be active?" As she began questioning fellow former student-athletes, she realized she was part of a trend. All too often, due to a myriad of circumstances, studentathletes store away their physically active lifestyles when they graduate from college.

While teaching student-athletes how to be physically active may seem like an oxymoron, research shows studentathletes are no more active after college than their non-student-athlete counterparts. The U.S. Department of Health has made it well-known there are significant physical and mental benefits of regular physical activity, such as decreased risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, anxiety, and much more. Although these risks are low for active student-athletes, this can quickly change if one becomes sedentary after college. Thus, it is not about being active for a few, short years, it's about creating and maintaining a lifestyle dedicated to physical activity.



By stepping back and conceptualizing the problem, Reifsteck realized the current culture of athletics does not expose student-athletes to much else other than their particular sport. All physical activity in college is preplanned and well-structured, producing constant high intensity workouts. While it is effective for one's sport, it limits student-athlete's opportunities to truly learn about the options and variations available once one is no longer a collegiate athlete.

Reifsteck decided it was time for this culture to change.

Thanks to her grant from the NCAA and a partnership with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro department of athletics, Reifsteck and her fellow researchers were able to pilot their program, Moving On, this spring. The program focused on two goals: helping student-athletes create a general, active identity rather than one that is specific to their sport, and strengthening personal motivation to engage in physical activity by introducing them to a wider range of activities and encouraging them to participate with others. They discussed goal setting, time management, and demonstrated lifetime activities to broaden

the student-athlete's options. They were also given a resource workbook to reinforce and supplement the material covered within the program. Reifsteck and her fellow researchers hope to have the program operational for other colleges and universities to utilize in the near future.

Reifsteck says she has Saint Francis University to thank for her current research interest and focus. She specifically mentioned her time as a member, and later president, of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), as being particularly beneficial. In SAAC, she was encouraged to not only discuss student-athlete well-being, but empowered do something about it. This lesson, along with her psychology and kinesiology education, prepared her for her current research.

Physical activity is just the beginning. Reifsteck and her fellow researchers hope to expand the program to include other aspects of well-being, such as nutrition, mental health, and career transition. Their hope for the program is for it to become the blueprint for collegiate athletics departments throughout the nation.



Dr. Erin Reifsteck

Dr. Erin Reifsteck graduated from Saint Francis University in 2009 with a B.S. in Psychology and minor in Neuroscience. She was also a member of the field hockey program and two-time CoSIDA Division I Academic All-American. From there, she went on to pursue a masters in Sport & Exercise Psychology and then a doctoral degree in Kinesiology, with a specialization in Sport and Exercise Psychology. Currently, she is a post-doctoral research fellow with the Institute to Promote Athlete Health and Wellness at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Congratulations to the SFU Class of 2015!









Reach higher. Go far.



Have Faith

Alumnus James Morhard Esq. '78 shared his inspirational tale of survival as the 2015 Graduate Commencement speaker. Morhard was one of four people to live through the 2010 plane crash that claimed the life of Alaskan Senator Ted Stevens.

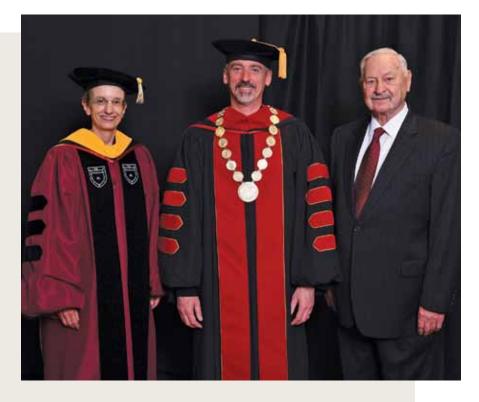
Saint Francis University celebrated its 164th Commencement on May 10, 2015. This year, the University conferred degrees upon 766 students (380 undergraduate and 386 graduate recipients).

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Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Sister Ilia Delio, O.S.F., Ph.D. and the Very Reverend Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R., Ph.D., '60 (posthumously) during the 2015 Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies. Sr. Ilia is a member of the Franciscan Servants of the Holy Child Jesus and the director of Catholic studies at Georgetown University. Fr. Christian served as the president of Saint Francis for 27 years.

From left: Sr. Ilia, University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, and Tony Oravec, who accepted the degree on behalf of his late brother.



Opening Fall 2016

A new home for the School of Business



Architect's drawing of Schwab Hall shown from the back, illustrating the new addition to the building.

hanks to the generosity of our friends and alumni we will be breaking ground on the Schwab Hall expansion and renovation project during Alumni Weekend this summer! Once completed, Schwab Hall will become the new home for the University's School of Business.

The expanded space will house flexible classrooms including lecture halls, seminar space, and areas designed for group work and collaboration. In addition, the building will provide faculty offices and meeting rooms, small and large conference rooms, and dedicated space for adjunct and visiting instructors.

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Mr. and Miss Frankie 2015 are Chase Bamat '15 of Karthaus, Pa. and Gretta Ghaner '15 of Duncansville, Pa. The two were chosen by the senior class, faculty and administration, receiving these awards in recognition for their academic achievements, commitment to Franciscan values, and leadership in campus activities. Mr. and Miss Frankie are the highest awards two graduating students can receive from Saint Francis University. Read more about Mr. and Miss Frankie 2015 at francis.edu/frankie-winners-2015/.

Schlumberger donates \$58 million oil and gas industry software to SFU

Students in the new Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering program at Saint Francis University are using a well-known industry software package thanks to a generous \$58 million donation from Schlumberger, the world's leading supplier of technology solutions in the oil and gas industry.

The donation includes a three-year use and maintenance contract for 15 licenses of the entire suite of software.

To learn more about how this software will be used in conjunction with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering program, visit

francis.edu/Schlumberger-software-donation/.



Campus Visit: More than 125 students from five local high schools attended the 14th annual Business Day on campus.

Enactus hosts 14th Annual Business Day

Saint Francis University Enactus hosted the 14th Annual Business Day for area high-school students on March 20. Over 125 students from five local school districts participated in the on-campus event.

Throughout the day, students were able to interact with Enactus members, business students and faculty, and guest lecturers to gain a wealth of business and professional knowledge. Presentations, a professional-dress fashion show, business games and competitions filled the day and culminated in the Business Bowl at the end of the day. Students from Richland School District won the final competition over their counterparts, also from Richland.

Pictures and a video from Business Day can be viewed at francis.edu/business-day-2015/.

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Bees arrive on campus for beekeeping class

Thirty-thousand honeybees, three complete colonies, arrived to their new home at Saint Francis University on April 14. These bees are a part of a new course being offered to all students through general education and the Environmental Studies major.

The course began by studying bees, beekeeping, and environmental problems threatening honeybee populations in the US. Students were then assigned to a team that was responsible for some aspect of the beekeeping project: scientific discovery, researching and ordering hive supplies and tools, and facilitating community education events on campus and at local elementary schools.

Local beekeepers from 2 C's and a Bee Beekeeping Association came to SFU weekly to share their wisdom about the ins-and-outs of beekeeping.

Future beekeeping courses may focus on the collection of honey and the uses of products of the hive.



Student-Athletes maintain GPA winning streak

Saint Francis University's student-athletes finished another semester with GPAs over the 3.0 mark, making it the 33rd consecutive record holding semester over a 16-and-a-half year span. This semester, there were 44 student-athletes with perfect 4.0 GPAs, 201 with a 3.5 or higher, and 340 with a 3.0 or higher.

The women's cross country team took home the title for the highest team total (3.759 GPA). The women's track and field team came in second (3.606), while the softball team finished in third place (3.603). Fourth place was the field hockey team (3.590), and the women's golf team rounded out the top five (3.447). The men's golf team led the way for the men's teams (3.405) coming in just behind the university band in sixth (3.431) and the bowling team in seventh (3.410).



All Americans Then & Now: The School of Arts and Letters recognized the 25th anniversary of the unprecedented national academic successes of three University alumni. Annette Cronauer '90, Mike Iuzzolino '91, and Anita (Fusco) Baumann '90 returned to campus for the School's Academic Recognition Program in March where they were held up as the gold standard for academic achievement for their accomplishments that yielded national press in the 1990s.





Campus visit: The CEO of Elio Motors paid a visit to Saint Francis to share his thoughts on business as well as showcase his prototype for a new type of fuel efficient car.

Elio Motors visits campus

In March, the School of Business welcomed Paul Elio, founder and CEO of Elio Motors, Inc. to speak on campus as part of the Dr. Albert Zanzuccki Endowed Chair in Business Lecture Series. Car lovers traveled from as far as Nebraska, Maryland, Ohio and Virginia to attend the presentation, and see for themselves the ultra-fuel efficient Elio prototype that was on display on the campus mall. The Elio, which is set to launch in 2016, already has nearly 40,000 people who have reserved a place in line for the innovative, American made, 2-seater (in tandem) vehicle, which will get up to 84 MPG and sell for \$6,800.

DiSepio's Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency program accredited

Saint Francis University's Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency is now an accredited program recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education.

The program is a post-graduate residency that allows a licensed physical therapist to gain additional knowledge in the pediatric physical therapy specialty area, preparing the resident to become a board certified pediatric physical therapist.

The residency program at Saint Francis is one of only fifteen pediatric programs nationwide, the only in a rural area, to be accredited. It is offered through a partnership with Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy, LLC, the Department of Physical Therapy, and the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness at Saint Francis University.

Saint Francis is one of only seven organizations in the country to offer three or more physical therapy residency

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programs, placing the University in the same category as big-name schools such as Duke University, the University of Southern California, and the University of Delaware. Currently, Saint Francis offers programs in orthopedic, sports, and pediatric specialty areas.

For more information about the residency programs at Saint Francis visit francis.edu/physical-therapy-residency-programs.

Provost selected for Fulbright award in France

Dr. Wayne Powel, Saint Francis University provost, has been selected by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) to receive a Fulbright International Education Administrator Seminar award in France.

The International Education Administrators (IEA) seminars help U.S. international education professionals and senior higher education officials create empowering connections with the societal, cultural and higher education systems of other countries. Grantees have the opportunity to learn about the host country's education system as well as establish networks of U.S. and international colleagues. Grantees return with enhanced ability to serve and encourage international students and prospective study-abroad students.

In October, Powel will spend two weeks in Europe visiting with colleagues at French institutions to broaden his understanding of issues facing higher education, and finding opportunities to strengthen both Saint Francis University's study abroad efforts and its international student program. The seminar consists of briefings, campus visits, appointments with selected government officials, networking and cultural activities, and meetings with French international education professionals.

To learn about our study abroad programs visit francis.edu/study-abroad. To find out more about our international student opportunities visit francis.edu/international-students.

A Day in Her Shoes

The brothers of Psi Upsilon held their annual "A Day in Her Shoes" on March 27 to raise awareness of the horrors of domestic violence. To show their support for the victims of such abuse, the brothers spent the day wearing heels around campus. They also collected donations, and were able to raise \$636.18 for the Women's Help Center in Johnstown, Pa.



University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., posed for a picture in support of the brothers of Psi Upsilon's annual "A Day in Her Shoes."



Relay 2015: The Saint Francis Community joined together for another successful Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life raises money for American Cancer Society

Changing the world does not always happen in the classroom, and the Saint Francis University Relay for Life 2015 proved that, successfully raising \$18,904 to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Among this Relay was a throwback theme to the '80s, in celebration of the Relay's 30-year anniversary, with an '80s carnival, music, games, Bingo, food, a rockwall; a Zumbathon; the Relay itself, including a cancer survivor's lap, cancer survivor and caregiver lap; luminaria ceremony; and so much more.

Pictures from the Relay and a video of the Luminaria Ceremony can be viewed at francis.edu/relay-for-life-success-15/.

New scholarship named for alumni couple

Saint Francis University recently received a donation to establish an endowed scholarship named for alumni James and Stephanie (Scholz) Kilcoyne, classes of 1971 and 1972 respectively. Inco Beverage, Inc. of Johnstown, Pa., where Jim Kilcoyne worked as CEO for 22 years, made the contribution to thank Jim for his years of service.

"My wife and I are deeply honored to receive this recognition," said Kilcoyne. "We loved our time at Saint Francis, so this means a great deal. I am grateful to the owners of Inco for the many years of satisfying employment and for their generosity to our alma mater."

Kilcoyne worked for 36 years in the beverage industry. He graduated from Saint Francis University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and early in his career, he worked as an elementary school teacher in the Altoona Area School District.

The Kilcoynes reside in Altoona, Pa. They have three children, one of whom, Maureen (Kilcoyne) Hoyne, graduated from Saint Francis with her bachelor's degree in 2003 and her master's degree in 2007.

The James and Stephanie (Scholz) Kilcoyne Scholarship will benefit an incoming freshman who resides in either Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Indiana or Somerset County, the same region served by Inco. Candidates for the scholarship must have demonstrated financial need, and recipients may maintain the scholarship for four years, as long as he/she remains in good academic standing.



Much Ado: One of the Bard's more humorous plays, Much Ado about Nothing made its way to Loretto in March.

American Shakespeare Center performance

The American Shakespeare Center, a world-renowned traveling theater company, performed *Much Ado About Nothing* at Saint Francis University March 16. In addition to their theatrical production, the actors also hosted educational workshops for students. The ASC follows the basic principles of Renaissance theatrical production, providing its audience with many of the pleasures an Elizabethan playgoer would have enjoyed. Using universal lighting, character doubling, a basic stage and set, interpretable costumes, and a brisk pace, the troupe stays true to Shakespearean theater while connecting the plays to modern-day audiences.



tales of the Red Flash





The 2014-15 Red Flash Men's Basketball Team.

Men's basketball reaches new postseason heights

The Saint Francis men's basketball team did something that it has never done by reaching the NEC Tournament semifinals for the second consecutive year. The team also hosted its first postseason game in 24 years when Bowling Green visited Loretto for the first round of the College Insiders.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

After earning the #5 seed in the NEC Tournament with the team's first winning regular season in 10 years, the Red Flash advanced to the semifinals for the second consecutive year when it Senior forward Earl Brown, an All-NEC First Team selection, led the NEC with a 53.9 field goal percentage and was third in the league in rebounding. He also finished fifth in the conference with a 15.9 points per game average.

defeated the defending NEC champions, Mount St. Mary's, 73-58, on March 4.

This marked the Red Flash's first back-to-back appearances in the NEC Tournament semifinals. Saint Francis advanced to the championship in 1991, winning that game to claim the NEC title as it moved to the NCAA Tournament. The Flash's semifinal appearances have been in 1983, 1989, 1991, 2014 and 2015.

The win over the Mount gave the Flash back-to-back seasons with an NEC Tournament win for the first time since the 1994 and 1995 postseasons, and, after not having a postseason road victory since 1989, the Flash has done it in back-to-back seasons for the first time ever.

The Flash fell in the semifinal round at St. Francis Brooklyn, but its 16-15 record gave the team postseason eligibility. That eligibility was fulfilled when the CIT extended a bid for the Red Flash to host a first round game on March 17 against Bowling Green.

A closely played contest went against the Flash, as Bowling Green won, 67-64. The score was tied eight times and the lead changed hands 13 times throughout the night.

Jackson, Medina named NEC Fall Scholar-Athletes

Saint Francis University studentathletes continue to be well represented on the Northeast Conference Scholar-Athlete award list. This past fall, Kylie Jackson and Pablo Medina were selected for the list for cross country and soccer, respectively.

NEC scholar-athlete award winners must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours at their institution, maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20 and participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Jackson, a NEC All-Conference selection, led Saint Francis University in five of the seven races in 2014, including overall wins at the Bucknell Bison Open and Saint Francis's Father Bede Invitational. Jackson also placed second overall at the Northeast Conference Championship that was held in New Britain, Conn.

The Apollo, PA native led Saint Francis to a third overall finish in the NEC Championship, which was their best finish since 2007. The two-time NEC 2014 Athlete of the Week, holds a 3.90 GPA while studying political science.

Saint Francis University senior men's soccer midfielder Medina earned All-North Atlantic Region First Team Honors following his first All-NEC First Team honors in 2014.

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Medina led the team with 11 assists, which ranked fourth in the NCAA for the season. The Monterrey, Mexico native ranks number one on the Saint Francis all-time list for assists in a single season; he also ranks second in career assists with 19. The ECAC All-Star selection led Saint Francis to its first ever #1 seed in the NEC Tournament, which allowed the Flash to host in Loretto. Medina, an accounting major, holds a 3.91 GPA.

Saint Francis led all NEC institutions with five scholar-athletes in 2013-14.

Along with the scholar-athletes, the NEC announced its fall Academic Honor Roll, consisting of 649 studentathletes with a 3.20 or better GPA, 90 of which are from Saint Francis. There were also 140 student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, recognizing those superior student-athletes with a 3.75 or better GPA. Saint Francis had 27 Red Flash earn spots on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

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Dickson honored by NCAA as Statistical Champion

Saint Francis University junior running back Khairi Dickson had one of the best offensive seasons for a Red Flash football player in 2014, earning him the NCAA Statistical Champion award in the FCS for rushing yards per game. Dickson averaged 155.3 yards per game.

A third-team FCS All-America selection, Dickson became the second consecutive Saint Francis running back to be named to the Walter Payton Award watch list. His numbers during his junior season were staggering as he finished as the leading rusher in the FCS during the regular season with 1,708 yards. After the completion of the playoffs, he settled into the fifth spot.

Dickson opened the season with 244 yards at #11 Fordham and never looked back. Dickson rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the Red Flash's first seven games, and nine in total. His 1,708 yards are a new Saint Francis record and rank as the fifth-highest total in the history of the NEC. Dickson also led the NEC with 12 rushing touchdowns, and he was the NEC Offensive Player of the Year and an All-NEC First Team selection.

Dickson's 2,269 career-rushing yards currently ranks fourth on the University's all-time rushing list. His 17 career touchdowns are third in Saint Francis history.

Pellman and Red Flash honored by NCAA

The Saint Francis University field hockey team and senior forward Autumn Pellman were both named NCAA Statistical Champions for their efforts in the 2014 season.

It's the second consecutive season with the honor for Pellman, who once again led the country in goals per game at 1.35. She improved on her mark from 2013 (1.06) that led the NCAA. Pellman will graduate from Saint Francis as the program's all-time leader in goals with 65 and points with 135.

The Millerstown, Pa. native tallied 23 goals and 47 points to set new Saint Francis season records during her senior season. Pellman earned A-10 Player of the Week honors three times and was named to the All-A-10 First Team along with Selena Adamshick and Carissa Makea.

The Red Flash was also recognized as they finished the season as the leader in penalty corners per game at 10.18. They were the only team in the nation to average double-digit penalty corners each contest.

These honors cap off Saint Francis' best season in program history in its second campaign as an associate member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Red Flash set records for wins with 14 and A-10 Conference wins with six.





Hayward named 2015 Senior CLASS Award finalist

Saint Francis U women's basketball senior captain Alexa Hayward of Beaver Falls, PA was selected as one of ten finalists for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. The finalists were chosen by national media from the list of 30 men's candidates and 30 women's candidates.

To be eligible for the award, studentathletes must be classified as NCAA Division I seniors and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their athletic platforms to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. The Senior CLASS Award recipients were announced during the 2015 NCAA Mens Final Four® and NCAA Women's Final Four® in April.

Hayward named to Capital One Academic All-District team

The accolades keep rolling in for Saint Francis University women's basketball senior captain Alexa Hayward as she was voted to the Capital One Academic All-District II team. The selection was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

This marks the third consecutive season the Red Flash women's basketball team has been represented on the Academic All-District II squad as Alli Williams made the list the last two campaigns. Williams went on to earn Academic All-America honors during both seasons as well, which Hayward will have the chance to do as well.

Hayward has ranked in the top ten in the country in scoring the entire season and led the NCAA in the category for all of November and part of December 2014.

The senior guard also leads the Red Flash in assists per game at 4.5, which ranks fourth in the Northeast Conference. She also leads the league in three-point field goals made with 55 and free throws made with 107. Hayward holds a 3.664 GPA as a Communication Arts major at Saint Francis University.

A student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 on a scale of 4.00 to be eligible for nomination to the All-District ballot. CoSIDA's District II is comprised of Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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flashbacks

1960s



 Captain Denis M. Faherty, USN Ret. '68, spoke at an event at The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Savannah, Ga. in February. The celebration was to mark the 70th anniversary of "The Big Week," recognition of one of the most significant events of Eighth Air Force history: the all-out assault in 1945 on German aircraft production and the Luftwaffe. Dignitaries in attendance included several veterans of World War II including Paul Grassey, 92, author and B-24 pilot who flew 13 missions over Germany from January-May 1945; Bud Porter, 94, ball turret gunner in the B-17, veteran of 11 combat missions during the same time period; Gordon Fenwick, 94, veteran of 35 missions over Germany in 1944, and Brian Rickenbacker, grandson of Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I flying ace and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. As the featured speaker, Denis spoke prosaically of his experiences flying 151 combat missions over North Viet Nam in his F-4 Phantom in 1972 from the deck of the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk in the Gulf of Tonkin. He currently volunteers at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in the Visitor Services Division and will happily give private tours to any SFU alumni or family visiting Washington, D.C. His email address is **denisfaherty@aol.com**.

1970s

 Kevin S. Grodski '77 was appointed by Brunswick Corporation as vice president of communications and public affairs.



◆ **Tom Finley '77** submitted this photo of most of the attendees of their 25th annual Boys' Weekend Retreat in Sea Isle City, N.J. They have been getting together during March Madness for 25 consecutive years.

First Row: Bill Gray '77, Tom Clark '77; sitting, second row: Tom Dreyer '77, Wally Croke '77, Willy Grab '77, Ed Finegan '77, Tim Kelly '78; standing, third row: Bill Bohonyi '77, Paul Bemiller '77, Rob Bissinger '77, Bill Feely '77, Jim Denora '78, and Tom Finley '77. Also present, but not in the photo, were Tom Madara '77 and Steve Osinski '77.

Flashbacks in this issue include information submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations between October 2014 and March 2015.



• **Dr. Gioacchino Patuto '74** was honored by the Association des Médeçins Haitiens a L'Etranger with the 2014 Solidarity for his medical and surgical work in Haiti which included obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, and trauma. In the past, he has been a member of Doctors Without Borders and Doctors of the World. He also has been a flight physician for 25 years. He currently provides medical care to an impoverished community in Mexico as part of the St. Teresa of Avila Church's Somos Familia (We Are Family) mission outreach, and he also is an adjunct professor of anatomy and physiology at Union County College of New Jersey. He is pictured here with children in the Haitian orphanage where he received the honor for his work.



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Kevin Porter '72, former Red Flash basketball and NBA player, was honored in December by having his basketball number 10 retired. He was joined by members of his family and the class of 1972.



Kevin's wife, Cleota; his daughter, Kelly; KP; his great-nephew, Alex; his son, Kevin Jr.; and his sister, Arlette.



Front: Bob Katan '72, Patti (Siedlecki) Zinsser '72, Stephanie (Scholz) Kilcoyne '72, Phil Penston, Kevin Porter '72, Diane (Scherer) Derescavage '72, Janice (Mason) Falk '72, Lynn Slattery Morsell, Brother Shamus McGrenra '72. Back: Jim Hunter '72, Joe Hazinsky '72, Art Hunter '72, Sam Slone '72, Allen Spencer '72, Sherm Turner '72, and Ronnie Smith '72.

1980s



◆ John T. Lucas, Jr. '84 (M) was appointed as Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's new senior vice president and chief human resources officer.



• Ms. Brenda L. (Jasper) Offord '86, MPAS, PA-C, is one of only 240 certified physician assistants in the country to recently have earned a specialty credential, called a Certificate of Added Qualifications, from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Offord currently practices at Partners in Nephrology and Endocrinology in Monroeville, Pa. She earned a CAQ in nephrology by meeting requirements in licensure, education, and experience and also passing the specialty exam. Only 33 PA-Cs in Pennsylvania and 800 in the country have earned a CAQ since 2011 when the program began.

2000s

Christopher G. Gvozdich, Esq., LL.M., '07, received his LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Business Transactions from The University of Alabama School of Law. He was one of only four students to graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is a 2010 cum laude graduate of Widener University School of Law (Del.) and is an associate with Gvozdich Law Offices in Ebensburg, Pa.

2010s



• Hannah Brooks '14, '15 (M) and Adam Clevenger are engaged. Brooks will graduate in May with her Master's of Physician Assistant Sciences. The couple is planning a June 27 wedding at the Penn Run Church of the Brethren.

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Births and Adoptions



 Dr. Irene Barnett '93 and husband, Dr. Kevin Pearce, adopted their son, Mason Barnett Pearce, on November 22, 2014. Mason was born on October 10, 2012 in Attleboro, Mass. and was welcomed to their family in March 2014. He is pictured here with his big sister, Natalie.



◆ A son, Tyler Garrett, to **Laura (Witek) Wisniewski '02** and husband, Mike, on October 3, 2014. Pictured with his big brother, Logan.

Marriages



David Arbuckle '10, '12 (DPT) and Allison Tomkowski '10 were married on July 5, 2014 at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. Saint Francis alumni in the wedding party included Christina (Panczak) Bracken '92, '08 (M); Emily (Gillis) Ondras '10; and Shawn Lehman '10, '12 (M), and current students Maria Tomkowsi and Kevin Tomkowski. The wedding was officiated by Fr. John Mark Klaus, T.O.R. The couple resides in Duncansville, Pa.



Jessica M. Stojak '12 and Brook Schafer were married on August 16, 2014 in Hagerstown, Md. SFU graduates Morgan Bobb '11, '13 (DPT), Keyna Anyiam '13, and Sarah Latuch '11 served in the wedding party. The couple writes, "It was a perfect wedding with the perfect weather, we couldn't have been more blessed!" They currently reside in Colora, Md. with their new Dalmatian puppy, Leia.

Deaths

Robert E. Adams '54 Robert Anfang '50 Robert T. Brennan '74 Peter P. Bulinsky '54 Robert Callahan '50 Elizabeth A. (Damico) Chavez '84 Gary S. Cicala '75 Michael W. Coho '98 Concetta "Connie" Collura, former Saint Francis reference librarian William G. Dumm '50 Hans Forster '58 J. Crilley Kelly, former University Trustee John T. Kelly '53 Thomas P. Kelly '57 Thomas H. Kennedy '68 John P. Kenny '78 Lance Charles Klimowicz '92 Lubomyr M. Kowal '55 George F. Lenz '41 Thomas Steven Litras '52, '79 (M) Rev. Cabell B. Marbury '59 William John Matts '74 Robert N. Molnar, Sr. '60 John T. Morosky '51 Richard E. Phelps '64 William J. Prusak '66 Joseph Pupo '84 Rev. Emil Resconich, T.O.R. '50 Linda Thompson Rhoades '65 David V. Robinson '60 John Sabine '75 Randall W. Sanders '89 Elizabeth (Angyal) Scroggins '71 Marci J. (Shatzer) Shultz '03 John Simons '70 (M) Louis Slobinsky '63 Michael J. Spodnik, Jr. '50 John G. Wagerik '76 Richard Walsh '65 James R. Waring '52 Frank X. Zitzlsperger '68 Anthony C. Zoffuto '65

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The best way to demonstrate the value of a Saint Francis University education is for prospective students to meet successful and enthusiastic alumni. The **Enrollment Management** Staff is fortunate to have a dedicated core of alumni volunteers who do just that, and we are thankful for their service to the University. They have visited high schools, attended college fairs, and extended our recruitment efforts far beyond the normal scope.

For the time and effort they have donated to the Red Flash family this past year, the Office of Admissions thanks the following Alumni Admissions Volunteers:

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