

Saint Francis University Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon May 8, 2019

> 11:30 a.m. JFK Lounge

Program of Events

Invocation Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

President

Lunch

Recognition of Retirees Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

President

Retirees

Michael J. Blaisdell Director, Network Services

30 years of service IT Services

Lisa A. Buck Programs Coordinator

34 years of service Physical Therapy

Dean D. Dietrick Custodial Services Manager

33 years of service Physical Plant

Nina L. Dillalogue Cook

18 years of service Torvian Dining Services

Bernard J. Endler, Jr. Custodial Worker 2

41 years of service Physical Plant

Karen G. McCabe Assistant Director

19 years of service Student Health Center

Phyllis M. McNulty Custodial Worker 1

33 years of service Physical Plant

Donna M. Menis Instructor, Communications
40 years of service Director, Honors Program

Coordinator, Academic Recognition Events

Martha E. O'Brien Director

42 years of service General Education

Charles R. Olson Professor
43 years of service Fine Arts

Josie A. Owens Administrative Assistant
43 years of service Torvian Dining Services

Edward J. Shank Head Greenskeeper 37 years of service Physical Plant

Connie H. Wahl Cashier/Checker

13 years of service Torvian Dining Services

David P. Wilson Director

27 years of service Counseling Center

Ronald L. Woodring Water Facility Operator

20 years of service Physical Plant

Presentation of Special Awards Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

President

The 30th annual Soriano Outstanding Service Awards: The awards are made possible through an endowment established by the late Mr. Theodore J. Long of Altoona, PA.

Theodore Soriano – Finalists for Administrators

Dr. Bobby L. Anderson

Ryan D. Geiger

Briana L. Keith

Dr. Frank C. Montecalvo, Jr.

Robert J. Young, Jr.

Theodore Soriano Outstanding Service Award for Administrators

Briana L. Keith - Senior Instructional Design and Technology Specialist

"Briana provides outstanding service every day. Her positive and friendly attitude immediately puts even the most hesitant at ease. She is extremely conscientious in ensuring that our colleagues receive the guidance and answers they need in a timely and courteous manner, and frequently goes over and above what is expected."

"Briana has been a great resource ever since she began working here. She has always gone above and beyond to help me and our department to learn how to use the ever constant changing technology. She is very practical and is willing to listen to help solve any hiccups that we may encounter."

John Soriano – Finalists for Operational Employees

Nicole M. Bauman Shannon R. Eckenrode

Linda A. Kline

Jacqueline E. Mazeika Lori A. Schrift

Beth Ann Warner

John Soriano Outstanding Service Award for Operational Employees

Lori A. Schrift - Facilities Coordinator, Center for Student Engagement

"For the past 27 years, Lori Schrift has provided unparalleled customer service, teamwork, and leadership in her role as Facilities & Events Coordinator. There is not a single department, division, program, or student organization that doesn't rely heavily on her expertise, attention to detail, and sound judgement when planning and coordinating their events."

"Lori goes above and beyond and is always willing to step up and help. She treats everyone with respect and holds the students that work for her accountable."

Gina M. Grove Supervisor - Frankies

Gina Grove began her employment at Saint Francis University in August 1994 as a part-time cook at Frankie's Café. In September 2006, she was hired full-time as the Morning Supervisor at Frankie's. Gina is always willing to lend a helping hand to the students and her co-workers. Gina's daughter will begin college this fall at SFU; and her oldest daughter will be graduating from Saint Vincent College next year, carrying on the Catholic college tradition. Gina's experience will be valuable as the transformation of Frankie's Café evolves.

Saint Francis University extends congratulations to Gina on her 25 years of service!

Deborah A. Lowmaster Custodial Worker 1

Deborah Lowmaster began her employment at Saint Francis University in September 1993 as a part-time catering employee. In August 1995, she was promoted to a full-time line worker in Dining Services. Deborah accepted a position as a Custodial Worker 1 in the Physical Plant Department in November 2002. During Deborah's 25-year career, she has established a rapport with both students and employees. Her experience and knowledge of the campus has proven to be of great value to the Saint Francis University community.

Saint Francis University extends our heartfelt congratulations to Deborah for her 25 years of service!

Francis T. Mikula Custodial Worker 2

Francis Mikula began his employment at Saint Francis University in November 1993 as a full-time, temporary custodial worker. In September 1994, he was promoted to the position of full-time Custodial Worker 1; and again promoted to Custodial Worker 2 in September 2000. Taking the gamble and beginning a career as a temporary worker has given Saint Francis University the loyalty and dedication of a 25-year employee.

Saint Francis University is grateful and congratulates Francis for his 25 years of service!

Barbara A. Shingle Bookstore Manager

Barb began her career at Saint Francis College Bookstore in 1981 to 1983 choosing to be a "stay at home mom" for the next 11 years. Barb returned to the bookstore in 1994 as the Bookstore Assistant. She performed all office duties, as well as purchasing clothing and gift items. As technology evolved, Barb's role at the bookstore expanded assisting the manager in all aspects of effectively operating the bookstore daily.

In 2008, Barb was promoted to Assistant Manager. In 2011, the bookstore was leased to Barnes and Noble Education. As part of this transition, Barb was hired as the Bookstore Manager.

For the past 8 years, Barb has worked diligently to bring Barnes and Noble programs to our University, including textbook rental and digital programs to our students. She continually strives to form new partnerships with campus departments, students, and faculty. Barb and her husband Mark are parents to four children and have been blessed with eight grandchildren. Barb enjoys spending time with her family, and gardens and sews in her spare time.

Saint Francis University extends congratulations to Barb for her 25 years of service!

Dian M. Smith Cashier/Server

Dian Smith began working for Saint Francis University part-time in August 1994 as a Line Cook for Frankie's Café. In March 2006, she was promoted to a full-time Cashier/Server at Café Gubbio. Dian now works at Adamucci Café. To say Dian knows her coffee is an understatement. She knows the brews people love and is well versed in the ever growing popular drinks. Dian has shown great service and dedication to employees and students alike throughout her employment.

Saint Francis University congratulates Dian for her 25 years of service!

Dr. John J. Trimble Professor - Biology

"Nothing in biology makes sense except in light of evolution." -Theodosius Dobzhansky In 25 years of teaching experience, Dr. John J. Trimble learned that the most important things students want are a professional and personal relationship with their Professor, and to be challenged. In addition to being authentic, Dr. Trimble strives to challenge students. He is an advocate for student success in the classroom, laboratory courses and research projects. He brought extensive research experience in virology, and enthusiasm for microbiology and evolution to the classroom and laboratory. As a Darwinian disciple, he taught the wisdom of the single most important idea in biology: descent with modification. May students embrace this ethos and carry on his legacy by speaking intelligently and enthusiastically for, and in defense of, evolution and science. As a secular humanist, he served his communities in the Monastery Community Gardens, growing fresh produce for the SVDP Altoona food bank and soup kitchen. John was the second Saint Francis faculty member selected to serve as a U.S. State Department Fulbright Scholar, in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2011. In 2002, he was voted the Gerald & Helen Swatsworth faculty award winner for teaching, research and service.

Saint Francis University extends its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. John Trimble for 25 years of service and dedication.

Dr. Edward P. Zovinka Professor - Chemistry

Since 1994, Edward P. Zovinka has been a strong proponent of undergraduate research, advising almost 40 undergraduate students leading to presentations at local, regional, and national scientific meetings, and to 31 publications spanning journals from the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* to *The Chemical Educator*. During his career, he has been the Principal Investigator on successful proposals to NSF, ACS, and the PA Department of Education for research, equipment, and community outreach programs. Dr. Zovinka served as the "Building Shepherd" during the construction of the Science Center. He is strongly committed to improving science education: for 24 years he has directed the Rural Outreach Chemistry for Kids (R.O.C.K.) program that annually reaches over 5,000 K-12 students. Dr. Zovinka's awards include the *Pennsylvania Professor the Year* award, the J. Kevin Scanlon Award for the Promotion of Science by SSP, and the Carnegie Science Center Awards for Excellence in the University/Post-secondary Educator category.

Saint Francis University extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Edward Zovinka for 25 years of faithful franciscan service.

Anniversary Employee Awards

5 years

Richard S. Bertie, Jr. Dr. Lanika Y. Ruzhitskaya Sandra N. McCarty Dr. Roxana L. Cazan Luke C. McConnell Jeffery L. Savino Sarah A. Dumm Dr. Tricia G. McFadden Stephanie M. Schrift Michele A Foster Bernice T. Nagle Dawn N. Shedlock Heather A. Gides Dr. Julie M. Nagle Christie L. Sidola Ryan P. Gribbin Marco V. Pecora Christopher G. Smith Lisa K. Hartmann John S. Peterman, Jr. Katherine E. White-Deater Joshua A. Hutchison Dr. Samantha A. Radford Alyssa L. Zaliznock Dr. Amanda J. Martino Sandra J. Rea

10 years

Mary C. Adams Christopher H. Villarrial Cindy J. Drenning Kelly Aharrah Dr. Kimberly A. Forst Dr. Heather A. Vitko Lisa A. Gillen Dr. Douglas R. Bleggi Laura N. Wagner Dr. Mark A. Boland Dr. Brendon L. LaBuz Christina M. Wood Dr. Denise H. Damico Melissa A. Long Brian S. Wright Carole A. Dietrich David M. McCoy

15 years

Dr. Bobby L. Anderson Richard E. Kirsch Dr. Rita M. Trofino James W. Hegedus Richard J. Steen Brenda Van Stralen Thomas Kendziora Carol L. Stoltz

20 years

Annette A. Chunko

Erin E. McCloskey

Erika C. Renwick

Br. Shamus J. McGrenra, T.O.R.

Michael Rumbaugh

Bonnie M. Crynock

Dr. Edward J. Mihelcic

Charles C. Staib

Denise M. Gilkey

Dr. Marnie L. Moist

Linda M. Trinkley

William A. Horner

Thomas E. Myers

Bernadette A. Yeager

25 years

Gina M. Grove Barbara A. Shingle Dr. John J. Trimble
Deborah A. Lowmaster Dian M. Smith Dr. Edward P. Zovinka

Francis T. Mikula

30 years

Patricia A. Eckenrode Shelley A. Kirkpatrick Philip F. Penatzer
Philip A. Fryzlewicz Douglas E. Noon Pamela A. Zemrose

35 years

Dr. Randy L. Frye Thomas M. Sheehan Dr. John F. Woznak

Annette S. Kelly

40 years

Marjorie A. Conrad Bernard M. Storm

45 years

Dominick F. Peruso, Sr.

Employees completing degrees in the past year

Dr. Amy E. Hudkins - Doctor of Health Science

Rebecca F. Larkins - Master of Human Resource Management

Jennifer L. Merry - Master of Business Administration

Donald E. Miles - Master of Education

Stephanie M. Schrift - Master of Human Resource Management

Dr. Heather A. Vitko - Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Other Acknowledgements

Student Government Association Outstanding Advisor Award—

Br. Rufino Corona, T.O.R.

Saint Francis Honor Society Distinguished Faculty Award—

Dr. Thomas A. Woods

Gerald & Helen Swatsworth Faculty Award—Brent M. Ottaway

Community Engagement Awards—

Engaged Faculty Member - Dr. Kristofer S. Wisniewski

Engaged Staff Member - Michael C. Sell

National Society of Leadership and Success Awards—

Excellence in Service to Students Award -

Fall 2018 Dr. Frank C. Montecalvo, Jr.; Spring 2019 Lisa A. Georgiana

Excellence in Teaching Award -

Fall 2018 Dr. Denise H. Damico; Spring 2019 Gale K. DeArmin

Benediction

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

President

