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The Class of 1972 was the first class to graduate in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center—before the building even had walls. The decision was made to hold the ceremony in the building shell instead of on the campus mall because of rain. If you have a memory or photo from this day, please share it with us at marketing@francis.edu.

The "new" Aviation program isn't the University's first time taking to the air. The 1960 yearbook included this photo of the "Aviation Club." According to the caption, the Saint Francis Aviation Club encouraged an interest in flying among the students and faculty. Mr. I.V. Davis served as the ground instructor and club moderator. Several members of the club purchased a plane and members received flight instruction at a reduced cost. If you remember this (or have any photos) please let us know at marketing@francis.edu. We'd love to learn more!

pioneering spirit

Sophomore Gabrielle Garritson of Houston, Texas, becomes one of the first SFU students to take to the skies in the new Aviation Program.

STORY & PHOTOS BY / Jen Merry, SFU Assistant Director of Marketing Strategy

"You are all clear for take-off."

As the message came in over the radio from the control tower, Gabby proceeded down the runway, pulled back slowly on the stick, and lifted the Diamond single-engine aircraft up into the autumn sky.

It's only her fifth time flying a plane, yet sophomore Gabrielle Garritson is no stranger to aviation. Her mom, Carol, had worked as a flight attendant at United Airlines for 27 years. "I've had the blessing of flying for free and visiting beautiful places around the world while growing up," says Gabby. "One day, I'd like to provide that same opportunity to my family as well."

Gabby has been interested in a career with the FBI or law enforcement since she was a young girl watching *NCIS* with her Grandpa. It was no surprise to her family when she chose to major in Criminal Justice.

When her mom heard that Saint Francis was offering a new Aviation program, she first called her pilot friends. "They recommended Gabby take a one-hour Flight Discovery program close to home in Houston. It was $100 for an hour with a pilot instructor in the air to make sure this was what she wanted to do." Once the participant is in the air, they usually know right away if it's for them. "At first I freaked out, but then something clicked and everything felt right," remembers Gabby. "The instructor pilot gave me full control, and that's when I could see myself going through with it."

Getting started:
The SFU program is designed for students with no past flight experience who want to become pilots.

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Gabby added the Aviation Program to her Criminal Justice major, becoming one of the first students, and the first female, to take advantage of the newly-launched program. This allowed Gabby to combine both her passions, and opened the possibility for a future as an air surveillance pilot for the FBI.

Because of her demanding schedule as a Division I Water Polo athlete, Gabby never thought she'd have the time to add Aviation onto her major. Fortunately, her coach has been working with her and the flight instructor at Nulton Aviation to accommodate her flight schedule with practices.

Gabby and fellow Aviation student, Cade Young, plan their flying lessons together so they can rideshare to the airport. "It's been helpful because when Cade flies, I ride in the back and get to watch his lesson so I feel better-prepared when it's my turn to fly. In my very first lesson, I was already able to operate the radios and talk with air control," says Gabby.

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THE DEMAND FOR PILOTS

There is major demand for new pilots both globally and in North America. The number of people flying on commercial airlines has soared to over 3 billion annually. Boeing, the world's largest airplane manufacturer, estimates a global need for 637,000 new pilots by 2036, with 117,000 of them based in North America. Delta Air Lines estimates they'll need to hire more than 8,000 pilots over the next decade due to the mandated retirement age of 65.

Of the over 580,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified pilots in the U.S., only 6.7 percent of them are women. Gabby has a lot of support from her family and friends as she enters this male-dominated field. "My mom has been very encouraging and supportive of my dream to be a pilot," says Gabby. "It's neat to be able to say I'm a part of this program."

Gabby's advice to anyone considering the program would be to go for it and give it a try. She's hoping she can inspire other women to also become pilots. "Some moments it's like driving a

The program's first students with University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D., attended the blessing of the Diamond DA40 NG aircraft. From left to right are Andres Barbosa, Environmental Engineering major; Cross Edwards, Management major; Gabrielle Garritson, Criminal Justice major; and Cade Young, General Engineering major.

car. But there's always something to be looking at, learning and experiencing. It feels so liberating when I'm in the air controlling the aircraft," says Gabby.

ABOUT THE SFU AVIATION PROGRAM

The SFU Aviation Program, provided in coordination with Nulton Aviation Services at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, is designed to take a student with no past flight experience and train them such that they can fly, professionally, a single engine, land-based aircraft in a variety of flight conditions.

After just their first year with 40-50 flight hours, students will be able to obtain their Private Pilot License, giving them the legal capacity to fly an aircraft in clear conditions with passengers on their own. The students then go on to earn an add-on instrument rating to allow them to fly in less-than-ideal weather conditions. The final achievement is the Commercial Pilot's license, requiring a minimum of 100 flight hours as a pilot in command, which includes previously-earned hours. Most students are able to successfully complete the program within three years.

The program began as a result of seed funding from a $1.9 million state multimodal grant awarded to the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority. The funding is part of a workforce development initiative to stem a shortage of pilots nationwide as the Baby Boomer generation retires. The grant provides scholarship money for students who enroll in the program and also will assist the university in marketing it.

••• **Francis.edu/Aviation**

"I am grateful that an organization like this cares enough to create a cancer care team, and sees the importance of helping build the foundation of getting well and staying well."

— Linda Gilroy Palmer
Breast and ovarian cancer survivor

Hope for the rural cancer survivor

STORY BY / Tom Havrilla, Communications Specialist

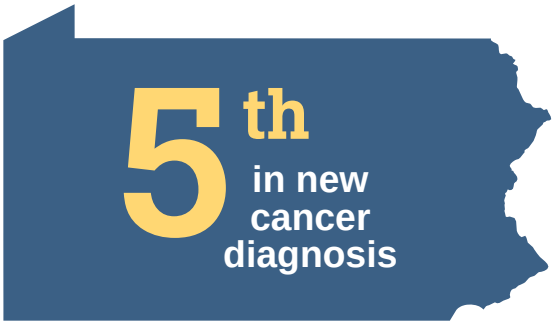
According to the Center for Disease Control, cancer deaths are higher in rural America.

The distance to major medical centers, and the challenges of winter weather, present added variables to recovery that urban patients don't face.

While Saint Francis University, nestled within the pines of the Laurel Highlands, provides a beautiful landscape in which to study, its close-knit community also understands that a rural setting creates logistical difficulties that neighboring cancer survivors must endure. This awareness, along with the University's mission to provide excellent education while serving the community, has led to the opening of the Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship (CRCS).

The Center, housed in the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness, provides rehabilitation services to those who have been diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers.

Oftentimes lost in our discussion of cancer are the informal caregivers—family members and friends—who give of their time to help aid the cancer survivor on their journey to health. As Hayden Elliott, a Physician Assistant Science student, demonstrated in her undergraduate honors thesis, the quality of life for informal caregivers was reportedly lower than that reported by cancer survivors.



Pennsylvania ranks 5th in the estimated number of new cancer diagnosis.

ABOUT THE CENTER

"This truly is a mission fit for Saint Francis," said the Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., PhD, President of the University, during the January 2018 announcement ceremony.

The uniqueness of the CRCS is that it is a tri-pillar interprofessional center. All three pillars are equal and work in harmony with one another, serving as a model for patient-centered health care.

The first pillar is the educational component. Currently, the program offers a Master of Science in Cancer Care, with a concentration in exercise oncology.

"Our students not only study the biology of cancer, but explore the interaction of an individual's environment, their psychology and spirituality, towards the treatment and recovery," explained Professor of Psychology, Dr. Stephen Baker, CRCS Chairperson and Co-Director.

"This is a patient-centered approach," added Dr. Ivan Mulligan, CRCS Co-Director and Professor of Physical Therapy. "We will use all of the resources we have at our disposal for the betterment of the patient."

The second pillar is our clinical services. Under the direction of Dr. Kris Wisneiwski, Director of the Human Performance Lab, the center offers exercise programs to cancer survivors in order to measure progress and reach strategic fitness goals.

The final pillar is research, which bridges the first two pillars, through the investigation and implementation of translation research. This research is directed by the interdisciplinary faculty of the CRCS to better understand the transition of each phase of cancer survivorship.

Whether newly-diagnosed or long-finished with treatment, cancer survivors will be able to improve their physical, psychological and spiritual health, relieve symptoms of treatments' side effects, and learn healthy lifestyle behaviors.

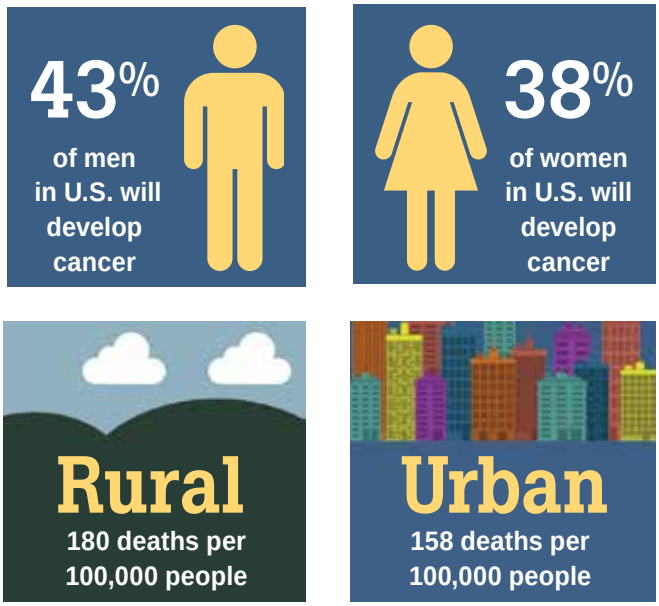
SERVICES AVAILABLE

Through advancement in detection and treatment, many more people are surviving their cancer diagnosis. According to the National Cancer Institute, there is an estimated 15.5 million people who are living as cancer survivors, with that number expected to increase to over 20 million by 2026.

These advancements have changed the face of cancer. It is no longer considered a death sentence, but is instead compared to that of a chronic disease. As survivors look to regain their pre-diagnosis quality of life, they struggle with memory fog, physical fatigue, and the anxiety of recurrence. These factors can linger after survivors are discharged from cancer treatments. That's where the CRSC can help by offering the community members clinical services that support post-treatment survivors.

- Physical Fitness Assessment
- Rehabilitative Service
- Supervised exercise programming
- Follow-up and maintenance programming
- Psychological support
- Education and lifestyle behavior modification
- Nutritional Counselling and weight management

For more information on the types of services offered and how it will benefit rural cancer survivors and the community for years to come, visit **francis.edu/CRCS** *or call* **(814) 472-3249**.



The Center of Disease Control shows deaths from cancer are higher in rural areas of the U.S.

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ROAD TO RECOVERY

Thanks to a partnership with the American Cancer Society, Saint Francis has been recognized as a "Road to Recovery" site. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen LoRusso, Co-Director of the CRCS, students and staff provide free transportation for cancer patients to and from their treatment and rehabilitation appointments. A 2017 Kia Soul was donated by CNB bank and will be used as the official Road to Recovery vehicle.

The Road to Recovery Program is free with no income requirements. Whether patients have a car or are capable of driving themselves, they will still qualify for a ride. If you are a patient in need of a ride, or would like to volunteer as a driver, please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-277-2345 or visit cancer.org/drive to learn more.

data matters

The Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation, affectionately known as CSOR, may only be two years old, but it's already made a big impact in the lives of working Americans.

Hairbraiding is a skill passed down from generation to generation, yet under current regulations, Camillya Taylor of Johnstown needed to pay for 300 hours of training to be able to be licensed as a hairbraider.

In Pennsylvania, 29 professional boards and commissions regulate 255 licensure types, and just over 1 million licenses. Dr. Timmons and his students are working with the state to lead a 3-year Department of Labor project, permitting CSOR to spearhead the research of military spouse portability, skillset transferring, and the demographic data of PA licenses.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY /
Kara Illig, SFU Communications Specialist

THE MISSION

Occupational regulations influence the financial lives of millions of Americans. From workers pursuing trade jobs to veterans and military spouses reentering the workforce, often the most financially vulnerable Americans are affected by regulations. The requirements to obtain specific licenses can be costly and time-consuming, and are often a deterrent for those looking to start a small business.

That's where the Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation (Knee CSOR) comes in. Established in 2016 with a grant from the Charles Koch Foundation, and a vision from Economics professor Dr. Edward Timmons, CSOR's mission is to research regulations as they affect every occupation, in every state. Housed at Schwab Hall with the Shields School of Business, the CSOR staff—consisting of four full-time staffers and 4-5 fellowship students—sends the extensive data they collect to legislators, who then use the information to write informed legislation.

"Our small team is committed to educating citizens, policy makers, and academics on the scope and effects occupational regulations have in every industry," said Director Dr. Edward Timmons.

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> **— Dr. Edward Timmons**
> **CSOR Director**

"Our projects allow us the opportunity to provide our services in a way that will significantly benefit working Americans."

A GENEROUS DONATION

CSOR's work caught the attention of alumni Kevin and Joan (Morris) Knee of Indian Wells, CA. 1982 graduates of Saint Francis—Kevin with a B.S. degree in Accounting and Joan with a B.A. degree in Sociology—the couple expressed enthusiasm for the Center's mission, and saw great potential in their work.

That interest, combined with the Knee's affection for their alma mater, led to a generous donation of $1 million to CSOR from the Knee Family Foundation.

IS YOUR OCCUPATION ON THE LIST?

Along with a new, user-friendly website, CSOR has developed an occupations database—the first of its kind in the nation—that allows anyone, in any state to look up the requirements for their profession. It includes information on education and exam requirements, licensing and renewal fees, amount of required training hours, and whether you need to be licensed, certified, or registered for your particular occupation. There are also links to licensure applications and your local government's laws, so you can find answers to all your questions in one place.

CsorSFU.com

"When we heard Saint Francis University was putting together a center to provide information to citizens, policy makers, and other researchers about the effects of occupational regulation, we were proud to contribute," said Kevin. "Joan and I are extremely grateful for the education and experiences we received at Saint Francis, and are excited to see the University take on projects that are a concern to us."

With the Knee's extraordinary donation, CSOR has proudly been renamed The Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation.

"I appreciate the generous gift from the Knee Family Foundation." Dr. Edward Timmons, Director of CSOR stated. "With this support, CSOR will continue to be a leader in generating data on the scope of occupational regulation and serving as a valuable resource to the public."

USING DATA FOR GOOD

Since its inception, CSOR has launched a national all-encompassing database that documents and tracks the occupational licensing regulations of thousands of professions across the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The database is free and openly accessible to the public at csorsfu.com.

CSOR's groundbreaking database and extensive regulation research has led to state and federal recognition. Most recently, the CSOR team worked closely with the Pennsylvania Department of

The Hill TV recently sent film crews to The Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation at Saint Francis University, where they interviewed Dr. Edward Timmons for a feature on licensing and regulations. *The Hill*, a reputable newspaper and website published in Washington D.C., covers politics, policy and elections.

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— Dr. Edward Timmons
CSOR Director

View the video: francis.edu/CSORvideo/

State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs to compare Pennsylvania's licensure regulations with those of other regional states. The results were published in a final report, which Governor Tom Wolf cited as a key factor in his decision to fight for licensing reforms.

That project has paved the way for others, including a 3-year Department of Labor project, in which CSOR will spearhead the research of military spouse portability, skillset transferring, and the demographic data of PA licenses.

Aside from their many projects, members of the CSOR team are making a name for themselves in the media world. Dr. Ed Timmons was recently published in *Harvard Business Review*, and Director of Public Relations Alanna Wilson and Assistant Director Emily Vargo have written for various publications and economic journals. Additionally, *The Hill*, renowned political newspaper and website published in Washington D.C., sent film crews to Loretto to interview Dr. Timmons for a feature on CSOR's accomplishments.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

CSOR's economics-driven research combined with its conveniently-located office on the 3rd floor of Schwab Hall make it an ideal internship opportunity for students interested in economics and public policy. CSOR provides Shields students a substantial scholarship offering while introducing them to real-world, resume-building experiences.

Student fellows' main tasks include conducting and analyzing research for CSOR's national database, and traveling with the staff to international and national conferences and colloquiums. Students have presented their research findings at conferences in New York, Chicago, Italy, Hawaii, and other locations around the world. Those experiences have provided students with invaluable networking opportunities and have led to multiple job offers.

Meet the "Dodrans"

SFU turns 175 in 2022

Each fall, Move-In/Orientation Weekend is a time to greet new students and introduce them to University traditions. This past August, "The Dodrans" arrived, an incoming class more steeped in history than they could have imagined.

Many of these students are slated to graduate in 2022, which just so happens to be when Saint Francis University will celebrate its Dodrans-bicentennial—the 175th anniversary (for those of you who didn't take Latin). That fact earned them an awesome collector's t-shirt to sport during the bell-ringing ceremony that officially launched a multi-year celebration "175 years in the making."

The Office of Marketing & Communications had a little fun with the newcomers, quizzing them on the proper pronunciation of "Dodrans-bicentenial." The results are on video, and we'll check back to see how they have improved after four years of coursework.

francis.edu/MeetTheDodrans

Many Gifts, One Spirit

A Celebration 175 Years in the Making

Mark your calendars for these milestone events. Additional activities will be shared as we approach 2022!

July 2021 – Official Kick Off
Alumni Weekend

May 2022
Dodrans Graduate!

June 2022
Alumni Trip Abroad/Ireland

July 2022
Alumni Weekend

June 2023
15th Anniversary of Ambialet

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Message From the President

Peace and good! Saint Francis of Assisi lived a life of ongoing conversion, always seeking to know and live God's will for him in his life. At Saint Francis University, our mission is to help our students become that someone that God wants them to be. We help them accomplish that through a variety of transformational experiences. Whether academic, athletic, co-curricular, or spiritual, our students acquire wisdom, knowledge, and experience during their time at the University. A pivotal transformational experience is landing the career position after graduation.

Our academic programs remain strong. Our Nursing program was ranked number one in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering program graduated its first cohort in 2018. The Shields School of Business was re-accredited with glowing commentary from its accrediting body. At the heart of our academic programs, though, is a liberal arts core curriculum that helps a newly-minted professional to thrive in his or her career. Classes in fine arts help to round out the health sciences professional. A study abroad experience in Ambialet or London expands the horizons of a student in the Shields School of Business. Engineers in Action is an organization that puts "boots on the ground," whereby students help to provide clean drinking water in Bolivia, living the Franciscan value of care for all creation.

I am grateful to our many donors who believe in the mission of the University and give so generously. Our students are grateful, too! The Office of Advancement helps them to express their gratitude on Thank-a-Donor day.

We have much to be thankful for. The University celebrated ten years of presence in Ambialet, France. The Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship was officially inaugurated in January. Kevin and Joan Knee '82 generously donated $1,000,000 to fund the Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation. Magnanimous members of the Stokes Club and Red Flash Futures strengthen our division one athletics programs. An equally-magnanimous grassroots effort is underway to fund the Resinski Black Box Theater.

The Capital Campaign for the School of Health Sciences continues. The first phase of the project, the Experiential Learning Commons, is under construction and scheduled to be open in time for the Fall 2019 semester. Fundraising efforts continue to contribute to the largest capital campaign in Saint Francis' history. When completed, the School of Health Sciences at Sullivan Hall will be a start-of-the-art facility for future health care professionals.

The 175th anniversary is on the near horizon. The Class of 2022 has arrived and will graduate during the anniversary year. Our future is strong. The University builds on the foundation of generosity laid by its many donors. Thank you for supporting the mission of the University. May the Lord bless you for your generosity to Saint Francis University.

In the words of our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, "May the Lord bless you and give you peace."

Sincerely,

Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.
President

Financial Summary

FRANCIS THE GOOD STEWARD

2017–2018 Total Contributions

Alumni	$2,252,610
Parents	$114,442
Friends	$460,233
Foundations	$578,653
Corporations and Religious Orgs	$426,261
Government Grants and Contracts	$1,581,242
Fundraising Consortia	$170,574
TOTAL	**$5,584,015**

Our deepest gratitude extends to our generous benefactors. Please visit **francis.edu/donor-recognition** to view our 17-18 Honor Roll of Donors

Endowment passes the $50 million mark

The strong performance of the University endowment over the past 15 years is a result of the generosity of our alumni and friends, combined with prudent management decisions.

$13,794,678 (2003)

$50,203,172 (2018)

227% increase from 2003 to date

(end of fiscal year totals as of June 30)

2017–2018 Revenues/Expenditures

REVENUES

Net tuition and fees	39,798,431
Federal grants and contracts	1,581,242
State and local grants	1,112,312
Private gifts, grants and bequests	5,269,268
Interest and dividends, net	969,457
Other income	3,458,652
Auxiliary enterprises net	14,315,181
TOTAL REVENUE	**66,504,543**

EXPENDITURES

Instructional	25,317,390
Research and public service	2,180,515
Academic support	1,998,901
Student services	16,526,893
Institutional support	12,116,146
Auxiliary enterprises	10,084,513
Non-operating activities	941,305
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**69,165,663**

Global Perspectives

59 International Students

Argentina
Australia
Benin
Brazil
Canada
China
Colombia
Denmark
DR Congo
Ecuador
Ethiopia
France
Germany
Honduras
India
Italy
Japan
Lithuania
New Zealand
Nigeria
Peru
Portugal
Saudi Arabia
Slovenia
Spain
Trinidad & Tobago
Vietnam

from 27 Countries

Students attending the 2018 Multicultural Fest place pins on a map to mark where they grew up.

Enrollment Fall 2018

- Undergraduate: 1,391
- Graduate: 508
- Adult Degree: 332

Total: 2,231

Undergraduate Costs 2018-2019

Tuition $35,210
Room & Board $12,290
Technology Fee $1,200
Total $48,700

Student Body Flash Facts

- 54% of the student body is Catholic
- 65% female and 35% male
- 418 students participate in Greek Life
- 31 states and 27 countries are represented in the student body
- 597 student-athletes participating in D1 Athletics (including Band, Dance & Cheer)

(data from Fall 2018)

Scholarship by the Numbers

- 84 faculty publications
- 16:1 faculty to student ratio
- 410 students participated in an original research project and/or a classroom embedded research project
- $1.2 million awarded by external agencies for academic research and outreach
- For 5 years (10 consecutive semesters) SFU Greek Life has been ranked among the top 30 institutions in the nation for academic achievement
- SFU student-athletes set a new Northeast Conference record with a combined G.P.A. of 3.423
- 88% first year retention rate
- 69% average 6 year graduation rate

(data from the 2017-18 Annual Reports and the Office of Institutional Data)

Graduate Success Class of 2017

- Largest Class in 20 Years
- 99% employed or in graduate school within 9 months
- Average starting salary $50,000-$59-000
- 84% found internship experience instrumental in obtaining full-time employment

(data from the Class of 2017 First Destination Report)

Amelia Laudenbach: The international student who has traveled the farthest distance to join the SFU Class of 2022—over 9,800 miles! Amelia traveled from Canberra, Australia.

a heart for service

expands through community engagement

Canine Learning & Behavior, a community-engaged psychology course, is a mutually beneficial partnership between Dr. Shlomit Flaisher-Grinberg's class and the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society.

Building on the University's Franciscan approach to teaching, service, and scholarship, Faculty Senate approved the new community-engaged (CE) courses designation. In a "community-engaged" course, students apply what they are learning in class to meet a community need, guided by their professor and collaborating with a community partner. The result is an in-depth exploration of an existing social, civic, or ethical problem through the lens of an academic discipline.

10 COURSES WITH CE DESIGNATIONS OFFERED FALL 2018:

- Research Methods & Statistics
- Exercise Across the Lifespan
- Introduction to Medicine
- Occupational Therapy II
- Human Sexuality and Christian Marriage
- Be the Change: Social Entrepreneurship
- Human Toxicology
- Marketing Research
- Social Work Processes I
- Canine Learning & Behavior

These courses reflect the tenants of community engagement as defined by the Carnegie Foundation: the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in the context of partnership and reciprocity.

The 1st Annual "Become that Someone" Community Engagement Awards were held in April 2018. Awards were given for Engaged Faculty Member, Engaged Staff Member, Engaged Student and Engaged Community Partner. Thirty students who recorded 100 hours of community service were also recognized.

(data provided by the SFU Center for Service and Learning)

Alternative Spring Break

A new HUGS Alternative Spring Break trip to Nassau, Bahamas was added in 2018. Twenty volunteers, including five alumni, served at the Adventure Learning Centre & Camp, the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled, the Stapledon School, and at an Emergency Youth Hostel.

Study Abroad & Service Flash Facts

The University's signature Study Abroad program in Ambialet, France turned ten in 2018.

Nearly 200 students studied abroad in 2017-18, many conducting research or service activities in their fields.

For the past 4 years, more SFU students participated in Study Abroad than the national average.

(Source: Institute of International Education)

Franciscan Goals for Today is a service-learning course, taken by all SFU students, which requires 10 hours of community service.

Undergraduate students recorded 19,033 service hours in 2017-18, valued at $459,456.

(Source: Independent Sector)

capital progress

Students pursuing health science and education careers are one step closer to having a new interdisciplinary space in which to practice real-world healthcare scenarios.

Construction for the Health Sciences Experiential Learning Commons began in early April 2018.

Fundraising is currently underway for additional phases to reinvent Sullivan Hall.

Learn more at francis.edu/Sullivan

Health Sciences Exceeding National Standards

SFU Health Science students (Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Science, Physical Therapy) continue to ace accreditation exams. SFU students consistently score higher than the national average on tests administered by their national accrediting boards.

PASS RATES

	2017	2018
Nursing	100%	100%
Occupational Therapy	100%	Testing in progress
Physical Therapy	93.80%	100%
Physician Assistant	100%	100%

HEALTH SCIENCES EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COMMONS

By the Numbers

- 10,000 square-foot addition
- Slated to open Fall 2019
- Phase One of the Sullivan Hall Renovation and Expansion Project
- Partially funded by a $1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RCAP) Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with a $2 million anonymous donation
- 4 high fidelity simulators and a simulated examination room
- 800 square foot nursing skills lab with 5 adult simulators, 1 junior simulator, and 2 infant simulators
- 1 simulated "apartment" space

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMWORK EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The new Health Science Experiential Learning Center won't be operational until Fall of 2019, yet interdisciplinary innovation is flourishing in the School of Health Sciences and Education.

Three years ago, the School established an Interprofessional Education Committee. Following the guidelines for Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, the committee sought to find ways to have an all-inclusive enduring educational initiative. The result was the "Heathcare Team Challenge," which is garnering national attention for its approach to healthcare education.

The challenge earned the SFU Nursing Program the 2018 Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for "outstanding work re-envisioning traditional models for nursing education and programmatic change."

Excellence
in competition & in the classroom

420 Student-Athletes with a 3.0 G.P.A. or greater

60 Student-Athletes with a Perfect 4.0

39 Consecutive Semesters above a 3.0

63 All-Time NEC Scholar Athletes

42 All-Time Academic All-America Selections

8 Northeast Conference Championships since 2016*

1st NEC Team (Softball) to go undefeated in league play

*Women's Soccer (2), Football, Women's Cross Country, Softball (2), Women's Bowling, and Women's Basketball

FLASH HIGHLIGHTS

Master plan for athletics facilities unveiled: In October 2017, SFU unveiled concept designs to illustrate a bold vision which includes upgrades to DeGol Field and DeGol Fieldhouse; a new Multi-Sport Indoor Turf Field Facility; and upgrades to the Soccer Complex and Softball Complex.

NEC Conference highest honor for overall athletic excellence: Backed by championship performances in 2017-18 from women's soccer, women's basketball, bowling, and softball, the Saint Francis Athletics Department claimed its first ever Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup.

Highest achieving women's sports program: Saint Francis took home the Joan Martin Commissioner's Cup for 2017-18. The University is celebrating 50 years of women's sports throughout the 18-19 season.

2018 NCAA CHOICES Grant: SFU is one of just 15 schools, and one of just seven Division I schools selected to receive this grant. The NCAA CHOICES Alcohol Education Grant Program provides funding for NCAA-member institutions and conferences to integrate athletic departments into campus-wide efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. SFU will receive $30,000 over the next three years.

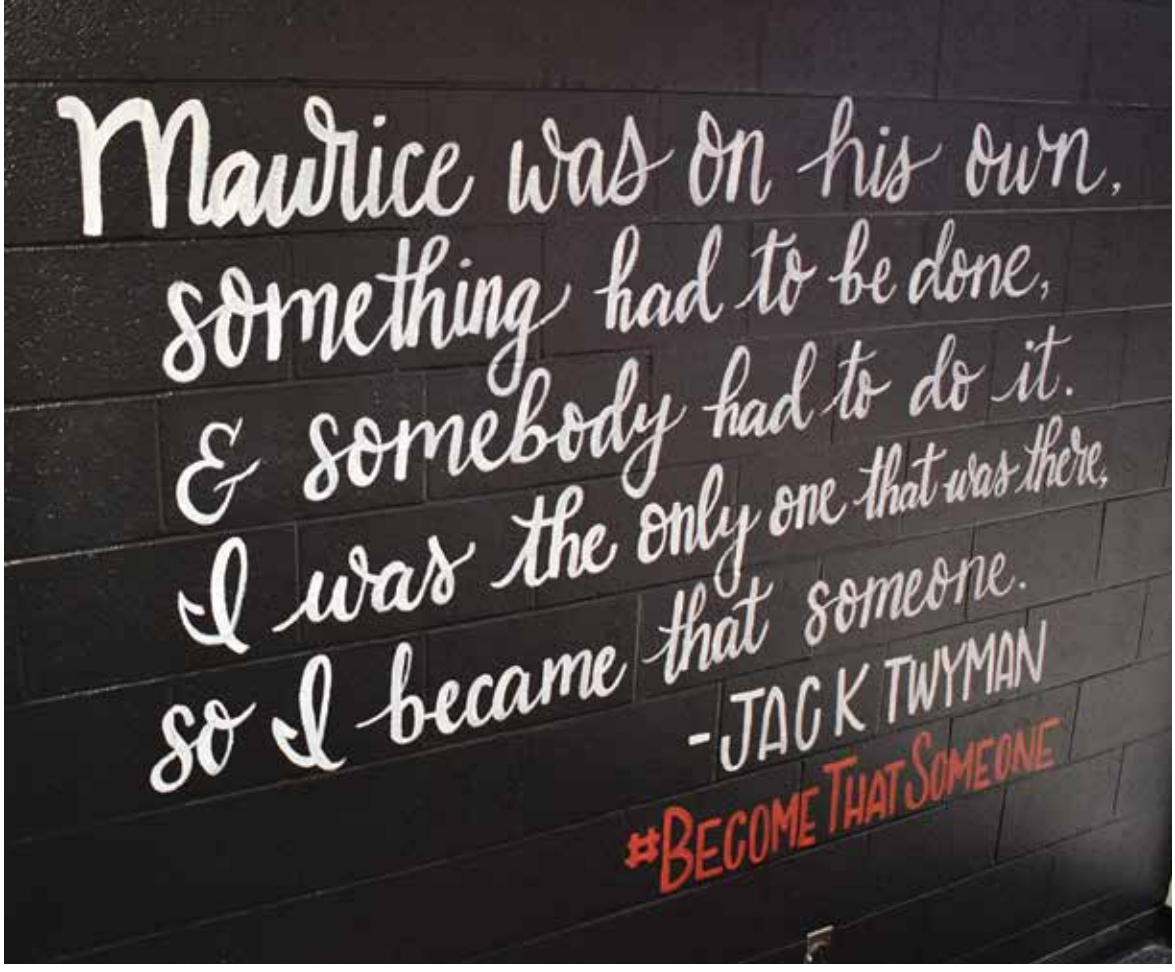
Leaps & Bounds
Sophomore Leah Morrow scored a season-high 15 points in SFU's win over Seton Hill on November 20th. The 2018-19 team hopes to repeat last year's remarkable season—one of the most successful in the program's history—in which they won 24 games and their 12th NEC Championship.

50th Anniversary of Women's Athletics

In 1968, then Saint Francis College formed a basketball team exclusively for women. Since then, the Athletics program has grown to include women on a level many universities have not yet achieved. Today, there are 13 Division 1 women's sports, each providing a platform for some of the most elite female athletes in the NCAA. Women travel from countries across the world to make Loretto their home, often for a chance to play for the Red Flash.

To celebrate this milestone, the University is holding a series of anniversary events throughout the 2018-19 academic year to honor of female athletes, past and present. A Homecoming Weekend tailgate kicked off the celebration in October, with many alumni returning to Loretto to reconnect with former teammates and friends.

Saint Francis Athletics and the Alumni Association would like to formally invite all former female athletes and their families to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Women in Sports at SFU. To register and view a list of Anniversary events, go to **francis.edu/50years.**



Guiding Athletes

to Become That Someone

STORY BY / Kara Illig, SFU Communications Specialist

Before *Become That Someone* was adopted by the University as its mantra, Saint Francis Athletics teams had been finding motivation in the phrase once spoken by Jack Twyman of his teammate Maurice Stokes '55. To student-athletes, becoming that someone means to channel their talents and core values for the greater good, beyond the scoreboard.

Student-Athlete Development sits at the core of this mission. The department works with athletes from all teams, at all levels, providing students opportunities to grow as leaders, serve the community, mentor athletic peers, embrace their faith, and excel academically. Faculty, staff, and mentors teach athletes how to be well-rounded and responsible citizens through diverse experiences that challenge them to think critically.

"Our goal is to ensure we develop the whole student-athlete, and do all we can to provide them with a transformational experience while here at SFU," said John Krimmel, Associate Director of Athletics for Student-Athlete and Leadership Development. "Our office provides student-athletes with the opportunity to serve others, mentor future generations, grow personally and professionally, gain valuable leadership skills, and empower them to understand their ability to make a difference on campus, in the community, and throughout the world."

STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTOR

The Saint Francis University Student-Athlete Mentor (SAMs) program is comprised of student-athletes who act as role models in the realms of leadership, scholarship, and service. The aim is to provide peer-to-peer mentorship for freshmen student-athletes throughout their first-year transition into college. In addition, SAMs outreach extends beyond the walls of the athletics depart-

Above: Student-athletes get kids excited to tackle an obstacle course at Sports4Kids Day in April.

Right: SAM athletes post photos to their Instagram page of one of many letter-writing sessions to pen pals.

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> **— Dr. Frank Montecalvo, Vice President for Innovative Partnerships & Student Development**

ment to serve and positively encourage the youth of the local community.

"We want athletes to Become That Someone—who they are meant to be," says Dr. Frank Montecalvo, Vice President for Innovative Partnerships & Student Development. "For us, this would mean that they would be gaining an understanding of their mission and purpose as a person."

Montecalvo believes it is important that, just as Jack Twyman became that someone for Maurice Stokes after his tragic accident, students learn to become that someone in the life of another. "We teach our student-athletes to be great role models and mentors in the lives of young people."

Mentor athletes bond with freshman mentees by hosting "SAM Jams", topical events that bring athletes together to coordinate outreach events such as Safe Trick-or-Treat, Sports 4 Kids Day, and pen pal writing. They also engage in athlete-specific events that focus on team building, nutrition, and drug and alcohol education.

For student athletes, these events illustrate the culture of Saint Francis Athletics, and gives them a Franciscan foundation from which to build their careers. Most importantly, they give athletes a new perspective on their stats and wins, and teach them to find their larger purpose.

FACULTY ATHLETICS MENTORS

Having positive interaction between faculty and student-athletes only helps emphasize the importance of academics.

Each team has at least one committed faculty mentor who serves as a personal contact for academic questions, attends team meetings, builds strong relationships with student-athletes and coaches, and even helps newcomers adjust to college life.

Mentors (or FAMs, as they are affectionately referred) understand that the little things make a big difference in the lives of student-athletes. Just as a family member would, FAMs send their athletes birthday cards, attend home (and away!) competitions, provide "Finals" baskets full of treats for studying, and invite teams to their houses for home-cooked meals.

FAMs also participate in service trips and events with their teams. Dr. Tricia McFadden, Assistant Business Professor and

FAM for the women's basketball team, accompanies her team each year on R.E.D. Day (Reaching Every Door), where together they volunteer at the local Valewood Farms.

"Service is at the very heart of our mission at Saint Francis University," said Dr. McFadden. "R.E.D. Day provides an opportunity to walk our Franciscan values into the marketplace and local community."

Dr. John Miko, Associate Dean of the Shields School of Business, has been the co-FAM for the men's basketball team (along with Dean Dr. Randy Frye) for five years.

"The FAM program is a great opportunity to reach our students through a different venue," said Dr. Miko. "Athletics is such a significant part of our campus culture and is a big part of the lives of our students. The FAM program provides an opportunity for faculty to connect directly into that channel. It's been a great experience to form a partnership with Coach Rob Krimmel and his staff, implementing opportunities for the players to develop holistically, on and off the court."

FAMs are presented with framed magazine covers that highlight the many ways in which they serve student-athletes. Pictured from top: Dr. Kirk Weixel, Dr. Pedro Muiño, and Dr. Tricia McFadden.

The Frankie Cup

The Saint Francis women's soccer team was named winners of the inaugural L. Robert and Mary Louise Kimball Frankie Cup. The award included a $10,000 gift from the Kimball family.

The Frankie Cup is an interdepartmental competition between Red Flash teams. Frankie Cup points are earned on the merit of academics, athletic performance, community service, involvement in Student-Athlete Development groups such as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Student-Athlete Mentors, and attendance at athletic sporting events on campus.

"For our program, it's more than just wins and losses on the field," said Head Women's Soccer Coach, Brenda van Stralen. "We challenge our athletes to gain the complete experience as student-athletes here at Saint Francis. We want our players engaged in community service and supporting their peers on campus. I am very proud of our team for winning the first-ever Frankie Cup and want to challenge every team on campus to compete with us this year to create a better overall experience on campus for our teams."

The check was presented to the team at the Frankie Cup Kick-Off Celebration on August 28th.

"Last year, the Student-Athlete Development Center rolled out what came to be known as the 'Frankie Cup' competition," explained Assistant Director of Student-Athlete Academic Services, Sarah Ross. "The planning phases of this competition were centered on the ideas of athletes supporting athletes and developing student-athletes as a whole. We wanted a competition that exemplified what it meant to be part of the Flash Fam and what is meant to 'Become that Someone'."

"Our hope was athletes would push each other to reach new heights in their respective sports, in the classroom, and in the community, all while dedicating as much time as they could to supporting their fellow athletes in their competitions," Ross continued. "Mr. John Kimball believed in this competition and liked what it promoted. He truly believes in Saint Francis University and the Athletics Department. In honor of his parents, L. Robert and Mary Louise, Mr. Kimball so graciously agreed to provide a $10,000 donation to the winning team each year. We are so thankful for his generosity and were thrilled to celebrate this awesome event."

President Father Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., takes in a game at DeGol Field. Team chaplains attend most home games throughout the season and lead athletes in a pre-game prayer, pass out snacks, and cheer on their teams.

Faith and Franciscanism in Athletics

The Catholic Franciscan faith creates the foundation of all things Saint Francis University, including the University's approach to collegiate athletics.

Saint Francis University proudly has a team chaplain for each of its 22 Division I intercollegiate athletic teams, as well as its marching band and cheerleading programs. SFU is one of the only schools in the nation that has a Sports Chaplain program, and the only one where every program has its own chaplain to represent their respective team.

"Student-Athlete Development's Chaplain Program is designed to round out the overall experience and well-being of our student-athletes, said Jaime Lipski, Associate Director Student Athlete Development. "By focusing specifically on faith and service, it offers our students another avenue to pursue and embody the mission of the University."

Throughout the academic year, team chaplains provide personal and spiritual support to the student-athletes, coaches, and staff. The chaplain's role is designed to offer a healthy and balanced perspective to their team through spiritual encouragement, vision, and leadership development.

Chaplains maintain a strong relationship with the coach, coordinating with them team activities to help integrate the University's Catholic and Franciscan character. In addition to community service events, the chaplains organize Lunch-n-Learn Programs, and educational seminars that help athletes grow spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially. These programs prepare student-athletes for success upon graduation.

"The opportunity I have been given to serve the team is a blessing," said Dr. Nickole George, women's field hockey chaplain and Associate Professor of Nursing. "It has allowed me to connect more fully with student athletes, coaches, and the athletic department staff—all important parts of our campus community. I bring my family to team events so that they can see strong young women of different faiths and beliefs come together to grow, challenge and support one another, and always be an example of sportsmanship both on and off the field."

Service is an integral part of every team's culture, and the chaplains often participate in outreach alongside their team. Lisa Georgiana, Women's Volleyball chaplain and Director of the Center for Service and Learning, has taken several athletes on Alternative Spring Break mission trips, and the team works closely with her on the Special Olympics Pennsylvania event that SFU volunteers to help with each year.

"Being a presence of Christ for these lovely, young ladies is an extremely meaningful and important part of my life," she said. "We start the year off with a community service project, followed by a barbecue at Jane Gleason's home, the team's Faculty Athletics Mentor. We also pray before games and share what we are grateful for."

As a chaplain, Lisa is an integral part of the athletes' transformation, from their first day in Loretto to the day they graduate. "It's funny when the Freshmen first arrive, meet me and think, 'Who is this crazy lady, and what is she doing?' But by the time they're seniors, they get it. We are family."

OUR ATHLETIC MISSION

An interview with Father Joseph Lehman, T.O.R., Vice President for Mission Integration

Why is faith in athletics important here at SFU?

It's important because even though athletics in general is a secular activity, NCAA Athletics is a value-driven enterprise, much like religion in general and Saint Francis University in particular. NCAA student-athletes are taught and encouraged to pursue excellence in athletics and academics, to embrace integrity and sportsmanship, and to be respectful and inclusive of others (NCAA core values). In a similar vein, faith-based institutions like Saint Francis University are driven by our Franciscan values and Catholic tradition. So even though faith and athletics are different in many ways, what unites them is their common emphasis upon core values that overlap.

Faith in athletics is also important because Saint Francis University is a microcosm of the larger Church, which also values the relationship between faith and athletics. In recent years, Pope Francis and the Catholic Church are seeking ways to recognize and build upon the relationship between faith and sports, which strongly influence all cultures.

How do we weave our Catholic Franciscan values into our athletes' everyday lives?

First of all, we seek to recruit and retain coaches, administrators, and staff within the Athletics department who believe in and embody our Catholic Franciscan values. When student-athletes see those values being lived out daily by their coaches and mentors, they are more likely to integrate those values into their own lives.

Second, we also strive to recruit student-athletes who are a good "mission fit" for Saint Francis University. This means we strive to recruit student-athletes who value earning an academic degree and not just playing intercollegiate athletics. We also recruit student-athletes who are interested in attending a faith-based university that strives to be Catholic and Franciscan in everything we do.

Finally, we also strive to intentionally engage our student-athletes in activities that directly correspond to our mission and values. For example, athletic teams regularly participate in com-

Lisa Georgiana, Women's Volleyball chaplain since 2013 and Director of the Center for Service and Learning, hosts a team barbeque. "The players love to eat, so Jane Gleason (the team's Faculty-Athlete mentor) and I host occasional team meals at my house." Lisa is pictured above (far right) with her team.

Women's Field Hockey chaplain and Associate Nursing Professor Nickole George (seated front right) sews "fidget blankets" with the team on a Thursday night. The blankets will be donated to Alzheimer's patients and will be used to reduce anxiety, calm nerves, and provide comfort.

munity service activities to develop a "heart for service" (Mission Statement) and concern for the "poor and needy" (Franciscan value #5). Teams and team chaplains often pray together before competition because we are a "community of faith and prayer" (Franciscan value #6). And while not all team chaplains are Franciscan friars, to the degree that team chaplains embody our Franciscan values, the teams they serve benefit from a "Franciscan presence" (Franciscan value #8). Teams that recruit international student-athletes and/or occasionally compete internationally (men's and women's basketball) embrace a "global vision" (Franciscan value #4). And since all teams strive to show respect—an NCAA core value—they are also striving to show "respect for the uniqueness of individual persons" (Franciscan value #3).

What are chaplains, and what type of faith-based support do they provide to students and teams?

On one level, a team chaplain is a volunteer who is a person of faith who both understands the University's mission and values and is interested in becoming more engaged in student life. The chaplain's primary responsibility is to develop supportive relationships with members of the team, including the head coach and coaching staff. Key characteristics to building and sustaining such relationships are availability, accessibility, and trust. Hence, being present to the team is essential for building such relationships. This presence is then strengthened by listening and engaging in conversations, being of service to the team, as well as offering a prayer or providing words of inspiration before or after competitions and training.

When team chaplains first emerged at Saint Francis University nearly twenty years ago, they were all Franciscan friars. Yet over the years, many lay persons have also served as team chaplains. Hence, the composition of team chaplains at SFU today is very diverse. Some are members of the faculty while others are administrators or staff; some are men and some are women; some are Roman Catholic and others are Protestant.

What does Fellowship of Christian Athletes represent?

FCA is an international and interdenominational Christian sports ministry program which strives to engage coaches and athletes on the professional, collegiate, high school, and youth levels to utilize their love for sports and their Christian faith to evangelize others. It does so by providing training and resources for Christian athletes to help them and others grow spiritually so they can make a difference for Christ. It is the largest ministry program of its kind in the United States.

The FCA sponsors groups on college campuses across the country including Saint Francis University. The FCA has been actively present here for many years and currently meets weekly on Wednesday nights. The group is moderated by several SFU staff members and has an average attendance of 40 to 50 student athletes each week.

Flashbacks

1950s

◆ **Stan Niedzwiecki ’59** moved away from Bay Head, NJ, five miles inland to Wall, NJ. His new neighbor saw the SFU sticker on his car, and came over to introduce himself as **Ed Schlich ’56**, a fellow alumnus. Welcome to the neighborhood, Stan!

1960s

◆ **Gail A’ Hermosilla ’67** was proudly arrested for the first time at the age of 73 while protesting the separation of immigrant families at the U.S. Capital.

1970s

◆ **Pat Mulhern ’73** (left) received the Paul Phillips Award as the Outstanding Marshall in the 2018 Philadelphia St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Pat is a retired Federal Agent and after 9/11 served as an original Air Marshall to safeguard air travel.

1980s

Courtesy Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone/Facebook

◆ **Geraldine (Ertel) Hart ’89**, the senior supervisory resident agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Long Island office, is the new Suffolk County police commissioner. She is the first woman to serve as the county’s police commissioner.

◆ **Louis Shiber ’81** retired from public accounting/consulting in February 2018.

◆ For the fifth straight year members of the Class of ’82 (and East Coast Pizza shareholders) gather for a great weekend together in Cape May, N.J.

2000s

◆ **Tammy (Hager) Aungst, MPAS, PA-C, ’01**, was recently awarded a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Emergency Medicine from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing a national exam in the specialty. She works at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore.

◆ **The David ’02** and **Molly (McCarthy) Diaz ’03** family now totals five with Valentina (1 year old), Lucas (5), and Santana (10), pictured here on his first day of school.

Births and Adoptions

◆ **Julie (Ramsey) Spehar ’05, ’07** and her husband, Borut Spehar, welcomed their daughter, Lydia Eve, on February 7, 2018.

Marriages

Pictured at left from top to bottom

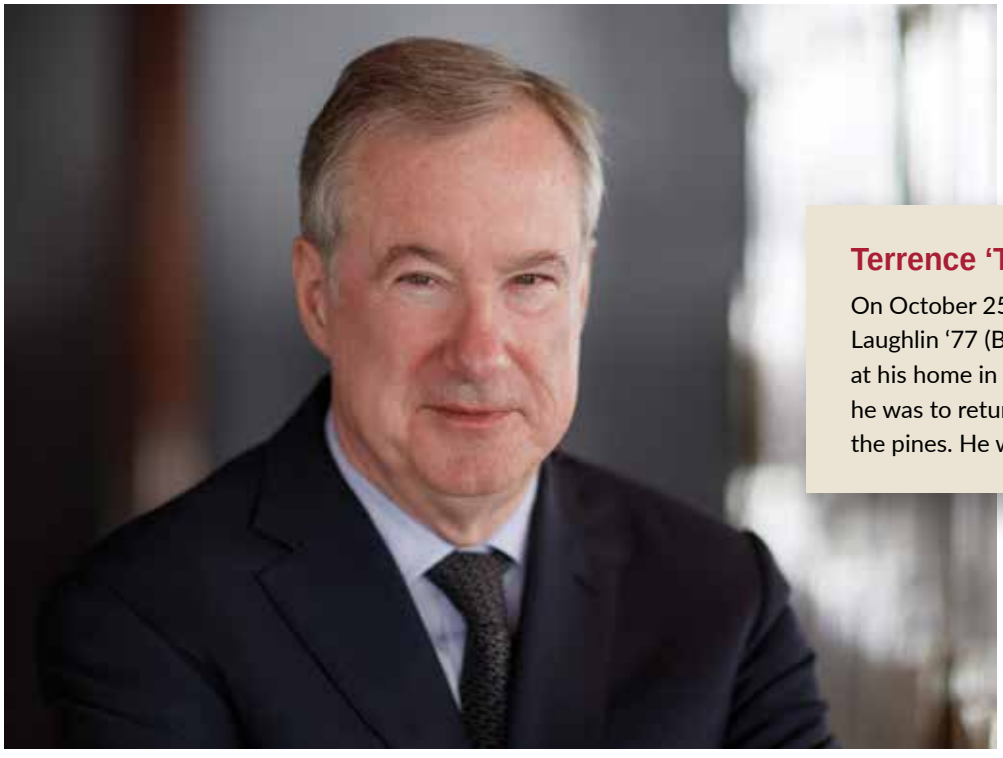
◆ **Joe ’13 ’14 and Janel (Jesberger) Kardine ’13** celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary, September 23, 2018. They were married in Lewes, Delaware in 2017 accompanied by many family and friends. Joe and Janel currently reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he works as an occupational therapist and she as a physician assistant.

◆ **Ed ’80 and Irma Lang** celebrated their second wedding anniversary by having Father Malachi witness their renewal of vows in Ambialet, France, during the University’s Alumni & Friends trip this summer. They reside in Ramsey, N.J.

◆ **Patrick Major ’14 and Maddie (Madore) Major ’13 ’14** were married on July 21, 2018. The two started dating while at St. Francis and attribute much of their relationship success to their time on campus. Eight of the twelve members of the bridal party are also SFU alumni. Photographed are the happy couple and all the SFU alumni that attended the ceremony.

Deaths

Peter L. Basile ’67
George J. Biesinger ’56
Bro. James Boyle, T.O.R.
James Brigotti ’52
John E. Bubser ’55
John “Dick” Condo ’69
Anne Crusan ’73
Jean O. (O’Brien) Dickey ’67
Brendan N. Dolan ’87
Marlene (Skowronski) English ’55
Herbert F. Frazier ’60
Fr. Patrick George, T.O.R. ’52
Carmen Giuffre ’53
Owen Grant ’50
Sister Marietta Therese Hanley ’87
Bro. Lawrence J. Hilferty, T.O.R., ’84
Anthony J. Houck ’50
John J. Howley ’52
Dwight Kelley ’87
Nicholas Kohan ’65
Francis M. Krumpak ’68
Terrence Laughlin, ’77
Eugene Lawn ’66
Eugene “Mike” Long ’64
J. Francis Long ’51
Edward Maloney ’59
Michael McKendry ’72
Francis McTavish ’56
Ian M. McTavish ’15
Judith (Castelluccio) Mitterman ’70
Robert G. Naughton ’49
Richard Schultz ’49
Gregory A. Slatniske ’62
Paul Soltis ’65
John “Jack” Templon ’82
Anthony F. Toronto ’62
Dane Tourscher ’68
Amy (Sharbaugh) Wagner ’78
Walter Zelenski ’58



Terrence ‘Terry’ Laughlin ’77

On October 25, 2018, Terrence ‘Terry’ Laughlin ‘77 (B.S. Accounting) passed away at his home in New York City, the same day he was to return to his alma mater among the pines. He was 63 years old.

Terry’s planned visit to Saint Francis

was mapped out to the minute, an itinerary that only an organized, well-scheduled person like Terry would appreciate. He would arrive at Schwab Hall at 10:45am, greet the students and faculty of the Shields School of Business, likely exchange some pleasantries with Dean Dr. Randy Frye about the new stock ticker hanging in the lobby, then head into Finance 405. There, he would give a seminar to seniors looking for last-minute advice before they set out to start their first “career” jobs and make a name for themselves in the finance industry.

Terry, Vice Chairman and Head of Global Wealth and Investment Management at Bank of America, was vastly overqualified to give a lecture on finance, but his unmatched experience and wisdom would have undoubtedly fired through the wide-eyed students like a volt of electricity, inspiring and motivating their impressionable minds with his every word.

Terry would have humbly introduced himself and noted that he was once in their shoes, before diving into his thoughtfully-prepared presentation that would detail exactly how the business world has changed from 1977 (the year he graduated from SFU) until today. He would have discussed his long, hard-fought career path to the top of a global institution, and shared the experiences

that allowed him to use his Saint Francis education to make the world better.

At 11:45, after the Finance 405 class had dismissed, students would nervously form a line around the classroom, eager for a chance to introduce themselves to one of the most successful alumni to ever graduate from Saint Francis. Four of those seniors would hold back, waiting patiently for their opportunity to shake the hand of the man who took a chance on them. The man with whom they would forever be connected.

There were no handshakes on October 25th. Instead, an email from Dr. Frye: "It saddens me to inform you that Mr. Terry Laughlin, our scheduled Executive-in-Residence, passed away at his residence in Manhattan prior to making his scheduled trip here to visit us. I regret that you were not able to meet and hear from this amazing man, and one of the most accomplished business alumni in the history of our school."

Terry didn't make the trip to Loretto, but he did leave his imprint on those four students—Amelia Metzler, Dominic Stevens, Amanda Crnic, and Hannah Retherford—and so many more at the Saint Francis Shields School of Business who will carry Terry's legacy far beyond Schwab Hall's grand brick facade, paying homage to him through their own careers and, someday, their own legacies.

Terry remained deeply connected to Saint Francis through alumni gatherings and friendships with classmates. Most recently, he enjoyed reuniting with his Class of 1977 friends at Alumni Weekend in the summer of 2017.

Every return visit to Loretto, he looked for ways to give back to his alma mater. During his most recent visit, Terry reached out to Dr. Randy Frye and Dr. John Miko of the Shields School of Business, proposing ways he could connect to the business school at a student-level. He suggested providing Finance and Accounting students a chance to get their "foot in the door" with internship opportunities at Bank of America.

Dr. Frye and Dr. Miko selected students they felt would be the best fit for the positions. Students submitted their resumes and held interviews with Terry's colleagues. All obtained internships that led to job opportunities in the cities of their choice.

This wasn't the first time Terry gave back to his alma mater. In 2006, he met with Robert Crusciel '86, then Director of Major Gifts, asking how he could help. The two ran through a list of projects that Terry might be interested in, and one caught Terry's eye.

"It became quickly apparent to me that Terry wanted to help with student scholarships," said Crusciel, now Vice President for Advancement. "He made clear that his priorities were to help students through an endowment."

Preliminary plans were underway to honor Dr. Larry Pion, former Biology professor who had retired after a 45-year career at Saint Francis. Though Terry had been an Accounting major, he fondly recalled taking Dr. Pion's class and decided to provide $50,000 to establish the fund.

"Just as a highly-energized and engaged professor does, Terry contributed a great deal to provide transformational educational opportunities to deserving Saint Francis University students," reflected Dr. Frye. "We will always be in his debt."

A LASTING IMPACT

In a quest to honor Terry Laughlin, two of his protégés have agreed to visit campus on January 15, 2019 to fulfill Terry's pledge to speak at Saint Francis University.

The Shields School of Business Investment Club will host Mr. Jeffrey Busconi, Managing Director of Global Wealth Management and Investment Management for Bank of America, and Mr. Michael Lyons, Head of Corporate and Institutional Banking and Asset Management Group at PNC Bank. The lecture will be sponsored by the Dr. Albert A. Zanzuccki Endowed Chair in Business Distinguished Speakers' Program.

Additionally, Bank of America has pledged to continue to work with Saint Francis University in securing internships and jobs for deserving students. The Shields School of Business is thrilled to continue to partnership that Terry started.

Terry's Legacy

Shields' Deans reflect

"Few alumni did more than Terry to help us 'connect' our top business students to high-profile internships and career opportunities at Bank of America. While many saw Terry as a 'Captain of the American Banking Industry' and valuable mentor and leader, we saw him as a friend, loyal alumnus, and 'That Someone' who gave back to Saint Francis University in a powerful way by influencing and shaping lives and careers for students and graduates."

— Dr. Randy Frye,
Dean of The Shields School of Business

"Terry was instrumental in helping several of our students secure internships within Bank of America. A great deal of these opportunities led to full-time offers in what will be fruitful professional careers. While the students interned with BofA this past summer, Terry took time away from his ultra-busy schedule to meet with and check on them, providing advice and encouraging them. Terry has made an impact and difference for our University and in the lives of these young promising students."

— Dr. John Miko,
Associate Dean of the Shields School of Business

Students say "thank you"

"Terry has inspired me to work harder to eventually put myself in the situation to give back to Saint Francis in a similar way."

— Dominic Stevens '19

"If I could tell Terry anything, it would be thank you. I wish I could thank him, not only for the internship and now job opportunity, but also for his graciousness in taking time to remember Saint Francis and the students that were just like him."

— Amelia Metzler '19

"I wish I could tell Terry how much I appreciate everything he's done for me throughout the years we knew each other. He had no obligation, but he gave me more than I ever could have asked for."

— Cole Bush '16

"Terry had an impactful influence on my career path. The opportunity that he provided me allowed me to find a sector of the finance world that I never would have thought to join. I am very thankful for the chance to move to the place I want to live with a wonderful job."

— Hannah Retherford '19

"It was a true pleasure and privilege to know Terry, and I would thank him for his support, guidance, and mentorship throughout my career. I hope to be in a position to pay it forward some day. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his family."

— Pablo Medina '17

"I am so proud to have known an alumnus that has given back in such a meaningful way. I hope to someday, like Terry, have a lasting influence on SFU."

— Amanda Crnic '19

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