



*Saint Francis University
2017 Faculty and Staff
Recognition Luncheon
May 3, 2017*

*11:30 a.m.
JFK Lounge*

Program of Events

Invocation

Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.
President

Lunch

Recognition of Retirees

Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.
President

Retirees

John D. Pauley—20 years of service

General Trades—Carpenter
Physical Plant

Dr. Glenna L. Zeak—9 years of service

Associate Professor,
Education

Presentation of Special Awards

Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.
President

**The 28th annual Theodore Soriano Outstanding Service Award for
Administrative Employees and the John Soriano Outstanding
Service Award for Operational Employees are made possible
through an endowment established by the late
Mr. Theodore J. Long of Altoona, PA.**

Theodore Soriano—Finalist for Administrative Employees

**April L. Fry Dr. Frank C. Montecalvo, Jr.
Dr. Timothy R. Whisler Theresa Wilson**

Theodore Soriano Outstanding Service Award for Administrators

Ms. April L. Fry - Assistant Director, Academic Success
ACT 101 Counselor

“April is one person behind the scenes that does so much for our students. She advises students and families to her fullest capabilities and always refers them to other departments to make sure their situation is covered full circle. She always has a positive outlook for the student’s best interest.”

“April goes above and beyond in helping our students in any way she can, whether it's with course scheduling, accommodations for students with disabilities, or directing students to whatever information or professionals they may need. She is a wonderful source of information and support to parents, faculty and other staff.”

John Soriano—Finalist for Operational Employees

**Beverly A. Bender Kathleen M. Gaudlip Terri J. Kirby
Linda A. Kline Beth Ann Warner Robert F. Zaman**

John Soriano Outstanding Service Award for Operational Employees

Mr. Robert F. Zaman - University Police Officer

“Bob has worked for the university for many years. He is always friendly, willing to help and a hard worker. He embodies the Franciscan vision of the university and truly serves the campus community while hardly ever being recognized for his hard work.”

“Robert Zaman is a very hardworking officer. Without his assistance throughout our department, we would be lost in the sauce. Zaman is in charge of maintenance and addressing the issues for the cameras across campus and without those, many crimes and incidents would go unsolved. He continues to this day to improve the quality and the coverage of said cameras. Zaman has also assisted in many other cases in which his knowledge of the University and its people have gone miles. Zaman has been an employee of the university for a very long time and deserves to have his service finally recognized.”

25 Year Recipients

Terri J. Kirby

Terri started her career at Saint Francis in 1991 as the Learning Resource Center secretary. She served for one year in 1995 as the Assistant to the Director of CERMUSA; and from 1996 to 2004, she served as Faculty Secretary for general faculty and for the Education/Graduate Education department.

In 2004, Terri became the Office Assistant for the Academic Center for Enrichment, where she was promoted to Academic Support Specialist for the newly developed Center for Academic Success & First-Year Experience. She continues to be a cornerstone for the department by coordinating the Testing Center. Her work with students through the Testing Center, especially those needing academic accommodations, is a crucial part of the mission of the department and the university. She is often the first friendly face students see when they walk into the center and is beyond extraordinary in all she does for the department.

The University values and appreciates Terri's service and work ethic and congratulates her on 25 years of faithful Franciscan service.

Linda A. Kline

Linda began her career at Saint Francis in 1992 as a part time secretary for Residence Life. She was hired full time as the Academic Affairs Faculty Support Assistant in 1994. In 2006, Linda became the Administrative Assistant for History, Political Science and Foreign Languages departments. In the Spring of 2015, members of the Education Department were delighted to welcome Linda to their team. She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the department. Linda is committed to a career which encompasses life-long learning and active engagement within the University and the wider community. Her flexibility and resourcefulness ensured a smooth transition as the entire department moved into new classrooms and office space. Her meticulous attention to detail and ability to gather and organize data is valued as she flawlessly completes state and federal reporting requirements. Linda attends campus training sessions to ensure she is utilizing the best practices, platforms, and resources to get the job done in an efficient, productive manner.

Not only does Linda share her creative ideas within the Department, she also extends herself through active engagement in many campus and community-based organizations. Linda is particularly proud of offering support to International Students. In years past, her family has hosted many Easter and Thanksgiving dinners for up to 10 International students at a time. Beyond the work day, Linda works tirelessly to devote energy to the SFU Blanketeers, March for Life events, and Relay for Life fundraisers. She is dedicated to serving those less fortunate in the local area.

Those who know Linda, recognize her hard work, dedication, and commitment to Saint Francis University. Faculty, staff, and students are most appreciative of Linda's tremendous work ethic and contributions to the University and extended community. For twenty-five years of faithful Franciscan service, Saint Francis University extends its heartfelt gratitude.

Dr. Mark T Lynch

Dr. Lynch has been inspiring and teaching students at Saint Francis University since the fall of 1992 as assistant professor in Social Work. Mark was promoted to Associate Professor in 2004. In 2005, he was appointed to Program Manager of IM4Q. In 2010, Mark was promoted to Professor of Social Work in the School of Arts and Letters. In 2013, he was named Chair of the Social Work department.

Dr. Lynch has dedicated his professional life to his discipline, department and university. Indeed, he is passionate about his pursuits. He has steadfastly defended and promoted the study of Social Work in the face of those who mistakenly referred to his field as Sociology, Psychology or simply Behavioral Science. He always calmly corrected the misguided.

Far from the inside joke that his MSW stood for 'Mean Social Worker', Dr. Lynch's compassion for his students and their journey through undergraduate studies has few equals. In particular, he devotes special attention to students who struggle either with the material or with life. As long as the student wants to succeed and works at the task at hand, he never gives up on them. He'll gladly and repeatedly give whatever it takes to assist the willing. In short, he helps those who wish to help themselves.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Lynch has advised the Social Work Club. Its signature Take Back the Night activities have become a university tradition. He is a moderator of Phi Alpha Honor Society. He is a member of the Advisory Board, Professional Family Care Services. He is always seeking out opportunities to promote the University and Social Work. He has been a force in transforming the Social Work program into the Social Work Department. He is in the midst of yet another Council of Social Work Education accreditation cycle. Dr. Lynch is investigating possible ventures to bring an MSW program to Loretto. His dream, however, is developing a Social Work exchange program with the University of Taiwan. Dr. Lynch's colleagues have recognized his achievements by bestowing the Swatsworth Award upon him in 2001.

To those who do not know Dr. Lynch well, he seems to be stereotypical—an outspoken professor who is a bit rumpled and a tad forgetful in a messy office. In reality, he believes strongly in fairness, equity and ethics. He loves the underdog and embraces the just cause. Warm, compassionate and sympathetic, he would do anything for someone who needed something. His keen wit and sense of humor is appreciated by all. His ability to engage in conversation makes him quick and lasting friends. And did I mention he is passionate and candid? Such devotion is evident in his love for family—and golf. His support for Pittsburgh professional sports teams is unquestioned as is his backing of the University of West Virginia and the Red Flash. And he still has a soft spot for a vintage Triumph Spitfire sports car.

Saint Francis University extends its heartfelt appreciation to Mark Lynch for twenty-five years of service and dedication.

Lori A. Schrift

Lori Schrift began her career as Secretary for Student Activities/College Center. Lori is always working toward high achievement and student satisfaction. In 2006, her title was changed to Facilities and Events Coordinator for Center for Student Life.

Lori has been and continues to be a mentor and role model to many students. She has a strong faith, a strong work ethic and always a positive attitude. Lori is instrumental in coordinating all activities in the JFK Center. She is an advisor for the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority. Lori received the Student Government Association Outstanding Advisor Award in 2011.

Lori is active within the campus community and local community as well. Lori's pleasant demeanor and willingness to go "the extra mile" are just a few of her finest attributes. Lori has been and continues to be a valuable asset here at Saint Francis and the University thanks her for her many years of faithful Franciscan service.

Craig J. Sikurinec

Craig began his employment with Saint Francis University as a Computer Programmer/Analyst in August of 1992, shortly after earning his bachelor degree in computer science. He maintained a strong academic record and was familiar with the computer systems that were already in place at the university. His first duties were to familiarize himself with office procedures and the POISE data management system. He quickly learned to develop and improve user applications.

He participated in the John B. Gunter Community Leadership Initiative Class of 2006. His participation enabled him to enhance his executive skills and provide the opportunity for him to become involved in community service.

In 2006, he was promoted to Administrative Systems Manager. In this position he became responsible for the successful migration of the administrative information system from the POISE platform to the Jenzabar CX platform.

In 2008, Craig achieved his Master of Business Administration graduate degree. Once again he used this experience to enhance the performance of the department. Craig's work style has always been a perfect fit for the department. He is methodical, accurate and careful. He fully analyzes the elements and possibilities in each situation.

Craig is a valued employee. His efforts exemplify his professionalism and willingness to do what is necessary for the many important processes that keep the university operating on a daily basis.

Congratulations to Craig on a successful 25 years and we wish him many more.

Kevin I. Stasko

Kevin began his tenure at Saint Francis in 1992 in Torvian Dining Hall as a delivery driver. In 1995, he transferred to Physical Plant as a custodian.

Kevin always has a cheerful smile for students, faculty and staff. He takes pride in his work as a member of the Physical Plant's custodial department. He is always willing to help when needed in areas and buildings all over campus. Kevin is a team player and his attention to detail does not go unnoticed. He truly cares about doing a good job, helping his fellow workers and providing a service that is integral to the University.

The Physical Plant extends our heartfelt gratitude to Kevin for twenty-five years of dedicated service to Saint Francis University and salutes him on this accomplishment.

Dr. Timothy R. Whisler

Dr. Whisler began his career as assistant professor of history in 1992 and has moved smoothly through the ranks and through tenure. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1998 and then Professor in 2004. He was appointed chair of the History/Political Science Department in 2005 and successfully lead the department through a review and revision of its program curriculum.

In the fall of 2008, Tim was appointed interim dean of the newly formed, School of Humanities, Behavioral Science, and Education. In that role he guided the faculty with wisdom and care through the formation of the new school; calming fears, offering reassurance, and responding with respect to all the different agendas that come with such a diverse collection of departments. In fact, it was leadership with such deftness and skill that he was chosen by the faculty of the school to be the inaugural dean of the school, since renamed the School of Arts & Letters. Also in 2004, Dr. Timothy Whisler received the Distinguished Faculty Award and in 2008, he received the Gerald & Helen Swatsworth Faculty Award.

Dr. Whisler inspires confidence in all those around him, he listens carefully, is collaborative in his approach, and sure-footed in his decisions. Most importantly, perhaps, he is wise enough to seek counsel from all those around him.

For twenty-five years of faithful Franciscan service, Saint Francis University extends its heartfelt gratitude.

David P. Wilson

Dave has made a dramatic impact on our students throughout his tenure at Saint Francis University. He inculcates dignity and respect with his service as he cares for his clients. His demeanor provides clear direction as he moves students to goals that benefit them personally, academically, and spiritually.

His compassion and care represents a hallmark of service to the Saint Francis University community. Dave has provided unwavering leadership through the years beyond the Counseling Department. His stewardship in the past included management of the University's Student Health Center, Summer Orientation and Registration program, and outreach programs for faculty and staff to foster a more engaged professional community.

Dave's character and integrity is seconded only by his fidelity to the mission of Saint Francis University.

Dr. Thomas A. Woods

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." These humble words reflect the life and work of Dr. Thomas Woods at Saint Francis University.

Beginning his career at the University in 1988 as Director of the Dorothy Day Center, Dr. Woods answered the call to serve his community brothers and sisters. Providing basic necessities such as food, clothing, monetary supplements to the underserved were daily occurrences. Assisting those in need by providing food and gifts to enable family celebrations throughout the year were of utmost importance. Dr. Woods performed all of the above with a humble and generous heart.

In 1992, Dr. Woods moved from the Dorothy Day Center to the Upward Bound Program where he served the University in the capacity of Counselor to high school students who would become first generation college students. He resigned from Saint Francis in 1995 to attend the PA Program graduating with his degree as a physician assistant in 1997. He worked clinically to serve the community at large as a clinical Physician Assistant full-time for a year and then was rehired in the Physician Assistant department as an Assistant Professor. In 2005, Thomas was promoted to Associate Professor and then to Professor in 2011. It was also during this time that he completed his Doctor of Health Science degree.

Although quick to deflect any glory, noting that he does what he does only because it the "right thing to do," Dr. Woods has been recognized with a variety of awards and honors. He has received the New Faculty Award for Professional Excellence in 2000 as well as the Saint Francis Honor Society Distinguished Faculty Award in 2002, 2006 and again in 2015. He has also served on a number of Faculty Senate Committees, and has continued to quietly serve his professional and faith communities in numerous ways.

Dr. Woods is known and loved by all. Family is of utmost importance to Dr. Woods, and he is often seen attending events with his wife and daughters. Faculty and students alike demonstrate a strong respect for this man of faith. Physician Assistant students note that although he demands much from them, he is fair. After being taught by Dr. Woods, they feel "prepared to enter to the world of medicine."

Saint Francis University is truly blessed to have Dr. Thomas A. Woods serve our community. He truly "preaches the Gospel" on a daily basis.

Anniversary Employee Awards

5 Year

Carrie D. Beebout	Janet M. Hildebrand	Amy E. Lytle
Christine Ann Binduga	Douglas E. Hoover	Dr. James N. Scott
Gale K. DeArmin	Chad Hutsko	Michael C. Sell
Edith Jane Dutko	Priscilla R. Kalwasinski	Eric E. Taylor
Rhonda L. Farabaugh	Heather R. Kindel	Derek C. Tyson
April L. Fry	Damian M. Lauer	Beth Ann Warner
Jonathan W. Gibson	Rev. Joseph J. Lehman, TOR, Ph.D.	Dr. Kristofer S. Wisniewski
Cynthia M. Henderson	Justin D. Locke	Sarah J. Wood
Kelly A. Henderson	Eric M. Long	Vanessa Lee Yingling

10 Year

Jennifer L. Adams
Gregory Anstead
Dr. Timothy W. Bintrim
Dr. Lauri A. Chose
Madeline A. Grecek
Loretta A. Johnson

Dr. Curtis C. Kindel
Joseph D. Koehle
Kylie M. Lamb
Laurie A. Madison
Joyce A. McGough
Donald E. Miles

Dr. Ivan J. Mulligan
Laura D. Papcunik
Timothy P. Perkins
Barry G. Radebach
Connie H. Wahl

15 Year

Renee M. Bernard
Kevin C. Carruthers
Gabrielle M. Cronin
Jane A. Diehl
Carol A. Farabaugh
JoAnn J. Farabaugh

James Kissell
Tammy K. Koscho
Jeremy J. Mattes
Dr. John S. Miko
Rosemary Nastasi

Paul B. Ropp
Jacob Taylor
Rev. Malachi VanTassell, TOR, Ph.D.
David M. Wolfe
Susan M. Zentack

20 Year

Beth Bellock
Marian E. Bender
Monica A. Campbell
Dr. Rose A. Clark
Kevin D. Long

Dr. Stephen M. LoRusso
Beth M. McGregor
Marnita M. Ralph
Dr. Susan K. Reimer

Vickie L. Soyka
Dr. Donald E. Walkovich
Mary Ann Wharton
Dr. Lening Zhang

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David P. Wilson
Dr. Thomas A. Woods

30 Year

Janet E. Adams
H. Terrence Bennett

Jean A. Farabaugh
Raymond C. George

William D. Quist

35 Year

Karen M. Kirk
Linda L. Kline

Lois L. Quist
Edward J. Shank

Joyce A. Weakland

40 Year

Martha A. O'Brien

Employees completing degrees in the past year:

Anna M. Baldasarre – Master of Education
Dr. Renee M. Bernard – Doctorate in Education
Dr. Mark A. Boland– Master of Business Administration
Bonnie M. Crynock - Associate of Science in Business Administration
Danielle L. Howard - Master of Human Resource Management
Mandy L. Lasinsky - Master of Health Science
Dr. Jennifer M. Misiura - Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
Dr. Julie M. Nagle - Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
Michael C. Sell – Master of Business Administration
Monica E. Shedlock - Master of Human Resource Management
Alyssa C. Sheehan - Master of Business Administration
Morgan C. Whited - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering
Catherine A. Wills - Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Management

Other Acknowledgements:

Student Government Association Outstanding Advisor Award—
Dr. Margaret A. Morales

Saint Francis Honor Society Distinguished Faculty Award—
Ms. Amy E. Hudkins

Gerald & Helen Swatsworth Faculty Award—
Dr. Curtis C. Kindel

Benediction

Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.
President

