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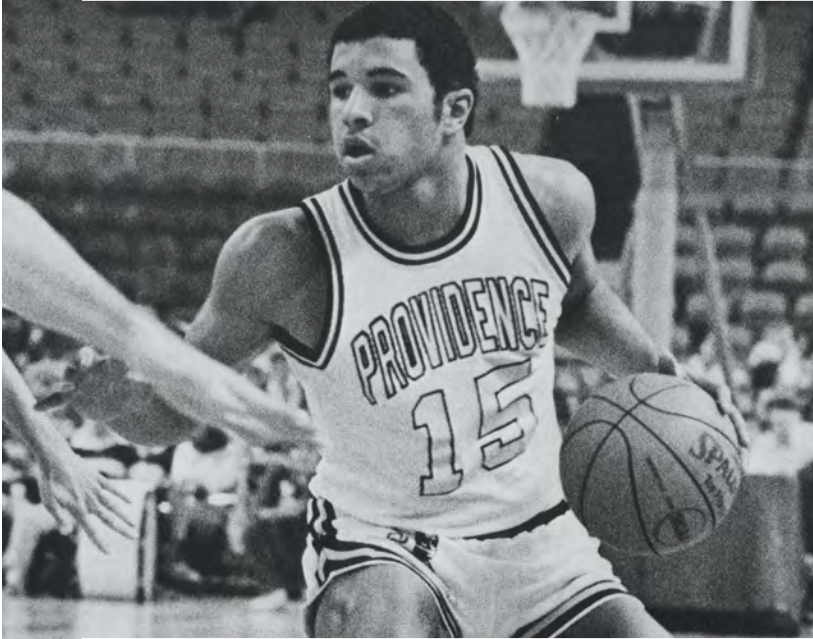
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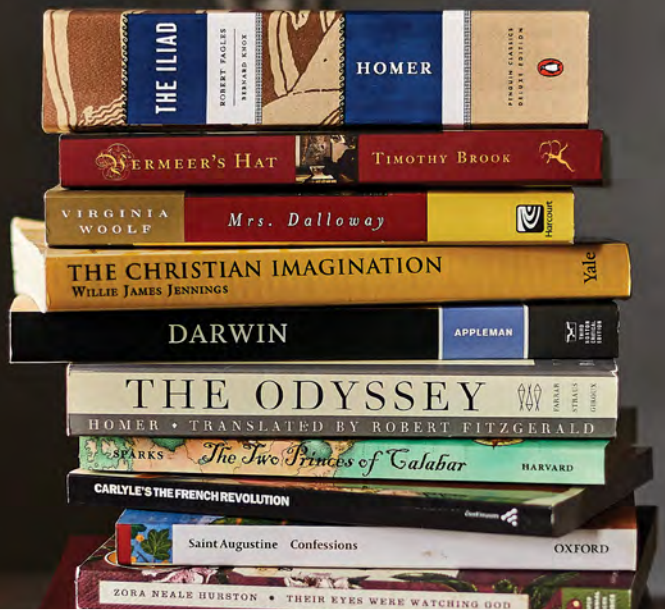
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A Glaring Oversight

In your *Providence College Magazine*, 50 Years of Women, Spring 2021 issue, you failed to give even passing coverage to an important aspect of life at PC, the arrival and the incorporation of women as dorm students when PC went co-ed.

Dr. Donna McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., '87G taught graduate history courses at the college and worked for the Rev. Walter J. Heath, O.P. as head of women's residence from McVinney Hall. "Donna," as she preferred to be called, was also a strong supporter of women's sports at PC.

I returned to PC in the late '70s as a graduate student working for the MBA degree. I occasionally worked for Donna as a front desk volunteer at the women's residence halls, controlling the access of residents and visitors to the dorms and enforcing the curfew.

The lack of any reporting on the women's dorm life experience was a glaring omission. The several RAs who worked for Donna would take very strong exception to your magazine's complete lack of coverage of the women's dorm life experience that shaped many students as they passed through their formative and intellectual growth years at PC.

While there is a cursory plaque for Donna McCaffrey in the quad between Aquinas and McDermott halls, it fails to cover her dedication and indefatigable work on behalf of women dorm students.

I failed to locate any "Letters to the Editor" section in your magazine. Surely, such a section can serve as a useful barometer and a feedback mechanism of how the magazine is performing with your readers.

— William P. Forster '64, '79G



👍 Best Issue Ever

Simply stated, the latest issue of *Providence College Magazine* is the BEST EVER! It arrived in yesterday's mail and the seven essays by women alums were so inspiring, I felt compelled to read it nonstop.

As a member of the "tie and jacket" all-male student body which never witnessed the remarkably transformation which ensued after we were long gone, I nonetheless take great pride in learning how well the entirety of the PC family has welcomed and nurtured much needed change. I only wish that I had been part of it!

— Major Wheelock '58

✂️ CORRECTIONS

A photograph on Page 15 of the Spring 2021 magazine incorrectly identified a student as Ethan Dionne '22. The student was Jared DiBella '22.

David R. Amaral '79 was incorrectly included in the list of deaths in the Spring 2021 issue. "I am very much alive," he assures us. His father, David A. Amaral, died in April 2021.



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'23 & Me

WHEN ISABELLA COREY '23 APPLIED TO PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, her grandmother told her about a Friar connection — her great-great uncle, Rev. Matthew Leo Carolan, O.P. '23, was a member of PC's first four-year graduating class. Father Carolan entered the Dominican Order following graduation and returned to PC as professor of Latin and founder of the Carolan Club for residential students. He died in 1938 from complications of an appendectomy. Corey, a health policy and management major from Duxbury, Mass., is pictured holding his class pennant, which she donated to the PC archives.



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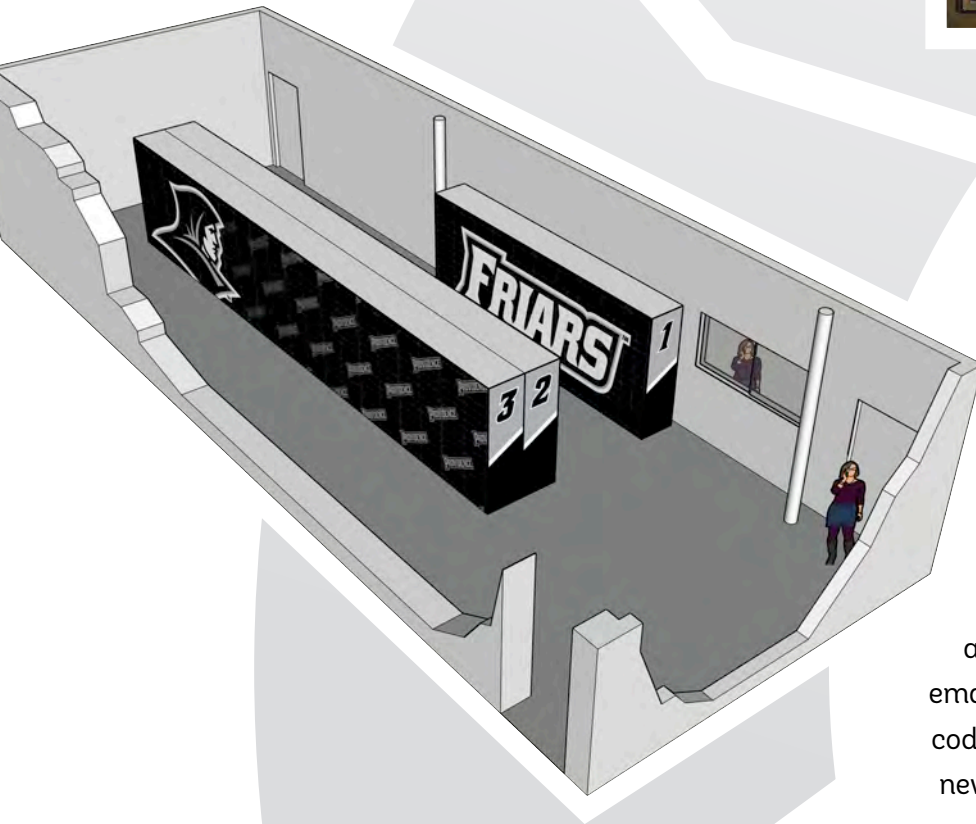
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You've got MAIL

THE COPPER-FACED FRIAR MAILBOXES, with combinations remembered long after graduation, have been retired this semester, replaced by lockers for packages — the kind of mail students receive nowadays. When a package is ready for pick up, students are notified by email and have 24 hours to respond. They use a QR code, or an app, to locate and open the locker. The new facility, which can be accessed 24-7, is located on the lower level of Raymond Hall.

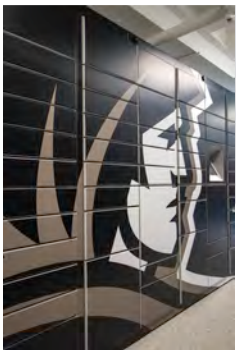
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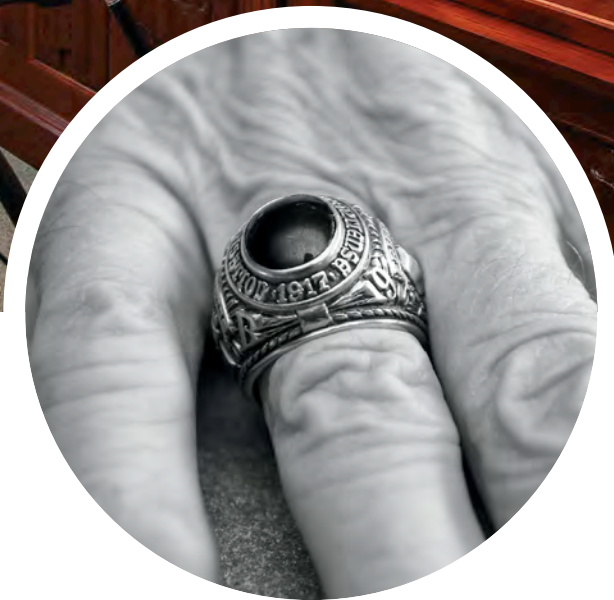
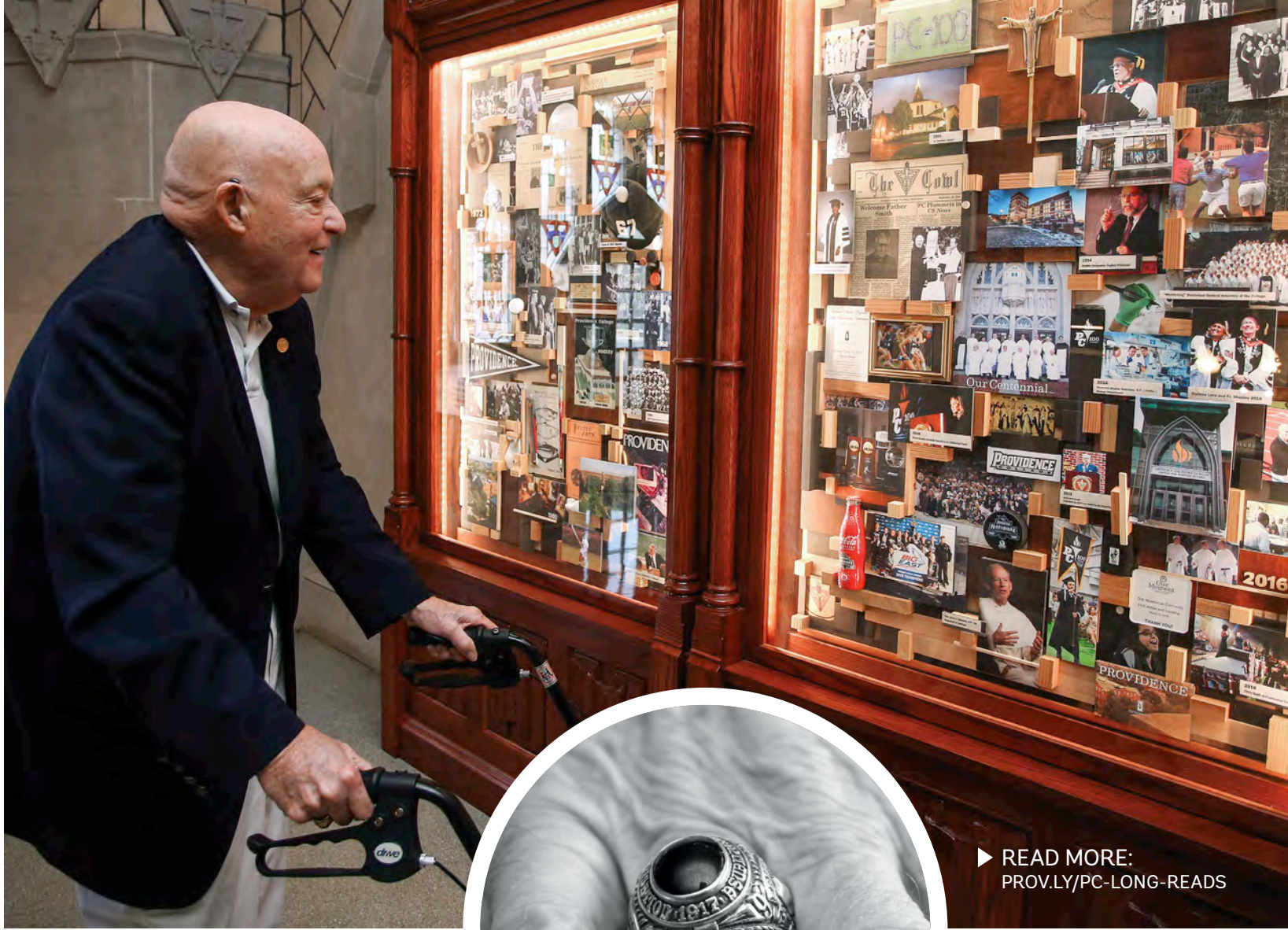


TOP: Despite its classic look, the Friar box outlived its usefulness. Students rarely, if ever, checked for letters, cards, and magazines, while the package counter in the mail room was always busy. The 5,000 mailboxes moved from the lower level of Slavin Center to the Mural Lounge in Raymond Hall in 1999.

MIDDLE: An artist's rendering of the new facility, located in what had been the package delivery room on the lower level of Ray. There are 550 small, medium, and large size lockers for packages. The room can be accessed by card swipe after hours.

LOWER LEFT AND RIGHT: Friar-branded wraps on the lockers.





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Circle of TIME

DR. JOSEPH HAGAN '56, former president of Assumption College and Roger Williams University, has a great PC story — and so does his class ring. The ring, which Hagan gave to a classmate before graduation, was discovered this summer in an unlikely place — in a jar of objects collected by an upholsterer who restored Pullman passenger cars in Atlanta during the 1950s and early 1960s. The man's stepson, who lives in Portsmouth, R.I., spotted the ring while emptying the jar and contacted Bob Ferreira '83, PC assistant vice president for special projects and strategic initiatives, who in turn contacted Hagan. Hagan wore the ring to his Golden Friars reunion in September for the first time in 65 years. ❏

TOP: Dr. Joseph Hagan '56 enjoys the Centennial Exhibit in the Harkins Hall rotunda prior to the Golden Friars reunion luncheon in September.

INSET: Dr. Joseph Hagan's Class of 1956 ring, recovered in time for his Golden Friars reunion.



Dr. Joseph Hagan '56



FATHER SICARD * *The Inauguration*

Fifteen months after he took office, **Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G** was formally inaugurated as the 13th president of Providence College during an investiture ceremony in Peterson Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 1.

The inauguration was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which began three months before he became president on July 1, 2020. At the investiture, speakers repeatedly spoke of his success in navigating the challenges, which included his decision to reopen campus for in-person classes in August 2020 and to provide extensive testing for students, faculty, and staff.

“Crises come and leaders lead,” said R.I. Gov. Daniel J. McKee. “Despite the challenges from this once-in-a-century pandemic, Father Sicard navigated with grace. He led PC through COVID-19 while continuing to move the college to-

wards its goal of providing the best educational experience for every single student. On behalf of the entire state of Rhode Island, we thank him for all he’s done and his continued leadership.”

Father Sicard said that on the morning he took office, while at Mass with his fellow Dominican priests, he asked God for the grace to lead with wisdom, strength, and humility.

“Our Catholic and Dominican mission and identity define who we are and how we approach the sacred work we do here — that work of helping our students to flourish and to live meaningful personal, professional, and spiritual lives,” Father Sicard said.

A native of Fall River, Mass., and a first-generation college student, Father Sicard studied accountancy as an undergraduate, earned an MBA, and worked in banking before becom-

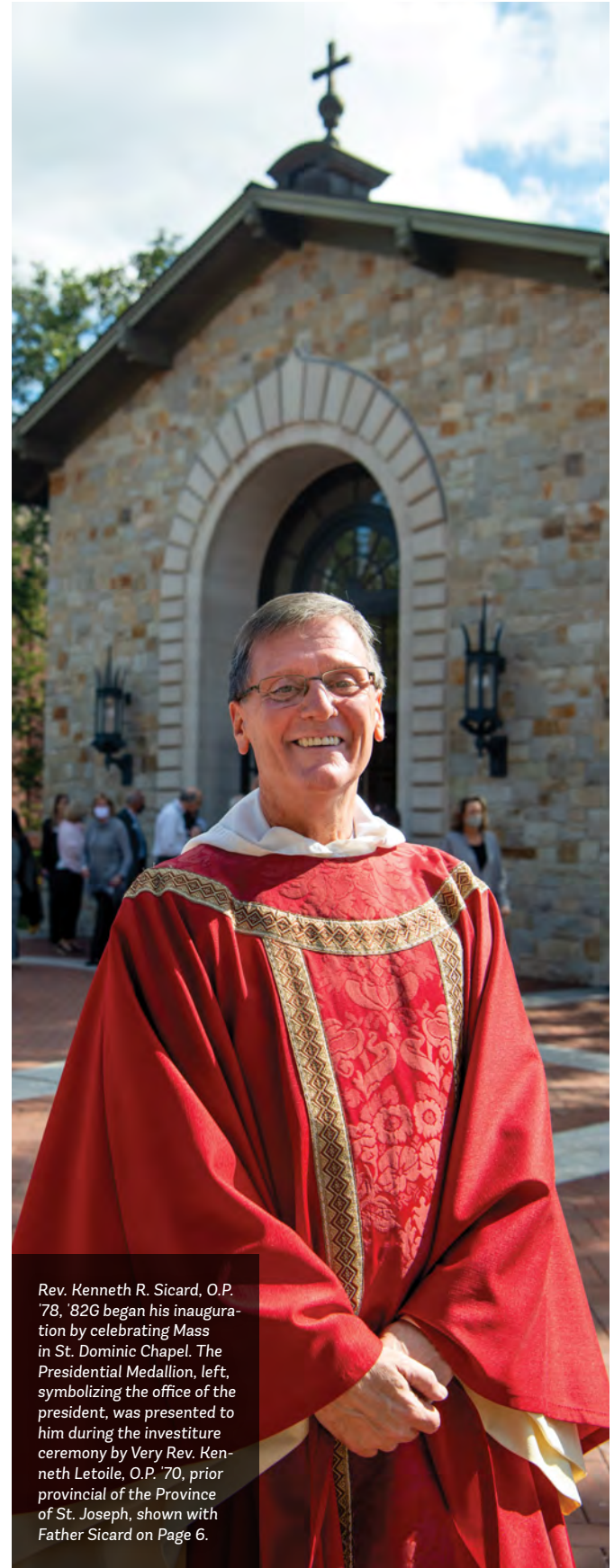


ing a Dominican priest. He holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. In 1996, he returned to the college to work in residence life. He became executive vice president and treasurer when Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 was named president in 2005.

Father Sicard pledged “in even more robust ways” to continue to present the college as “unapologetically Catholic.”

“Our goal is not to be a fortress for the devout, but a place of joyful welcome to every one of our students, faculty, and staff, who, through their experience of our community, will come to know Truth and to know the tender love of God,” Father Sicard said.

He reiterated his support for building what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called “the beloved community,” welcoming a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff. ➔



Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G began his inauguration by celebrating Mass in St. Dominic Chapel. The Presidential Medallion, left, symbolizing the office of the president, was presented to him during the investiture ceremony by Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, shown with Father Sicard on Page 6.

FATHER SICARD * *The Inauguration*



At the Inaugural Gala, Carmen Aguilar, dean of the School of Continuing Education, takes a selfie with Dr. Katherine Kranz, associate dean in the School of Professional Studies; College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G; Dr. Yune Kim Tran, dean of the School of Professional Studies; and Tran's husband, Darren Eastman.



Singer Darlene Love '15Hon. performed at the Inaugural Gala, joined onstage by student members of FriarChoirs.

He also pledged his commitment to the liberal arts and his excitement about possible new academic programs, particularly in the health sciences.

“Programs in the health sciences would allow us to leverage existing academic programs and faculty expertise, would provide numerous new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, and would allow us to capitalize further on our outstanding science programs,” Father Sicard said. ❧

FATHER SHANLEY
RECEIVES
VERITAS MEDAL



The Veritas Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Providence College, has been awarded only 16 times in college history, until Homecoming Weekend, when it was presented for the 17th time to **Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** in recognition of outstanding accomplishments during his 15 years as college president.

Father Shanley received the honor during the Inaugural Gala for College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G. It also was announced that a new residence hall to be constructed near Glay Field will be named for Father Shanley.

“In recognition of his stellar leadership, unmatched commitment, and indelible imprint, Providence College bestows upon Father Brian J. Shanley the Veritas Medal, signifying, for all to see and remember, Providence College’s unyielding admiration, reverence, and gratitude,” said Father Sicard, who was joined by Christopher K. Reilly '84, chair of the Board of Trustees, in presenting the medal.

Father Shanley is PC’s longest-serving president, serving from 2005-2020. He is credited with transforming the physical face of campus, hiring new faculty, diversifying the student body, strengthening the Catholic and Dominican mission, enhancing the athletics program, and raising the college’s national profile. He was inaugurated president of St. John’s University on Sept. 24.



Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 receives the Veritas Medal from College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G and Trustee Chair Christopher K. Reilly '84.



* CLASS OF 2020 *
Commencement

The Providence College Class of 2020 reunited for the first time in more than 18 months on Sunday, Oct. 3, for its long-awaited commencement exercises — twice postponed by the pandemic but finally celebrated in Peterson Recreation Center before more than 2,000 parents, faculty, staff, and administrators.

More than 750 class members, including those who earned graduate and continuing education degrees, returned for the celebration during Homecoming Weekend. They were invited to a class-themed welcome event outside the Smith Center for the Arts, a brunch in the remodeled Raymond Dining Hall, and a party at WaterFire in downtown Providence.

Honorary degrees were awarded to **Mae C. Jemison, M.D. '20Hon.**, the first woman of color to travel into space; **Val Ackerman '20Hon.**, commissioner of the BIG EAST Conference; **Sister Jane Gerety, R.S.M. '20Hon.**, former president of Salve Regina University; **Dr. Hugh F. Lena III '20Hon.**, the college's first provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; and **Erich E. Miller '20Hon.**, president of My Brother's Keeper. Posthumous degrees were awarded to **J. Peter Benzie '70, '20Hon.**, an *emeritus* trustee who died in November 2020, and **Dr. Francis Patrick MacKay '20Hon.**, a chemistry professor and co-founder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program, who died in September 2019. ❧



Members of the Class of 2020 already are engaged in careers or attending graduate school, but they didn't miss the opportunity to return to celebrate commencement. The keynote speaker was Mae C. Jemison, M.D. '20Hon., the first Black woman to travel to space, welcomed above by College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G.

PHOTOS: TOP LEFT, BOTTOM RIGHT: ASHLEY MCCABE. TOP RIGHT, CENTER: STEW MILNE

WATERFIRE
Honoring Women

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 2, the college's Homecoming Weekend celebration extended to downtown Providence with several events during WaterFire, a public art installation of dozens of bonfires on the city's rivers.

The evening began with a "ring of fire" ceremony to commemorate *Then, Now, Next: 50 Years of Women at Providence College*, a yearlong initiative in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the institution's transition to coeducation. Among the honorary torchbearers were Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G, who was inaugurated the day before as the college's 13th president, and Ann Manchester-Molak '75, the first woman executive vice president in college history and a member of the first class of undergraduate women.

This year also represents 50 years of women's athletics at PC, officially launched when Helen Bert was named women's recreation director in 1971. Current and former student-athletes, coaches, and staff gathered for a special event on the Washington Street Bridge during the WaterFire lighting to mark the occasion.

Additional gatherings along the water included a fan zone for Friar athletics enthusiasts, a meet-up for alumni of color, a long-awaited reunion for the classes of 1975 and 1976, and a welcome back party for the Class of 2020 and their families in advance of their much-anticipated commencement the following day.

This is not the first time that Providence College celebrated a momentous occasion at WaterFire. In 2017, the college also marked its centennial anniversary with a full river lighting. ❧



Scenes during WaterFire in downtown Providence, a highlight of Homecoming Weekend's triumphant return in October.

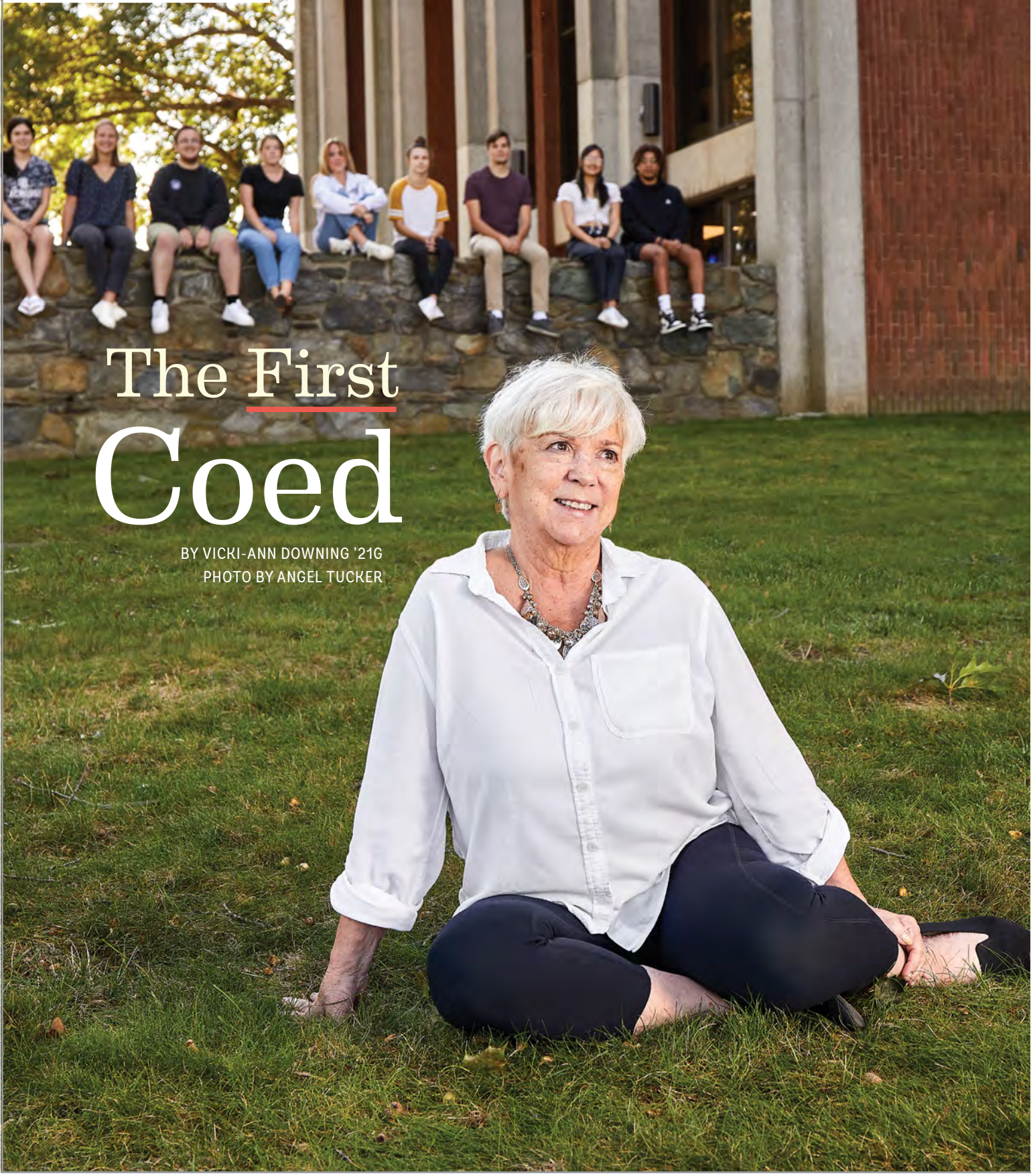
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Susan M. Esper '91, vice chair of the Board of Trustees, lights a torch at the WaterFire ring of fire ceremony. Below: Fifty stars at the confluence of the city's rivers commemorate 50 years of women at PC.

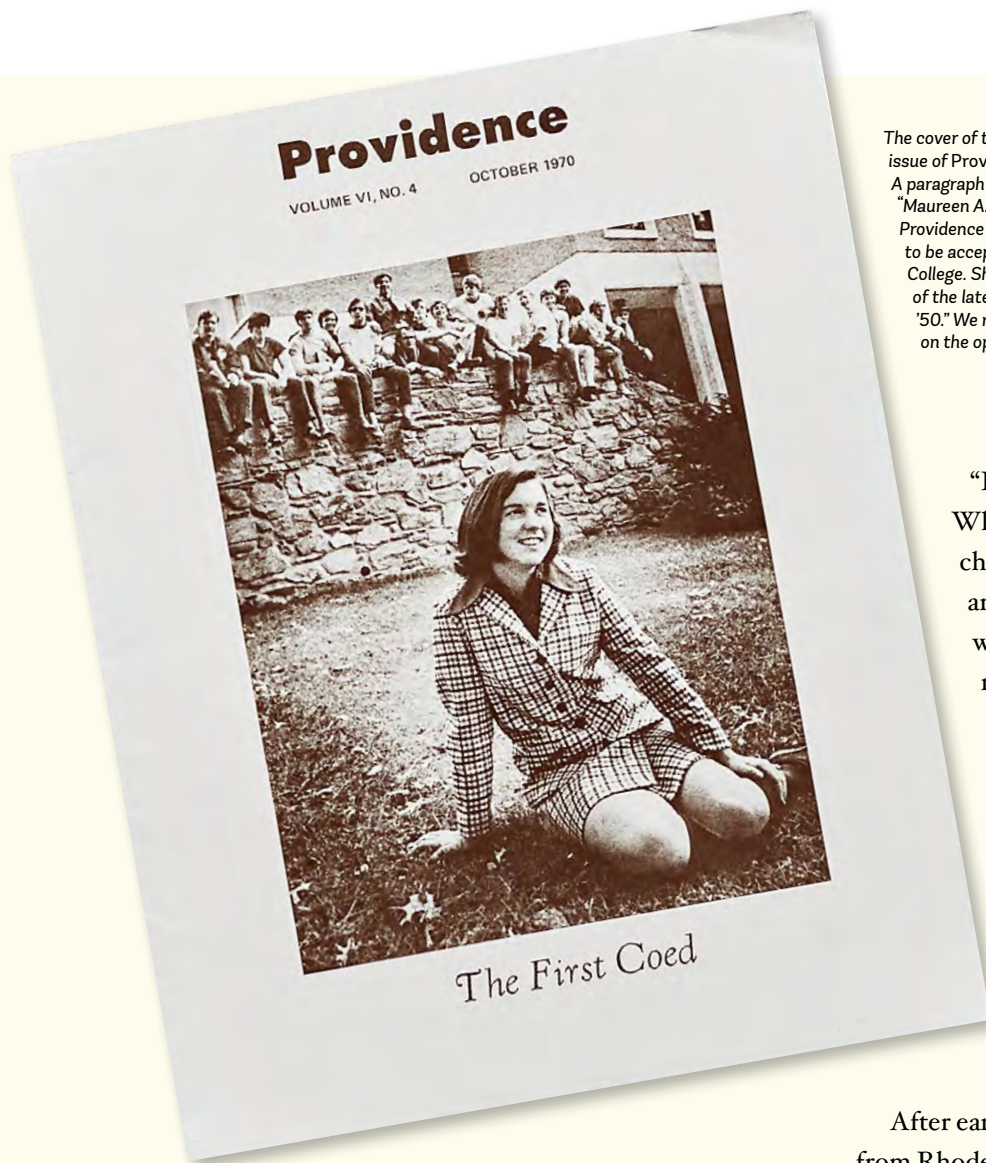


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The First Coed

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G
PHOTO BY ANGEL TUCKER



The cover of the October 1970 issue of Providence magazine. A paragraph inside explains: "Maureen A. Whelan of North Providence is the first coed to be accepted at Providence College. She is the daughter of the late Robert Whelan '50." We recreated the photo on the opposite page.

"I lived just a mile or two away up Smith Street," Whelan said. "My mother was a widow with six children, so I didn't want to go far, I had to be around. My father and my uncles on both sides went to PC on the GI Bill after the war. My maternal grandmother was always hosting the PC priests at her house for dinner. It was part of our family culture. One of them would even bicycle up to visit the family."

When PC opened its classrooms and residence halls to its first 287 undergraduate women 50 years ago, in September 1971, Whelan was among them. She majored in humanities and spent her junior year abroad at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

After earning a master's degree in special education from Rhode Island College, she worked in the Early Intervention System for the state of Rhode Island, helping infants and toddlers with disabilities and learning delays, and ran the training program at RIC's Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities. She retired six years ago and now runs Sweet Cakes Bakery and Café in Peace Dale, R.I., with her husband.

"Providence College taught me critical thinking," Whelan said. "I spent my career in special education, but I never regretted getting my undergraduate degree in the liberal arts. You carry those lessons about history, literature, and the world with you as you go through life. I sound like a geek now, but I never regretted having that broad background."

Whelan is married to a classmate, Jim Creighton '75, and has three children, including Claire Creighton Perper, former coach of the PC Dance Team, and two grandchildren. ❧

Maureen Whelan '75 was a senior at St. Francis Xavier Academy, an all-girls high school in Providence, when she was called to the principal's office in the fall of 1970. Representatives from Providence College were there to offer her a full-tuition scholarship, a chance to join the Liberal Arts Honors Program, and the opportunity to be celebrated as PC's "first coed."

"I think they chose me because they were looking for a good Catholic girl to put people's minds at ease," said Whelan, whose late father, Robert Whelan '50, graduated from PC.

As part of the marketing campaign, Whelan came to campus to pose for a photograph outside McVinney Hall. She was featured on the front cover of the college's *Providence* magazine under the heading, "The First Coed" — a photo she helped recreate for this issue.



First on-campus commencement since 1975

Gratitude was in the air as Providence College celebrated its first commencement on campus since 1975. Vaccinations and the easing of pandemic restrictions in Rhode Island permitted members of the Class of 2021 to invite two guests each to the ceremony, which took place on the Ray Treacy Track and Field, formerly Hendricken Field, on May 20. The keynote speaker was Dr. Laurie Santos '21Hon., a Yale University professor of psychology and host of the popular podcast The Happiness Lab. A second ceremony was held the following evening for School of Continuing Education and graduate students. 🏡



PHOTOS: TOP, CENTER LEFT AND RIGHT, BOTTOM RIGHT, AND OPPOSITE PAGE: ASHLEY MCCABE
BOTTOM LEFT: STEW MILNE



What I Heard During the Pandemic

By Sarah Heavren '21

Every Providence College student who faced the COVID-19 pandemic had a story to tell. During the spring 2021 semester, I collected oral histories from the PC community for the PC Archives and Special Collections and the Rhode Island COVID-19 Archive. I heard about students trying to navigate their ways home from foreign countries as their study abroad experiences abruptly ended, the challenging and emotional decision to study remotely for one or both semesters during the 2020-21 academic year, and what it was like trying to continue classes from the Marriott while isolating from the virus. While the college worked tirelessly to salvage a college experience against all odds, students were still faced with seemingly endless transitions and adaptations that seemed counterintuitive to college life. There were common threads across all experiences: the toll of constant uncertainty, the yearning for togetherness, and a greater appreciation for the little things that make life at PC special.

Although there were losses to be mourned — abbreviated study abroad experiences, cancelled sports seasons, a McPhail's milkshake drought, not seeing friends or beloved professors who worked remotely — the Friar family leaned on family, friends, and faith. Despite the mental and emotional strain of online

classes, isolation, and uncertainty, students had positive messages. Caroline O'Connor '22 said, "Just hope, that's all" — hope for a better tomorrow where the Dunk could be at max capacity, where Civ seminars would return to Ruane, and where the campus community would wear smiles instead of masks. Regarding missed internship opportunities, Estarlyn Hiraldo '21 reflected, "If it's bound to happen, it'll happen. But the time that we have now, the present, you never get that back."

The pandemic forced students to face unthinkable obstacles, especially during the September lockdown and as the number of cases fluctuated. In times of isolation, self-care and concern for others seemed even more important. "Be creative and keep finding new ways of taking care of yourself and other people," advised Hanna Johnson '21 from her home in Canada.

The gradual but long-anticipated easing of restrictions that coincided with springtime weather gave students a much-needed sense of normalcy as the tumultuous and unforgettable year came to a close. The pandemic left its mark, but the resilience and spirit of the Friar family inspired self-reflection and opportunity for change. "We're all coming out of it a little different than before. And I hope everyone can walk out of it a little better than before," said Abbey Wheeler '21.

Sarah Heavren '21, a triple major in history, American studies, and mathematics, was one of three top-ranked students in the Class of 2021. She is granddaughter of Thomas Heaven '60, daughter of Thomas Heaven '84 and Susan Robertson Heaven '84, and sister of Thomas Heaven '19. She is pursuing a master's degree in public history at Northeastern University. ❧



PC awarded chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, most prestigious honor society in U.S.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G

Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States, has granted a charter to Providence College, which will begin inducting students as members in April 2022.

The college's chapter, to be known as Gamma of Rhode Island, will be formally installed at the ceremony, which will be attended by representatives of the organization's national leadership. Faculty members and staff who joined Phi Beta Kappa as college students — about 35 in all — are working to establish a chapter constitution and bylaws and to finalize criteria for the selection of students.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have Phi Beta Kappa's stamp of approval on our commitment to delivering the best liberal arts education to students," said Dr. Sean F. Reid, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "Their decision to shelter a chapter here puts us in esteemed company. More importantly, our current and future students who are inducted into Phi Beta Kappa will reap its substantial rewards for the rest of their lives."

Only 290 colleges and universities in the country, about 10 percent of the total, have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The college's acceptance followed a rigorous three-year application process, which included a self-study, a site visit by the organization, and a check on whether the coronavirus pandemic had impacted the college's commitment to the liberal arts.

"Because of the prestige of Phi Beta Kappa, our invitation to shelter a

chapter is a sign that Providence College is among the elite when it comes to our commitment to the liberal arts, which includes the full range of disciplines in the School of Arts and Sciences," said Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, who chaired the application committee. "It is recognition that the arts and sciences continue to flourish at PC and that we are providing our students with an educa-



Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta

tion that is second to none. It is a tribute to our faculty and our leadership and their commitment to the liberal arts mission of the college."

To be invited, students must have completed 75 percent of their credits in the arts and sciences, taken college-level mathematics, and shown proficiency in a non-native language through the intermediate college level. They also must excel academically and demonstrate sound moral character. Once they accept the invitation, they are life members.

The process to establish a PC chapter began in the fall of 2018. Dr. Joan Branham, professor of art history and associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, worked with Adamus Liotta on all facets of the application process, and Melanie Sullivan, director of institutional research, was instrumental in assembling required data for the self-study. All three were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as undergraduates. ❧

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Ray redux

Raymond Dining Hall was rededicated with a ribbon-cutting and open house in September following a complete renovation during the summer.

Ray Dining now features stations where students can cook their own food with dining hall ingredients on six built-in induction burners and a password-protected food pantry for those with allergies. Ten themed food stations offer everything from pizza and pasta to plant-based meals to wings with dipping sauce.

More changes are planned for Ray next summer. An atrium will be constructed on top of the new outdoor concrete patio to allow additional indoor and outdoor seating for 200 students.

Cal Thetford, chief operating officer for Sodexo Universities East, attended the dedication and thanked the college for its 24-year partnership. He said students seemed excited about the dining hall makeover and Sodexo employees are enjoying working there as well.

Ray opened in 1959 as a revolutionary and modern dining experience for up to 1,000 students. 🍴



SMART scholarship to pre-engineering student



Ashley Gigon '22, a pre-engineering major, student researcher, and sprinter on the track team, was awarded a SMART scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense.

A student in PC's 3+2 engineering program, she completed three years of study toward a bachelor's degree in physics in May.

She now will study for two years at Columbia University for a second bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. The SMART scholarship — the acronym means Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation — will cover the full cost of those two years.

Gigon, from Spring Lake, N.J., is guaranteed employment after graduation at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, where she will be an engineer in the Undersea Warfare Analysis Department. She will receive training for the position with an internship during the summer of 2022.

Tops in the rankings

Providence College again topped *U.S. News and World Report's* list of regional universities in the north. The college was cited for best undergraduate teaching, innovative teaching, and named a best-value school. PC also was included in "387 Best Colleges: 2022 Edition" by *The Princeton Review*, which lauded the college for its great athletic facilities, college radio station, and intramural sports.

Welcome to the Class of 2025

The Class of 2025 is about 1,049 members strong, with students from 27 states, Puerto Rico, and eight countries: Canada, Ecuador, Ireland, Monaco, New Zealand, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam. There are 555 women and 494 men, the most even split in many years. There are 192 students with a parent who graduated from PC and 120 students whose parents never attended college.



New dean of professional studies



Dr. Yune Kim Tran was named dean of the School of Professional Studies in June. She leads undergraduate programs in secondary and elementary/special education, health policy and management, and social work, and several graduate programs, and is professor of elementary/special education.

Tran formerly was associate dean of academic affairs at Montclair State University. She holds a doctorate and a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from Texas State University.

All four schools at the college continue to be led by women: School of Arts and Sciences (Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta), School of Business (Dr. Sylvia Maxfield), and School of Continuing Education (Carmen Aguilar).

Father Justin is new PC chaplain



The new college chaplain is **Rev. Justin Bolger, O.P.** Father Justin replaces Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., chaplain since 2016, who was reassigned as pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in New York City.

A native of Maryland, Father Justin studied business at the University of Baltimore and earned a master's degree in philosophical studies from Mount St. Mary's University. A singer and songwriter, he composed songs on the latest CD from the Hillbilly Thomists, a folk and bluegrass band made up of Dominican friars.

Following his ordination in May 2020, Father Justin became a part-time associate chaplain at PC while serving as parochial vicar at St. Pius V. Church.

Mark Caprio named library director



Mark Caprio was appointed director of the Phillips Memorial Library in July. He had been associate library director and an associate professor since 2010 and interim library director following the death of Dr. Russell Bailey in December 2020.

During his time at PC, Caprio has been responsible for furthering faculty and student scholarly research as well as reimagining library collections and learning spaces. He writes and presents on topics that include digital publishing and the impact of digital pedagogies on student engagement.

Caprio holds a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College.

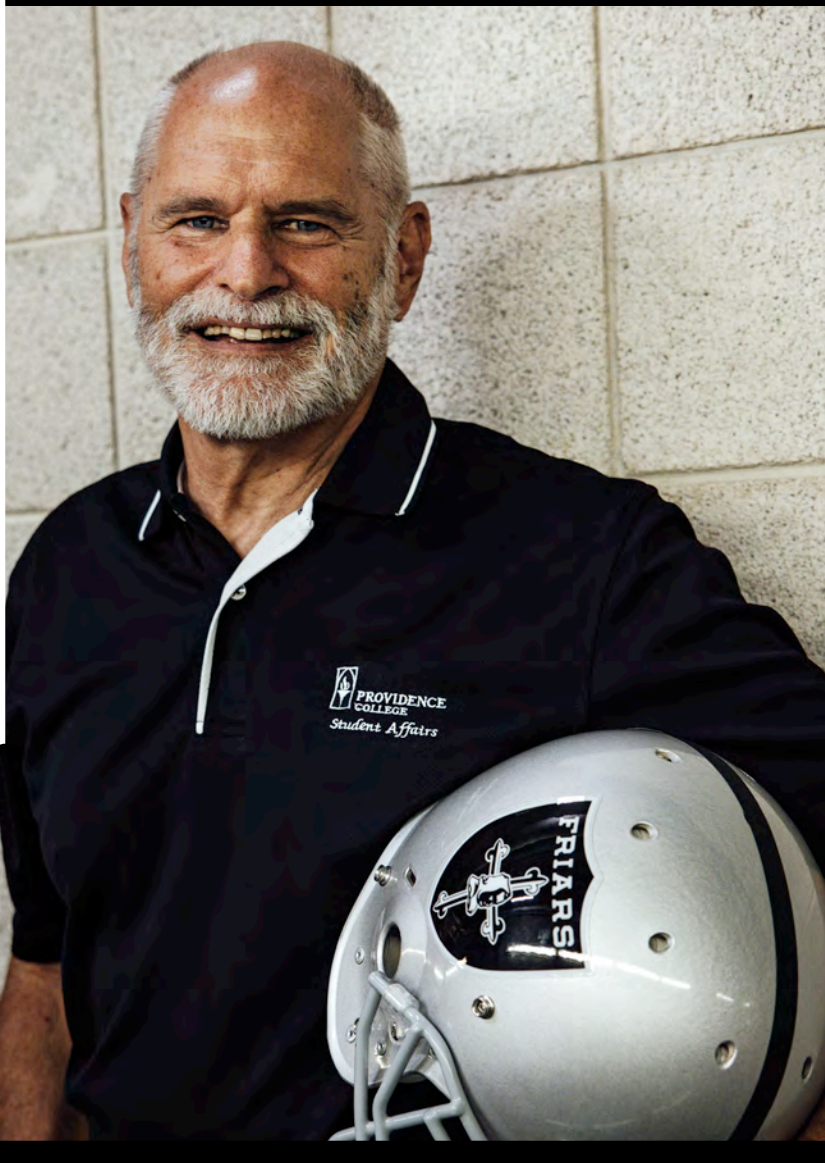
Nedzer "Ned" Erilus '03 is director of residence life



Nedzer "Ned" Erilus '03 was named director of residence life and housing in March. He previously was assistant director of residence life at the University of Oregon.

Erilus was a double major in French and philosophy at PC, a member of Friars Club, and sang with choral groups including I Cantori and Strictly Speaking. Following graduation, he worked at the college as director of the Suites Hall complex and director of the former Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, and he helped establish the Peer Mentor Program and Horizons retreat.

Erilus holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Portland State University.



Richy Kless '74, '78G, '82SCE with the helmet he wore as club football captain in the 1970s.

➤ Richy Kless '74, '78G, '82SCE

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G / PHOTO BY JESSE BURKE

“There are people, including faculty, who have been at Providence College for more years than I have,” says Richard F. “Richy” Kless '74, '78G, '82SCE.

“But looking back over more than 50 years as a student, a graduate student, a teacher, and an administrator, the opportunities and various roles I had offered me a unique perspective that very few people who have worked here longer have had.”

Kless retired on June 30 as associate director of community standards, the office responsible for administering student discipline at PC. But he also worked as assistant director of residence life operations at a time when dorms were wired for computers, and he served as director of off-campus living for 13 years. For more than four decades, while working his day jobs, he taught evening classes in theology in the School of Continuing Education.

He was advisor to *The Cowl* for 17 years and to *Veritas*, the student yearbook, for seven.

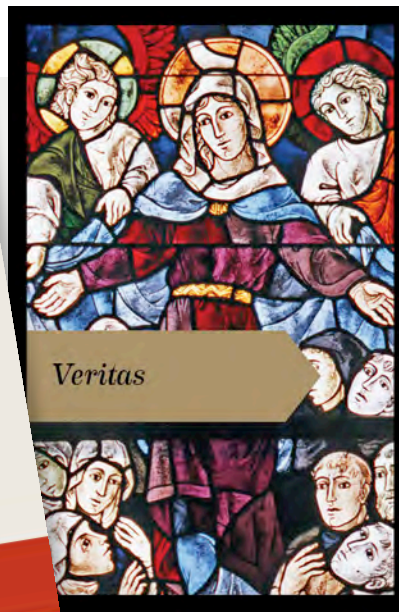
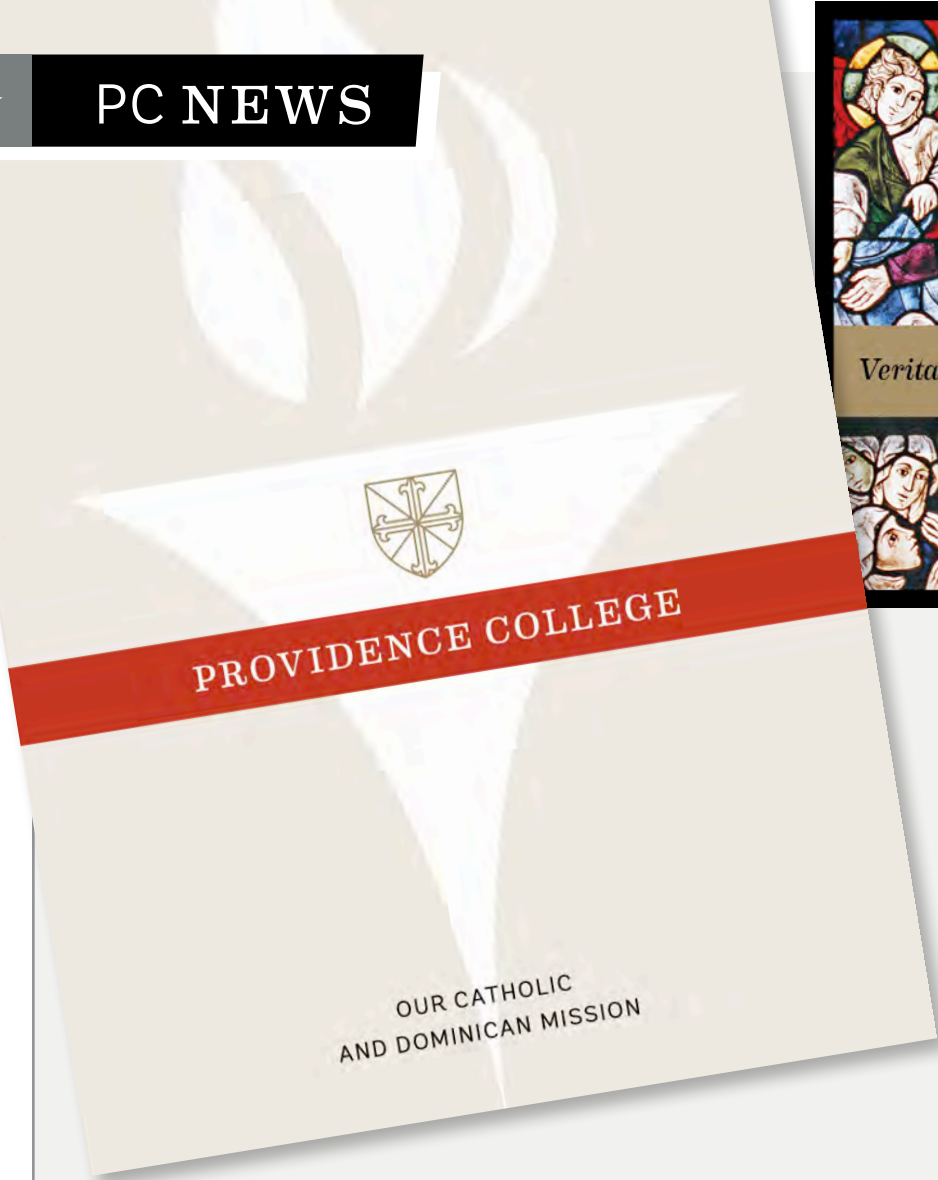
A first-generation college student from Brooklyn, N.Y., and a champion hurdler in high school, Kless arrived at PC in September 1970 on a track scholarship, only to discover that PC had no hurdles and no track. Everything else was a perfect fit, though. He captained the club football team — which twice competed for the national championship — was a member of Student Congress and Friars Club and majored in social work.

While studying for a graduate degree in theology, Kless met his wife, Teresa M. “Terri” (Supple) Kless '76. They have been married for 45 years and have three children and four grandchildren, with two more on the way.

As a grad student, Kless founded and operated a Christian bookstore in Alumni Hall. He later earned a degree in fire science from the School of Continuing Education and worked as an arson investigator.

In 51 years, he was away from campus for only 18 months, to teach and coach at St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket.

“Looking back, I’ve had a unique experience — in the classroom, with on- and off-campus students, dealing with parents, and in disciplinary cases that were almost like hearing confessions,” Kless said. “I’ve maybe had some disappointments, because disappointments come and go in life, but I have no regrets.” ❧



Like those first brothers, Providence College has been sent to pursue and to propose truth.

Our mission is our motto: *Veritas*. You can see it on our official insignia and on the torch images and statues around campus. We seek to propose and to study truth in our 21st century world. And in pursuing truth, we are confident that we will encounter it here at PC: the truth of the world, the truth of ourselves, and the truth about God in Jesus Christ, who is truth incarnate.

New book explains PC's Catholic and Dominican mission

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

Providence College's Office of Mission and Ministry has published a book, *Providence College: Our Catholic and Dominican Mission*. This project was led by Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98, vice president for mission and ministry, and Robert D. Pfunder '09, associate vice president.

"Our overarching goal was not just to explain the mission, but, just as

importantly, to give all members of the community a common understanding and language for discussing the mission and seeing ways in which it is active and can unfold in the ordinary life of the college," said Father Cuddy.

Not merely a leaflet to be tossed on a desk or lost in a backpack after initial perusal, the book is a thoughtfully written and beautifully designed

volume that will be kept and cherished. Photographs of stained-glass windows from St. Dominic Chapel and snapshots of campus life adorn the pages of the small paperback.

"We sought to introduce the overarching narratives, metaphors, and concepts of Catholicism and Catholic education, and what holds it all together: *veritas*, truth," said Pfunder.

The section on *veritas* begins, "Our mission is our motto: *Veritas*. You can see it on our official insignia and on the torch images and statues around campus. We seek to propose and to study truth in our 21st century world."

The Office of Mission and Ministry looks forward to collaborating with offices throughout campus to coordinate the book's distribution to the college community, as well as reading and reflection groups to continue the discussion of mission on campus.

In the future, all first-year and transfer students, as well as new hires on the faculty and staff, will be given the book, along with opportunities to read and reflect. ❧

Ealish Brawley '14 is a freelance writer living in Providence.

Gift from Donald Ryan '69 to support student entrepreneurs

A \$2 million gift from the family of the late Donald R. Ryan '69 will create the Donald Ryan Incubator for Entrepreneurship in the Arts and Sciences at Providence College, a space where students from all academic disciplines can create and test ideas for new products, services, and organizations.

Mr. Ryan, a political science major, was an entrepreneur at heart — an out-of-the-box thinker who seemed to always be two steps ahead of technology. He held a master's degree in hospital administration from the University of St. Louis and spent 21 years as CEO and owner of his company, Practice Management Associates, in Gaithersburg, Md.

“YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LEARNING FROM AN EARLY AGE TO BE INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE, TO BE HANDS-ON DOERS AND THINKERS ...”

— DR. HELEN RYAN

In 1994, Mr. Ryan co-founded CareCore National LLC to provide benefit management services to health care providers. CareCore grew to employ more than 1,000 and had contracts with 25 health plans representing more than 50 million insured patients. He moved the company to



The family of Donald Ryan '69 celebrating Helen's birthday in 2007. From left, Keri, Kevin, Helen, and Don.

Bluffton, S.C., in 2007, and was chairman and CEO at the time of his death in 2011, at age 64.

Shortly before his death, Mr. Ryan donated office space for an incubator proposed by the town of Bluffton. Today, the Don Ryan Center for Innovation is thriving and generating opportunities for entrepreneurs in the region.

After Mr. Ryan's death, his wife, Dr. Helen Ryan, and their children, Keri and Kevin, endowed a \$500,000 scholarship in his memory at PC, then befriended its first recipient, finance major Jesse Borgese '19, now a finance and administration analyst with Phosplatin Therapeutics in New York City.

The Ryan incubator will be closely tied to the college's business and innovation minor, which allows non-business majors to develop their skills in global engagement, applied science, and design thinking while learning the fundamentals of business and entrepreneurship.

“The STEM/STEAM movement is active even in elementary schools today,” Helen Ryan said. “Young people are learning from an early age to be innovative and creative, to be hands-on doers and thinkers, and they want to carry that on at the college level. Our hope is that this gift will expand what has already begun at Providence College and give even more students the opportunity, through a formal program, to develop an idea and put it into action.” ❏



Suites Hall renamed in honor of gift from John McCarthy '86 and Amy McCarthy

Suites Hall, a six-story, 350-occupant residence hall built in 2004, has a new name in recognition of a gift to the Providence College endowment from John R. McCarthy '86 and Amy McCarthy, parents of Molly McCarthy '22 and Owen McCarthy '23.

McCarthy Hall was dedicated during Homecoming Weekend.

"It's a great honor," John McCarthy said, adding that he hopes it will carry the name of multiple generations of his family for years to come.

McCarthy, a member of the PC Board of Trustees for three years, majored in marketing at PC. He is president and CEO of Mainline Information Systems, an information technology solutions and IT consulting firm headquartered in Tallahassee, Fla.

Longtime supporters of the college, the McCarthys are members of the 1917 Society, which recognizes lifetime giving; the St. Dominic Society, which recognizes leadership giving; and the Loyal Friar Society, which recognizes those who consistently donate to PC. The McCarthy Information/Data Laboratory in the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies is named in honor of McCarthy's father, Eugene F. McCarthy '60.

McCarthy said the couple's gift, at an amount they prefer not to disclose, recognizes the leadership of College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G and the trustees, who have prioritized growth of the endowment. Gifts to the endowment, now valued at about \$340 million, are unrestricted and remain permanently invested, with only a portion of the return expended annually.

The McCarthys recently hosted the seventh summer reception at their home in Summit, N.J., for members of



John McCarthy '86 and Amy McCarthy.

"WHAT BETTER GIFT TO GIVE THAN THE GIFT OF EDUCATION, TO THOSE WE BELIEVE ARE DOING IT THE RIGHT WAY?"

— JOHN R. MCCARTHY '86

the incoming first-year class. Coming out of the pandemic, they were thinking of ways to help others.

"What better gift to give than the gift of education, to those we believe are doing it the right way?" John McCarthy said.

Reflecting on his family's experiences and his hopes for the college's future, McCarthy, whose sister, Meghan McCarthy '93, also is an alumnus, summarized the reasons for their gift.

"It's about Providence," he said. "It's about our love and support for an institution. It's not about a name on a building or a number tied on a gift. It's the ability to help others, to give others opportunities to have the same experiences." ❖

Slavin pavilion, atrium to honor gift from John Powers '86 and Lauren Barba Powers '87

Slavin Center, which opened 50 years ago this fall, will receive an upgrade — an outdoor pavilion for events and student socialization — in recognition of a gift to the Providence College endowment by John J. Powers '86 and Lauren Barba Powers '87.

The Powers' gift, at an amount they prefer not to publicize, is unrestricted, meaning the college can use it for any purpose.

"The endowment is the lifeblood of the college," John Powers said. "If our gift can be put toward scholarships for those in need and support the resources that students seek at the Slavin Center, such as the Center for Career Education and Professional Development, we would be very comfortable with that."

"We are grateful that we are able to give back to PC, as it has done so much for our spiritual and educational growth," said Lauren.

John, an accountancy major at PC, retired as chief operating officer and president of AEP Industries, Inc., in Montvale, N.J. He has been a member of the PC Board of Trustees for nine years. Lauren was a humanities major, reflecting her interests in the arts and travel. They met as undergraduates, live in Miami Beach, and are the parents of four, including Ryan Powers '11.

"We have so many meaningful relationships that were born during our experience at Providence College, including ours," said Lauren.

John and Lauren are members of the St. Dominic Society, which recognizes leadership giving, and the Loyal Friar Society, which recognizes those who consistently donate to PC. A plaque in the student lounge in Slavin Center reflects an earlier contribution from them.

Their latest gift reflects their confidence in College President Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G and in the trustees, who have prioritized growth of the endowment, now valued at about \$340 million. The gift also coincides with their reunion years.

"The Classes of '86 and '87 have been very fortunate over the years, and so many of us have been in a position to give back to the college," John Powers said. "Between the opportunity to celebrate in person after the pandemic and to reach the goals around our 35th reunion, the timing was right." ❖

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The Powers family, from left, John, Lauren, Ryan, Griffin, Kyle, and Brenna.



Dr. Robin Greene wins Accinno award

Dr. Robin J. Greene, associate professor of history, is the recipient of the Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, the college's top teaching honor, for 2020-21. She was nominated by colleagues and students, all of whom praised her passion for history and her dedication.

Greene joined the faculty in 2012. She teaches in the Development of Western Civilization Program, along with courses in ancient history, literature, and mythology, and all levels of Greek and Latin. A noted classics scholar who is frequently published, she holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Washington.

Greene was the keynote speaker at Academic Convocation in September, welcoming the Class of 2025 with advice about the importance of studying Civ, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this fall.

"Often the societies and ideologies represented in our texts feel impossibly remote," Greene said. "But despite this, whatever your background, whatever your personal normal, these texts or the cultures and ideas they represent have affected you in some way even if you don't identify with or subscribe to their perspectives. In one way or another, they have contributed to the assumptions and expectations that you were raised to have or that others have which affect you." ❏

Faculty retirements

- **John H. Costello, Ph.D.**
Professor of biology
Hired in September 1989
Will continue as professor *emeritus*
- **John P. Garrity, MFA '73**
Associate professor of theatre, dance, & film
Hired in January 1976
- **Jeri G. Gillin, Ed.D.**
Assistant professor of elementary/special education
Hired in September 1996
- **Carol A. Hartley, MBA**
Assistant professor of accountancy
Hired in September 1980
- **William E. Hudson, Ph.D.**
Professor of political science
Hired in September 1974
Will continue as professor *emeritus*
- **John B. Margenot III, Ph.D.**
Professor of foreign language studies
Hired in September 1990
Will continue as professor *emeritus*
- **Charlotte G. O'Kelly, Ph.D.**
Professor of sociology and anthropology
Hired in September 1975
- **Susan F. Skawinski, Ed.D.**
Associate professor of elementary/special education
Hired in September 1995
- **Raymond L. Sickinger, Ph.D. '71**
Professor of history and classics
Hired in September 1974
Will continue as professor *emeritus*
- **Michael D. Spiegler, Ph.D.**
Professor of psychology
Hired in September 1975
- **Rev. David Lewis Stokes Jr., Ph.D.**
Assistant professor of theology
Hired in September 1995
- **Julia R. Tryon, M.L.S.**
Associate professor, commons librarian for research and education
Hired in September 1988

Faculty Scholar

HEATHER MCPHERSON

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART

EDUCATION: BFA, Washington University in St. Louis; MFA, Rhode Island School of Design

EXPERTISE: Painting

NEWSWORTHY: McPherson received a Merit Fellowship in Painting from the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts in 2015. She will have an exhibition later this year at Take It Easy Gallery in Atlanta, a new gallery for avant-garde artists.

QUOTABLE: “In my work, I’m interested in mystical experiences and other forms of alternate reality. A painting can operate as the membrane between multiple conditions, where various senses of the real push against each other.”

ON TEACHING ART: “It’s remarkable that a pretty humble introduction to something like painting changes the way your brain works and how you move through time and space. In art, you’re basically coming up with new ways of thinking.”

ORIGINALLY FROM: Michigan

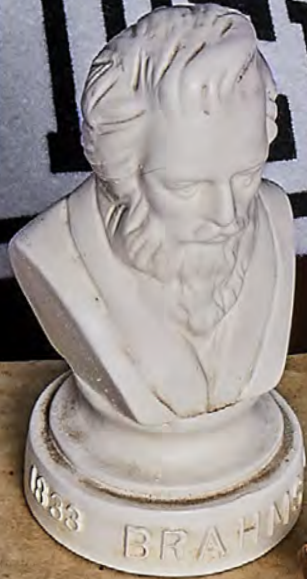
BEGAN TEACHING AT PC: September 2009

— LIZ F. KAY



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Civ_{AT} 50

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G / PHOTO BY ANGEL TUCKER

THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION PROGRAM

began as an experiment in September 1971 — an effort to establish a core curriculum that would merge a traditional Great Books Program with interdisciplinary teaching in history, literature, philosophy, and theology.

Half a century later, Civ has evolved to meet the challenges of the times and expanded to incorporate new texts and themes, but at its heart, still ponders the eternal questions: What does it mean to be human? How does a human being relate to creation? How does a human being relate to God? What does it mean to live a good life? What is the best society? How does the freedom to make decisions about one's health square with the common good?



Civ

isn't about "dead white men," as critics contend.

It's a course in cultural and intellectual history that poses questions with no clear answers, said Dr. Alexander Moffett, associate professor of English and Civ director from 2018-21.

"It's ongoing — students will have to deal with its questions over the course of their whole lives," Moffett said. "What are our debates except how to make a better society?"

"If more colleges had a Civ program the world would be a better place," Moffett said.

In its first decades, Civ was contemporary with the Cold War, Vietnam, the Civil Rights Movement, and the rise in feminism. An example of how it adapted, and why, comes from Dr. Sandra Keating, professor of theology and Civ director from 2015-18. After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, "We realized we hadn't been talking about Islam at all," Keating said. "We added study of the Quran."

Civ has moved from large lecture halls to small seminar rooms, from Moore Hall to the Ruane Center for the Humanities. In 2013, it adopted a new structure. For three semesters, students study the world from ancient times through the American and French revolutions to the modern era. In the fourth semester, they select a colloquium to apply all they have learned to exploration of a contemporary topic. The colloquia are taught by



Maya Jabbaar '20 created a painting for her Civ colloquium, *Race, Marginality, and Theologies of Liberation*. Students considered the history of marginalized groups and how their stories were rooted in community. Using warm, bright colors against a dark background, "I strived to convey the idea that in a dark world we continue to stand tall and create a community where we never stop shining," said Jabbaar, a marketing major who now is a marketing associate in New York City.

"If more colleges had a Civ program the world would be a better place." – DR. ALEXANDER MOFFETT



professors from business, science, art, music, economics, and political science, among other disciplines.

Through a new Civ in London option, a dozen sophomores will spend their spring semester in London beginning in January 2022, taking a Civ colloquium taught by two PC professors while completing other coursework at British universities.

Dr. Jennifer Illuzzi, associate professor of history, began a three-year term as Civ director this fall. She leads the Development of Western Civilization Program Committee, which includes members of Faculty Senate, representatives of the major four disciplines, and two student representatives. The committee reviews and critiques syllabi, makes programmatic structure changes, observes professors teaching, and offers workshops. It added a diversity objective in 2019 to incorporate contributions from women and writers of color.

"We're not thinking about coverage of history, but about the questions we want students to be able to answer," Illuzzi said.

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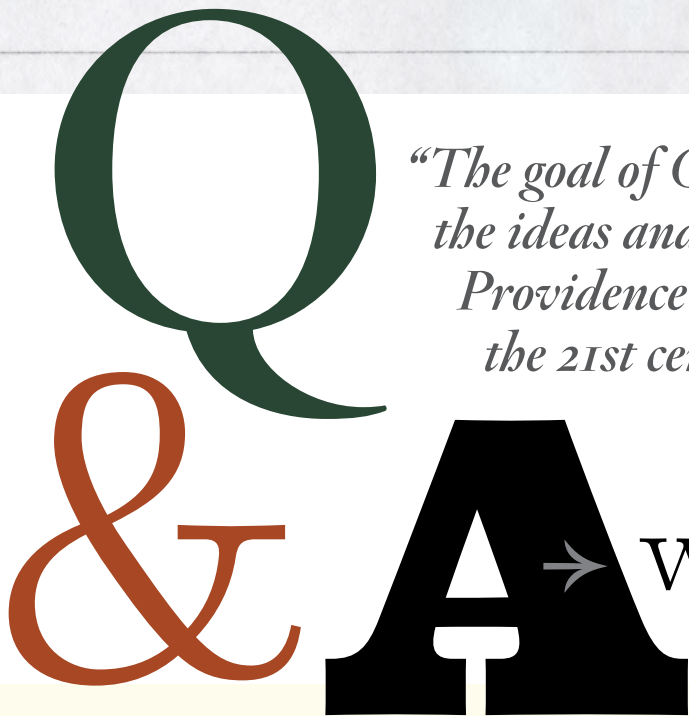
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Dr. Brian Barbour, professor of English and Civ director from 1994-2003, teaches a Civ lecture in Moore Hall, which was the program's home from the late 1980s until the opening of the Ruane Center for the Humanities in 2013. Above, legislation establishing the new graduation requirement.



Dr. Jennifer Illuzzi in her office in the Ruane Center for the Humanities.



“The goal of Civ is for students to understand the ideas and events that have brought them to Providence — the college and the city — in the 21st century.”

with Dr. Illuzzi

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G / PHOTO BY JESSE BURKE

Dr. Jennifer Illuzzi, associate professor of history, is director of the Development of Western Civilization Program — the 12th director in the program’s 50-year history and the fourth woman to have that role. She explains why she loves teaching Civ, its challenges, and her hopes for the program going forward.

What do you like about Civ?

“I’ve taught Civ since I started here in 2011. It’s an amazing program. It allows students to see the connections between what has happened in the world before them and the lives they lead today.”

Why do professors enjoy it?

“One of the strong points is there is a lot of freedom in the texts you choose and in the teaching. You have the opportunity to teach with faculty outside your academic discipline. Part of the challenge of teaching Civ, and part of the fun as well, is doing things you would never otherwise do. For example, I got to teach a lay version of Einstein’s theory of relativity.”

What are the challenges?

“The challenge is to get all students to feel equally engaged and part of the program. We can do this by broadening the appeal, engaging faculty, and getting

more students to see the connections. The seminar is the core of the program and it requires student participation to be successful. So getting students to engage with the readings is essential.”

What builds engagement?

“Choosing the right texts can help. When students read James Baldwin’s *The Fire Next Time*, for example, they engage. They arrive ready to talk. And we can be creative in how we handle assessments. For the most part, they are in the form of thesis-driven essays, which most of our students won’t be writing again. A student could make an oral presentation or a digital one. Or make a poster. An artist could produce a graphic novel. A journalist could write a newspaper article. We could have assignments that students feel more involved in.”

What advice would you give new students about Civ?

“I would say, ‘Remain open to it. Don’t believe everything you hear. And if you’re struggling, reach out.’ I hear from alumni all the time about how important Civ was to them.”



“How has **Civ** positively influenced your life?”

We asked our alumni on Instagram to share what Civ has meant to them. Here is a sampling of their responses.



Always running into situations where I need to use critical thinking! I work in finance!



Learned to love learning from those who had different interests than me!



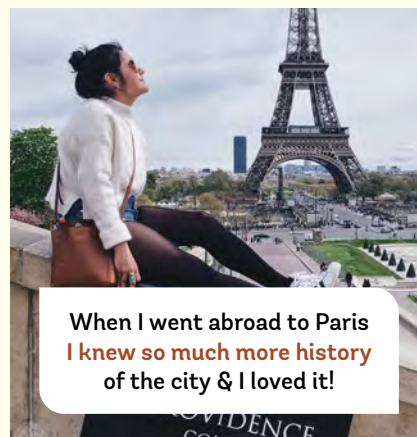
An attorney, I have to read and write efficiently every day. I got those skills from Civ!



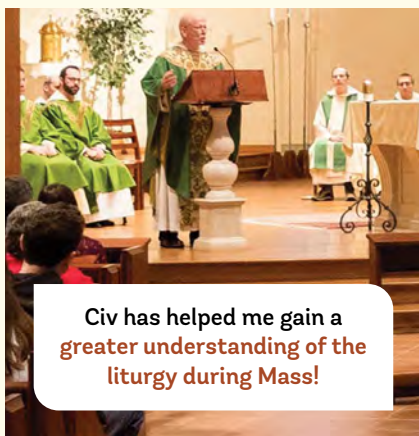
Drs. Dillon and Illuzzi helped me to be a well-informed student/citizen on racism and prejudice!



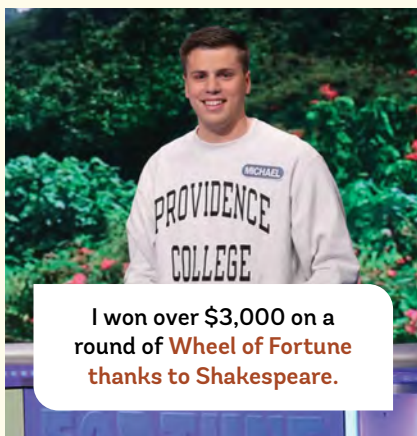
Gave me an understanding of religions outside of my own — interesting and helpful!



When I went abroad to Paris I knew so much more history of the city & I loved it!



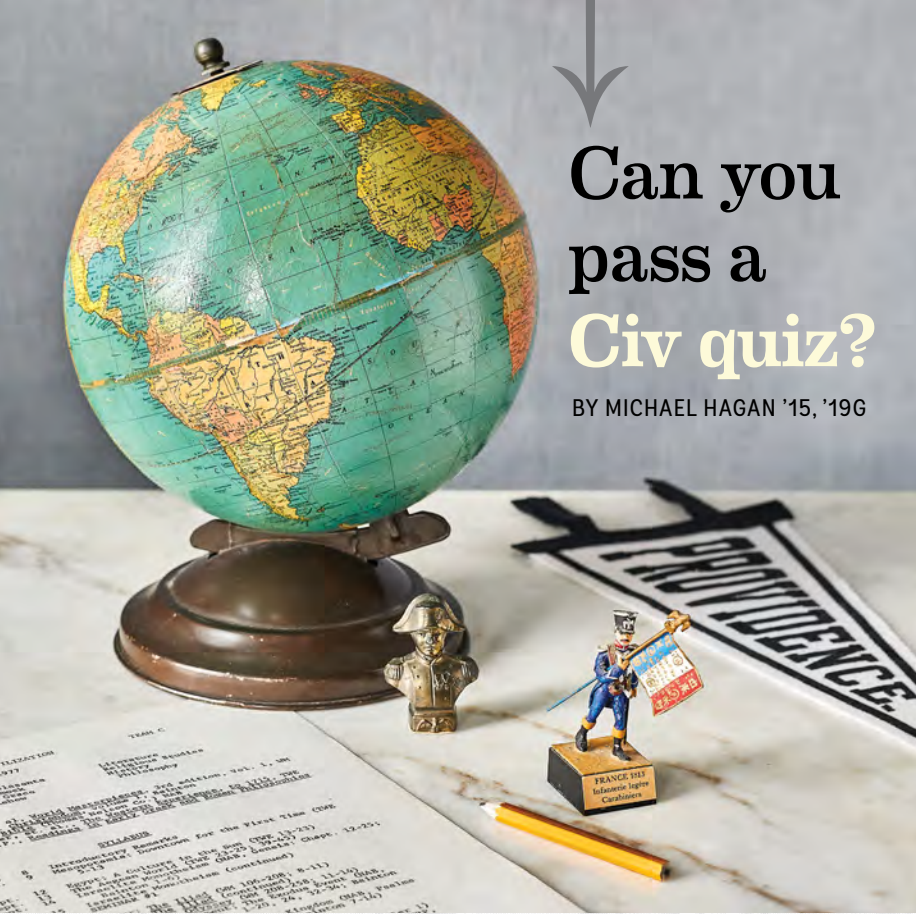
Civ has helped me gain a greater understanding of the liturgy during Mass!



I won over \$3,000 on a round of Wheel of Fortune thanks to Shakespeare.



It connects me to PC alumni from every class — we've all made it through Civ.



Can you pass a Civ quiz?

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G

1) This Babylonian king is best known for issuing a legal code that bears his name, one of the oldest and best-preserved documents of its kind:

- a. Shamash
- b. Gilgamesh
- c. Hammurabi
- d. Nebuchadnezzar II

2) In Sophocles' *Antigone*, the title character is the daughter of this Greek king:

- a. Agamemnon
- b. Oedipus
- c. Menelaus
- d. Priam

3) In the early books of the *Aeneid*, Aeneas movingly recounts his escape from the pillage of this city:

- a. Athens
- b. Carthage
- c. Troy
- d. Rome

4) This gospel begins with the words, "In the beginning was the Word ...":

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. John

5) Which of these is NOT one of Aquinas' five arguments for the existence of God:

- a. Argument from causation
- b. Argument from contingency
- c. Argument from ontology
- d. Argument from degree

6) This Spanish Dominican friar participated in the 1550 Valladolid debate, arguing for the human dignity of the indigenous peoples of the Americas and against subjugation by European colonizers:

- a. St. Martin de Porres
- b. St. Vincent Ferrer
- c. Bartolomé de las Casas
- d. St. Dominic de Guzman

7) This mother of the author of *Frankenstein* wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*:

- a. Mary Wollstonecraft
- b. Mary Shelley
- c. Joanna Baillie
- d. Charlotte Corday

8) *Things Fall Apart* (1958), by Nigerian novelist Chinua Achebe, takes its name from "The Second Coming" — a work by this poet:

- a. Elizabeth Bishop
- b. Ezra Pound
- c. W.H. Auden
- d. William Butler Yeats

9) In the opening line of T.S. Eliot's *The Wasteland*, this is "the cruelest month:"

- a. February
- b. April
- c. September
- d. November

10) This Dominican friar and author of *A Theology of Liberation* (1971) is considered a father of liberation theology — a movement challenging the Church to address the sin of greed as the root cause of poverty:

- a. Gustavo Gutiérrez
- b. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
- c. Herbert McCabe
- d. Jose Miguez Bonino

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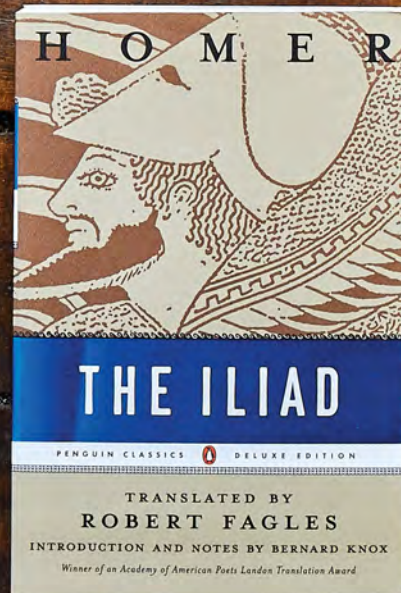
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Civ Collected



BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15, '19G

[**A.**] A bronze bust of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States and primary author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson's hypocrisy as a liberal revolutionary who also owned slaves makes him a complicated figure in the history of freedom.

[**B.**] Replicas of coins from around the world and across time by Los Angeles artist Robert Andrade. Civ students learn about economics as both science and philosophy.

[**C.**] *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe's magnum opus, is considered the most widely read, translated, and studied African novel — an essential text in the study of identity and colonialism.

[**D.**] Civ is at home at Providence College, where faith, reason, and more than 800 years of Dominican intellectual tradition come to bear on humanity's deepest questions.

[**E.**] This small diptych displays icons of Christ the Teacher (left) and the Blessed Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus (right). Civ students learn that icons are devotional objects of veneration in the Eastern and Roman Catholic churches.

[**F.**] Civ introduces students to splendid images from around the world, sometimes giving students the chance to capture such images themselves — like the Civ in London program beginning in January.

[**G.**] Civ might not be a lab science, but it does teach students how advances in science and technology — like the science of optics — shape the course of history.

[**H.**] The history of the written word is considered in Civ — here's the kind of pencil that makes an appearance around course evaluation time. Imagine using clay tablets and a reed stylus instead of a blue book for exams.

[**I.**] Scholars postulate that the Paleolithic "Woman of Willendorf" discovered in Austria in the early 20th century may symbolize fertility or a mother goddess, but it's hard to be certain more than 20,000 years since its creation. This is a replica by Los Angeles artist Robert Andrade.

[**J.**] Civ students know — just because it's played by an orchestra doesn't make it "classical." Civ students can tell you the difference between baroque, classical, romantic, and contemporary music — even if they all have violins.

[**K.**] One of Homer's two great epics, *The Iliad* is studied for its compositional and poetic beauty as well as the way it illustrates ancient Greek beliefs and values, which students compare and contrast with other value systems.



A Civ colloquium in 2019 in the Ruane Center for the Humanities.

Civ Quiz Answer Key

(from previous page)

- 1) **c. Hammurabi**
- 2) **b. Oedipus**
- 3) **c. Troy**
- 4) **d. John**
- 5) **c. Argument from ontology**
- 6) **c. Bartolomé de las Casas**
- 7) **a. Mary Wollstonecraft**
- 8) **d. William Butler Yeats**
- 9) **b. April**
- 10) **a. Gustavo Gutiérrez**

8-10 Points: The stained-glass windows in the Ruane Center for the Humanities depict iconic figures from Civ. We're adding a window with your likeness.

7-8 Points: You've still got it, and you're likely a valuable asset on any trivia team.

5-6 Points: No one's accusing you of sleeping through Civ lectures.

3-4 Points: It never hurts to dust off your old college textbooks.

0-2 Points: Have you considered a brush up? The School of Continuing Education offers a three-semester program, *Perspectives on Western Civilization*. 🛠



FRIARTOWN



Bryce Cotton '14 displays the same intensity with the Perth Wildcats that made him a favorite with Friar fans.

BRYCE COTTON '14:

AT HOME DOWN UNDER

BY BRENDAN MCGAIR '03

I NITIALY, BRYCE COTTON '14 THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO BREEZE IN AND BREEZE OUT. It was early 2017 and the former Providence College shooting guard was fresh off the plane in Australia — the latest stop in a professional basketball odyssey that had already included time spent with several NBA teams.

“I thought it was going to be a six-week stint,” said Cotton. “I didn’t think I would ever remain here.”

Fast forward to 2021. “Here” is Australia. On the smallest of the seven continents, Cotton saw his basketball stock reach legendary status. Multiple championships and MVP awards help to legitimize such a bold claim.

“Here” is where he met a native Australian, married, and chose to raise a daughter who will turn 2 this month.

“Once I came here, I fell in love. It was my first time in an English-speaking foreign country after being in China and playing in the Euro League,” said Cotton, now 29.

“That whole appeal, it meant so much to me. It had such a great impact on me and made it easy to assimilate to the city life ... going out to restaurants and people speaking the same language. It was very comforting.”

A two-time BIG EAST First Team selection who was instrumental in the Friars claiming the 2014 BIG EAST Tournament Championship along with an appearance in that year’s NCAA Tournament, Cotton cited the Australian-based title he won in his first season with the Perth Wildcats as a selling point in his decision to stay put. The championship with Perth came roughly two months after Cotton signed, so it wasn’t like he was able to gain a true feel for the lay of the land.

“I was like, ‘OK, let me come back for another year and see what it’s about for a full season,’” said Cotton, who is fifth on PC’s all-time scoring list (1,975 points). “I’ve been coming back ever since.”

On the court, Cotton has emerged as one of the headline attractions with Australia’s National Basketball League. He headed into the 2021-22 campaign as a three-time MVP and a three-time league champion. He’s coming off a 2020-21 season where he led the NBL in scoring for the fourth time in as many seasons.

Away from the hardwood, Cotton met his future bride, Rachel, while enjoying some R&R on an Australian beach.

“She didn’t know too much about basketball, which I liked,” said Cotton, “but she’s definitely into it now.”

On the subject of fatherhood, Cotton said, “Just seeing a little version of yourself every day ... if you ask me, I think she looks like I did as a kid. I get a real kick out of that. Seeing her in the stands in a Wildcats jersey — when we had games last season that weren’t past her bedtime — was pretty awesome.”

Additional proof that Australia and all that goes with it agrees with Cotton came when the former PC hoopster applied for and was granted citizenship.

“I loved the country even before I met my wife and we had a daughter. Now that I have those two, it only enhances my love of what this country has given me,” said Cotton. “It’s become a home away from home.” ❧

Brendan McGair '03 is a freelance writer from Cranston, R.I.



Emily Sisson '14 runs the 10,000 meters at the Olympic Games in Tokyo on Aug. 7.

TOP 10 FINISH

“**ONE OF MY FAVE THINGS ABOUT THIS SPORT** is there’s always another race just around the corner,” Emily Sisson ’14 wrote on Instagram in August, days before announcing her plans to train for the New York Marathon — plans later interrupted by a knee injury.

At the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Sisson led the U.S. women in the 10,000-meter final with a 10th place finish in 31:09.58.

“**...THERE’S ALWAYS ANOTHER RACE JUST AROUND THE CORNER.**”

—EMILY SISSON ’14

Sifan Hassan (Netherlands) won gold, her third medal of the games, with 29:55.32. The race was run under oppressive conditions, in 81-degree heat with 89% humidity.

“I’m a bit disappointed, given how the trials went, but timing’s everything in this sport, and I feel like it was a bit off with timing it for the Olympics,” Sisson told *Runner’s World*. “I’m still really proud of the effort I gave, and it was an incredible group of women that made the team, and

we faced incredible competition.”

On June 26, Sisson broke the Olympics Trials record that stood for 17 years. In a 25-lap race in Eugene, Ore., she took command at the five-lap mark and was never seriously challenged, posting a winning time of 31:03.82, the closest U.S. runner nearly 16 seconds behind her.

Sisson returned to PC to train for the Olympics under her coach, Ray Treacy ’82, director of cross country and track operations. In August, she celebrated her third wedding anniversary with Shane Quinn ’15, ’18G.

Ben Connor ’15 qualified for the marathon in the Tokyo Games by finishing in the top two at the 2021 British Athletics Marathon Trial in March. He was one of 30 runners, in a field of 106, to pull out of the race. ❧

Kevin Hood '23 in the 100-yard breaststroke.



Swimmers tops in BIG EAST

Kevin Hood '23 (Lithonia, Ga.) won the 100-yard breaststroke to capture the BIG EAST Swimming and Diving Championships in April in Geneva, Ohio. Hood swam a 55.52, tying a program best set in 2018 by Ryan Trammel '19, and became the first Friar to win a men's BIG EAST Swimming and Diving Championship since 1985.

The next day, his teammate **Justin Viotto '22** (Morristown, N.J.) won the 200-yard butterfly, edging his Seton Hall competitor by one one-hundredth of a second to claim another conference title for PC. Viotto improved his program record by nearly a second.

John O'Neill '87G, head coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving programs, and his staff — Margaret Howe '19, Newell Roberts, and Ken Reall — completed the honors by being named BIG EAST men's swimming coaching staff of the year.



Justin Viotto '22 swims the 200-yard butterfly.

AROUND FRIARTOWN

→ **Abbey Wheeler '21** (Elmira, N.Y.) earned Second Team All-America honors by finishing 12th in the 10,000-meter finals at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in June. To earn All-America recognition, athletes must place in the top 16. It was Wheeler's fourth All-America honor. She finished with a personal record of 33:04.56.

→ Also at the NAAs, graduate student **AJ Ernst** finished the 1,500-meter finals with a time of 3:43.14. He earned Second Team All-America honors, the first of his college career.

→ USA Hockey announced that **Nate Leaman**, head coach of the men's hockey team, will return as head coach of the 2022 U.S. National Junior Team, which he led to a gold medal in 2021. Leaman also was assistant coach of the 2021 U.S. Men's National Team, which won bronze last spring in Latvia.

→ **Ali Domenico**, assistant coach of women's ice hockey, was named an assistant coach of the Canadian National Team for the 2021-22 season, including the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

→ Basketball star **David Duke**, who played three years for the Friars, signed an undrafted free agent contract with the Brooklyn Nets in August.

→ **Jarrod Neumann '17, '18G** and his team, Chaos Lacrosse Club, won the Premier Lacrosse League Championship in September at Audi Field in Washington, D.C., defeating the Whipsnakes Lacrosse Club, 14-9.



The name of Michael J. Berkeley at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City.

THE **MICHAEL J. BERKELEY '85** BUSINESS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

New School of Business program honors finance major, basketball player killed on 9-11

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING '21G / PHOTO BY BRENT MURRAY

IN THE TWO DECADES SINCE MICHAEL J. BERKELEY '85 DIED IN THE SEPT. 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS, his Providence College classmates have not forgotten their friend — a finance major with confident determination to make it on Wall Street, a walk-on guard for the basketball team, a Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship recipient, a jokester who bestowed a nickname on everyone he met.

After graduating from PC, Mr. Berkeley earned an MBA from Columbia Business School. He worked for several years as a bond trader at Merrill Lynch before launching his own firm, The Berkeley Group, on the 79th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower. He died on his 38th birthday, leaving a wife and two young sons.

This fall, thanks to fundraising by his classmates and a matching gift from the School of Business, the Michael J. Berkeley '85 Business Excellence Program launched at the business school. The program is designed to promote academic success and community building through speakers, networking, and mentoring opportunities. Each year, six students from populations that are underrepresented at the



business school will be named Berkeley Scholars. They will receive assistance with academic advising, internship placement, peer and alumni coaching, and possible financial support as the fundraising continues.

"I couldn't be more excited," said Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, business school dean. "To name a program after Michael Berkeley, and to tell everyone even the shortest version of his biography, will inspire a whole lot of students."

John Regan '85 was Mr. Berkeley's classmate at Iona Preparatory School. Their friendship deepened in college, where their friends grew to include Andre Owens '85, who was Regan's roommate, and basketball players Harold Starks '86 and Keith Lomax '85.

As the reunion for the Class of 1985 approached, Regan, now a principal of Park Bridge Financial in New York City, began to think about ways to honor Mr. Berkeley by raising funds for something special in his memory. He contacted

Owens, now a partner at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., and a member of PC's Board of Trustees.

"We talked about Mike's role as a student — a very good student — and a very talented basketball player able to walk on to the PC team," Owens said. "He was serious and focused on what he wanted to do after PC, in terms of going to Wall Street and furthering his education."

Regan remembered how Starks, now PC's coordinator of student-athlete mentoring and athletic alumni events, said some of the basketball players who attended golf tournaments to benefit PC's athletics program had never been on a golf course before.

"How does one know how to act in a situation when one hasn't ever done it before?" Regan said. "How do you get an internship if you've never had an internship? We thought about a program for students who didn't have the same opportunities as others, to teach them everything from résumé writing to cold calling to dressing for an interview to creating a network to address your own dreams and aspirations."

Launching the program on the 20th anniversary of 9-11 — on what would have been Mr. Berkeley's 58th birthday — allows his friends to tell stories about him all over again.

"I loved him," Starks said. "I miss him." ❧

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Reunion returns

After a one-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, reunion returned to campus in June with 900 alumni and their guests representing class years ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6. There were plenty of ways to celebrate, including food trucks, live music, children’s activities, class photos, and a traditional Reunion Mass in St. Dominic Chapel. In September, Golden Friars — those who graduated 50 years ago, and more — gathered on campus to connect, reminisce, and celebrate with signature class events, a special reunion brunch, and Mass celebrated by the Dominican community. Many took advantage of golf cart tours to view campus changes. As always, the Golden Friars Reunion included a memorial at the Dominican Cemetery to honor beloved friars.

JUNE 2021



Enjoying the Adirondack chairs and fire tables on Slavin lawn, from left, Kevin Shepherd '20G, Kelly Garland '16, Lauren Ficurilli '16, and Jamie Wilson '16.



A future Friar gives his all to a game of cornhole.



The opportunity to gather again in familiar places — and capture the memory — was a highlight of the weekend.



For a bit of nostalgia, the iconic Louie’s Tavern, a favorite hangout for decades of Friars, was recreated on the lawn outside the Smith Center for the Arts.

PHOTOS: TOP LEFT, BOTTOM RIGHT: ASHLEY MCCABE
TOP RIGHT, BOTTOM LEFT: KEVIN TRIMMER



David Duffy '61 places a white carnation on the gravestone of Rev. Robert Morris, O.P. '46, '82Hon. during a memorial at the Dominican Cemetery.



Peter Ghiorse '70 speaks at the dedication of the Class of 1970 patio, located between Meagher Hall and Calabria Plaza. The naming recognizes class fundraising.



Joe Scorpio '60 and Garry Billinghoff '60 at the luncheon in the Harkins Hall Rotunda.

PHOTOS: STEW MILNE



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Ciara O'Brien '18 and Stephenie Thompson O'Brien '84 at a welcome event for the Class of 2025 in July.

A chat with Stephenie Thompson O'Brien '84

Stephenie Thompson O'Brien '84 is the new president of the National Alumni Association Council. She majored in finance at PC and now teaches literacy to third, fourth, and fifth grade students in Hingham, Mass., where she resides. She is the mother of three, including Tommy O'Brien '16 and Ciara O'Brien '18.

"I have a fun PC legacy background. My dad, Bill Thompson '59, met my mom, Gail Finn, Salve Regina Class of 1960, in the basement of Harkins Hall at a dance. I even know the date, Nov. 6, 1958. They just celebrated their 60th anniversary in May.

"My brother, Bob Thompson '85, graduated a year behind me. When my kids were applying to PC there wasn't enough room on the application to fit all of their relatives who were PC grads."

How did your perspective about PC change as a parent?

"It made me want to go back to school! I loved my time at PC, but I would have been a better student now with the technology available ... except for the Netflix piece, that would have been my downfall. Being able to research/write a paper from anywhere on campus using a laptop is so different from when I was in school."

If you could return to take one class, what would it be?

"In 2018 I went back to school to earn my master's degree in elementary education, which I completed in 2020. I would definitely take a higher-level course in special education at PC! I am actually hoping that may happen."

Where was the best place you lived on campus?

"Keeping in mind that this was 1980, the only 'new' dorm was McVinney, so what made a place 'best' was the people on the floor, and all three years on campus were fun. Two years in Aquinas (one in a room next to where my dad had lived) and one year in Meagher."

What events do you most enjoy?

"A favorite for me is hockey games with my dad. I've met a lot of alumni who have season tickets in my dad's section. They have all become friends over the years. I get down to basketball games a few times a year. Halftime is always fun meeting friends for a quick chat." ❄️

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CLASS NOTES

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1960s

'66

Lawrence R. Kane, M.D. '66 of Newmarket, N.H., was honored with the 2020 Global Humanitarian Award by the American College of Radiology Foundation for his 30 years of volunteer work in Haiti. Since 1989, he has spent one week each year volunteering as a radiologist at the Haitian Health Foundation clinic in Jérémie. He reviews radiographs, performs and teaches sonography, supplies textbooks, and brings medical, dental, and nursing colleagues with him to assist. A graduate of SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, he has retired from radiology but continues his service work.

1970s

'74

Bernard F. McKay '74 of Celebration, Fla., and Newport, R.I., was named to the board of directors of The Progressive Policy Institute's Third Way Foundation in Washington, D.C.

He formerly was the chief public policy officer and senior vice president for global corporate affairs at Intuit. McKay is a trustee of Salve Regina University and the Washington Shakespeare Theatre. He also served for many years as vice chairman of the board of trustees of John Cabot University in Rome.

'76

Stephen M. Silvestri '76 of Hampstead, Md., has been recognized in the 2021 Edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, a prestigious annual guide ranking the leading law firms and attorneys in the U.S. Stephen is principal in the Baltimore office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He has 40 years of experience representing companies, public sector employers, and institutions of higher learning in complex labor disputes, and has acted as their chief spokesperson and bargaining strategist in negotiations throughout the country.

'77 (Reunion: June 3-5, 2022)

Marcellino D'Ambrosio '77 of Dallas, Texas, released a groundbreaking, multi-media study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, The Truth and the Life*, published by Ascension

Press, includes 10 video episodes, a comprehensive study guide, and a book, D'Ambrosio's fifth. The study makes biblical scholarship and theology accessible for a wide popular audience. D'Ambrosio was co-valedictorian of his PC class.

1980s

'80

Lauren Cook '80 of Philadelphia is a senior archaeologist for Dewberry Engineers. He was deployed to northern California as a contractor with FEMA to assist in recovery from the 2018 Camp Fire. As an environmental and historic preservation lead, he assists the state in complying with federal environmental and historic preservation laws. His team won the Michael Popper Award for outstanding public service during a period when it contended with both COVID-19 and the 2020 wildfire season, which burned another 44 million acres in 28 counties across California. It was Lauren's second deployment to the Camp Fire, his fifth for FEMA, and his sixth disaster; he's worked previously in Alabama, New Jersey, New York City, and Texas. "It's nice to be recognized for



Harold Vayo Jr. '51 was editor of *The Alembic*, PC's literary magazine.

A class oration rediscovered

After **HAROLD E. VAYO JR. '51** died in April, his daughter, Paula Vayo Werne, remembered hearing that he had presented the class oration when he graduated from Providence College. After connecting with the Office of Alumni Relations, she received a commencement program and newspaper article from the PC Archives confirming that he was the speaker.

Days later, her brother, David, found a rough draft of Mr. Vayo's speech while cleaning out their parents' home in preparation for sale. On the 70th anniversary of the oration, Werne, who lives in Ferdinand, Ind., published it on her family blog, TooMuchBrudders.com.

"The obligations which the Dominican Fathers

assumed when they undertook to fashion order out of the emotional and mental chaos within us have been discharged," said Mr. Vayo. "We now possess beginnings of the knowledge necessary to realization of the ultimate human perfection: the enjoyment of everlasting happiness. And each of us must decide what he will do with it."

Mr. Vayo used his education from that moment on, his daughter said. He began a career at General Electric, married, and had four children. His PC legacy is continued by a niece, Claire Cassidy Davison '97, and a great niece, Ealish Cassidy Brawley '14.

"In the sadness of getting our parents' house ready to sell, this unexpected gift truly lifted our spirits," Werne wrote.

what we're doing, but the real reward is helping communities recover from disasters," he said.

Edmund F. Murray, Jr. '80 of Warwick, R.I., was named chief of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue Central Collections Unit. The Central Collections Unit assists state agencies in enforcing court judgments and administrative orders by collecting money from debtors who owe fines or fees to state agencies. He served as senior counsel to the unit since March 2019 and, prior to that, was special assistant attorney general in the Civil Division of the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.

'82 (Reunion: June 3-5, 2022)

Kevin Friend '82 of Easton, Mass., returned to campus in October for the live screening of his latest documentary film, *Borderland: The Life and Times of Blanche Ames Ames*, an artist, activist, builder, inventor, and leader of the women's suffrage movement in Massachusetts. Friend has been creating films that highlight social and public issues for the last 30 years. He has been the lead producer, director, and editor of more than 110 episodes of two television travel series: *Golfing the World* and *The Mountain Report*. His previous documentaries include *Kings of Cape Cod* (the history of Cape Cod's Happy Hour), the award-winning *Sacred Ground* (behind the scenes at Newport Polo), and the shorts *Battle for Durham Point* (recalling the grassroots effort to thwart development of an oil refinery) and *Learn to Cope* (families dealing with opioid addiction).

'84

Jim Coffey '84 and his wife, Christina, recently moved to Sandwich, Mass. Jim also was appointed chief operating officer and general counsel to Advent Technologies Holdings, Inc., an innovative fuel cell technology company with headquarters in Boston. Advent went public on Feb. 4, 2021, and is listed on NASDAQ under the trading symbol ADN.

Glenn Rybacki '84 of Hamden, Conn., joined the public finance practice at Pullman & Comley, the top-ranked law firm for public finance in Connecticut according to Bond Buyer. In addition to his work in public finance, Glenn



Marta V. Martinez '79, '19Hon.



Rudy Cline-Thomas '00



Christopher Walker '86

Three alumni join Board of Trustees

Three alumni were named to the Providence College Board of Trustees for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2021.

- **MARTA V. MARTÍNEZ '79, '19HON.** is the executive director and founder of Rhode Island Latinos. She is a community oral historian and project director of *Nuestras Raíces: Latino Oral History Project of Rhode Island*.
- **RUDY CLINE-THOMAS '00** is the founder and managing partner of MASTRY, a multi-stage venture fund. It counts world-class institutions, athletes, CEOs, and influencers as limited partners to assist in creating top-tier platform-building opportunities.
- **CHRISTOPHER WALKER '86** is a principal at HarbourVest Partners, a global private equity firm. His focus is U.S. venture capital and buyout investments. He has extensive experience in the healthcare sector and works on new fund opportunities in Canada.

THOMAS P. CORCORAN '80 and **SHARON T. DRISCOLL '80** were awarded emeritus status when their terms on the board concluded on June 30, 2021. Both had served since 2012.

has provided state and local tax advice and representation to a variety of clients, ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to startups. Before entering private practice, Glenn was a tax manager in the multistate practice group at Deloitte & Touche and a revenue examiner for the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. He is a graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law and is admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York.

'85

Paul Briody, CFP® '85 of South Burlington, Vt., was ranked 12th in Vermont on *Forbes' 2021 Best-In-State Wealth Advisor* list. He is president of the Backshore Wealth Management Group of the Wells Fargo Advisor Financial Network. Since 2016, Briody has been recognized by Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network as a Premier Advisor, a distinction held by a select group of financial advisors within the firm as measured by completion of edu-

cational components, business production, and professionalism. He studied business administration at PC and has lived in Vermont since 1990 with his wife, **Amy MacMullan Briody '85**. They have two grown children.

'86

Dr. Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Beaulieu '86 of New London, Conn., is vice president of academic affairs at Mitchell College in New London, Conn. She oversees all academic areas of the college, including Thames at Mitchell, the Bentsen Learning Center, and the Mystic Program. Beaulieu previously served as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven. Prior to that, she was founding dean of the Core Division at Champlain College in Vermont, where she served for 11 years, and director of women's studies at Appalachian State University in North Carolina. She has consulted in many areas of higher education, including

general education reform and integrative teaching, learning, and collaboration. Her research focuses on contemporary African American women writers. Beaulieu holds a doctorate in 20th century British and American literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and master's degrees in literature from the University of York, England, and Georgetown University.

Joseph Poss '86 of Brooklyn, N.Y., who spent a full career in law enforcement and international peacekeeping, is celebrating eight years at the United Nations Development Programme: Security.

'88

Kathleen Kelly Walsh '88 of Lynnfield, Mass., was named Essex Media Group's 2020 Person of the Year in recognition of her efforts to serve the community during the pandemic as president and CEO of YMCA of Metro North. The Torigian YMCA in Lynnfield was the first of four operated by Metro North to reopen to the public in July 2020 after a 16-week closure. The Ys provide such essential services as child daycare, safe summer activities for school-age children, afterschool programs, and quality exercise programs for adults. "Receiving this award tells all of us at the Y that we are doing what we should be doing for the community," said Walsh. "I don't look at it as me winning the award, it's because of the work that I do with an organization that is so critical to the public that is the award winner."

'89

Paul Olivier '89 of Boardman, Ohio, was appointed vice president, Mahoning Valley Enterprises, for Akron Children's Hospital. He is responsible for leading Akron Children's operations and growth in the Mahoning Valley, a three-county area in northeast Ohio. Akron Children's Hospital is a nonprofit healthcare organization dedicated to the healthcare of children since 1890.

Bruce Quinn '89 of South Kingstown, R.I., has been named deputy commander of the state Explosives Operations Division (Bomb Squad) for the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Rhode Island. In addition to his regular duties, he oversees training for the Bomb Squad, coordinates the unit's public outreach programs, and sits on the Rhode Island School Safety Committee.

Tom Skala '89 has taken on a new role as a personal banker at Citizens Bank in Newport, R.I.

1990s

'90

Joy Pilla Corso '90, '98G of Austin, Texas, was appointed chief marketing and communications officer of Vonage, a global leader in cloud communications, powering company's customer experiences through unified communications, contact centers, and communications APIs. She also was recently recognized as an honoree by Microsoft as part of its

Women in History Legacy Project, celebrating women who empower change.

Shawn Palmer '90 of Colchester, Conn., joined Newspapers of New England as publisher of its five newspapers in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. He oversees news, advertising, circulation, digital audience, finance and operations, and websites at *Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Northampton, *Greenfield Recorder*, *Athol Daily News*, *Amherst Bulletin*, and *Valley Advocate*. He was most recently chief revenue officer at *The Day* in New London and previously was publisher of *The News-Times* in Danbury.

Francis X. Roque '90 of Berryville, Va., was named principal of Bishop O'Connell High

Congratulations to our NAA Award recipients

The National Alumni Association celebrated alumni achievements with its annual Alumni Association Awards.

Reunion 2020

BISHOP HARKINS AWARD:

Most Rev. Joseph Augustine DiNoia, O.P., S.T.M., '65, '02Hon.

EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD:

Thomas Brunnock, Esq. '70

FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD:

Leo Fox '60

Thomas F. Heavren, Jr. '60

John Canty '70

John McElroy '65

John Ollquist '75 and Rhonda Padovano

Ollquist '76

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Hon. Melissa DuBose '90

Rudy Cline-Thomas '00

REV. PHILIP A. SMITH, O.P. AWARD

Mike Hopkins '10

SERVICE TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

William Hasler '79 and Jayne Farrell

Hasler '80

Reunion 2021

BISHOP HARKINS AWARD:

Peggy Martin Weber '76

EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD:

Michael A. Maron '81 and Diane Larkin Maron '81

Chris Riccobono '01 and Amy Parrillo Riccobono '03

FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD:

Adam Benjamin '91 and Meg Howley Benjamin '91

William Duggan '66

Everett Gabriel '71, '77G

Christopher J. Walker '86 and Susan Tower Walker '86

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chaka Daley '96

John Egan '61

Edward A. Iannuccilli, M.D. '61

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Amanda Mathieu Palumbo '11

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School in Arlington. An economics major at PC, he holds a master's degree in education administration and supervision from Marymount University, Arlington. He has worked at O'Connell since 2011 in roles that include director of information technology, director of student life, and dean of student affairs. Roque and his wife, Meg, are the parents of six.

'92 (Reunion June 3-5, 2022)

Phil Pescatore '92 of Basking Ridge, N.J., was promoted to senior vice president, chief ethics and chief compliance officer at Guardian Life Insurance Company in New York City. He is responsible for protecting Guardian and its consumers and guiding its commitment to ethical business practices. He holds an MBA from Fordham University and has also worked for AXA Advisors and Prudential.

Michael Sherin '92 of Smithtown, N.Y., was appointed executive vice president and chief accounting officer of AMC Networks Inc.,

the global entertainment company. He oversees all corporate accounting, financial reporting, and tax functions. Sherin, who earned his bachelor's degree in accountancy at PC, joined AMC Networks in 2011 after working for The Nature's Bounty Co. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

'94

Michelle (Balthazar) Murphy '94 of Milton, Mass., was promoted to executive director, head of regulatory change-corporate and investment banking at Santander Investment Securities in New York City.

'95

Christopher Stanley '95 of Warren, R.I., was recognized by The Henry Ford, in cooperation with the TV series *Innovation Nation*, as one of 20 educators from across the country who have gone above and beyond with their students. The winners were selected based on their ability to demonstrate the habits of an innovator — teachers who inspired their students to challenge the rules and take risks, who demonstrated how to be collaborative and empathetic, and who taught the value of learning from failure and staying curious.

Stanley teaches history at Ponaganset High School in North Scituate, R.I.

Jennifer Wheelock, Esq. '95 of Newington, Conn., was elected president of the Hartford County Bar Association for the 2021-2022 year.

'98

Deirdre Driscoll-Lemoine '98G of Harmony, R.I., was promoted to associate vice president in the newly created Division of College Event Management and Planning at Providence College. She will report directly to the President's Office and provide central leadership for campus partners who are planning large-scale and special programs on and off campus. She has served PC since 1998 in several roles, including as director of college events within the Office of Institutional Advancement. She has a master's degree in business administration from PC and a bachelor's degree in marketing from Bryant University, and holds the designation Certified Meeting Professional (CMP).

'99

Emily A. Benfer '99 received a presidential citation from the American Bar Association for her work during the pandemic as chair of the bar association's Task Force on Eviction, Housing Stability, and Equity. Benfer is a visiting professor of law and public health at Wake Forest University School of Law and a visiting research collaborator at Princeton University's Eviction Lab. She is on leave from those positions to serve the Biden administration as a senior policy advisor to the White House, American Rescue Plan Implementation Team.

Dr. James P. Huguley '99 of Pittsburgh was named the inaugural associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Pitt School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a faculty member since 2015 and was awarded tenure in the spring. He also received the Counseling and Human Development Distinguished Research Award from the American Educational Research Association and the Excellence in Research Award from the Society for Social Work and Research. His research focuses on school-based interventions that promote positive academic and mental health outcomes for African American youth. An English-secondary education major at PC, he earned a master's degree in risk and prevention and a doctorate in human development and psychology from Harvard University.

Alumni authors

DR. JODI (BOTELHO) LEFFINGWELL '94 of Bristol, R.I., published *A Letter to Our Daughters* (Salty Girl Publishing LLC, May 2021), a gift book designed to provide a message of empowerment and hope in an ever-changing world. It was inspired by a letter to her daughters in her soon to be released leadership book, *Life After Coffee: An Every Woman's Guide to Finding a Seat at the Table in Leadership*.

DR. TERZA LIMA-NEVES '00 of Charlotte, N.C., published her first book, *Cabo Verdean Women Writing Remembrance, Resistance, and Revolution: Kriolas Poderozas* (Lexington Press, May 2021). It's an edited collection with her colleague and friend, Dr. Aminah F. Pilgrim, documenting the work and stories told by Cabo Verdean women and refocusing the narratives about their experiences.

PETER J. MALIA '73 of Cheshire, Conn., has published an award-winning historical reference, *New Haven Town Records, 1769 - 1819: Ancient Record Series Vol. IV* (The Connecticut Press, 2020). The book, a fully annotated and indexed primary source transcription of the minutes of New Haven's Town Meetings over what is arguably the most significant half century of the city's long history, is available through bookstores as well as the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

JOE PISCATELLA '66 of Gig Harbor, Wash., will publish his 17th book later this year: *Strong Heart/Smart Mind: The 6-Step Brain-Body Balance Program that Reverses Heart Disease and Helps Prevent Alzheimer's* (Humanix Books, Dec. 2021). He is president and CEO of the Institute for Fitness and Health.

2000s

'00

J. Hanley '00 of Rockford, Ill., was elected Winnebago County State's Attorney. While proud of this accomplishment, he says it pales in comparison to winning back-to-back intramural flag football championships with his dormmates while at PC.

'01

Federico Carmona '01G, '02G of Northridge, Calif., is a trauma therapist for victims of domestic and sexual violence at Peace Over Violence in Los Angeles. His article, "A Hero/Heroine's Journey: A Road Map to Trauma Healing" was featured in the print and online editions of the American Counseling Association magazine in July 2021.

Angela L. Carr '01 of Providence, R.I., a partner at Barton Gilman LLP, was elected president of Defense Counsel of Rhode Island, an association that advances the interests of businesses and individuals in civil litigation. Carr focuses her practice on medical and professional liability defense. She is immediate past president of PC's Greater Providence (Mal Brown) Alumni Club and serves on the Providence President's Council. She has been honored as a Woman to Watch in Legal Services and a 40 Under Forty by *Providence Business News*, a Lawyer of Professional Excellence by *Rhode Island Monthly*, a Rhode Island Super Lawyer Rising Star, and a Massachusetts Super Lawyer. She is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.

Jeannine Nota-Masse '01G of Cranston, R.I., superintendent of Cranston schools since 2015, was selected by her peers as the 2022 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year. She will be recognized at the National Conference on Education of the American Association of School Administrators, to be held in Nashville in February. She received a master's degree in education administration from PC. She has served as assistant superintendent, executive director of educational programs and services, and assistant principal in Cranston, and has worked in public schools in East Greenwich and Providence.

Nicholas W. Vitti Jr. '01 of Bethel, Conn., joined Murtha Cullina LLP as a partner in the Business and Finance Department and Real Estate Practice Group. Vitti is chairman of the



Erin Piorek Schofield '96 and Asher Schofield '96 receive the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion from Nellie Gorbea, Rhode Island secretary of state.

'Knock it off' shirts a winner for Schofields, pandemic relief

ASHER SCHOFIELD '96 and **ERIN PIOREK SCHOFIELD '96**, owner of the Frog & Toad stores in Providence, were honored in June with the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion for outstanding civic leadership and philanthropic giving.

The award, presented by Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, recognized the couple's contribution of more than \$43,500 to the Rhode Island Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund.

To benefit the fund, Frog & Toad produced and sold more than 11,500 T-shirts with the phrases "Knock it off" and "Shut it down," favorites of R.I. Gov. Gina Raimondo, who was frustrated by large gatherings during the pandemic shutdown. Raimondo now is U.S. commerce secretary.

"Things were so heavy and dark, having this silly shirt that makes people chuckle or smile, it's brought a lot of people some happiness," Asher Schofield said.

Twenty percent of the proceeds from shirt sales are contributed to the relief fund. The shirts can be purchased at frogandtoadstore.com.

Frog & Toad's philanthropy is well known. The business also supports such nonprofits as the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Amos House, and the Nonviolence Institute, among others.

Bethel Democratic Town Committee and deputy town counsel for the town of Bethel. He was a former director of the Fairfield County Bar Association and is a graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law.

'03

Theresa Amaral '03 of Saint Augustine, Fla., was promoted to senior manager, internal audit and compliance, for the Neuroscience and Diabetes Operating Units and Enterprise Functions at Medtronic. Her team performs Internal Quality Management System Audits and compliance consultancy for Medtronic entities around the globe. In February, Theresa was elected hubs co-chair for SWEnet Global, the professional area network of the Society of Women Engineers. In this role, she is responsible for increasing the number of SWEnet Hubs globally with a focus on promoting the development and interests of

female engineers and scientists at Medtronic. Medtronic is the world's largest medical device company, with operations in 150 countries and products treating 70 health conditions, including cardiac devices, cranial and spine robotics, insulin pumps, surgical tools, and patient monitoring systems.

'04

Natalie Kessimian '04 of Cranston, R.I., was appointed the first female assistant principal in the history of Bishop Hendricken High School, an all-male Catholic high school in Warwick. She studied elementary and special education at PC and received a master's degree in school administration from Simmons College. She taught in Boston as a first-grade special education teacher and in the classroom for about six years. Kessimian has been a Hendricken faculty member since 2014.

'05

Kyle Anderson '05 of Los Angeles earned a master's degree in business administration, with a focus on general leadership and strategy, from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business in May 2021.

Christopher Arnella '05 of New York City was named to the Forbes Best-In-State Advisors List in New York for 2021 and the Forbes Top Next-Gen Wealth Advisors List for 2020.

Nathan D. Howlett, D.O. '05 of Saunderstown, R.I., joined Ortho Rhode Island's orthopedic and sports medicine team, specializing in sports medicine and surgical management of shoulder and knee injuries. He sees patients in Ortho Rhode Island's Wakefield and East Greenwich offices. Howlett holds a master's degree from Georgetown University and a medical doctorate from the University of New England. He completed his orthopedic residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and a sports medicine fellowship with Boston University at Boston Medical Center.

Mike Raia '05 of Barrington, R.I., was appointed to a position on Johnson & Wales University's executive cabinet in fall 2020 and was recognized as one of *Providence Business News*' 40 Under Forty honorees this summer. He previously served as a top aide to Gina Raimondo, former Rhode Island governor and now U.S. commerce secretary.

Matthew Teich '05 of West Hartford, Conn., was named to the *Hartford Business Journal's* 40 Under Forty Class of 2021. A partner at the law firm Halloran Sage, he was recognized for his professional talents and community involvement. As a corporate transactions and commercial real estate attorney, Matt works with major banks and middle market companies in Connecticut and the broader New England and tri-state region, and routinely acts as counsel to institutional lenders and businesses in high-profile, multi-million-dollar commercial lending transactions.

'06

Kevin Hanlon '06 of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., was appointed assistant principal of Farragut

Middle School in Hastings-on-Hudson. He previously worked for 10 years in the Port Chester School District as a mathematics teacher and department chair, mentor to new teachers, interim assistant principal, grade-level team leader, and coach.

Kenneth J. Perry, M.D. '06 of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is an emergency medicine attending physician at Trident Medical Center in Charleston. He is a spokesperson for the South Carolina College of Emergency Medicine and uses this platform to help the general public understand health policy.

'07 (Reunion June 3-5, 2022)

Joseph Demers '07 of Woburn, Mass., was named the newest Ward 4 alderman by the Woburn City Council, beating out a crowded field of 10 other candidates. A former School Committee chairman, he stepped down from the local education board in 2018 after serving for six years. Demers is employed as a program coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Informational Services.

Tim Fogarty, Esq. '07 of Narragansett, R.I., has joined Dime Bank of Norwich, Conn., as vice president, senior trust officer, leading the Trust Services Department. He is a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor as recognized by

the American Bankers Association. Tim and his team provide fiduciary and investment services to families and nonprofits.

'08

Ben Sarraf '08 of Plattsburgh, N.Y., is the head coach of the women's basketball team at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, where he was associate head coach for eight years. Sarraf studied accountancy at PC and earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Lynchburg College in Virginia, where he also worked as assistant coach. He has been on the staff of numerous basketball camps, including Duke University, the University of Virginia, and PC, and he volunteered as an assistant coach at Saint Anselm College.

Amanda Silk Baer '08 of Boylston, Mass., has been named a partner in the labor, employment and employee benefits group at Mirick O'Connell, where she has worked for the past 10 years. A magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, she practices employment litigation defense and is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as before the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts and Connecticut, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Troy Quinn '05 takes the RI stage



The scene at Roger Williams Park in Providence when Troy Quinn '05 conducted the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra in a free summer concert.

TROY QUINN '05 realized a lifelong dream this summer when he conducted the summer pops series for the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra at Narragansett Town Beach, Roger Williams Park in Providence, and Slater Park in Pawtucket. The free concerts took place from July to September.

"The Rhode Island Philharmonic was the first orchestra I ever heard while a student at PC," Quinn said. "It set me on track to become a conductor. Now it's come full circle, and I get to conduct them."

Quinn is music director of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra in Kentucky and the Venice Symphony in Florida, and a member of the conducting faculty at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

Births

JENNIE ECKILSON GILES '11 and her husband, Colin, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Logan Philip Giles, on Aug. 10, 2021. Jennie and Colin married in September 2018 and live in Topsfield, Mass.

BECKY CURRAN KEKULA '06 and her husband, Ryan, of Plymouth, Mass., are celebrating the birth of their son, Jackson Robert, in August 2021. Becky was a guest on the Providence College Podcast in May. Listen at news.providence.edu/podcast.

OSVALDO JOSE "OJ" MARTÍ '07 and his wife, Sarah Arntsen Marti, of Cranston, R.I., welcomed their son, Tatum Luis Arntsen Marti, on March 12, 2021. OJ and Sarah cannot wait for Tatum to attend his first Friars game later this year.

Marriages

After getting engaged outside Harkins Hall in 2019, **PAMELA J. BUTZ '13** and **PETER SARIAN '13** were married on July 17, 2021, at St. Dominic Chapel. The two met at the class ball their sophomore year and were active in Student Congress (class president and treasurer) and as admission ambassadors. They live in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

SHANNON DROGE '13 married **VINCENT GOLEMME '13** on May 30, 2021, in St. Dominic Chapel. Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98

KATHERINE VINCE SKIDMORE '03 and William Skidmore Jr. of Neptune, N.J., welcomed a daughter, Adeline Christine, on Feb. 24, 2021. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

MONICA (CLEARINK) INCANTALUPO '07, '09G and **TODD INCANTALUPO '98, '01G** welcomed Ava Marie on Jan. 8, 2021. Ava was born at 10:18 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

DORI (BATHGATE) CARPENTER '09 and her husband, Mark Carpenter, of Westerly, R.I., welcomed their first child, Coral Judith Carpenter, on March 25, 2020. Mom, Dad, and daughter are doing well.

officiated. It was a rainy and chilly day at PC but a beautiful day regardless! They reside in West Hartford, Conn.

SABRINA RAULERSON '13 and **JESSIE NGO '13** were married on Oct. 19, 2019, at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Manchester, N.H. Sabrina is an associate director in clinical technology at IQIVIA. Jessie is a project manager at Fidelity Investments. They reside in Litchfield, N.H.

a master's degree in special education from PC while teaching in Fall River, Mass. She entered the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary community in 2012, and spent the past several years teaching at Catholic schools in Pennsylvania.

'11

Mallory Visser '11 of Little Rock, Ark., a licensed master social worker, is leading crisis intervention efforts as head of a new social work department established by the Little Rock Police Department with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Visser previously served as a victim services specialist, elderly specialist, and LGBT specialist for the police. She earned a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and also works as a medical social worker at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock.

'09

Ryan Whalen '09 of East Greenwich, R.I., is chief development officer for Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, overseeing fundraising for both hospitals. In October, he married **Carolyn Bartley '11**, operations manager for oncology clinical research at the Lifespan Cancer Institute. Though they were at PC at the same time, they met while at work, Whalen reports.

2010s

'10

Sister Kathryn Teresa Clemmer '10G of Falls Church, Va., is the new assistant principal at St. James School in Falls Church. She earned

Friars of the Last Decade

'12 (Reunion June 3-5, 2022)

Brianna Muñoz, D.M.D. '12 of Enfield, Conn., returned to Gillette Stadium as a New England Patriots cheerleader for the 2021-22 season. Muñoz, who majored in biology and chemistry and minored in dance, originally served on the team 10 years ago while a student at PC. The pediatric dentist and public policy advocate was one of 33 selected this season from the more than 300 who auditioned.

'13

Nicole L. Andrescavage, Esq. '13 of Smithfield, R.I., has joined the Providence office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith as an associate. Her practice consists of workers compensation, general liability and coverage, and admiralty/maritime law. She is licensed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and is excited to join an office with several other PC alumni.

Dionne Nickerson '13G of Bloomington, Ind., completed her Ph.D. in marketing at the Scheller College of Business at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her research focuses on the impact of sustainability on business outcomes. She is an assistant professor of marketing at Indiana University Bloomington.

Michael Rose '13 of Providence, R.I., gallery manager at the Providence Art Club, was invited to write a regular feature, "Inside Art with Michael Rose," for the website GoLocalProv. His column focuses on local exhibitions and artists and contextualizes local art for a broad audience. Among his topics: a summer exhibition at the Bert Gallery in Providence, contemporary artists at Coastal Contemporary Gallery in Newport, and a review of the reopened RISD Museum in Providence.

'14

Kwaku Frimpong '14 of Chicago is a 2021 graduate of the MBA program at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago, where he was a Kilts Marketing Fellow. He has joined PepsiCo as an associate marketing manager on the sports and fitness business unit with Gatorade. He earned degrees in both finance and marketing at PC.

'15

Eric Lebel '15 of Menlo Park, Calif., defended his dissertation, "Fugitive Methane in the Oil and Gas Industry," and earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University in earth system science. He is a scientist at PSE Healthy Energy, a non-profit research institute in Oakland.

Claire (Hosinski) Shepherd '15 of Arlington, Va., is leading partnerships and growth strategy at TryNow, a tech startup.

'16

Anthony DeFilippo, DMD '16 of North Haven, Conn., graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2020 and completed a general practice residency at Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, N.J. Since completing residency, he is working as an associate general dentist at Dental Associates of Wethersfield in Wethersfield, Conn.

'17 (Reunion June 3-5, 2022)

Pedro Alemán '17 of San Diego, Calif., an immigration advocate and U.S. Department of Justice-accredited representative at Jewish Family Service of San Diego, has been granted the additional title of HIAS Border Fellow. HIAS is an internationally recognized NGO. He holds a master's degree in international studies from the University of San Francisco, concentrating in Latin American and human rights.

Rev. Fernando Ayala '17 of Chelsea, Mass., was ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston in May by Cardinal Sean O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Father Fernando studied philosophy at PC and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary. He is parochial vicar at the Holy Rood Collaborative, which includes St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist Parishes in Chelmsford and St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lowell.

Nicole Cullen '17 of Foxborough, Mass., began classes this fall in the M.D.-Ph.D. program at the Tulane University School of Medicine. Cullen, who majored in biology, was a research assistant at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for two years and, as an undergraduate, worked



in the labs of Dr. Laura Williams, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Kathleen Corneily, professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

Leong and Newton were members of PC's Army ROTC Patriot Battalion. **Sarkisian** was commissioned after graduation.

MacKenzie Griffin '17 of Boston, Mass., was accepted to the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She began studies for a master's degree in education this fall.

Rev. Daniel Mahoney '17 of Wakefield, R.I., was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Providence in June by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. He is assistant pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in East Greenwich.

Paige Calabrese '18 of Dallas, Texas, graduated from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law with her juris doctor in May 2021. She is grateful to her family and friends, especially her PC friends, for supporting her throughout the experience. She sat for the July 2021 bar exam and looks forward to practicing law in Texas.

'18

Michael F. Rogers '18 of Baldwin, N.Y., received the 2019 Elijah Watt Sells Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. CPA candidates must earn a cumulative average score above 95.50 in all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, pass all four sections on their first attempt, and complete testing during a calendar year

to qualify for the award. Among the nearly 75,000 people who sat for the exam in 2019, only 133 candidates met these criteria. Rogers is a tax associate with Ernst and Young in Jericho.

Bryan Sabbag '19 of Norwood, Mass., has a role in the feature film *CODA*, a coming-of-age comedy-drama that follows a teenage girl who is a child of deaf adults. The movie, starring Marlee Matlin, was filmed in Gloucester, Mass., in 2019. It received numerous awards at the Sundance Film Festival. Sabbag, who has been involved in musical theatre since childhood, majored in theatre and in music at PC.

'19

Madeline Snow '19 of Providence, R.I., has accepted a position as rotational writer in corporate communications at Amica Insurance. She will be writing for social media, public relations, sponsorships, event planning, and more. Snow is a former manager of the Benjamin Family Social Media Fellowship and says "my experience with the fellowship definitely helped me get the position."

Tori D'Agostino '20 of Southington, Conn., and **Megan McNabb '20** of Wallingford, Conn., became classmates again this fall at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Both were biology majors who graduated magna cum laude. ❖

'20

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Remembering John Marinatto '79

BY GREGG BURKE '99G

If ever there is comfort in passage, then surely the image of our John Marinatto '79 being welcomed to his reward by his predeceased parents allows for ease of heart. And surely, most assuredly in fact, his pearly gates were the corner of River and Eaton, with Harkins looming for his eternal pasture. And just beyond would be John Fabian Cunningham, O.P. and de Guzman himself, expressing thanks for John's fealty to the Dominican tradition of a fullness contributing to the common good.

But, at the end of the day, any evaluation of the man would not include inventory of work done in a ticket office, on press row, or even hiring and leading coaches and staff. Nor would it immediately catalogue navigating an entire athletic conference through turbulence and the biliousness of greed he so abhorred. No, his accomplishments could never find their way to spreadsheet nor statements of profit or loss.

The biography that will grace pages of Friar athletics history will show a young man whose fidelity led him to the seminary before pursuing an almost equal worship of Providence College and Friar basketball. Decidedly unathletic by his own evaluation, he found his way to the end of the bench, serving Dave Gavitt '07Hon. as



Celebrating the women's 1995 NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship, from left, John Marinatto '79, College President Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. '63, and Coach Ray Treacy '82.

basketball manager and trusted steward. It was a tutorial and relationship that would be crucial to John long after Dave had left us.

John did indeed serve PC well as ticket manager and director of sports information. While he never truly enjoyed that work, it was a premium he paid toward his purpose, for serving as athletics director was his calling. Sitting in the seat of his heroes, Dave Gavitt and Lou Lamoriello '63, '01Hon., was humbling and inspirational on a daily basis.

But where their gifts were building programs and teams, John's was student-athlete centric. He reveled in lending guidance and support. His scripture was providing student-athletes a decorousness and propriety that would serve well beyond graduation. Even as teams he worked with and led cut down nets and garnered silver and gold for curios destined to be dusty and forgotten, he ached to contribute to their well-being off the court, field, ice, or pool.

Where so many return to their alma mater with the hope of repaying what

the college did for them, John's call was to serve for what PC could do for others.

If there was weakness or failure, it was in suffering poorly those who sought the spotlight or a benefit never earned. He could not arrest the daemonophobia of those who felt athletic success eroded the academic prowess of a college whose reputation was well earned and stood beyond reproach.

For, at that end of the day when one catalogues and inventories, our John Marinatto had a fitness in moral code and munificence in service to alma mater and those who served her that was unmatched. ❧

John Marinatto '79 was named PC's director of athletics in 1987. Gregg Burke '99G was his first administrative hire and served as his associate director for 13 years. Mr. Marinatto became associate director of the BIG EAST Conference in 2002 and was commissioner from 2009-2012. He died on June 12, 2021.





Dr. John F. Hennedy, English professor

Dr. John F. Hennedy, 85, who taught English at Providence College for more than 50 years, died at his home in Warwick, R.I., on July 14, 2021, following a brief illness.

Dr. Hennedy began his career at PC in 1965 as assistant professor, became associate professor in 1968, and was promoted to full professor in 1990. He served as English department chair and as a member of the Faculty Senate. The Class of 1971 dedicated its *Veritas* yearbook to him. When he retired in 2003, he was awarded *emeritus* status and continued to teach in the Liberal Arts

Honors Program until 2016.

In the days before his death, faculty colleagues and former students made their way to his home to express their appreciation to Dr. Hennedy. At his funeral on July 19 in St. Luke Episcopal Church, East Greenwich, his wife, Marie Hennedy, who also taught in the English department, read John Donne's farewell address to his wife, "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning."

Dr. Hennedy was the father of five, including Patrick Hennedy '88, Jane Hennedy '89, and Kate (Hennedy) Kennedy '92, and the grandfather of 15.



Dr. John F. Hennedy with an unidentified student.

The family requested donations in Dr. Hennedy's memory be designated to the MLK Scholarship Program, Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918, or www.givetopc.org.

Daniel Byron '88SCE, desktop support specialist



Daniel Leo "Danny" Byron '88SCE of Narragansett, R.I., died on May 22, 2021, in the Barrington home of his daughter, Kay (Byron) Campagnone, following a brief illness. He was 67.

Mr. Byron worked at the college for 40 years, beginning in the physical plant and power plant, moving to the Department of Computer Services when it opened in 1993, and retiring as a desktop support specialist in Information Technology in 2019. He was honored in 2016 with the Torchbearer Award for his devotion and service to the College and its mission.

Mr. Byron earned a bachelor's degree from the School of Continuing Education in 1988. His father, Joseph L. Byron '40, was a retired PC vice president for business affairs.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 27 at St. Pius V Church across from PC's campus.

Charles C. Joyce, editor of PC Magazine



Charles C. "Charlie" Joyce, editor of *Providence College Magazine* and director of editorial services at PC for more than 20 years, died on May 14, 2021, from complications of cancer treatment. He was 64, the husband of Maureen Fitzpatrick Joyce, and the father of two.

Mr. Joyce, who worked throughout his illness, was editor of the college's news website, wrote stories about alumni, faculty, and staff, took photographs, and hosted podcasts. He was in demand as a proofreader across campus. For his belief in the college's mission and his dedication, he was honored with the Torchbearer Award in 2012.

He was the son of David Joyce '42 and the brother of David Joyce Jr. '68 and Mary Joyce Marcello '79.

His family requested donations in his memory to Providence College Emergency Student Support, Office of Annual Giving, Harkins Hall 412, One Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918, or www.givetopc.org.



DEATHS

- John J. Prendergast '48
Joseph G. Lane '51
Everett A. Trivisono '51
Harold E. Vayo '51
Anthony J. DeBalsi, D.D.S. '52
Hugh C. Gillis '52
Dr. Irwin Kaplan '52
Herbert L. Leshinsky '52
Lt. Col. Robert R. Phaneuf '52
Owen T. Sweeney '52
William F. Varr, Jr., M.D. '52
Richard J. Cobb, M.D. '53
Francis A. Guay '53
Robert G. Nolan '53
M. Eugene Tudino, M.D. '53
Dr. Herbert R. Waters '53
H. Douglas Byington '54
Dr. Francis J. Jackson '54
Anthony R. DeCubellis '55
Edmond A. DiSandro, Esq. '55
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- Robert F. Beauregard '60
Dr. Roland A. Bouffard '60
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THE LAST WORD

He was one of us

BY JOE CARR '83

Taking in the majesty and excitement of Father Sicard's presidential inauguration on Oct. 1, my thoughts drifted to Charlie Joyce and how much he would have enjoyed being part of that historic event.

Charlie, the long-time editor of *Providence College Magazine* who died on May 14 at the age of 64, admired Father Sicard and was delighted when Father was named president in 2019. Moreover, Charlie loved Providence College and he was always front-and-center at the grand and momentous occasions, whether they be commencement ceremonies, events involving high-profile visitors, or sports championships.

And, precisely because he appreciated and understood the true

nature of PC and its community, Charlie would also often just show up — camera strap around his neck — at those events attended by just a few but representing milestones to those involved.

“Let me just snap a couple of pictures, and I'll email them to you,” he would say with a gentle lilt and friendly smile. “Maybe I'll write up a little story for the news web page.”

By the way, he would put just as much energy and creativity into those five-paragraph web stories as cover stories for editions of this magazine.

To Charlie, that was his job. The opportunity to make someone else feel good about what they had achieved was a bonus.

There was a beautiful consis-

tency in the way Charlie lived his life, and it is reflected in the ways he is remembered. I cannot count the number of people who have approached me in the past few months to talk about Charlie and the same adjectives come up every time — kind, thoughtful, generous, and — without fail — nice. I have never known anyone nicer, and I cannot imagine that I ever will.

His commitment to others, and to service, extended far beyond his work life. Charlie served his beloved parish, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Pawtucket, as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, and he was active in the Knights of Columbus. In his adopted hometown of Seekonk, he was a loyal food pantry volunteer, first in line for



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town clean-up weekends, and he had a kind word for every person who crossed his path. And what a husband, father, brother, and uncle he was to those in the family he adored.

The magazine before this one — the one with Doris Burke '87 on the cover — arrived in your mailbox just a few days after Charlie died. It was his magnum opus. Not only was it chock-full of great stories, launching PC's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first class of women students, but it shined a bright light on Charlie's exceptional leadership abilities and the trademark stubbornness that he readily acknowledged. He worked on that magazine every day, through chemotherapy, radiation, and mid-winter trips to Boston doctor's appointments, managing an editorial

and design staff that was working remotely for the most part. The pandemic complicated access to sources and story subjects and limited opportunities for new photography. Despite all those challenges, Charlie delivered — as always — an excellent product, on time, and — like everything else he touched — devoid of typos. It exemplified everything we admired most about him.

The son and brother of PC alums, Charlie graduated from URI — a choice he made because he wanted to study journalism, a program PC did not offer. A high school valedictorian with an unparalleled work ethic and deep Catholic faith, he no doubt would have thrived as a Friar (although we noticed that he quietly rooted for the Rams when the two

schools squared off in basketball). While he may have lacked the bonafides certified by a PC diploma, he was one of us — a true Friar who modeled the college's highest ideals by the way he lived his rich, fulfilling, and impactful life.

In that way, he was a great example for all who knew him, and we honor his memory every time we set aside self-interest in service of someone else, no matter how small the gesture may seem. That is what Charlie would have wanted, and it is a fitting legacy for this good soul who touched our lives and whom we miss so much. ❖

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