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Getting down to
BUSINESS

a letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Peace and good! While praying before the crucifix in the Church of San Damiano, St. Francis of Assisi heard the call of the Lord. "Francis, go and rebuild my Church, which, as you see, has fallen into disrepair." From that initial call, Saint Francis would go forth and put the Lord's will for his life into action. The San Damiano crucifix, as it has become known, has a special place in the heart of all Franciscans. An anonymous donor funded three large San Damiano crucifixes (pg.10) as a gift to Saint Francis University. These signs of our faith, and of who we are as an institution, are prominently displayed in key areas of our campus. Many community members and visitors now see the San Damiano crucifix in the DeGol Arena. Likewise, the crucifixes are found in prominent areas of the John F. Kennedy Student Center and Torvian Dining Hall. I am grateful to the benefactor whose generosity allows us to proudly display these signs of our Franciscan identity, while simultaneously helping us call to mind the saving love of Jesus Christ.

The "end game" of any Catholic institution is for its students to deepen their faith. At Saint Francis University, our Franciscan identity calls us to be welcoming to people of all faiths. We Franciscans, and those with a Franciscan heart, minister to people of all faiths. My vision is for our students to grow in wisdom and knowledge, to appreciate beauty and truth, and, most of all, to deepen their faith.

Students from all walks of life come to the University for a variety of reasons. Our faculty, staff, and administration have the privilege of being Saint Francis to our students. We journey with them as they engage in transformational experiences. Whether through Sunday Mass, academic



endeavors, study abroad experiences, Division I athletics, or other co-curricular activities, our students have a myriad of opportunities for transformational experiences, to help them become that someone that God is calling them to be.

The University is proud to showcase its newest transformational space. A year-long restoration project of Schwab Hall was completed on time for the Fall 2016 semester. The Shields School of Business now resides in this state-of-the-art facility, complete with stock ticker and statistical analysis lab. I am grateful to our numerous benefactors whose generosity helped bring the project to fruition. We blessed and formally dedicated Schwab Hall in September, and our students have been enjoying spacious classrooms, study areas, and Adamucci's Café since the building opened at the end of July. Enjoy the article in this issue that spotlights the new Schwab Hall.

As you will see from the articles in the University Magazine, we are student-centric at Saint Francis. Everything we do here is for the good of our students. In these pages, may you catch a glimpse of how our students are transformed, to become who God is calling them to be.

May the Lord give you His peace.

Sincerely,

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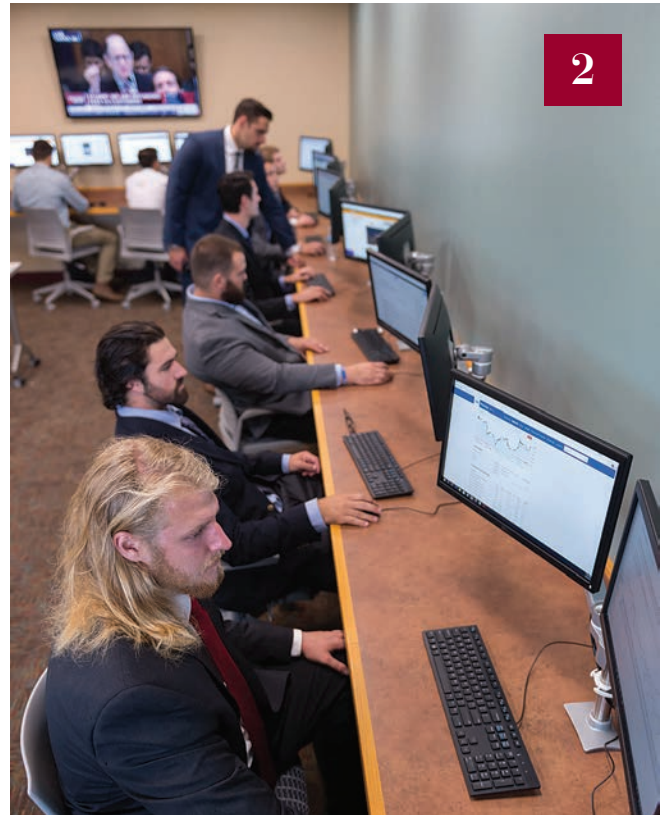
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New Era:

The entrance sign above the doorway into the expanded rear addition of Schwab Hall honors the building's new role as the home for business education.

Honoring the Past, Imagining the Future

Schwab Hall becomes home to Shields School of Business



Traditions: The original stone façade remains on the front of Schwab Hall in honor of its beginnings as a space for science education.

WRITTEN BY | *Mary Angelo '13/14*

Throughout its nearly 85 year history, Schwab Hall has reinvented itself many times. Originally built as the home for the science programs, the “fire-proof brick” structure has housed many different academic disciplines over its lifetime.

This fall, following a year-long renovation and expansion project, Schwab Hall welcomed students once more, this time re-imagined as home to The Shields School of Business.

Schwab Hall was dedicated and blessed on September 16 through a celebration imagining its bright future, but also remembering its illustrious past. With so many alumni coming to know the building over its lifetime, it was important for the design to keep aspects of the original building intact to honor the past.



Clockwise from above: Celebrants gather in the newly opened first floor atrium space that one sees upon entering from the Mall. This space looks down into Adamucci's Café on the ground floor.





Above: Celebrating with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 16, 2016. **Right:** Dr. Randy Frye Dean of the School of Business.

From the exterior design with its signature “Charles M. Schwab Science Hall” stamped above the front entrance, to the tile on the first floor and the window panes above the interior doorways, pieces of the historical building harken back to decades of classes past. Yet these historic touches are blended beautifully with the modern technology needs of a vibrant business curriculum.

What’s new inside:

The building features a stock ticker, state-of-the-art classrooms and conference rooms, open collaborative and lounge spaces for students, a new finance and data analytics computer lab, and a “Vista” room on the top floor perfect for alumni receptions and RedFlash Football viewing.

Each of the four floors of the building offer a different experience.

Ground Floor

The ground floor features Adamucci’s Cafe, which offers both Starbucks coffee and a wide selection of food items. There are two classrooms on this floor along with a financial and statistical analysis lab.

Dr. Albert A. Zanzuccki Floor

The first floor is dedicated in memory of Dr. Albert A.



Zanzuccki, a professor emeritus of accounting and longtime chair of the Business Administration department, who spent nearly 70 years at Saint Francis serving in both the School of Business and Office of Advancement. This floor features a stock ticker and two classrooms along with the Shields School of Business administrative offices.

Dr. James L. McConnell Floor

The second floor is dedicated in memory of Dr. James L. McConnell, an accounting professor at Saint Francis for 33 years and chair of the Business Administration Department for nine years. This floor features two classrooms, a student projects room, a large conference room, and faculty offices.

Franciscan Friars Floor

The third floor is dedicated to the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. This floor features one classroom, a

small conference room, the Kudrick-Oravec Vista Room, faculty offices, and the Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation.

The Shields School of Business offers both undergraduate and graduate programs. It also oversees three outreach Centers: The Small Business Development Center, the Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation, and the Francis in the Marketplace Executive Education Center. It enrolls 475 students and has differentiated itself from other business schools by leveraging high impact academic practices including Enactus and other vibrant student organizations, student research and consulting projects, and study abroad. Some of the funding for these opportunities come from the Dr. Albert A. Zanzuccki Endowed Chair in Business Administration Fund and other alumni gifts. 🏠



Industry Standard: Students master the latest software packages in the financial and statistical analysis lab.

Thank you to our generous alumni and friends...

The Schwab Hall renovation project was completed in less than year, and every task was undertaken with students in mind. No debt or student tuition dollars were used to finance the project. The funding for the \$7.6 million project came exclusively from generous donations from Saint Francis University alumni and friends.

William '66 and Janette Adamucci have a long history of supporting the University and the School of Business. In 1997, Bill established the John and Millie Adamucci Scholarship in Business Administration. Bill has continued to assist the University through his personal support of the Schwab Hall renovation project, and his leadership among his classmates. Honoring this generosity, loyalty, and friendship, the café located on the ground floor is named Adamucci's Café.

John '64 and Sheila '65 Connors have supported the University over the past 50 years, and during that time, they remained friends with John's mentor, Dr. Albert Zanzuccki. John and Sheila established the Dr. Albert A. Zanzuccki Chair in Business Administration Endowment in 2006, a 50th anniversary challenge for the Class of 1964, and support of the Annual Fund for Excellence. John and Sheila chose to recognize "Dr. Zan" once again by generously giving to the Schwab Hall renovation project, naming the first floor the Dr. Albert Zanzuccki Floor.

Peter and Suzy Shields have a long-standing relationship with the University. Peter's father, Ferdinand, graduated from Saint Francis in 1928 and is one of only four alumni to have been named a member of the SFU Athletics Hall of Fame and a Distinguished Alumnus. Peter's mother, Frances (Little) Shields, was an assistant professor of education at Saint Francis from 1961-70. While the building name remains Schwab Hall the Shields name now graces the School of Business as a way of honoring Peter's parents, who shared the University's constant values of faith and family.

Michael '81 and Janice Walker have a strong commitment to the University, the School of Business and the institution's Franciscan heritage. They have supported the endowment through a named scholarship and the Annual Fund for Excellence. They recognized the Franciscan work and leadership of both The Very Rev. Christian Oravec '60, T.O.R., Ph.D., and Bishop John Kudrick '70 by naming the Kudrick-Oravec Vista Room in their honor. Additionally, they chose to recognize the Friars of the Third Order Regular by naming the third floor for them.

An anonymous donor kindly supported the project, honoring Dr. James McConnell '50 by naming the second floor after him. Dr. McConnell, who began teaching at Saint Francis in 1957, served as Chair of the Business Administration Department from 1979-88. Upon retirement, Dr. McConnell was named Professor Emeritus in Accounting.



Watchful watering:
Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley
waters sprouts in the greenhouse.

The Growth of a Garden

Torvian Garden flourishing with produce and promise

WRITTEN BY | *Mary Angelo '13/'14*

On a corner of land on campus, corn stalks tower over a small meadow of basil while banana trees shadow rows of tomatoes. With sidewalks interweaving between swatches of growing fruits, vegetables and herbs, the path to Torvian Dining Hall has never been such a sensory experience.

Beyond providing a scenic path to the dining hall, the fruits and vegetables provide fresh produce that is lovingly prepared by dining staff to bring more organic food to the Torvian dining experience.

Once a barren piece of ground, the area was weeded last year and seeds were planted, establishing what is the Torvian Garden. Even in its first year of trial-and-error, the garden produced more than 200 pounds of produce. Now in its second year, plants were nurtured

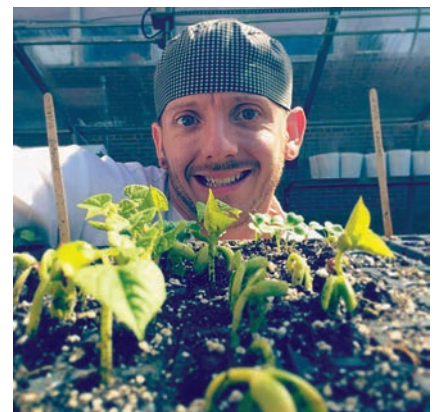
“I found a way to connect my home roots and passion to ‘work’, bringing what I knew about farming to cooking”

*—Dallas Pursley,
Executive Sous Chef*

in a greenhouse on campus until they were ready to be relocated to the garden, where they generated fresh produce daily during the growing season, far outpacing the first-year harvest.

Man behind the mission

The garden concept is thriving now, but the seeds needed to be planted first, and Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley is to thank for planting physical seeds



Let me take a selfie: Dallas poses for a “greenhouse selfie.”

as well as germinating the idea of the garden.

Growing up in Robertsville, Mo. on a 200-acre farm, Pursley spent countless hours in the kitchen with his mom, and when he was old enough, on the farm with his father and brothers. With his love of the land, farming, and being in



One dash St. Louis, one teaspoon Saint Francis

Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley shared this recipe, made from the Torvian Garden and his St. Louis roots.

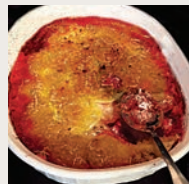
COLD WEATHER FAVORITE:

Garden Root Vegetable Au Gratin

Serves, 6-8 people

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. Detroit Ruby Beets (trimmed, sliced 1/8" thick, & rinsed off)
- 8 oz. Golden Beets (trimmed & sliced 1/8" thick)
- 8 oz. Short & Sweet Carrots (trimmed & sliced 1/8" thick)
- 8 oz. Tokyo Hybrid White Turnips (trimmed & sliced 1/8" thick)
- 2 oz. Young Sweet White Onions (slice super thin white & green parts)
- 2 cloves Garlic (shaved super thin)
- 1 Tbsp. Flat Leaf Parsley (roughly chopped)
- 1 Tbsp. Italian Oregano (roughly chopped)
- 1.5 Tbsp. Fresh Local Butter
- 1.5 fl-oz. Wheat Flour
- 1.5 oz. Local Milk
- 1 ea. Juice of Lemon
- 1 cup Parmesan (shredded)
- 1/2 cup Panko Bread Crumbs
- 1 Tbsp. Course or Flack Sea Salt
- 1 tsp. Black Pepper (freshly ground)



Garden Root Vegetable Au Gratin:
fresh out of the oven and prepared by
Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley.

Directions:

1. Gather all ingredients and equipment necessary first.
2. Properly wash and prepare ingredients to specification.
3. Preheat oven to 350°.
4. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth. Continue to occasionally stir every 30 seconds cooking for a total of about three minutes.
5. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in half the cheese until melted.
6. Fold in the root vegetables, salt, pepper, lemon juice, & half of the herbs.
7. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish.
8. In a separate bowl combine Panko and the remaining half of herbs and cheese.
9. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture evenly on to the root vegetable mixture.
10. Cover the baking dish and bake 40 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake for another 20 minutes or until the top of the au gratin is golden in color.
11. Remove from the oven and let it rest for 10-15 minutes prior to serving.



the kitchen, it was a natural step for him to gravitate toward the culinary arts.

“I found a way to connect my home roots and passion to ‘work,’ bringing what I knew about farming to cooking,” described Pursley. “Without farming, I would have no job. My job is to take what the farmers have done and showcase their work.”

After attending college and becoming certified in the culinary arts, Pursley began his professional career in cooking.

“I always cook for my family, whoever that may be,” shared Pursley. “I live for the brief, but deeply meaningful exchange with my family when they delight in the food I’ve placed in front of them.”

Now, after moving across the country and taking a job with Parkhurst Dining as Executive Sous Chef, Pursley is cooking for an even larger family, the University community.

“While my family is 700+ miles away, I have family here at Saint Francis University,” stated Pursley. “I put my heart and soul into cooking for them. You would not want to feed your family something bad, and I strive to feed my Saint Francis family to the best of my ability.”

Pursley is doing just that: cooking for his “family” at Saint



Getting down and dirty: Students in Dr. Bintrim’s Radical Sustainability course brought their knowledge and passion for sustainability to life with the guidance of Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley and the Torvian Garden and greenhouse.

Sustaining experience in sustainability

In Dr. Timothy Bintrim's Radical Sustainability course (Core 113), students understand that the way we are living poses serious consequences for the future viability of our planet. A large number of documentary films and bestselling books warn about climate change, widespread extinctions, and problems within our food system, reflecting the way we ought to live. Yet, alternatives to our current way of living have been presented, and ignored, since the mid-1960s.

Exploring these alternatives, students engage in hands-on learning, such as shopping for recycled

clothing; greeting guest presenters who may be of different species; tasting unconventional but ancient and nutritious foods such as crickets, free range eggs, purslane, and chestnuts; building cardboard furniture or bottle kayaks; making jelly; etc.

Extending this hands-on learning and knowledge of sustainability to the University itself, students in this course got their hands dirty preparing a bed, planting lettuce and cilantro, and picking tomatoes from the Torvian Garden and greenhouse. Under the guidance of Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley, students were taught the ins-and-outs of going green with a garden and the farm-to-table initiative.

Francis and providing what is best for them by bringing his home roots to campus. By establishing the Torvian Garden, revamping the greenhouse on campus, working year-round with the seeds and starts for the garden, growing connections with local farmers, and watching the produce thrive and be transformed into delicious plates of food, the future of Torvian Dining Hall is bright.

A growing garden

The dining hall is the only beneficiary of the Torvian Garden. As the garden continues to expand, students are getting more involved with the garden.



Greenhouse to garden: Social work major, Jill Clark, holds a photograph of the sweetcorn she planted in the greenhouse soon after it sprouted, which she is pictured standing in front of as it thrives in the Torvian Garden.

Environmental Engineering student, Katherine Butler, volunteered her time to help with the garden, adding to her senior portfolio and project preparing for a career in sustainability. Social work major, Jill Clark, also volunteered countless hours to the garden. With hopes to one day have a community food bank grown from community gardens, she loves the experience she is gaining from spending time in the garden.

These two students' experiences merely provide a glimpse at the kinds of skill-building opportunities that can be gained through the garden. Current endeavors to provide additional student opportunities range from collaborating with the "green team"—a campus-wide volunteer club focused on green initiatives—to involving students from an array of majors, engaging more classes, and placing the bulk of the responsibility of the garden and greenhouse on the Environmental Studies discipline.

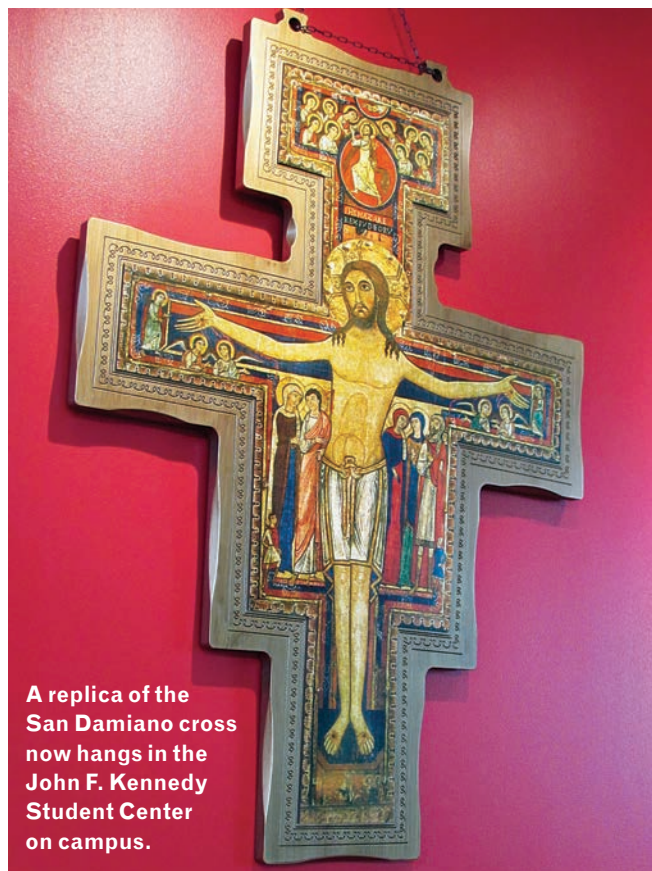
In fact, this spring semester, Dr. Lauri Chose and Executive Sous Chef Dallas Pursley are offering an environmental studies class: Core 407 Sustainable Homesteading. The class is designed to waken one's understanding of traditional agriculture practices while maximizing today's technology for sustainable small scale garden and greenhouse management, organic composting and biological benefits, food preservation, and beekeeping.

The opportunities and the garden are growing. Enhancing and complimenting all majors, the garden provides the stepping stones of green initiatives for a green future, aligning with the Franciscan Goals of Higher Education—a cornerstone of education at Saint Francis. 🌱



The San Damiano Cross

A symbol for the ‘Franciscan-hearted’



A replica of the San Damiano cross now hangs in the John F. Kennedy Student Center on campus.

WRITTEN BY / Rachel Heckman '13

The voice of God

In the 11th century, a young Francis of Assisi found himself searching for direction in his life. The son of a wealthy merchant, Francis felt that all the riches in the world could not make him happy. After leaving his family and worldly possessions behind him, he found his way to the abandoned chapel of San Damiano near Assisi. As he knelt in prayer before the seven-foot cross he heard the voice of Christ telling him to rebuild his house which was falling into ruins. Francis immediately began to gather stones to repair the rundown chapel but eventually came to realize that the world itself was the house of God, and thus began Francis' worldwide mission of evangelization, peacemaking, and care for the poor.

More than 1,000 years later, the Franciscans cherish the San Damiano crucifix as the symbol of their mission from God to commit their lives and resources to renew and rebuild the church through the power of Christ. Wherever Franciscans are found there also are found replicas of this cross from which St. Francis first heard the voice of Christ. Saint Francis University is no exception.

In 2016, the University received an anonymous donation to fund the installation of three new San Damiano crucifixes on campus. The crosses are now on display in the Stokes Athletic Center, the John F. Kennedy Student Center, and Torvian Dining Hall – three of the most utilized buildings on campus.

Searching for meaning

For Franciscans and “Franciscan-hearted” people, like those at Saint Francis University, the San Damiano cross serves as a symbol of God’s invitation to all who search for meaning and direction in their lives. It has a special significance for students who find themselves at the crossroads of faith and career paths. The icon invites the viewer to connect one’s personal journey to the mysteries of the Lord’s dying and rising to new life. Its Byzantine and Syrian influences also remind us of the universality and diversity of the family of God, a Franciscan theme that finds new urgency in our day.

The San Damiano cross is influenced by the Byzantine style of art that found its way to Italy from Syria in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It was painted on canvas which was then glued to wood. The painting is influenced by the gospel of St. John which depicts the totality of Christ’s Paschal Mystery – he suffered and died but is now alive and risen and has ascended triumphantly into heaven. Christ is pictured not with a crown of thorns but with a golden halo.

St. Clare of Assisi also spent many years in contemplation and prayer before this celebrated icon. When she and her sisters came together to form the Second Order of Franciscans, they took up residence in the Church of San Damiano. Forty years later, the Poor Clares left San Damiano for San Giorgio and took the crucifix with them. They carefully kept the cross for 700 years.

The original San Damiano cross now resides above the altar of San Giorgio’s Chapel in the Basilica of St. Clare of Assisi. ❧

Protests, Parties, & Politics:

Student Internships at the National Conventions

Two students, two different majors, two different passions, two different goals, shared the same career-building experience of a lifetime: interning at a National Convention in 2016. Amanda Schiavo and Harry Olafsen both gained valuable knowledge that will shape their future careers.

The two shared their internship experiences during the Constitution Day program organized by Dr. Joseph Melusky, Political Science Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of Government and Law. Read more at www.francis.edu/nationalconventions2016/.

Amanda Schiavo: **The Republican National Convention**

Senior communications major and pre-law minor Amanda Schiavo interned at the 2016 Republican National Convention held in Cleveland, OH. During her two-week internship with Fox News, she gained a wealth of extraordinary experiences. Here are a few highlights from Amanda's time interning at the RNC:

- Was present at the convention every day it was held
- Escorted by the Secret Service into the convention and around the convention
- Greeted guests coming onto the Fox News show
- Enjoyed parties in the evenings with delegates
- Attended an invite-only party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Met Fox News, CNN, and MSNBC employees
- Collected sound bites from delegates by interviewing them
- Compiled a segment for "America's Talking," which aired on a weekend show in New York



Harry Olafsen: **The Democratic National Convention**

Junior English and history double major, Harry Olafsen, interned at the 2016 Democratic National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pa. During his two-week internship with Emerge America, he had experiences that he could not have had anywhere else. Here are some highlights from Harry's time at the DNC:

- Was assigned to work at an Emerge America information booth
- Spoke with delegates and community members alike, sharing information about the organization
- Stood up for women's equality when faced with difficult passers by
- Attended the Convention on Monday to hear Michelle Obama speak
- Attended several caucus events, as well as the Youth Council
- Met politicians and activists such as Nancy Pelosi, Cory Booker, Eva Longoria, and Donna Brazile
- Marched with Black Lives Matter and joined in the World's Largest Hug

"Inspiring students through real-world experience"

Internships are a critical part of making sure that our students find the right position after graduation. We have a dedicated staff member, **Amy Tercek**, who procures internship opportunities for students and builds relationships with businesses and organizations. If you have any leads on possible internship placements, please e-mail ATercek@francis.edu.

Giving for Guinea

Business and art come together to build community & opportunity

One of the most memorable stories of the life of Saint Francis of Assisi involves him giving away his clothes to the poor in the hopes that those less fortunate would find warmth and comfort. In this same spirit, this past fall, students at Saint Francis University raised funds to help a fledgling school in Guinea Africa to lift young girls out of poverty by teaching them how to create clothing.

On September 21, 2016, Saint Francis University's Enactus small business club hosted "Giving For Guinea" as part of the University's annual Multicultural Awareness week. This student-organized event featured cultural presentations, musical performances, and a talk by World Bank Economist Michael O'Sullivan, all focused on the plight of women and girls in Guinea, Africa.

Giving for Guinea is the result of a yearlong partnership between Saint Francis University's Shields School of Business and the Department of Fine Arts in the School of Arts & Letters. According to Kent Tonkin, Instructor of HR/MIS, "The connection happened over the beat of a drum."

Tonkin is a long-time member of the SFU World Drumming and Dance Ensemble, a performing group directed by

Instructor of Music and Fine Arts Department Chair Jim Donovan. According to Tonkin, the idea for creating a fundraiser for a school in Guinea came out of conversations with Dance Instructor Rachel Allen.

"After rehearsal, Rachel told us all about the challenges going on in Guinea," Tonkin shared. "The economy is

"The connection happened over the beat of a drum."

—Kent Tonkin, Instructor of HR/MIS

impacted heavily by tourism, which has never recovered from the world financial crisis of 2008 and the Ebola epidemic. We immediately began talking about how the School of Business could become a part of the solution."

Allen, an adjunct faculty member and stalwart of the regional music and art community, has traveled to Guinea in the past, experiencing the effects of poverty first hand.

"A recession in the U.S. still looks like unimaginable wealth to the people of Guinea," stated Allen. "Basic staples are in



SFU Assistant Professor of Music and the World Drumming Ensemble Director Jim Donovan (second from left) directs a group of SFU students, staff, faculty, and community members during Giving for Guinea. Mamady Mansare of Guinea, co-owner of One World Dance and Drum, and a master drummer, dancer, and flute player, sits to his right. The ensemble performed several songs taught to them by Mamady.



“We see opportunities to assist One World and the Guinea Exchange to export product to the U.S.”

— *Nicole Bauman, Enactus co-advisor*

short supply; without the tourist trade, there is very little economic opportunity, particularly for females.”

Allen connected Tonkin with two groups taking action in Guinea: One World Dance and Drum, a tourism cultural exchange company, and the non-profit Guinea Exchange. As a partnership, these groups started both a bakery and a sewing school for girls. The sewing school created a safe environment where girls can learn a trade and valuable life skills, such as reading and writing in French (Guinea’s national language).

Such levels of training are invaluable in a country where the literacy rate for females over the age of 15 is barely above 12% (World Bank, 2010). Guinea is also listed by Global Finance Magazine as the 13th poorest country in the world (<https://www.gfmag.com/global-data/economic-data/richest-countries-in-the-world>) and has a GDP of approximately 6.5 billion. By means of comparison, the U.S. GDP is approximately 17 trillion.

Tonkin and Allen began a partnership between the Shields School of Business and SFU Fine Arts with an end goal of using student expertise to grow business opportunities through the Enactus small business club. Saint Francis University’s Enactus chapter is part of an international non-profit organization underwritten by major corporations such as Walmart and Unilever. Enactus encourages students in regional chapters to engage in both philanthropic and business consulting work to better their communities, all while networking and creating career opportunities.

Allen connected Tonkin and Enactus co-advisor Nicole Bauman with stakeholders from One World Dance and Drum and the Guinea Exchange. Following a series of video calls including Enactus student leadership, a number of key opportunities for partnership emerged.

“The long range goal will be to help develop a business to hire graduates of the school,” states Bauman. “We see opportunities to assist One World and the Guinea Exchange to export product to the U.S.”

From top to bottom right: Mamady Mansare performing a traditional Guinean dance; Mansare performing ancestral music on a flute; One World Dance and Drum co-owner Sarah Lee Mansare speaks to the crowd about Guinean culture and the need to connect across continents; The SFU Marching Band performs as part of Giving For Guinea.





The Saint Francis University Dance Ensemble, led by Rachel Allen, performs during Giving for Guinea.

To validate the potential for this partnership, Tonkin and Bauman engaged several SFU Enactus members to conduct an economic analysis of Guinea and a business case analysis for exporting textile products to the U.S. The results of this semester-long research project confirmed both the extreme levels of poverty and challenges in establishing businesses in the country.

Based on the need demonstrated by this research, SFU Enactus chose to begin partnership with One World and the Guinea Exchange by organizing a fundraiser and awareness campaign to build support for a long term partnership.

SFU Enactus President (and SFU School of Business

opportunities isn't just good business...it's the right thing to do."

Shields School of Business Dean Dr. Randy Frye agrees.

"Projects like Giving for Guinea make the world a smaller place," he stated. "Our students get to see the faces and touch the hands of people in other places who are facing the big challenges. Being able to learn good business through serving others is what Saint Francis is all about."

As a result of Giving for Guinea, SFU Enactus raised more than \$2,100, an amount which allowed eight girls to attend school for a year. Spring 2017 will bring another round of student research, in the hopes of determining the viability of exporting product from Guinea to the U.S. The first item up for exploration? Medical scrubs!

"A substantial number of people who emigrate from Guinea to the U.S. work in healthcare," explained Sarah Lee Mansare from One World Dance and Drum. "We could have a ready-made audience for a quality fair-trade product."

Giving for Guinea showcases not only student innovation and hard work, but the chances for unusual partnerships here at Saint Francis.

"What started off as a conversation about a fundraiser has turned into a multi-year project."

—Jim Donovan, Instructor of Music and Fine Arts Department Chair

Senior) John "J.J." Hazenstab explains: "In the long run, we hope to help One World and Guinea Exchange grow either a strong export or e-commerce business, but we need to take small steps and provide support for the good things that are already happening."

Giving for Guinea included performances by the SFU Marching Band, Chorus, and World Drumming and Dance Ensembles, as well as presentations by One World Dance and Drum's Sarah Lee and Mamady Mansare and the Guinea Exchange's Kelly Ann Brown and a keynote speech by World Bank Economist Michael O'Sullivan, whose work has focused on the need to empower females in developing parts of Africa. The evening was capped off by a performance by Jim Donovan and the Sun King Warriors.

Organizing the event was an all summer endeavor. SFU Enactus Project Manager (and SFU School of Business Junior) Danielle Slovikosky states that there were a lot of moving pieces to organize, but that it was worth the effort.

"We are so fortunate to have the resources we're afforded in the U.S." she said. "Helping other people have economic

"What started off as a conversation about a fundraiser has turned into a multi-year project," states Donovan. "These kinds of collaborations show the magic way in which different departments can create amazing things on a small campus."

In the coming year, SFU Enactus students will begin research to determine the market viability of importing scrubs and other products into the U.S. using fair trade pricing models. This work will add to the School of Business' existing legacy of student research and consultation, including domestic and international micro lending programs and business consultation as well as networking with SFU alumni.

"Many of our School of Business graduates have gone on to world class careers with multinational companies and successful start-ups" Frye states. "We are optimistic that our alums will help us connect to resources that will grow this project."

Hundreds of years ago, Saint Francis gave the clothes off his back to help others. In the coming years, the Saint Francis University Enactus Club hopes to help make the clothes that will build an economy that helps others help themselves. 🏡



Northeast Conference Champions: On September 14, 1996, Saint Francis played in the first-ever Northeast Conference football game. Two decades later, the 2016 Red Flash hoisted the NEC championship trophy.

Drive to Success

Football program makes history

WRITTEN BY | *Pat Farabaugh*

On November 7, 1992, Red Flash Hall-of-Fame quarterback Kevin Magee led Saint Francis to a 23-13 victory over Duquesne, throwing for two touchdowns, one each to Todd Eckenroad and Tim Sausser.

The victory in the 1992 regular-season finale in Pittsburgh clinched that team a berth in the ECAC Southeast Championship game – the program’s first-ever postseason appearance. Head coach Frank Pergolizzi’s team finished that season with a final record of 8-2-1.

Almost a quarter century later – on Oct. 21, 2016 – Red Flash senior

quarterback Zack Drayer engineered a late-game drive against Duquesne on a damp evening at DeGol Field to lead SFU to a 14-10 win over the Dukes.

This victory was immensely significant – and not only for the players and coaches on the 2016 squad. It marked a milestone in the history of Saint Francis Football.

The Red Flash and Dukes finished tied atop the final Northeast Conference standings, with identical 5-1 records in league play. The 2016 season marked Saint Francis’ first NEC title since joining the league in 1996, and the team’s victory over Duquesne

secured the University’s first-ever berth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The FCS play-off appearance was also a first for the school. See page 24.

The 11-play, 63-yard scoring drive in the waning moments of the 14-10 victory over Duquesne took 4 minutes and 21 seconds. Drayer culminated the drive, plowing across the goal line from a yard out with 50 seconds remaining.

“The drive versus the Dukes was something that has never happened here before,” said Red Flash head coach Chris Villarrial. “The guys looked at each other and said we need to finish

“We grew as a team that night.”

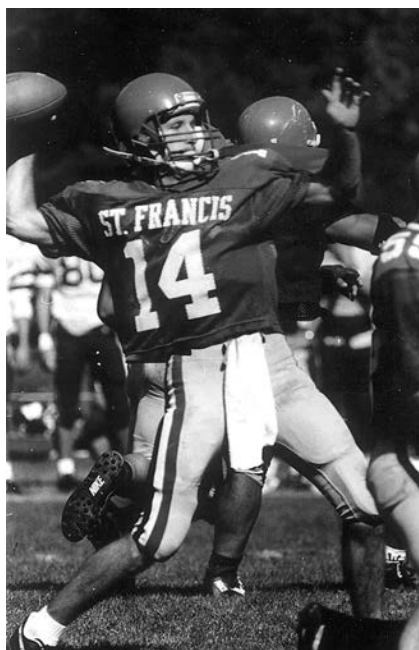
— Chris Villarrial, Red Flash head coach

this drive and they went out and did it.”

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Below is a recap of what may well go down in SFU sports history as “The Drive” and some context – by the numbers – to illustrate the many challenges the football program has persevered through since Magee led that 1992 squad to a win over Duquesne and a postseason berth.

- SFU’s offense started the drive at its own 37-yard line. After a Duquesne sack of Drayer and an incomplete pass from the senior signal caller, he completed a **22**-yard pass to 2016 NEC Offensive Player-of-the-Year Kamron Lewis. | *From 1993-2012, SFU suffered **22** straight losing seasons. The program now has a streak of two consecutive winning campaigns (7-4 in 2015; 7-5 in 2016).*
- On first down from the Duquesne 43, junior Marcus Bagley ran for **eight** yards. | *Since the NEC’s formation in 1996, **eight** different teams captured conference championships before SFU’s 2016 title.*
- On second down from the Duquesne 35, Bagley broke to the outside and rushed for **20** yards. | *SFU failed to win more than three home games in a season for **20** consecutive years (1993-2012). Over the last two seasons, the Red Flash have posted a 9-0 mark at DeGol Field.*
- On first down from the Duquesne 15, Bagley ran for **five** yards. | *Two-time NEC Coach-of-the-Year Chris Villarrial is the **fifth** head coach of the program since Pergolizzi left Loretto following the 1994 season.*
- On second down from the Duquesne 10, Bagley ran for **eight** yards. | *Saint Francis won a total of **eight** games in the month of November from*



Saint Francis Hall-of-Fame quarterback Kevin Magee led the Red Flash to victories over Duquesne in 1991 and 1992.



Zach Drayer engineered SFU wins over Duquesne in 2014 and 2016. He accounted for five touchdowns (three rushing and two passing) in his career against the Dukes.

1993-2009. Villarrial took over as head coach in 2010. Under the former NFL All-Pro offensive lineman, SFU has won nine November games in the past five seasons.

- On first and goal from the Duquesne 2, Bagley ran for **one** yard. | *The Red Flash were **one** win away from an NEC title in 2015, falling at Duquesne, 30-20, in their season-finale to finish runner-up in the conference.*
- On second and goal from the Duquesne 1, Drayer ran for **zero** yards. | *During its string of 22 straight losing seasons, SFU won **zero** games in four of those years. The Flash have won seven games each of the last two seasons. SFU football had never won seven or more games in back-to-back seasons until this fall.*
- On third and goal from the Duquesne 1, Drayer crossed the goal line from **one** yard out. | *After SFU’s defense kept the Dukes out of their end zone in the last minute of the game, Saint Francis players, coaches and fans celebrated an historic victory. As **one**.*

Seldom has one yard and one drive – and one season – meant so much to so many. Including many of those who had donned the red and white years before.

“When I arrived, we were Division III with a skeleton crew of coaches,” said Saint Francis Director of Sports Medicine Terry Bennett, who has worked with the Red Flash football program for the last 29 years.

“Those kids – who are now grown men with college-aged children themselves – were the foundation of the success we enjoy today.” 🏈

Pat Farabaugh is an associate professor of communications at Saint Francis and the play-by-play announcer for Red Flash football.

He served as the school’s sports information director from 1999-2005.

From Student Center to the Pro Shop

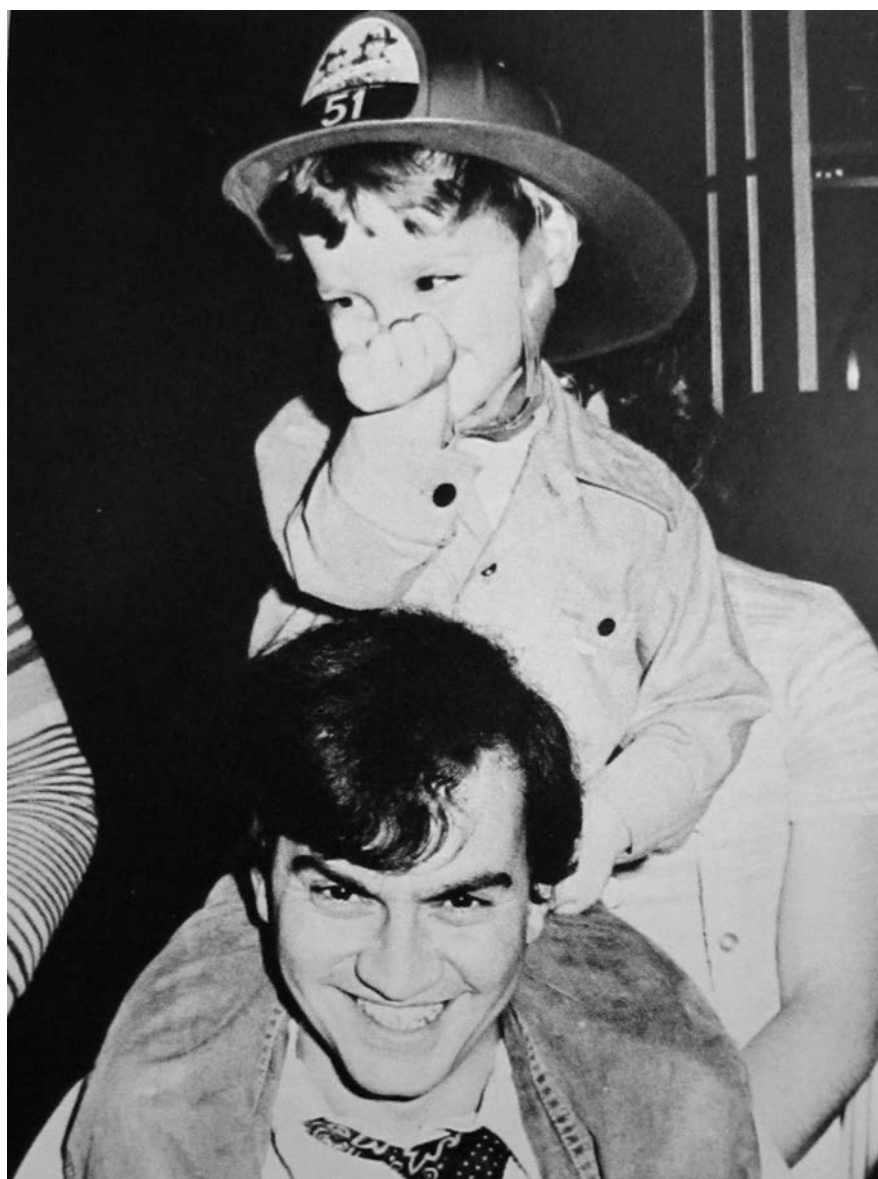
Dom Peruso '72 enjoys an office with a different view

WRITTEN BY | Jaimie Steel '99/'02

If you had cause to duck into the Center for Student Engagement recently – the series of offices tucked away on the main level of the John F. Kennedy Student Center – you may have been greeted by accounting major, Taylor Peruso. Having served as the Student Government Organization (SAO) Business Manager, Taylor provided support to clubs and organizations during her weekly office hours. Her service in the role marked the forty-third year that a “Peruso” had greeted those who made their way to that hallway. Taylor’s grandfather, Dominick Peruso ’72, worked in the Center (formally the Office of Student Activities) for forty-one years. After such service, it’s not surprising that Dom opted for a change in view; he can now be found working part-time at Immergrun Golf Club, enjoying an office view that the stunning layout provides. His new schedule allowed him to sit back and reflect on his 40+ years of experience at Saint Francis.

On his experience as a student

Having been selected to help with freshman orientation as a sophomore (which he credits to the encouragement of student leader Robert “Bob” McLaren ’71) Dom took on additional



Time Flies: In this Bell Tower yearbook photo from 1977, Dom Peruso hoists his son, Dom Jr. onto his shoulders at a campus event. Dom Jr. followed in his father's footsteps, graduating in 1995. See page 19.

“The only reason I lasted 41 years is because of the students. It was a lot of fun.”

—Dominic Peruso '72

student leadership roles including the president of the SUO (Student Union Organization) – today’s SAO, and a position as the Union Assistant in the John F. Kennedy Student Center. It was through this role as orientation leader that he met his wife of more than forty years, Shelley (Evans) Peruso '75 (B.S. Social Work).

On life after graduation

After graduating in 1972, Dom packed his belongings, his degree (B.A. History) and moved to New Brunswick, N.J. to work for a finance company

selling calculators. He was mugged on the way to work on his very first day, learning the lesson that life outside of Loretto would be very different.

After staying in New Jersey for a year, Dom’s former mentor, Bill Maniscalco '67, was promoted to Dean of Students at Saint Francis. Having remained in contact with his mentee (as Dom has done with so many of his own), Mr. Maniscalco contacted Dom to discuss the possibility of filling the now vacant position in Student Activities. Dom was conflicted and didn’t say yes right away. The two met face-to-face

when Bill visited New Jersey for an Admissions trip. During that dinner, Dom felt the “bug” again. “I had to come back”.

He planned to stay for about three years. Maybe four. But, according to Dom, God had other plans.

About the fun

Alumni from the 1970s fondly recall the concerts hosted at Saint Francis College. Considered a major concert venue in the Laurel Highlands, Dom oversaw six concerts in his first five months working for the University. Saint Francis hosted acts including Hall & Oats, Guess Who, Bachman–Turner Overdrive, Seals & Crofts, Blue Prairie, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Billy Preston, Pure Prairie League, and Three Dog Night. In later years, acts including Brady Bunch star Barry Williams, punk band the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Pittsburgh rapper Mac Miller, and nationally known



The extended Peruso family turned out for the 2015 Student Involvement Awards where Dom was recognized for his service.

comedians Kevin Nealon and Adam Sandler all performed on campus.

Despite the opportunities to hob-knob with such celebrities, Dom cites a very different type of party as being most meaningful. Over the years, Dom has had the privilege of attending the weddings of many former students. “The only reason I lasted 41 years is because of the students. It was a lot of fun.”

My, how things have changed

When asked how things have changed on campus, the answer required almost no thought. “Our facilities,” he replied.

Prior to the Class of 1972, all Commencement exercises had been held on the campus mall. Doyle Hall served as the institution’s gymnasium. Students packed the cramped space to participate in intramurals games. The basketball team competed at the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona, with excitement building around the construction of the new Maurice Stokes Physical Education Center, scheduled for completion in November of 1972. Thanks to a rain storm the morning of their commencement, the Class of 1972 used the space sooner than expected and became the first class to celebrate graduation in Stokes. The rain made the scheduled outdoor ceremony impossible, and thus students were told to report to the not-yet-complete Stokes Center instead. Graduation took place perched on rented folding chairs atop the gravel floor surrounded by three walls.

Moments of pride

“You know, my proudest ‘moment’ has to be my family, my children.” Without hesitation, Dom shared his gratification in the accomplishments of his family – all graduates of Saint Francis. Dom, Jr. ’95 (B.S. Accounting), went on to earn his Ph.D. and currently serves as the Dean of the School of Business

“I think I learned patience. I learned how to accept people for who they are.”

—Dominic Peruso ’72

at Juniata College. Daughter-in-law, Miranda, also works at Juniata as the Director of Annual Giving. Dom’s daughter, Amy (Peruso) Lytle ’01, ’16 (B.S. Elementary Education & Master of Education) serves as an Academic Success Specialist for Saint Francis and husband, Chris, continues the trend in higher education, serving as a lieutenant for University Police at Saint Francis. Dom’s youngest son, Alex ’15 (B.S. Management Information Systems), recently moved to Pittsburgh where he works for Continuum Managed Services.

On what he learned from the students

Dom is kind in crediting students for influencing his growth in a positive way over the years. “I think I learned patience. I learned how to accept people for who they are. All in all, I think they taught me be how to be a better father.”

On “mentors and tormentors”

Dom is often asked if he taught at the college. His response: “Yes, I did. I had the largest classroom on campus.”

Dom’s family members were not the only ones influenced to go into higher education because of his mentorship. Numerous former students have entered the higher education field and cite Dom as a major influencer on their career paths.

Dom lists former presidents Fr. Vincent Negherbon, T.O.R. ’43, and Fr. Christian Oravec, T.O.R. ’60, as being strong supporters and role models throughout his career. He also

lists some of his mentors (or “tormentors” to use his words): I.V. Davis, former Director of Athletics; William Maniscalco, former Dean of Students; Art Martynuska, former head football coach, Director of Athletics and Director of Counseling; and Raymond Ponchione, former Vice President for Advancement.

On Saint Francis’ next forty+ years

The University underwent many transformations since 1972. When asked about the changes he viewed as being most noteworthy, Dom shared the institution’s decision to start a health sciences program. During his tenure at the institution, the Physician Assistant Sciences, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy programs were all created. The athletics program, and their facilities, are also much different; Dom graduated in a partially constructed Stokes Center, and later witnessed the addition to the complex, including a swimming pool. As the advisor for the Student Government Association, Dom aided the institution to help secure drawings for the most recent renovations to the old Pine Bowl; SGA paid for the drawings that lead to the improvements to the football field, track, bleachers, and field house, now Degol Field and Fieldhouse. He hopes – from a student development standpoint – that the expansion of facilities continues, citing a need for updates to JFK and perhaps an expansion of the building to include a banquet facility overseeing DeGol Field, along with a student recreation center attached to Stokes. 🏠

ON CAMPUS

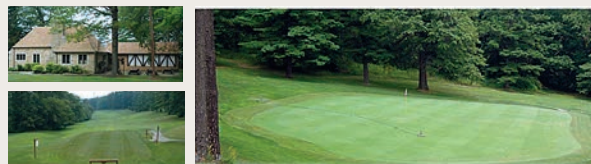
our vibrant community



Immergrün Golf Course turns 100

Saint Francis University's Immergrün Golf Course is a picturesque course that has been described by golfers as a "gem in the rough." Originally constructed by the late Charles M. Schwab in 1917 as his private course, Immergrün is now a public course operated by the University.

Centennial Year Events: The University is planning a slate of events to mark the 100 anniversary of the course's construction this year. Please visit www.francis.edu/Immergrun.



World War II museum open to the public

The Keirn Family World War II Museum at Saint Francis University, operated by the University's History and Political Science program, officially opened to the public on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2016.

The new museum, located at 160 St. Mary's Street in Loretto, houses special collections of artifacts and oral history projects that paint a picture of life in the 1940s that goes far beyond the battlefield as told through the stories of the men and women of Pennsylvania.

The origins of the primary collection lie with Altoona resident Joseph E. Keirn, a retired Command Sergeant Major in the United States Army. An avid preservationist of WWII memorabilia, CSM Keirn used his collection as an educational tool, welcoming students and community groups to tour it and learn about life during the war.

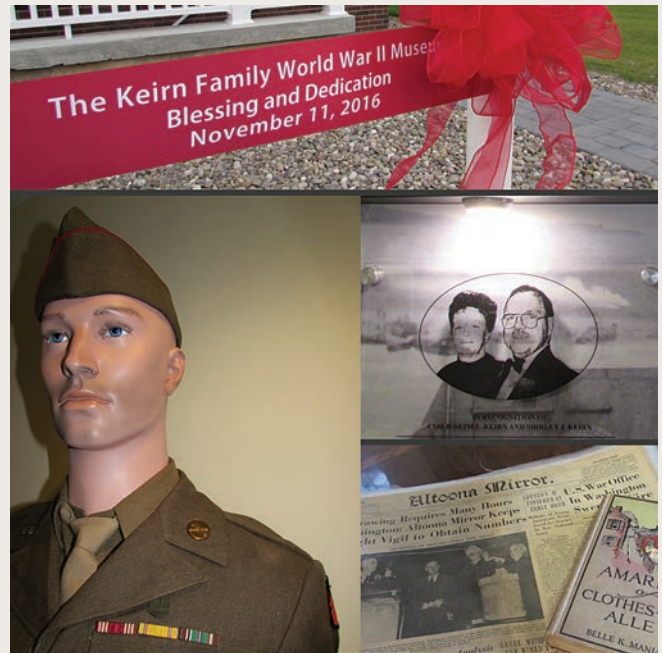
In 2014, he donated his collection to Saint Francis University to ensure that it would continue to be used to educate future generations regarding the legacy of the war. His once private collection, combined with additional donations, is now available for public viewing and scholarly research.

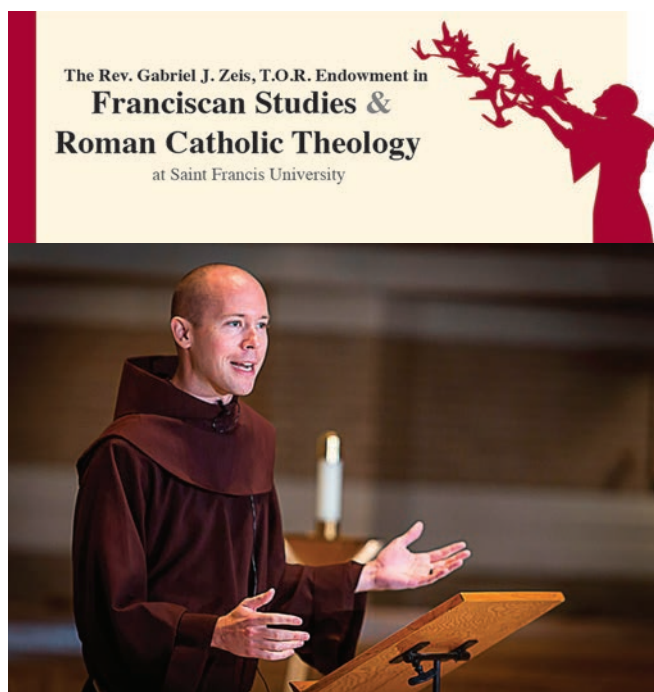
Tours: Entrance to the museum is free. Visit the museum's web page for information on visiting hours and tours: www.francis.edu/ww2museum/.





Retired CSM Joseph E. Keirn (Right) poses with his wife, Shirley, and WW II veteran Vincent Hagg (Class of 1950) at the Blessing and Dedication ceremony on Veterans Day.





Fr. Dan Horan, OFM

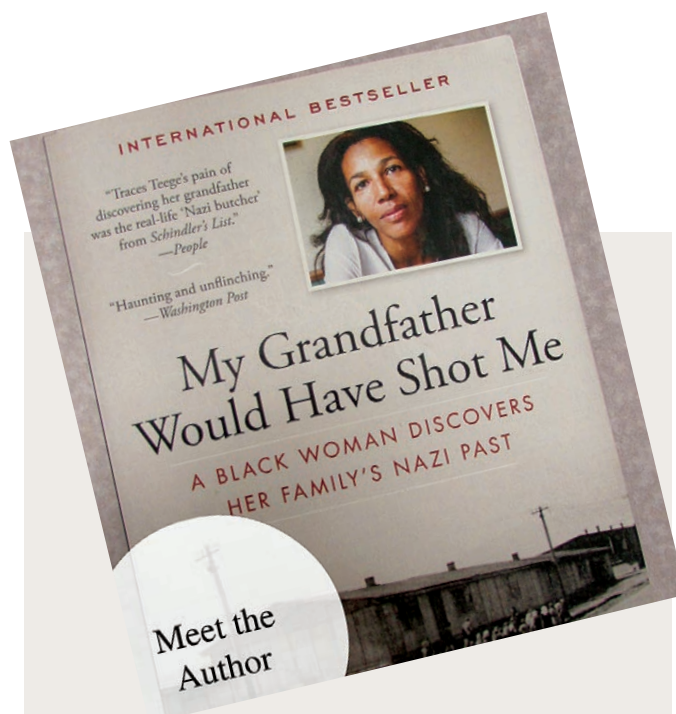
Franciscan studies endowment sponsors events

Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, a Franciscan friar who serves on the faculty of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, led a timely discussion at Saint Francis this fall on responding to social and cultural issues from a Franciscan perspective.

Video of his talk, *A Franciscan Response to Racism & Fear of the "Other" in Today's World*, is available here:

www.francis.edu/Events/2016-Horan-Lecture.

This event was sponsored by The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology.



Best-selling international author to speak

Join the campus community on April 6 for an evening with international best-selling author, Jennifer Teege, who will be reading from her newest book, *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discovers her Nazi Past*. In this free event, the author will share her tale of how she faced the atrocities perpetrated by her Nazi grandfather, Amon Göth, known as the "butcher of Plaszow." See details here:

www.francis.edu/events.

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ATHLETICS

tales of the Red Flash

City of Champions

Loretto became a *City of Champions* this fall as the Saint Francis University women's cross-country team, women's soccer team and football team all captured their respective Northeast Conference titles.

In **cross-country**, the Red Flash won the team title with 56 points, seven points ahead of Central Connecticut State. They held off the hard-charging Blue Devils to win their first NEC title since the 2004 season. Three Red Flash members earned All-NEC honors, all placing in the top 10. Leading the way for SFU was Danae Peters (Manheim, Pa.) who finished second overall. Hannah Dorian (Johnstown, Pa.) and Morgan Kiebler (Export, Pa.) placed eighth and ninth overall, respectively.

A week later, the Saint Francis **women's soccer team** was crowned NEC champions. Again toppling Central Connecticut to earn the title, this time by a 2-0 score. The victory is the third title in the last seven seasons (2010, 2013 and 2016) for the Red Flash. Leah Hardin (Aberdeen, Md.), Casey Gallaher (Hermitage, Pa.), Siobhan Bross (Danville, Pa.), and Sara Suler (Sidman, Pa.) were named to the

All-Tournament team, with Suler being named tournament MVP. The sophomore headed home the eventual game-winning goal midway through the first half.

In addition, junior forward Gabi Morales (Madrid, Spain) was named NEC Offensive Player of the Year, headlining 11 total conference awards taken home by the Flash. Morales tied for the Golden Boot, given to the League's leading goal scorer, with six goals and was second in the NEC with 16 points. Head coach Brenda van Stralen earned the Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time in her 13 seasons in Loretto. She led the Flash to a share of the regular season title and the NEC tournament crown after being picked to finish fourth in the NEC pre-season poll.

The Red Flash made an impressive run down the stretch, sweeping the NEC tournament and winning their last five games against NEC opponents. SFU allowed just one goal during the stretch and won both tournament games by a 2-0 score. SFU saw its season end in the first round of the NCAA tournament falling 2-0 against #5 Georgetown. The Red Flash ended the season with a 10-12 record and went 6-2 in conference play.





Drafted: The Vancouver Whitecaps FC selected defender SFU senior Francis de Vries as their second round pick (29th overall) in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft on January 13.

The Saint Francis **football** closed out the fall season bringing home the NEC Championship for the first time in team history. The Red Flash defeated Central Connecticut State 31-21 on November 12, clinching the Northeast Conference with a game remaining. SFU finished 4-0 at home in 2016, and is 9-0 at home over the last two season.

The Red Flash placed 10 players on the All-NEC team led by sophomore receiver Kameron Lewis (Fresno, Ca.) who was named the NEC Offensive Player of the Year. Lewis led the FCS with 1,349 receiving yards during the regular season. He ranks third in the FCS in receiving yards per game (122.6), eighth in yards per catch (19.5), 14th in receiving touchdowns (10) and 18th in receptions per game (6.3).

Head coach Chris Villarrial was named the NEC Coach of the Year for the second straight season as he led the Red Flash to that elusive first conference title. Villarrial is also a finalist for the STATS FCS Head Coach of the Year Award.

Saint Francis fell to #9 Villanova in its first ever FCS playoff appearance, 31-21 in the opening round of the FCS playoffs. The Flash shutout the Wildcats in the second half and Lewis set the Red Flash record for receiving yards in a season and receptions in a season with his sixth catch, 129-yard and one touchdown performance.

de Vries drafted

Saint Francis senior center back Francis de Vries (Christchurch, New Zealand) experienced something that every athlete dreams of but few can experience, as his named was called with the 29th pick by the Vancouver Whitecaps in the 2017 MLS Super Draft.

deVries becomes the first Saint Francis athlete to be drafted into their respective sport since Jess Zinoble was selected in the fourth round of the 2000 WNBA draft and the first male athlete since Mike Iuzzolino was selected by the Dallas Mavericks in the second round of the 1991 NBA draft.

deVries leaves Saint Francis with a myriad of accolades. He earned a trip to the Major League Soccer combine that took place this past week prior to the draft in Los Angeles, California. He was one of 53 players invited in the initial combine list. de Vries was also named All-America by the National Soccer Coaches' Association as well as First-Team All-NEC for the fourth-straight season. He was an ECAC All-Star, and First-Team All-Northeast Region. This was the second All-America award for de Vries this season, having earned Academic All-America status.

This past season, de Vries played every minute in all 18

matches, leading the Flash to a 12-5-1 record and third-straight trip to the NEC title match. The first-team defender scored three goals and one assist while helping to lead a defense that held opponents to .77 goals per game and 10 shutouts.

Former Coach Stacey Bean earns Humanitarian Award



Editor's Note: While Coach Bean is no longer with Saint Francis, having accepted a new career opportunity in January, the University would like to acknowledge her dedication to carrying out the Franciscan spirit in athletes during her 9-year tenure.

Former Saint Francis field hockey head coach Stacey Bean was selected as the inaugural USA Field Hockey Humanitarian Award recipient. Bean was selected for her compassion and dedication she showed to her senior student-athlete, Kelly Quealy (Fairfield, Pa.), through her battle with cancer.

"It was great to have coach Bean recognized in front of her peers for all she does," said Quealy. "She cares so much about our team and we all appreciate her so much."

The USA Field Hockey Humanitarian Award goes to a member whose actions and kindness have positively impacted and inspired those in his or her community.

"Coach Bean has done so much for me since I came to Saint Francis my freshman year, and my final season; she has gone above and beyond what I feel any other coach would

have done," explained Quealy.

The award was presented by Quealy at the 2016 Hall of Fame Ceremonies on Nov. 19 at the 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Norfolk, Va.

"This is a tremendous and well deserved honor for coach Bean," said Associate Director of Student-Athlete Development John Krimmel. "She is not one that likes to be in the spotlight, but the love and compassion she and coach (Jaime) Lipski have shown over the course of Kelly's battle has been amazing to watch."

Bean helped lead the SFU field hockey team to the A-10 Tournament for the second time since joining the conference in the fall of 2013. Before Bean's tenure, the program won just seven matches. The 10-win season was the fourth-straight under Bean's direction.

"My senior season was so different than I had ever imagined, but I am beyond thankful that she [Bean] never stopped supporting me," continued Quealy. "So, Coach Bean, thank you for you helping me be stronger than cancer and always believing in me!"

Water polo begins inaugural season

Saint Francis water polo will start its inaugural season this February and will compete in the College Water Polo Association (CWPA). The CWPA is traditionally one of the toughest water polo conferences in the nation and last season, six teams finished the season ranked in the top-25.

"Traditionally, the CWPA is hands down, the preeminent conference in the east," Saint Francis Water Polo Head Coach Pat Beemer said. "Becoming a member of this league, it immediately raises the status of Saint Francis Water Polo."

The Flash open the season at the Bison Invite hosted by Bucknell on February 11.

Saint Francis' first home game in its history will be on February 17 when they host George Washington. The Friday night match is set for a 7 p.m. start. The Flash will host their own mini-tourney on March 18 as they welcome in Washington and Jefferson and Penn State-Behrend.

The Red Flash will then head to the west coast for spring break and take part in a pair of tournaments. First will be the Tina Finali Water Polo Invite where SFU matches up against Cal Lutheran and LaVerne on February 26. After a solo match against Long Beach State on March 2, the Flash will take part in the Claremont Convergence hosted by Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. SFU will take on CMS, Pomona Pitzer, UC-San Diego and Occidental in matches held on March 3 and 4.

"I am thankful to the SFU community and administration

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for allowing us to play such a robust schedule,” Coach Pat Beemer said. “We are taking on some of the best teams in the country, this early slate of games will be a good test for us.”

CWPA play starts against George Washington in the Nation’s capital on March 10 followed by non-conference tilts with VMI and Mercyhurst on March 11 in the GW Mini tourney.

CWPA play kicks into high gear the first of April as they travel back to Bucknell to take on the host Bison as well as Princeton and Michigan over the weekend. The regular season wraps at Brown University as SFU takes on the Bears as well as Indiana, Harvard and Hartwick on April 14 and 15.

“The CWPA has some of the finest teams in the country,” Beemer said. “I am excited to see how our team responds to the tough early schedule and the rigors of conference play.”

SFU Band presents instruments to Philadelphia school

The Saint Francis University Band Program teamed up with the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma to help provide instruments to students at The String Theory School for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, Pa.

The SFU band, led by Director Daniel Atwood, raised more than \$1,600 in the spring and held an instrument drive for the students at the inner city school.

The band traveled to Philadelphia on November 4 for the official presentation. They also held a rehearsal with the String Theory School students during the day and then performed in a side-by-side concert that night. The concert concluded with both bands combining to play two pieces together.

JoAnn Wieszczyk, who also serves as the Woodwind Technician for the Saint Francis University Marching Band summer band camp, started the band program at The String Theory School.

The program has already expanded to include both high school and middle school students. Wieszczyk is working to expand the program to the elementary level. With the school needing more instruments to accommodate the number of students who applied to be in the band program, the Saint Francis University Marching Band stepped in to help provide more instruments.

“This was an exceedingly special experience for me personally,” said Wieszczyk. “Because it brought together my students from the last four years of teaching to one place.



SFU gave my String Theory students an unparalleled performance experience as many of them will never again play in an ensemble quite as good.”

“More importantly, they got to perform with a group of students so invested in them, who care so sincerely about the privilege and joy of making music together. That alone made this an emotionally cathartic experience for all involved. I want to thank the SFU band for everything they did.”

Atwood suggested the project to his students, and Gamma Sigma Sigma, after visiting and working with Wieszczyk’s students in fall of 2015, when he was very impressed by the String Theory Program. Proceeds from the November 2015 Band Blast were used to purchase new instruments and junior Marching and Pep Band member Victoria Flynn led multiple fundraising efforts, including bake sales, events at community restaurants and stores and collecting slightly-used instruments.

“I am so proud of our SFU band family,” said Atwood. “As the Director of Bands, this project exemplified the vision and impact I have in mind for the Saint Francis University Band Program. At SFU, our students aren’t music majors fulfilling an assignment, they participate in band for the love of performing and sharing music.”

“What better way to do this than to provide instruments and funds to help these Philadelphia students have an opportunity to play, and then travel to their school and perform a concert with them? My sincere thanks to Mrs. Wieszczyk, the String Theory School faculty, staff, administration and the



students for opening their doors and arms to us and allowing us to be a small part of a truly incredible experience!”

After the event, several String Theory School students reached out to the SFU band to thank them for their effort.

“Thank you for getting a baritone for me,” said Eighth Grade Concert Band student Klejdi Causahaj. “Because of you, I am able to play music in the class I love. If it wasn’t for you, Saint Francis University, I wouldn’t be able to learn as much music and play at this concert here. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.”

ALUMNI

flashbacks

1950s



◆ **Bob Castranova '58** and wife, Ginger, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2016. They have three children, Karen, Michael, and Robert, four grandchildren and one great grandson. Bob continues to work as a gate guard in the Pecan

Orchard. Ginger is a retired nurse. The couple share that they "would love to hear from 'old friends' and alumni of Saint Francis (bob_castranova@yahoo.com)."

1960s

Robert "Bob" Plasse '62 made his Permanent Profession into the St. Michael Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) in May. The order was formally known as the Third Order of St. Francis. The Rite of Profession was held at the St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, Mass. Bob resides with his wife, Priscilla, in Wilbraham, Mass.



◆ **Brian McNerney '67** served as the Grand Marshall of the La Verne "Friends of the Fourth" Parade in La Verne, Ca., during the city's Independence Day celebration. McNerney rode with 90 year old World war II Marine Veteran,

Carl Harstine, who rode in full-dress uniform. Over 10,000 people lined the streets for the event.



◆ Members of the class of **1967** and **1968** met at Bedford Springs Resort for a 70th birthday bash. The group also attended the SFU-Bryant football tailgate party. Pictured left to right: Rick Weber, **Al Curtis '68**, **Pat Normanly '68**, **Paul Groeschel '68**, **Bob Wharton '68**, **Len Aloï '68**, **Dick Jones '68**, **Tom Gill '67**. Seated: Liz Jones, Kathy Wharton, **Carol Groeschel '68**.

1970s

◆ **Monsignor James Carini '72** retired after 50 years of active ministry with the Diocese of Norwich, Conn., on July 31, 2015. He began his studies at SFU in September 1951, but left prior to graduation to pursue studies for the priesthood. During his active years in the priesthood, Monsignor Carini was a Catholic high school chaplain, Director of the Ministry to the Deaf, staff member at the Emmaus Spiritual Life Center, and pastor of two parishes. He was also very instrumental in helping to establish a Diocesan Mission in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A highlight of his life was his appointment on January 5, 2014 by His Holiness, Pope Francis, as Chaplain to the Papal Household with the title of Reverend Monsignor. He resides in his hometown of Chester, Conn.

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and ministers in various parishes when called upon.

◆ **Pamela (Belinda) Mann '74** retired with over 35 years in education. She was an Exceptional Education teacher and an Exceptional Student Education Specialist in Florida.



She now spends her time crafting, traveling, genealogy research, volunteering for Find A Grave and spending time with her 1-year-old grandson, Mason. She welcomes correspondence from Saint Francis friends.

1980s



◆ **East Coast Pizza (Class of 1982 Alumni Chapter)** celebrated the autumnal equinox in Cape May, N.J. on September 22 -25, 2016 for the third year in a row.



◆ **Mickey '80 and Judi '82 Shaw, Rick '80 and Beth '81 Garrigan, and Chris '80 and Marilyn '79 Day** gathered for a summer dinner in Ocean City, N.J.

2000s



◆ **Amy (Tony) Butts '00, '01 (PA-C, CDE)** an instrumental member of the National American Diabetes Association's Primary Care Advisory Group, presented in May 2016 at the National American Academy of Physician Assistants annual conference in San Antonio. In addition to representing ADA at the annual lecture, she has helped shaped the ADA's diabetes guidelines targeting primary care and education outreach to Physician Assistants and other healthcare professionals.

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.

As the spring semester closes and we look toward welcoming the new freshman class this fall, the Office of Admissions recognizes all of our alumni volunteers who represented Saint Francis University at college fairs this spring. As always, they represented the Red Flash with pride and enthusiasm. For their time and energy, the University extends heartfelt thanks to:

Jeannette Burrell '60	Ann Martin Clarke '79	Ken Rowinsky '72
Maggie Danan '75	Bob McGrady '75	Al Scalia '72
John G Fitzpatrick '82	James Obrien '72	Frank Soltis '79
Jerome (Jerry) Laday '75	Beverly Pavlick-Russell '66	

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Marriages



◆ **Kiera Ryan '11** and **Anthony Horner '11** were married on July 2, 2016 at Saint Francis University. Many alumni joined them on their special day in their bridal party: **Jen Brennan '13**, **Theresa Scheuer '12, '14 (DPT)**, **Joseph Astleford '08**, **Katy Best (Prosser) '13, '14 (M)**, **Dennis Ryan '14**, **Leona Horner '14**, and **Alyssa Edwards '11**.



◆ **Rich Zelnosky '13** and **Sarah Zeak '11** were married on July 9, 2016 at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. Many members of the bridal party included alumni and current students. The couple currently lives in Altoona, Pa. Rich is a CPA at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause in State College, Pa. and Sarah teaches fifth grade at St. Michael School in Loretto, Pa.



◆ **Kateri Kane '10, '12 (DPT)** and **Tom Anders '02** were married on May 7, 2016. The couple resides in Johnstown, Pa. Alumni among the wedding party were **Brittany Kennedy '10, '12 (DPT)**, **Anne (Stock) Gorman '10**, **Jeff Menges '01, '03 (MPT)**, **Mark Boland '01, '03 (MPT)**, **Nick Panaro '01, '03 (MPT)**, and **Sean Kane '13**. Several Saint Francis alumni also attended the wedding.

Births and Adoptions



◆ **Chris and Megan (Reger) Buzzes '11** welcomed their son, Jack Joseph, on August 17, 2016.



◆ **Jessica (Stojak) Schafer '12** and her husband, Brook, welcomed their son, Wyatt James, on June 13, 2016. The family resides in Colora, Md.



◆ **Lauren (Gamerro) Shields '07** and her husband, John, welcomed their son, Henry Robert, on March 31, 2016.



◆ **Greg Embon '88** and his wife, Clare, welcomed their daughter, Kaley Marie, on November 5, 2014.



◆ **Jessica (Swope) Novick '09** and her husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, Aubrey Grace Novick, on June 16, 2016.

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:

- **Email:** sfu-alumni-office@francis.edu
- **Fax:** 814-472-3044
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We welcome photos and will publish them as space permits. Digital files are best as long as they are high quality. A larger file size (300 dpi or higher) is better than a smaller file size. Photos submitted by mail will not be returned.

Deaths

Edward R. Ajay '67(M)
 Kimberly (Foley) Aloe '79
 Heidi A. Averill '00
 Joseph Baldacchino '43
 Dominic J. Balestra '69
 Eugene M. Bearer '80
 Dennis Cahill '52
 Mary Barbara (Timm) Chiaccio '70
 Raymond Chopper '72
 John H. Conrad '61
 John William Cramsey '59
 Rebecca M. (Verdavoir) Craver '96
 Patrick J. Cummings '54
 Edward W. Dugan, Sr. '54
 Albert J. Friconi '64
 James D. Geis '60
 Jack C. Gillon '57
 Andrew J. Guff '50
 Ralph Herreros '62
 Jordan M. Hess '09
 Murray J. Huber '73
 Robert E. Jordan '71
 Stevan K. Kacvinsky '73
 Janet E. Keefer '85
 John Edward Kilduff '50
 Richard M. Knee '52

Vincent LaVecchia '67
 Francis E. Litzinger '89
 Charles Ross LoCascio '64
 Brian P. Lundy '77
 Mario D. Machi '70
 Daniel M. Makosy '82
 John Clifford Malley '46
 Michael G. Morris '63
 Lemuel O. "Rip" Nixon '58
 Peter "Bill" Palfreyman '81
 Rev. Msgr. Paul D. Panza '50
 Ray Pikus '64
 Don Poskitt '58
 David Sanker '80
 James R. Seymour '60
 Robert J. Sheehan '61
 William E. Shultz '62
 Thomas J. Sibert '75(M)
 Raymond M. Steinbeiser '71 '84(M)
 Lawrence M. Stock '56
 William J. Surovchak '82
 Paul L. Taylor '65
 Dianne M. Terlion '88
 Robert F. Toft, Sr. '67
 James H. Wharton '64
 Thomas Yogus '78

◆ J. Randall 'Randy' MacDonald '70, passed away on September 21, 2016. He was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 2000-2008 and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in Business in 1998.

◆ Peter B. Reilly '68, passed away on November 30, 2016. He was a current member of the Board of Trustees, serving since 2014.

◆ Dr. Patricia Bentivegna, professor emerita of Spanish, passed away on June 21, 2016. She served from 1963-1995.

◆ Dr. Philip Woo, professor emeritus of economics, passed away on August 9, 2016. He served from 1961 to 1987.

Franciscan Friars T.O.R.

◆ Fr. Angelus Migliore, T.O.R. '60

◆ Fr. Brian Miller, T.O.R. '49, former math instructor, registrar and executive vice president

◆ Fr. Warren Murphy, T.O.R. '56, former instructor and administrator

◆ Fr. Carlo Napoli, T.O.R. '54

◆ Fr. Andre Strittmater, T.O.R. '57

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Saturday, April 22

Friday, July 21

Friday, August 4





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