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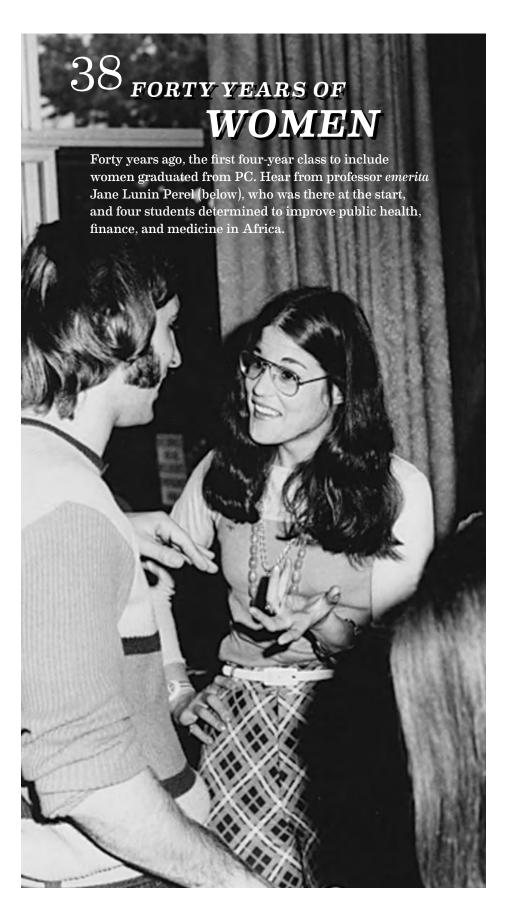
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FRONT: This drawing of Harkins Hall by Mark McMahon reflects the preservation of the iconic physical symbol of Providence College and its traditions. BACK: Opening day at PC, Sept. 18, 1919. Most Rev. William A. Hickey, D.D., coadjutor bishop of Providence, is at center.

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LAST TEAM STANDING

BYJOE CARR'83

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AFTER A SINGLE EIGHT-GAME SEASON IN 1927, Friar hockey returned for good in 1952, under the guiding hand of a World War II Marine chaplain affectionately known as "Dutch."

Rev. Herman Damien Schneider, O.P. '30, (1909-63) is rightfully known as the Father of Friar Hockey, having

forged the union between the College and the sport he loved.

Through some combination of design and good fortune, Father Schneider's program has been reliably strong, winning its share of games and, more important, earning the respect of opponents over six decades.

Along came the 2014-15 team, led by Head Coach Nate Leaman, a program builder who came to PC in 2011 with

sights set on winning championships, and national ones at that. An early exit from the Hockey East playoffs imperiled the Friars' NCAA Tournament hopes, but they made the field, the last at-large team of 16 teams to qualify.

Three tournament wins brought the Friars to the national championship game, a place they had only been once before — 30 years ago — to play long-time rival Boston University.

Gates Orlando '84 was in Boston's TD Garden that night

of April 11, one of several former Friars hoping to see their successors win that title. It was a goal that had eluded — barely, in 1964, 1983, and 1985 — those who had worn the uniform before.

Orlando, one of the all-time great Friars by any measure,

is less than two years removed from a heart transplant. He knows all about character and courage, and he would tell you that playing hockey for PC helped develop his character and make him strong.

He exemplifies a legacy defined by characteristics that make this small Catholic school in Rhode Island formidable — hard work, resilience, and commitment to shared ideals.

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The Friars won the NCAA Championship that night, beating BU, 4-3. That win punctuates a legacy that runs through team captain Ross Mauermann '15 (Janesville, Wisc.) to Gates Orlando to Father Schneider, with so many

The last team in was the last team standing. It was, as PC's visionary athletic director, Bob Driscoll, said, "a great night to be a Friar." Dutch would have been proud. ■



fine men in between.





2014-15 PC FRIARS

Overall: 26-13-2

Hockey East: 13-8-1 (2nd place)

NCAA TOURNAMENT

East Regional

PC 7, Miami (Ohio) 5

PC 4, Denver 1

FROZEN FOUR

PC 4, Nebraska-Omaha 1

PC 4, Boston University 3





FRIARS AND ICE

Drew Brown '16: Inspiration, and more

ecognized for its physical grit and relentless determination, the Friars' men's hockey team modeled its persona after teammate Drew Brown '16 (Grass Lake, Mich.) in its resolute drive to the NCAA Championship.

Brown, who missed the 2014-15 season to battle Ewing sarcoma in his left leg, was declared cancerfree on March 11. He joined his team on the sidelines for the NCAA Frozen Four. He even laced up his skates for the first time in over a year and skated with the Friars the day before the Frozen Four began in Boston.

"I don't think my doctors would have appreciated that," he said sheepishly. It was an uplifting and poignant moment — for Brown and the Friars — as he stepped back on the same ice where he had been injured the year before in the Hockey East Tournament semifinals.

The injury eventually led to the diagnosis of his bone cancer. After a series of chemotherapy treatments, he had surgery in August in Michigan to remove the tumor and to replace the diseased bone with a cadaver one. He then underwent a series of follow-up chemotherapy treatments.

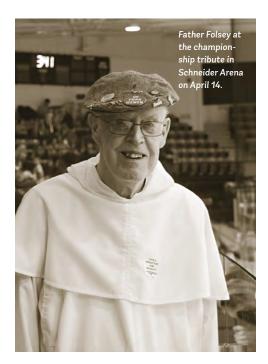
Brown said he felt the Friars always had the talent and drive to win the NCAA Championship. The quarterfinal series loss to New Hampshire in the Hockey East Tournament startled the team and gave it focus, he said. He had a "good feeling" about advancing to the Frozen Four when PC was selected to play in the NCAA East Regional in Providence and the field included teams it had played well against.



"We scored lots of goals in the regionals, and if you score that many, you know Jon Gillies isn't going to give it up," he said.

Sitting behind one of the goals in the championship game against Boston University, Brown said he couldn't help but feel overjoyed for the program, and particularly for the seniors he played with for three years.

"The past year had its ups and downs," he said. "To get the news I did before I came back out here and for the guys to do what they did, winning a national championship, is just amazing."



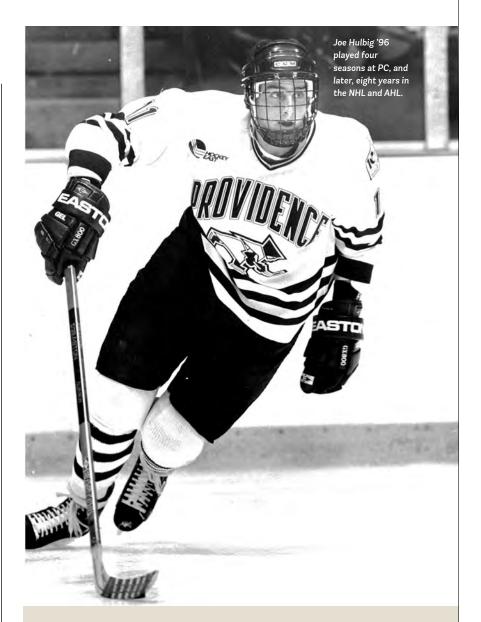
Rev. William D. Folsey, O.P. '55: 'Living a dream'

Growing up in New Jersey, Rev. William D. Folsey, O.P. '55 did not have a particular interest in hockey, but that changed when he left Providence College for a time, in the early 1970s, to pursue a graduate degree at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

That immersion in the Canadian hockey culture, flavored by twice-weekly television broadcasts of *Hockey Night in Canada*, cultivated an avid fan who returned to PC full of enthusiasm for the sport, and the Friars.

Father Folsey, who retired from the theology faculty in 2014, says waiting so long for a championship — watching all the while from his Schneider Arena seat above the Friar bench — makes it all the sweeter.

"It's living a dream," Father Folsey said.
"How else can you describe it?" ■

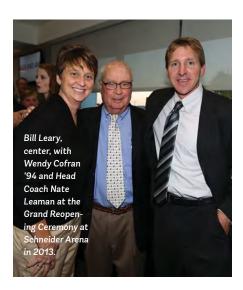


Joe Hulbig '96: Kind of a grind

Take it from former Friar standout Joe Hulbig '96: A team that keeps grinding, on and off the ice, will catch a break at some point. It just happened that the Friars' biggest — and seemingly, lone, break all season, according to Hulbig — came in the national title game, a fluke goal to tie the game in the third period.

"Seeing this all come together is pretty special," said Hulbig, an NHL and AHL veteran who is a close adviser to Head Coach Nate Leaman and who works in PC's Office of Institutional Advancement.

"Nate came in with a blueprint. Nothing came easy. He had to push and pull, and Bob Driscoll (athletic director) and Father Shanley (College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80) supported him all the way."



William C. Leary '60: 'Destiny's team'

Counting his undergraduate years, Bill Leary '60 & '10Hon. has been a Friar for 59 years. As the final minutes of the TD Garden clock wound down excruciatingly slowly in the NCAA Championship game, he had his hand firmly on the shoulder of Athletic Director Robert G. Driscoll, Jr. alongside the Friars' bench. Finally, the buzzer sounded.

"This, for me, was the highlight," he said. "It was a fabulous moment. Unforgettable. It was great to be a part of it."

A longtime athletics supporter, a trustee, and so much more to his *alma mater*, Leary started thinking championship after seeing the Friars storm through the NCAA East Regional Tournament.

"They seemed to be destiny's team," he said. ■

Gerard A. Plouffe '61: Hockey heaven

Jerry Plouffe '61 has come light years from the days he watched his roommate play hockey for the Friars at the Rhode Island Auditorium and wondered, "What the hell are all these dots and lines?"

For more than 20 years, he's been a season ticket-holder — standing out in the Schneider Arena crowd with his No. 61 jersey covered with autographs and 100-plus pins of Division I schools. The likes of NHL greats Bobby Orr and Barry Melrose, Olympians Jim Craig and Mike Eruzione, and PC's Sara DeCosta'oo and Steve Rooney'85 have signed the jersey.

"People not into college hockey don't understand it," said the retired social studies teacher, who's been to 17 Frozen Fours, 2015 included.

As for his Friars, "BU was a means to an end. I'm still thinking I've got to wake up. Nate Leaman ... the man's a genius." ■





Kathleen M. Wynters '82: Neutrality nonexistent

No one has more time invested in the Hockey East Association (HEA) than Kathy Walsh Wynters '82. Currently associate commissioner, she's served the conference for 23 years.

She worked alongside founding commissioner Lou Lamoriello '63 & '01Hon., former PC athletic director and men's hockey coach, when Hockey East was launched in 1983, while working in the PC athletics department. After a stint with the NHL's New Jersey Devils and time as a stay-at-home mom, she returned to Hockey East in 2000.

When the conference was awarded the bid for the 2015 Frozen Four, current Commissioner Joe Bertagna appointed Wynters as tournament manager. As hosts, those associated with the conference dreamed of a member school(s) advancing to Boston. In the final match-up, which HEA couldn't lose, it was impossible to be neutral with PC facing Boston University.

"We couldn't have written a better script," she said. "And then to have the Friars win it all.... I was thrilled."

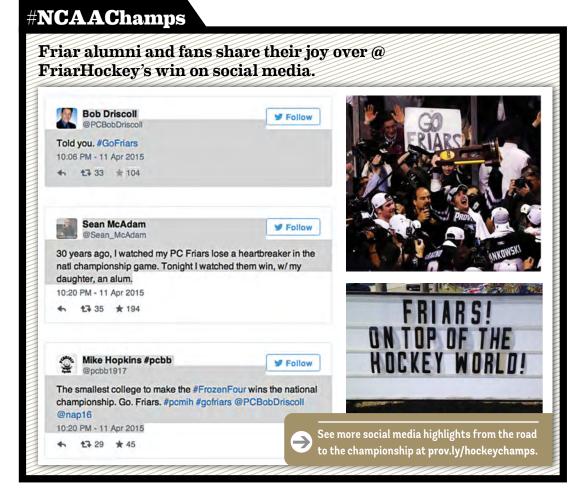


Dr. Vance G. Morgan: All caught up

The Friars' championship run is transforming college basketball fanatic and 21-year PC season ticket-holder Vance Morgan, professor of philosophy and director of the Development of Western Civilization (DWC) Program. An occasional fan of the hockey Friars, he had two of the 2014-15 players in his DWC seminars last year and was impressed by their work ethic.

With a vested interest, Morgan was delighted to see PC hockey history unfold. He told the world about it in his Freelance Christianity blog, "We Are the Champions!" Read it at:

http://freelancechristianity.com/we-arethe-champions/ ■



Jennifer E. O'Meara '93: Tweeting and bonding



Did the large group of Friar hockey fans on Twitter that formed into #BandOfFriars leading up to the NCAA Tournament rub off on the team? Jenn O'Meara '93 wonders about the coincidence of that but does know the members were ecstatic to tweet about the end result.

"It was utterly surreal and wonderful to see the Friars win," exclaimed O'Meara, whose Twitter posts the last two seasons have informed and delighted PC fans.

O'Meara and her husband, Ben O'Meara '93, have held season tickets for a dozen years. Between their love for Friar hockey — they travel to regional Hockey East road games and this year went to Ohio State and Notre Dame — and their Twitter communications, they have enjoyed meeting Friar hockey fans with and without connections to the College.

"It's been fun. We just love hockey," she said.



CHAMPIONSHIP

VIEW

WITH NATE LEAMAN

Nate Leaman, who just completed his fourth year at PC, is the first head coach in school history to lead a men's team to an NCAA Championship. Chosen the USCHO.com Coach of the Year, he guided the 2014-15 Friars to 26 victories — their most in 32 years — and the program's first back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances.

> Your team made 30 years disappear in three periods. How heavily did the weight of history rest on your shoulders during the NCAA Championship game?

It wasn't something we thought about at the time. Providence College has a very rich tradition of success in ice hockey with great teams and great individual players. We celebrate that in our program, so by making it to the championship game, we wanted to build on this tradition.

> The Friars were the underdogs, not only in the final game, but throughout the NCAAs. How does it feel to have led the team through that?

We were the favorites all season long with our preseason ranking of #1 in our league and #3 in the nation. This was very new for all our players, and it was a great, healthy experience. Losing to UNH (in the Hockey East Tournament quarterfinals) put us in the underdog role for the NCAA Tournament. Our guys were comfortable with that, and I think it helped us. It intensifies your focus. It gives you a sense of purpose and play. We had great focus every game.

> What was going through your head during the last 30 seconds of the championship game?

I was just into the process, making sure the guys on the bench knew who was up next and what their responsibilities were. When we missed that empty net with 24 seconds left, I took a deep breath.

> What made this particular group of guys tick?

Playing to our identity was what made us tick... This is a very complete team; we could play the game gritty in the dirty areas, and we had enough skill to play a wide-open game. We like to work teams down low in the offensive zone. We're a team that hits, that's in your face, when we are playing our best hockey.



> Tell us about the tie you were wearing during the NCAA Tournament.

One of my best friends, Mark Tyo, died in January. We lived together for two years in college (SUNY-Cortland). We played together for four years and were captains our junior and senior years. He was the guy I stayed in touch with the most, and every summer we got together.

One of our friends, Derek Lalonde, (hockey teammate at SUNY-Cortland) sent me Mark's tie before the tournament and said Mark would have liked me to wear it. Derek coaches the Toledo Walleye of the East Coast Hockey League and said he was 2-0 wearing it. I'm happy I was 4-0, and part of that is Mark.

> You came here from Union four years ago. When did you first feel like a true part of the Friar family?

Almost immediately. First, Father Sicard (Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, College executive vice president and treasurer) arranged for me to live in an on-campus apartment the summer after I was hired. I was living away from my family, but that made me feel really comfortable and was a small window to how much of a special community we have here at Providence College. Then, there were a lot of speaking engagements early with a few other coaches. I felt right at home with Ed (Ed Cooley, men's basketball coach) and Bob Driscoll (athletic director).

> What's the best coaching advice you've received?

"Trust your gut ... always trust it." I've heard that a lot. I try to take bits and pieces from everywhere I go and every coach I coach with, but it all comes down to being yourself, coaching to your strengths, and surrounding yourself with the best people possible, which I have been lucky enough to do at PC.

"We're a team that hits,

> Who has inspired your career as a coach?

Shawn Walsh, who I coached with at the University of Maine, where we won the national championship in 1999. Shawn, along with the other coaches on that staff, Grant Standbrook and Gene Reilly. We were second in the league and then lost in the Hockey East Tournament, and went on to win the national championship. Ron Rolston at Harvard was another big influence. He went on to coach the Buffalo Sabres. I talk to him every two or three days.

> Sum up your coaching style in less than 10 words.

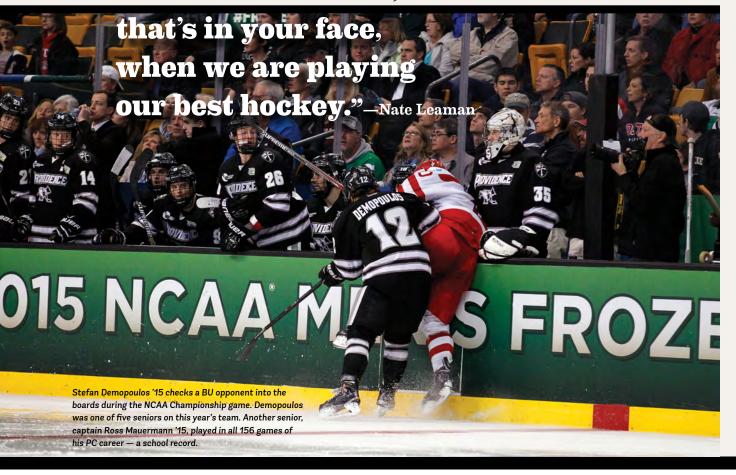
High standards. Relentless about holding guys to that standard.

> What's next?

We want to keep the basecamp close to the peak. We want to be in the top four of our league, make it to the NCAA Tournament, and try to get to this level again. It's not easy, and you need some breaks. It's about sustaining success.

> What's it like to have your own bobblehead?

We won the national championship. I'm just glad we could back up the bobblehead. \blacksquare





TRADITIONS THAT MAKE US

rom beanies on our heads to rings on our fingers, from intramural competitions to Civ screams, from the foundation of the BIG EAST Conference to the Last Chance Mass—take a look at the customs and practices that have united Friars for almost a century.

ILLUSTRATION BY BRUCE HUTCHISON



OF PEARL, a sturdy band or a slight circle, 18-karat gold or stainless steel, a Providence College ring is a tangible link to a special time.

One side of the ring is traditional, usually displaying the letters BA or BS, depending on the degree received; 1917, the year of the College's founding; and the *Veritas* torch. The other side incorporates details special to each class and chosen by a student committee. Through the decades there have been Friar heads, Providence skylines, anchors representing the state symbol of Rhode Island, clasped hands, and iconic buildings such as Harkins Hall.

Receiving the ring is a special occasion, always involving a blessing and much feeling, as described in the 1966 edition of Veritas, the College yearbook: "It was the year of the Ring Dance, when Father Dore blessed the rings to the literal sound of champagne music, when a large walk-through ring added 'class' to the ring ceremony, and a bold '66' characterized our original design."

Whether it's worn daily, tucked away for safekeeping, or passed along to a child, a PC ring is always more than a piece of jewelry.

That's why Katharine Mueller'16 (Norwood, Mass.) didn't hesitate to order hers when the time came. Her Class of 2016 ring includes a street sign showing the intersection of Eaton Street and Huxley Avenue, meant to commemorate the College's purchase of a portion of Huxley, which eventually will become a pedestrian walkway.

"I'll wear the ring all the time," Mueller promised. "PC's been my life for the past four years."

One Ring To Bind BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTO BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR





"IT'S BOTH A VISIBLE SIGN OF MY DIPLOMA AND 43 YEARS OF GREAT MEMORIES OF MY PC FAMILY." -PAUL F. WHALEN '72

"What it mostly represents is that my years at Providence College were four of the best years of my life." - KAREN COOKE SULLIVAN '84

"My class ring is a symbol of belonging to the Friar family." – Katie MCKEOWN BRENNEIS '97

"THE RING REALLY SYMBOLIZES
HOW I BECAME THE PERSON
I AM TODAY." - CHAZ PLUNGIS '08

"IT'S A CONSTANT REMINDER OF MY GRANDFATHER AND DAD, WHOSE FOOTSTEPS I FOLLOWED HERE AT PROVIDENCE." -RYAN WHALEN '09

"MY ROOMMATES AND I OPTED TO GET OUR FIRST ROOM NUMBER THAT WE SHARED TOGETHER ENGRAVED INSTEAD OF OUR NAMES." —SARAH V. RILEY '12 & '14G



UNIOR RING WEEKEND BECAME SENIOR RING WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER 2014.

The change was prompted by Junior Ring Weekend's incredible popularity. So many students wanted to take part in the festivities that juniors were deferring study abroad to make sure they didn't miss out. The Class of 2015 solved the problem by agreeing to receive rings in the fall of senior year rather than the spring of junior year.

"It's beneficial because all can attend and be part of the tradition," said Alexandra C. Rawson '15 (Dudley, Mass.), who helped organize the first Senior Ring Weekend. Rawson said the committee had "plenty of time

to perfect the details, making it a truly extravagant and fabulous weekend."

The first-ever Senior Ring Weekend featured a Special Events Night under a tent on the Slavin Center lawn on Friday; a Formal Night with a catered dinner and dancing at the Rhode Island Convention Center on Saturday; and a Mass, ring blessing, and reception at St. Dominic Chapel on Sunday.

The tradition dates to November 1966. The first Junior Ring Weekend included the traditional Ring Dance on Friday night but added several events on Saturday — a hayride, a Folk Festival starring Tom Rush in Alumni Hall, and a dance

at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence. The total package cost \$12.50.

Even students who don't buy rings love Ring Weekend. It's always a memorable party.

"We lined up as couples on a beautiful spiral staircase with a huge chandelier ..."

-Jayne Farrell Hasler '80, '13P, & '14P

"We went as a group of friends and lined up as couples on a beautiful spiral staircase with a huge chandelier for formal pictures — which I still treasure today," said Jayne Farrell Hasler '80, '13P, & '14P. "Ours was really fun and formal. It is an awesome memory." ■







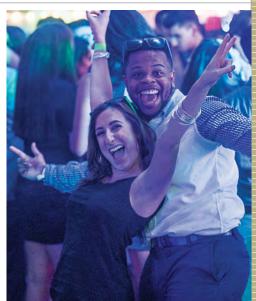






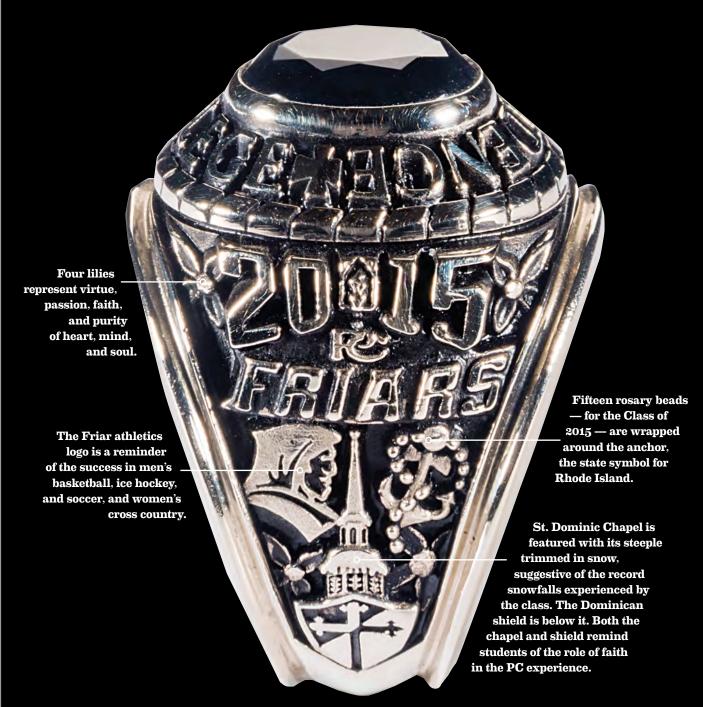






Anatomy of the 2015 ring

THE CLASS OF 2015 RING WAS DESIGNED
BY A STUDENT COMMITTEE.
SOME OF ITS FEATURES ARE EXPLAINED BELOW.



A KEEPSAKE RECOVERED

he beer that Mark F. Harriman '88 and Brian K. Monroe '88 & '89G shared at their Providence College class reunion in 2013 couldn't have tasted better. In addition to celebrating 25 years of their bond as classmates, Harriman and Monroe toasted a distinct kinship

forged by their fondness for their class ring. It was Harriman who, in 2009, called Monroe to tell him he had found Monroe's long-lost ring, and now they were meeting for the first time not only since then, but their graduation.

The first PC men's tennis studentathlete to receive a scholarship, Monroe somehow lost his ring while playing at his tennis club in Jacksonville, Fla., in 2006 and felt terrible.

Meanwhile, a couple of years later, Harriman went searching for a backup

class ring because his meant so much to him. When he purchased his ring as a senior in 1988, he bought a second one, for his father, the late Jerome Harriman '53, who never owned one. Harriman had the '88 changed to '53 and gave it to his father at the Legacy Dinner on Commencement Weekend.

Harriman, a Providence resident, actually found a PC Class

of 1988 ring while searching on eBay. He purchased it and put it aside.

Harriman's brothers knew how much his PC ring meant to him. When their father died later in 2008, they gave him the 1953-inscribed ring. After some time had passed, realizing

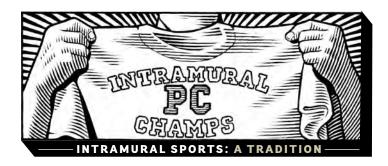
he didn't need three rings, Harriman examined the ring he bought online. He noticed the engraving "Brian Mo." After a little research, he came up with Monroe's name and called him with the good news.

"I was somewhat taken aback at Brian's gratitude when I first called him, but I really shouldn't have been. I was only looking in the mirror at someone whose ring meant as much to him as mine did to me," said Harriman, who is a member of the PC National

Alumni Association Council and the chair of the Providence President's Council. He is a senior commercial lender for a Massachusetts-based credit union.

Monroe, the founder and principal of his own investment company, remarked, "The ring embodies what Providence is all about: integrity, trust, and honesty." ■





HAT HAPPENS ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS

where 75 percent of the student body played varsity sports in high school? Intense intramural competition, that's what.

More than half of all Providence College students take part in at least one of the 23 intramural sports offered through the Department of Recreational Sports. In addition to the traditional offerings such as basketball, soccer, and softball, they include table tennis, handball, kickball, Wallyball, dodgeball, badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, and water polo.

On a busy night in the fall semester, it's not uncommon to have all three courts in use in the Peterson Recreation Center, water polo going on in the pool, and soccer and flag football taking place outdoors, said Nick Sweatt '10 & '12G, assistant director of recreational sports/intramurals.

The Intramural Athletic Board (IAB) is the governing body of PC intramurals. Nineteen students are selected to staff the board, which organizes events and assigns the 60 to 80 students who work as game officials.

"Definitely, game play gets very intense," said Sweatt, who also hears all appeals. "Our supervisors undergo a three-day training early in the semester to go over situations and make sure things don't get out of hand."

The goal of every intramural participant is to win the coveted T-shirt that is the mark of an intramural champion. Students have been heard to tell visitors that PC students are so honest they would never steal a cell phone or laptop left behind on a table — but an intramural T-shirt would disappear in a flash.

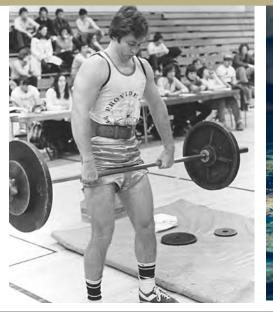
The national average for intramural participation at colleges is 18 percent, Sweatt said. At PC, "Our students just still have that drive to compete," he said. ■

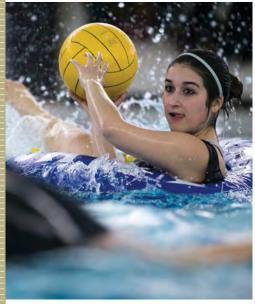


















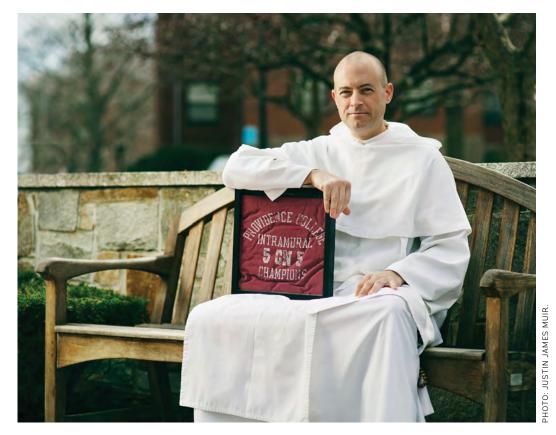












Chaplain and Champion

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

he T-shirt shirt has faded. The glory never will.

When his intramural championship

When his intramural championship jersey turned from maroon to light red from too many washings, College Chaplain Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98 framed it and hung it on his office wall in the Campus Ministry Center — "so all visitors will be forced to acknowledge it, and if they're foolish enough, ask about it," he said.

Father Cuddy played intramural sports throughout his years as a student, but only at the end of his senior year did he win a coveted T-shirt.

It happened when Mark T. Adams '98, a men's basketball player, invited Father Cuddy to play on his 5-on-5-basketball team that included two other PC basketball players — Dennis S. Cleary '99 and Richard J. Cordella

'99 — and the assistant coach, Mike Malone. (Student-athletes, staff, and professors with a gym membership can play intramurals today as well).

"The one unwritten rule on our team was that I wasn't allowed to shoot the ball," Father Cuddy said. "I think Mark knew I was comfortable with having an important but very limited role — playing defense, diving for loose balls, and being generally aggressive and annoying."

The T-shirt was awarded on the court following the championship game in Alumni Hall — a contest decided in the final minutes, with all of Father Cuddy's points coming off of offensive rebounds. He wore it for at least 15 years.

"These shirts have always been a very big deal," Father Cuddy said. ■

INTRAMURALS

BY THE NUMBERS

2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR

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MALE/FEMALE PARTICIPANTS



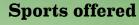
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CHAMPIONSHIP
T-SHIRTS
ORDERED
ANNUALLY

Top 5 intramural sports

Flag Football 5-on-5 Basketball Indoor and Outdoor Soccer Team Handball Badminton



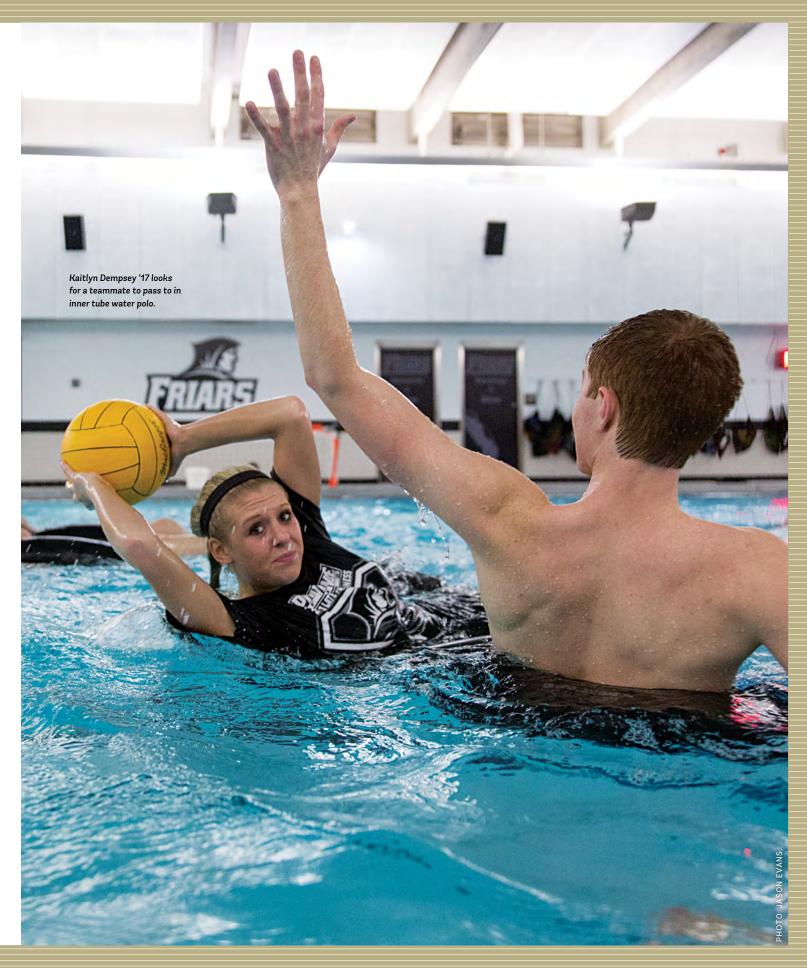
2013-14: **12** TEAMS 2014-15: **34** TEAMS



Badminton Table Tennis 3-on-3 Basketball Team Handball 5-on-5 Basketball Tennis (singles) Dodgeball Tennis (doubles) Field Hockey Ultimate Frisbee Flag Football Volleyball Ice Hockey Wallyball Water Polo Kan Jam Wiffleball Kickball Lacrosse **NFL Combine** Indoor Soccer (bench press, **Outdoor Soccer** field events)

Softball

(SOURCE: Intramural Program)











The answer, almost always, is "yes." Since 1985, when Rick Pitino — then PC's new basketball coach — introduced Midnight Madness to 300 fans in Alumni Hall, one Friday night each October is reserved to celebrate the start of the basketball season. Part pep rally, part dance competition, part basketball practice, and part concert, Late Night Madness always unites Friars fans in a frenzy of anticipation and school spirit.

Over the course of three decades, Madness has become increasingly student-centered. It now begins in late afternoon with a two-hour pre-Madness tailgate sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs on the Slavin Center lawn. Once the doors open to Mullaney Gym, Madness kicks off with competitions among student dance groups, performances by the Pep Band and cheerleaders, and T-shirt giveaways.

Following the introduction of coaches and players for the men's and women's basketball teams, the athletes take center stage with three-point competitions, slam dunk contests, and mixed scrimmages. When they're done, the concert begins. In 2014, hip-hop artist Big Sean was the entertainer, accompanied by sports analyst Jalen Rose, son of the late Friar All-American Jimmy Walker'67. In 2013, the featured star was DJ Nick Cannon.

As Erin Wholey '14 wrote: "School spirit is such a big part of the PC experience, participating in things like Madness are key to understanding what Friartown is really all about. It is a way to celebrate your love for PC as a school and the athletes that make winter weekends so much fun at the Dunk."

So if you're a PC student, the answer is almost always yes — you're going to the Madness. ■

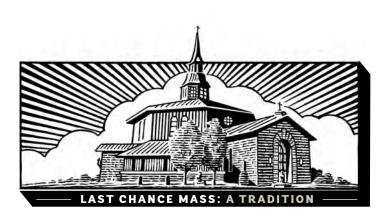












T'S KNOWN AS THE "LAST CHANCE MASS." Celebrated on Sunday at 10:30 p.m. in St. Dominic Chapel, it's the final Mass of the weekend, and the best attended.

There's a special feeling at the Last Chance Mass, which for students marks the end of one busy week and the pause before another. The lights are kept low. Folk music is performed. Students enjoy fellowship and food at the end of the hour at the Post-Mass Bash in the Campus Ministry Center.

The Mass is an opportunity for all students to gather as a community. Even non-Catholics and non-Christians feel welcome.

"At no time is our family more itself than when we come together to worship," said College Chaplain Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98. "We pray with each other and for each other. We beg for God's blessings, his mercy, his guidance, and his consolation."

Saadia Ahmad'14, a Muslim, was a regular at the 10:30 Mass, which fell between the final two of her five daily Islamic prayers.

"Very often, the themes of the homilies that spoke to the human experience and God's outreach towards us, coupled with moving music and praying with members of my Providence community, complemented my own Islamic prayers and enhanced my faith and spirituality as a Muslim in a way not possible were I limited to the experiences of just a single faith tradition," said Ahmad.

Michael Hagan '15 (Gaithersberg, Md.) said, "Worship at St. Dominic Chapel is an integral part of life as a Friar. It's where community becomes communion. I am not alone in believing that St. Dominic's is the hearth at the center of this campus we call home."











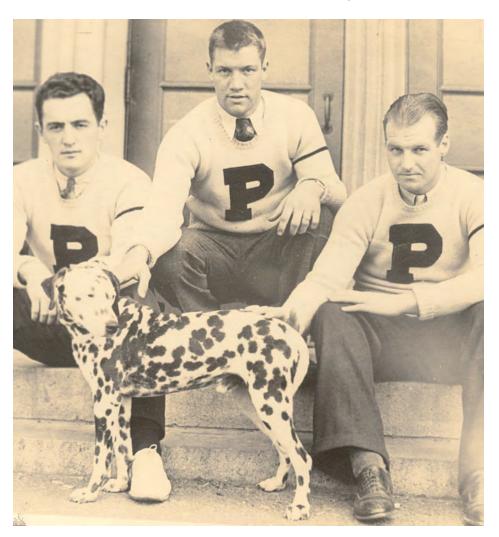






BITS OF TRADITION

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Friar Boy

The original Friar Boy, PC's first athletics mascot, shown above with football players in 1935, was a gift of the Friars Club. The black-and-white Dalmatian had special meaning for Dominicans, whose name playfully translates to *Domini canis*, watchdogs of the Lord. Four consecutive Friar Boys lived at PC through 1963. In 1993, in celebration of PC's 75th anniversary year, Friar Boy V came to live in St. Joseph Hall with Brother Kevin O'Connell, O.P., the late Friars Club moderator.



WDOM

Student-run radio station WDOM, 91.3 FM, began as an AM station in 1950 but was heard only sporadically until 1964, when two juniors repaired equipment and began broadcasting in a Department of Physics storeroom in Albertus Magnus Hall. The following year, WDOM moved to Alumni Hall, below, with an FM license and a new transmitter and roof antenna. Later, it broadcast from the St. Joseph Hall basement before finding a home in Slavin Center, where student DJs now host 70 shows a week.



Friars Club

The iconic white jackets of the Friars Club are familiar to all PC visitors, but few know that the organization began in 1928 with 18 members whose job was to serve as hosts to visiting athletic teams. The Friars Club, shown at right in 1988, has been the College's premier service organization ever since. Its 74 members lead campus tours; work at such events as commencement, Alumni & Family Weekend, performances at the Smith Center for the Arts, and hockey games; provide an honor guard at funerals; and perform service around Providence.



Wearing of this black cap with a white button marked one as a freshman for the first weeks on campus. Beanie-wearers were subjected to ribbing from upperclassmen and challenged to athletic contests by sophomores. The tradition, discontinued after World War II but reinstated in 1953, officially ended in 1970.

The BIG EAST Conference was born in

Providence in 1979, the brainchild of PC's

athletic director and basketball

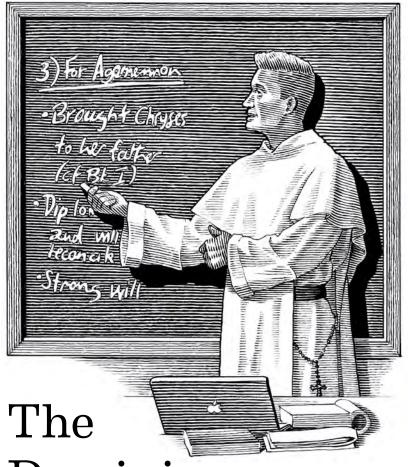
coach, the late Dave Gavitt

'89Hon. The original seven

member schools were Providence, St. John's,

Georgetown, Syracuse, Seton Hall, Connecticut, and Boston College. In 1984, three BIG EAST basketball teams — Georgetown, St. John's, and Villanova — made it to the NCAA Final Four. The BIG EAST, which offers play in more than 20 men's and women's sports, expanded to 16 schools for several years. It was reborn as a 10-school, basketball-centered conference in 2013. At right is PC's athletics mascot, Friar Dom.





Dominican Tradition

Founded by the Order of Preachers in 1917, PC remains the only college in the United States run by Dominican friars. Dominicans, who wear white habits with black cowls, or capes, take their name from their founder, St. Dominic de Guzman (1172-1221). They are known for their intellectual tradition as well as their preaching skills — famous Dominicans include Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas. Dominicans assert that faith and reason are compatible, complementary, and point to a single truth. About 40 Dominican priests reside in the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas, with most working as administrators or teaching in disciplines that include theology, philosophy, history, economics, psychology, biology, and theatre arts.

#PCtraditions

Did you hang on to your intramural T-shirt? Tell us your favorite PC traditions on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Use the hashtag #PCtraditions or email: editormagazine@providence.edu

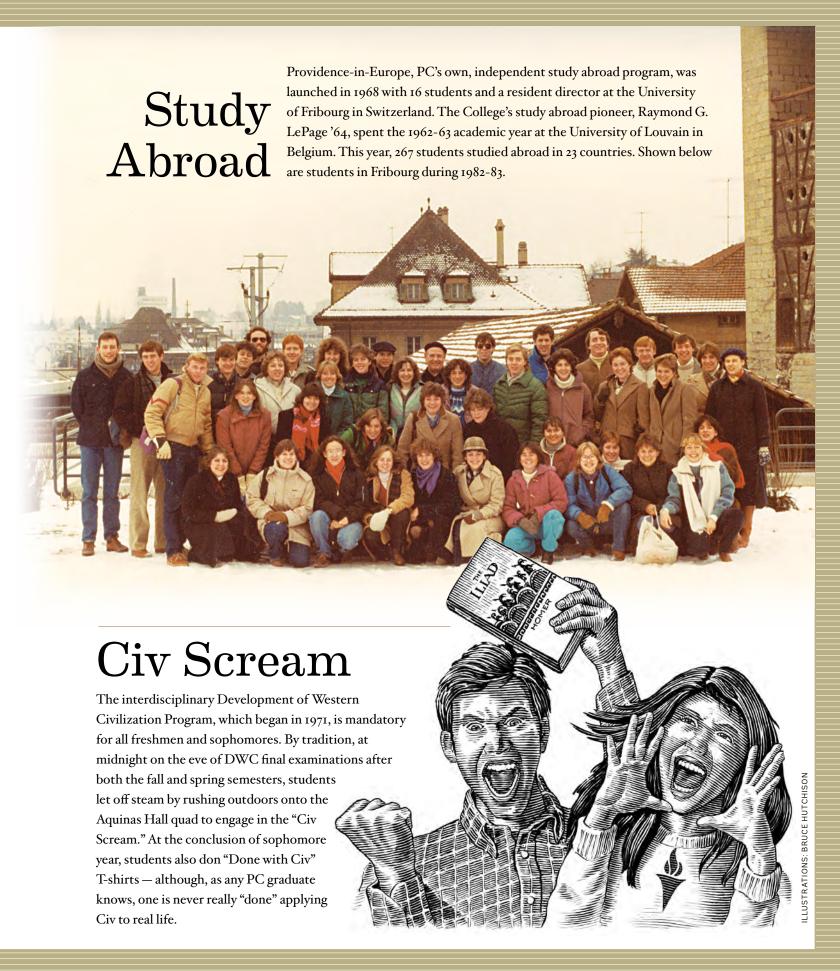


PC's student-run newspaper has been keeping the College community informed since its inaugural issue on Nov. 16, 1935. With the exception of two years in the 1940s during World War II, the paper has never failed to publish. In addition to writing and editing, students work in photography, cartooning, advertising, and circulation.



Dillon Club

If you were a "day hopper" and not a "dormie," the Dillon Club, shown above in 1977, was the social organization for you. Founded in 1966 to provide activities for commuting students, the club advocated for "a decent library and a student union," according to *The Cowl*. Its counterpart was the Carolan Club for resident students.





Womenmade the difference

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING



ane Lunin Perel arrived at Providence College to teach English and creative writing in 1971, the same year that the College enrolled its first four-year class of women. A poet, she had just completed a master of fine arts degree in creative writing in poetry at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and

wondered how, as one of the few female faculty members, she might fit in.

When she retired last spring as professor *emerita* of English and of women's studies, Perel shared a memory of those early days at an event called Lecture Hall: An Epilogue.

"My first day of teaching, I was coming down the stairs

in the library, dressed in what I thought was a conservative manner, in a beige dress emblazoned with stampeding zebras," Perel said. "My hair was extremely full, and I was wearing large zebra earrings.

"I encountered a priest who took one look at me, stumbled, and fell down the stairs. With concern, I jumped down, bent over to try to help him, and saw him literally shrink away from me. I immediately went for help.

"I was so shook up from this event that I phoned my mother, and she said, 'That's all right, honey. It can only get better."

It did, of course, get better. Women, as professors and as students, quickly established themselves in campus life. In 1978, for the first time, and for every year thereafter, women out-

numbered men in the freshman class.

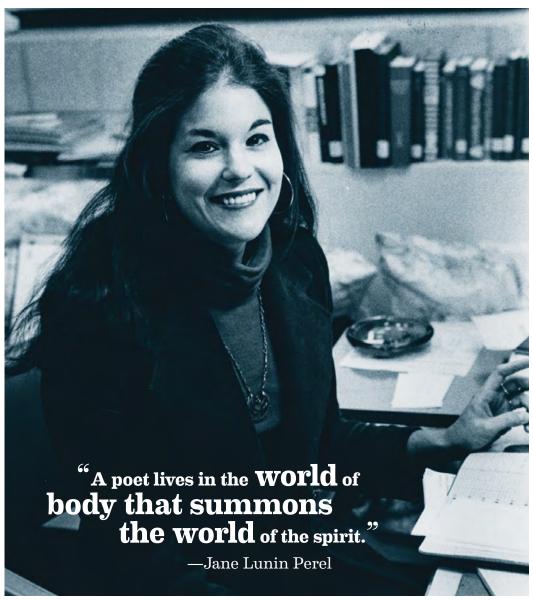
In 1994, after years of lobbying, Perel and others succeeded in establishing a Women's Studies Program at PC. Women's studies became a minor in 1999 and a major in 2009. In addition to the more than 250 students who have majored or minored in the subject, many more have taken interdisciplinary courses that included women's studies. Last fall, when the program celebrated its 20th anniversary, Perel was the keynote speaker following an alumnae panel in Aquinas Hall Lounge.

At Commencement Exercises in May, as the College marked the 40th anniversary of the first four-year graduating class to include women, Perel received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree. Then she was scheduled to leave for Baden-Baden, Germany, for a poetry reading of her latest book, *Red Radio Heart* (White Pine Press, 2012), which was translated into German and published in that country.

Maybe it wasn't as surprising as one might think that a woman, and a poet, assimilated so easily into the life of the College.

"A poet lives in the world of body that summons the world of the spirit," Perel said. "And through imagination, and seeking a spiritual path in which the highest form of wisdom is kindness, a poet like me could survive and even flourish at Providence College."

Opposite page: Jane Lunin Perel in the classroom, 1977 Above right: Perel at her desk, 1977 At right: Perel with Dr. Richard J. Grace '62, professor emeritus of history, and College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 at the 2014 program Lecture Hall: An Epilogue







For love of the Motherland

FOUR STUDENTS FROM LIBERIA, ETHIOPIA,

IVORY COAST, AND GHANA WANT TO

IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH, FINANCE, AND

MEDICINE IN AFRICA

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOS BY NAT REA



ermoh Kamara '15 (Worcester, Mass.), who lived in Liberia until she was 9, is a health policy and management major with a community health minor. In four years at PC, she's worked as a resident assistant, studied abroad in India, undertaken sanitation proj-

ects in Ghana, and founded the Motherland Dance Group to educate students about the influence of African dance on American culture.

It's hard to imagine that she once thought about leaving college.

As a lonely freshman, "I was looking for ways to cope with things and stay," said Kamara. "I was thinking about leaving and then I said, 'Why not create something instead?' That's when I created Motherland. Running away is not always an option."

Motherland's members — including Asha Ahmed '16, Marie-Florence Koikou '16, and Margaret "Peggy" Saanuo '16 — are committed to educating students

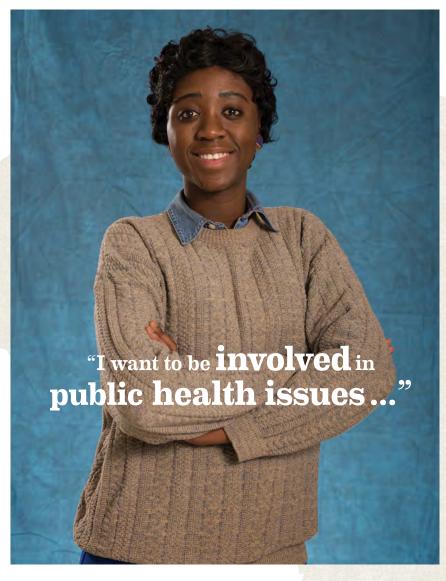
about the history and influence of African and African-American dance forms in today's culture, and the impact of both on social justice, Kamara said.

She never trained professionally. Dance is just something "that helps me relieve my stress and express myself," she said.

In addition to performing, the group stages "Threads of the Motherland," an annual fashion show. In its first year, the show won "best new event" from the Office of Student Activities. This year, the group won the award for "Outstanding Performance Organization."

Kamara's impact on the campus is even more notable given the time she's spent away from it.

From January to May 2014, she studied public health in Karnataka, India. From there, she visited her family in Liberia before joining Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics, for a month in Ghana. She watched



Mecca train local workers in how to build a microflush toilet, then returned to Liberia and built one on property her father owns. She plans to establish a nonprofit in Liberia to continue that work.

Kamara graduated from South High School in Worcester and was part of the city's AVID Program, for "Advance Via Individual Determination." One of her instructors, Magdalena Gabilondo '98, introduced her to PC.

"I want to work abroad," said Kamara. "I want to travel and do the kind of work that Doctors Without Borders does. I want to be involved in public health issues and changing public health systems to make lives better for people."

ETHIOPIA ASHA AHMED '16

sha Ahmed '16 (Jamaica Plain, Mass.) was abroad for the spring semester, studying and observing public health in Delhi, India; Cape Town, South Africa; and São Paulo, Brazil.

She received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, a highly competitive federal scholarship, to help make the experience possible.

Ahmed, a double major in health policy and management and in global studies, counts travel

as one of PC's best opportunities. She previously learned about conflict resolution on a trip to Ecuador and spent a month last summer working to solve public health problems in Ghana with Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics.

Until she was 7, Ahmed lived in Ethiopia and spoke its native languages, Amharic and Oromic. A Muslim, she has worn the *bijib* headscarf since she was 2, for reasons both religious and cultural.

In Ethiopia, she remembers, people would become ill from simple water-borne diseases, and many died. Her travels and observations, especially a year ago in Ghana, where she worked on a program to encourage hand washing among school children, taught her that "issues that look very small can turn into something very big."

Ahmed went to Ghana because "I wanted to be part of a trip that looked at global health from a different angle, to look at what is causing the problem, and to do handson work. You can learn so much that way. I won't pass up an opportunity to learn something."

At PC, her "down-to-earth and supportive" friends are a regular "United Nations" of students from Puerto Rico, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Haiti, she said. One is Hindu; the rest are Catholic. Ahmed, who attended Boston International High School with students from countries around the world, found the focus of PC's Development of Civilization Program a particular challenge.

"I didn't know what mythology meant — I had never heard of it before," Ahmed said. "Looking back now, I did learn so much. I'm happy that I learned the other side. I know how the cultures are similar and how they're different. I'm happy I took Civ, and I'm beyond happy I went to PC. I would do it all over again. The knowledge I've gained is way more powerful than the challenges I've faced." ■





he African Leadership Academy
(ALA) is a high school in Johannesburg, South Africa, that selects the top
students from all 54 African nations
for two years of study in entrepreneurship, leadership, and service, with the
goal of shaping future leaders for the
continent. In her junior year of high school, Marie-Florence
Koikou '16 (Abidjan, Ivory Coast) became one of them.

Acceptance into the ALA meant leaving her family to travel 3,000 miles to South Africa, learning to speak English instead of French, and switching her focus from science to studying business. But the benefits have flowed. The ALA helped Koikou apply to colleges, follows her progress at PC, and even found her a host family in Rhode Island.

Last summer, Koikou, a finance major, held an internship with Accion, the nonprofit microfinance organization, learning about the impact of investment on the working poor in Nigeria and Ghana. During the summer of 2013, she was an intern with United Bank for Africa, helping to develop a marketing plan for a prepaid Visa card in Senegal. This summer, she will intern with GE Africa in Ivory Coast.

Koikou chose PC in part because her mother, a research-

er with the Pasteur Institute, is an active member of St. Dominic Convent in Abidjan, and the family is Catholic. Tinacho Gerald Chitongo '10, an ALA admissions officer, was another connection.

"When I learned PC was founded by Dominican friars, it motivated me to apply," said Koikou. "When I see the friars in cowls, I'm used to that."

For her fourth-semester Development of Western Civilization colloquium, Koikou selected Workplace Culture and Womanhood, taught by Dr. Jennifer G. Illuzzi, assistant professor of history, and Margaret P. Ruggieri, C.P.A., assistant professor of accountancy. She also took a course on global feminism.

"It was the first time I got to learn about how feminism started in all the places of the world," said Koikou. "I asked myself, 'What has been done in Ivory Coast?""



During a visit home last summer, Koikou created *Ahiman* Women (Women of Tomorrow), an empowerment and mentorship program for young girls. Thirty-eight participants from underprivileged backgrounds learned about leadership and confidence building. She is assessing its effectiveness and hopes to continue it.

"Right now there are so many opportunities in Africa," said Koikou. "We need people to create a financial infrastructure. Empowering women is a great way to improve economic development in a nation."

GHANA MARGARET "PEGGY" SAANUO '16

argaret "Peggy" Saanuo '16 (Providence, R.I.) is from Pokuase, Ghana, the town where Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics, has been working to improve sani-

tation and education for the past six years.

Saanuo was 13 when she joined the Girls Exploration and Empowerment Club, founded in her village by Mecca's granddaughter, Hannah Davis.

"It was the first time I got to see a computer, to touch it and feel it," said Saanuo. "Every Sunday afternoon I was so excited to go there and meet friends. They taught us to be assertive, confident, to be whatever we wanted to be."

At 16, Saanuo was awarded a scholarship to attend Sant Bani High School in Sanbornton, N.H. She was far from her family, and the differences in culture — everything from food to how the students spoke up to teachers — amazed her.

But it was an opportunity, too. After graduation, she won a scholarship to PC, where she is majoring in biology and minoring in women's studies with the goal of becoming the first female cardiologist in Ghana.

"When I was 14, a cardiologist ran for president of Ghana," said Saanuo. "It was going to have a huge impact on the coronary care unit, since he was in charge of everything. I figured by becoming the first renowned female cardiologist in Ghana, I could collaborate with others to fill the gap and create equality in the workplace."

During the summer, Saanuo will return to Ghana for the first time since 2012 to work with Mecca and organizations in the remote northern region, where people are poor and diseases such as cholera and meningitis are prevalent. She also will



intern at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, the third-largest hospital in Africa.

"I like to talk about my country," said Saanuo. "It's something I'm really proud of."

Studying far from home and family, she tries to keep her goal of medical school always in mind. When life gets overwhelming, Saanuo, a Catholic, visits St. Dominic Chapel for Mass, or kneels before the statue of Mary to pray the rosary.

"I always feel refreshed after," she said. ■





AGIFT OFART BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

ONE DAY IN EARLY OCTOBER, a visitor in a BMW baseball cap sat on a campstool facing Harkins Hall. In his right hand he held a fistful of black pencils, their tips roughly sharpened with a razor. With his left, he drew quick strokes across a sketchpad balanced on his knees.

Mark McMahon, an internationally-renowned artist from Chicago, came to Providence College at the request of Doug and Joanie Kingsley '16P, the parents of Doug Kingsley '16 (Sherborn, Mass.), to create a painting as a lasting gift to the College. McMahon's watercolors, drawings, and murals grace museums,



public installations, and private collections throughout the world, including the Smithsonian.

From campus sidewalks, the patio of the Ruane Center for the Humanities, and the roof of St. Thomas Aguinas Priory, McMahon sketched a variety of campus scenes, focusing on the main buildings because, he said, "they give you the heart of the school." Back in Chicago, he added watercolor and acrylic paint to the images.

McMahon's painting of Harkins Hall, shown on the left page, now hangs outside the office of College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80. The Kingsleys also purchased his

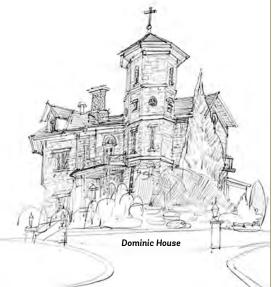
painting of St. Dominic Chapel for their home. A

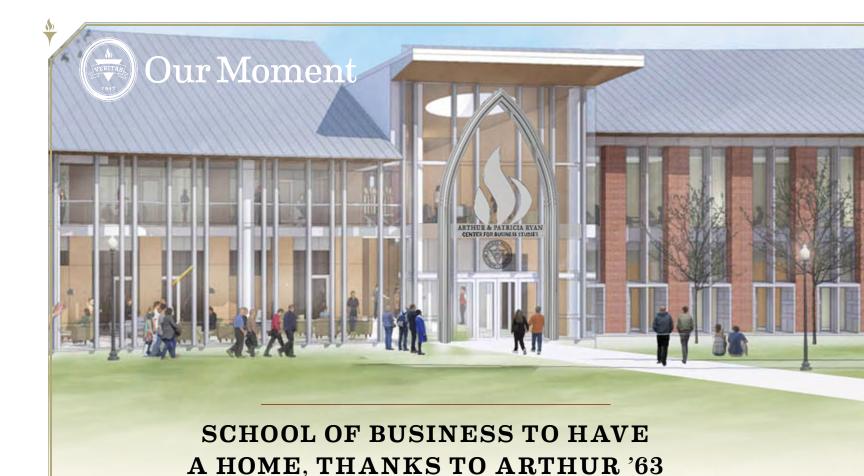
third work was auctioned at A Night in Black & White in April and appears on the cover of this issue of Providence College Magazine.

McMahon uses a style pioneered by his late father, Franklin McMahon, whose sketches and watercolors captured the Vatican II Council, the Nixon-Kennedy debate, and the Emmett Till murder trial. His work was exhibited at PC's Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery in 2007.

The Kingsleys, whose generous support of the College's mission includes a \$500,000 gift to create a new Peer Ministry Program at PC, said they were thrilled with the outcome of McMahon's visit.

"Mark really captured the joy, the activity, and the spirit of the Providence College campus," Joanie Kingsley said. "We couldn't be more pleased with the result."





BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

AND PATRICIA RYAN

HE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS will have a state-of-the-art home thanks to a \$5 million gift from Arthur F. Ryan '63 & '90Hon. and his wife, Patricia.

Their donation will be used to create the Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies in Dore Hall, a former residence hall. The building will be expanded, renovated, and surrounded by a glass atrium that will be a meeting and study hub on the East Campus for students and faculty. The design, by Symmes Maini & McKee Associates of Cambridge, Mass., includes a glass atrium entrance, classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, collaboration rooms, interview suites, and a student café, among other features. The building will encompass 64,000 square feet over four floors.

Groundbreaking for the renovation and expansion will occur once the \$10 million fundraising threshold has been reached, said Gregory T. Waldron, senior vice president for

HE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS institutional advancement. He said that is likely to occur in will have a state-of-the-art home thanks to a the fall of 2015.

The Ryans' gift comes as the School of Business, established in 2007, draws increased national attention. In 2012, it joined the ranks of elite business schools in the world with its accreditation by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Last year, it soared to 75th in *Bloomberg Businessweek's* rankings of the nation's top undergraduate business programs — a jump of 34 places, the largest of any school, based on employer survey responses.

"Our alumni are incredibly excited about the momentum we've been enjoying," said Dean Sylvia Maxfield. "This new facility will ensure continued excellence and growing national prominence for the School of Business."

The school offers undergraduate programs in accountancy, finance, marketing, and management, and a graduate MBA Program. About one-third of PC undergraduates major in



business. Liberal arts is an essential part of the business curriculum, with business professors, including Maxfield, teaching in the College's signature Development of Western Civilization Program.

Ryan said the integration of liberal arts in the business curriculum is "a winning game plan."

"I've always been a believer in interdisciplinary teaching," said Ryan. "Combining philosophy, history, and religion brings a perspective you don't get by only looking at them individually. The ability to take different aspects of what goes on in life from different disciplines and bring them together provides the skill that I call critical thinking.

"Most success comes from the marriage of more than one disci-

pline. Things are created because people go outside the discipline and bring in a different thought process."

Ryan, a mathematics major at PC, is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Prudential Financial, Inc., and was president of Chase Manhattan Bank. The Ryans pledged \$1 million for construction of the Smith Center for the Arts, which opened in 2004 and where the Ryan Concert Hall is named for them. Earlier, they established the Arthur F. Ryan Family Scholarship Fund. Ryan also served on the PC Board of Trustees from 1995-2011.

"This new facility will ensure continued excellence and growing national prominence for the School of Business."

-Dean Sylvia Maxfield



"Arthur Ryan is one of the most successful businessmen who ever came out of PC," said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80. "He learned that business is not just about making money, but also about giving back to the community. Art and Pat have been benefactors to countless projects, and it really was important to have this named in their honor so that people will remember them.

"If you're a student going to the Ryan Center every day, you're going to know who Mr. Ryan is," said Father Shanley. "We're saying, in a subtle way, aspire high. You can become one of the top business people in the country." ■

Learn more about the Ryans' gift and the PCSB building renovation plan: providence.edu/pcsb-ryan



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Rev. McGarry Trust benefits priesthood

Isabel T. McGarry made PC the sole beneficiary of The Rev. Joseph McGarry Memorial Scholarship Trust, which she established to honor her late brother, a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., for nearly 50 years. The \$1.32 million gift will provide annual scholarships for students studying for the priesthood. Ms. McGarry, the former director of nursing for the City of Minneapolis and a resident of Charlestown, R.I., died in 2011 at age 85.

Dr. O'Kane gift aids sciences majors

Dr. Kevin C. O'Kane, professor *emeritus* of computer science at the University of Northern Iowa, made PC the 100 percent beneficiary of his retirement account, valued at \$1.3 million. The money will provide scholarships for computer science, chemistry, or physics majors. O'Kane chose PC because he was impressed by its commitment to maintaining its Catholic and Dominican identity. His late uncle, Richard O'Kane '30, was an alumnus, and his father, Charles O'Kane, attended PC.

Andersons, Chapeys boost athletics

Karl W. Anderson '88 and Kathleen "Kerry" Fowley Anderson '88 donated \$1.5 million for the construction of a soccer and lacrosse complex to be built beginning this spring near Schneider Arena. The Andersons also made a \$500,000 gift to be used for athletics needs. Michael J. Chapey '86 and Maura Hurley Chapey '86 also donated \$1 million to the soccer and lacrosse project. The new stadium will be called Anderson Stadium, while the field will be Chapey Field.





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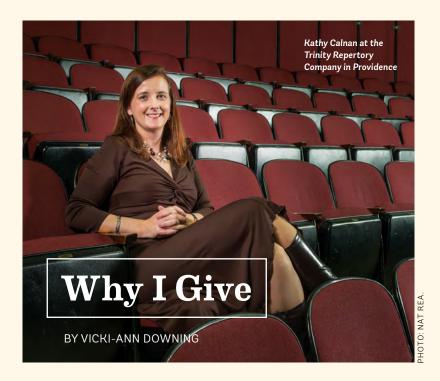
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For Kathryn (Parrella) Calnan '94, gratitude is expressed through giving.

At 18, Calnan entered Providence College intending to become an actor. When she realized her talents were better matched to the business end of theatre, she considered transferring — until two faculty members helped her find a way to combine her interests by offering a course in theatre management and assisting her in obtaining internships. Today, she counts John P. Garrity '73, associate professor of theatre arts, and Joseph A. Gemma '75 & '77G, assistant professor of management, as both mentors and friends.

Calnan, who majored in theatre arts with a minor in business studies, is director of development at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, overseeing a staff of seven. She is married and the mother of three daughters.

When Calnan was a senior, members of her class were challenged to donate \$100 to PC, payable over the first four years following graduation.

"That got me and others into the habit of giving, and as time went on and I could, I tried to give a little bit more," said Calnan, who has given every year since her graduation.

Calnan also gives of her time. A class agent, she helped plan her 20th reunion last year. She returns to campus to serve on alumni career panels.

"During times in my life when I wasn't living within a commutable distance of the college, it was harder to do that, but pretty much since I graduated, I've tried to be supportive with money, or time, or both if possible," Calnan said. "I enjoyed every moment of my days at PC, and I'm grateful for what John Garrity and Joe Gemma did to get me on the right road. They made it possible for me to stay at PC."





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From top: Alexandra Koop '12, Lyndsay Kovalsky '12, Taylor Farnam '12, and Kendra Koop '11, left to right, love those PC shades. Live auction bidders Michael Hopkins '10 (#663) and Elizabeth Reilly '09 (#787) get in on the bidding. Ross Mauermann '15, front, and Noel Acciari '16 lead the hockey team into the ballroom.

ONE FOCUS, SHARED VISION

A NIGHT IN BLACK & WHITE BENEFITS PC

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OR ONE NIGHT IN APRIL, Friartown invaded Beantown. More than 780 Providence College alumni, friends, and corporate partners gathered at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, raising more than \$718,000 for the PC Fund and the Angel Fund — which turn PC's shared vision into a reality for students, faculty, and the entire College community. There were even a few surprise guests in the house, including the entire NCAA Championship Friar men's hockey team and its National Coach of the Year, Nate Leaman, along with men's basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley.

"Over the past decade, Providence College, as an institution, has transformed itself in a truly remarkable fashion. By supporting and attending *A Night in Black and White*, alumni, parents, and friends of the College play a vital role in helping to fund the many initiatives that are propelling PC's rise in stature," said Chuck '71 and Leslie Borkoski '12P, event co-chairs with Jim and Teri Chisholm '15P.

The College honored Donna '78 and Bill '78 Cupelo '12P for their dedicated service to the College with the Black & White Award. In addition, longtime building partner E. Turgeon Construction, led by Francis E. Ducharme '87P, received the Black & White Corporate Partner Award. It was A Night in Black & White to remember. ■

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ROTHER ATHANASIUS MURPHY, O.P. '10 AND BROTHER JOHN SICA, O.P. '10 met when they were sophomores at St. John the Baptist High School in Islip, N.Y. Brother Athanasius, then known as Robert Murphy, needed help with pre-calculus homework and called Brother John, then known as Robert Sica, for assistance.

"He wanted to explain how to do the problem, and I only wanted to know if I got the right answer," said

Brother Athanasius. "That was the first contact."

As time went on, the high school students were drawn by their mutual interest in discussing matters of faith. "What does it mean to believe Scripture is true?" wondered Brother Athanasius. "What does it mean to follow the Church that Jesus established? What does it mean to follow Jesus?"

"Who is God?" asked Brother John. "Does He exist?"

Brother John's sister, Elizabeth Sica'09 & '11G, was a student at Providence College when he applied. He planned to major in philosophy. Brother Athanasius decided to apply as well. He wanted to study history and be a lawyer.

When both were accepted into the Liberal Arts Honors Program, Brother Athanasius asked Brother John to be his roommate. They lived together all four years, in Fennell, DiTraglia, and Davis halls. Their friends called them "the two Robs."

"Dominicans preach the TRUTH about Jesus Christ, and our world really needs the truth about JESUS CHRI

Their faith grew through daily Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory, and studying the concept of faith seeking understanding. By the end of junior year, both applied to become priests. The strong intellectual tradition of the Dominicans appealed to them.

"Dominicans preach the truth about Jesus Christ, and our world really needs the truth about Jesus Christ," said Brother John.

"The Dominicans have a very sincere joy," said Brother Athanasius. "If you're going to do something your whole life, and you see men who are very happy, authentic happiness is very attractive.

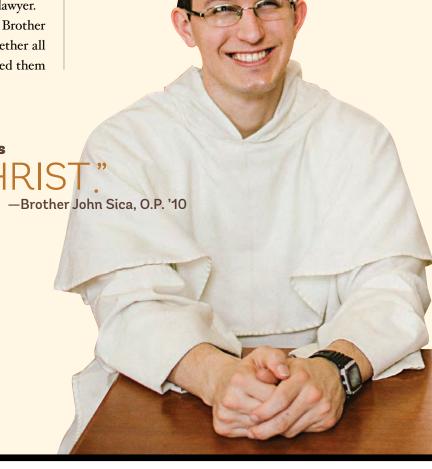
That's what attracted me."

Brother John took his name to honor St. John of Cologne, a Dominican martyred in 1572. Brother Athanasius was inspired by St. Athanasius, author of *Life of St. Anthony*, a book he read for a Development of Western Civilization colloquium.

At the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., "there's a full load of courses that we study, and extensive time doing a ministry of some sort, and ordinary duties in the house," said Brother John.

There is time for fun as well.

"A lot of the brothers are involved in loosely



organized sports," said Brother Athanasius. "We play other seminaries. I was captain of the soccer team for the Dominicans."

"We play football on Thanksgiving," added Brother John. "We've destroyed other teams in softball."

In March, Brother Athanasius and Brother John were among 11 men ordained deacons at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, another step toward ordination to the priesthood in 2016.

"The entire environment at the Dominican House of Studies encourages you and invites you

and reflection," said Brother
Athanasius. "It would be
false to say you don't give
your whole self to the life.

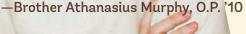
to a life of serious study, prayer,

It's very complete." ■



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A JUBILEE YEAR FOR DOMINICAN PRIESTS

hile Brothers Athanasius and John continue their journeys toward the priesthood, four alumni with extensive service and ministry at the College are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordinations as Dominican priests in 2015.

The "senior" member is Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland, O.P., D.D. '49 & '84Hon., who is celebrating his 60th anniversary. Bishop emeritus of Multan, Pakistan, Bishop Boland has resided at the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas on campus since 1994 and served for several years during that time as assistant to the bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

Dominican classmates Rev. Edward T. Myers, O.P. '58 and Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60 are observing their 50th jubilees. Father Myers is the prior of the Dominican Community at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory and teaches in the Department of Theology. He also has served as College treasurer and as vice president for finance. Father Quigley, currently the Father Carl J. Peter Chair of Homiletics at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, has served PC as chaplain, as associate professor of theology, and as executive vice president.

Celebrating his 25th anniversary is **Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G**, College executive vice president and treasurer, who began serving his *alma mater* in 1997 as dean of residence life.

Another Dominican in the College community who would have celebrated his 65th ordination this June was **Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. '46 & '82Hon.,** who died on March 2. Father Morris taught English and theology and was a former executive vice president. (In Memoriam: page 77)

Above, from left: Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P., Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P., Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland, O.P., the late Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P., and Rev. Edward T. Myers, O.P.



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Music professor wins Accinno Teaching Award

Dr. T.J. Harper, an associate professor of music, has received the 2014-2015 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, PC's top teaching honor. Harper, who earned a

doctorate in musical arts from the University of Southern California, joined PC's faculty in 2009 and conducts three choral ensembles — *I Cantori*, the Concert Chorale, and the Oriana Women's Choir. He has led students on international concert tours, including this year's trip to Austria and the Czech Republic. "Dr. Harper has exhibited many traits that make him not only an excellent teacher but a leader in his field," one nominator noted. "He never allows his great musical talent to outshine his students." Winners of the Accinno Award receive a cash stipend, give a presentation during Commencement Weekend, are acknowledged at Academic Convocation in September, and have their names inscribed on a plaque in Phillips Memorial Library.



Granite State launches ACA despite opposition

New Hampshire serves as an example of how a state implemented the Affordable Care Act (ACA) despite opposition from elected leaders, according to two Providence Col-

lege researchers. "At a time of continued deadlock in many states, the Granite State's experience demonstrates that bipartisan collaboration and compromise remain possible," said Dr. Robert B. Hackey, professor of health policy and management (HPM). He co-authored a national report for the ACA Implementation Research Network with Dr. Todd M. Olszewski, assistant professor of health policy and management, and Danielle Waldron '15 (Taunton, Mass.), an HPM major. According to their analysis, New Hampshire officials established a partnership exchange in 2013 that preserved the state's regulation of the health insurance marketplace and maintained local control over ACA education and outreach initiatives even though the state legislature and voters were against it.



Four decades of scholarship

INTI: Revista de la literatura bispánica, a scholarly journal founded by Dr. Roger B. Carmosino, associate professor of Spanish, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2014. The publication spotlights international

academic research in all areas of Latin American and Spanish literature twice a year. Carmosino said *INTI* is unique because of the breadth of scholarship it includes. In most issues, *INTI* contains literary criticism, creative writing, interviews, reviews of books, and works of art. In addition to renowned critics, writers, and artists, three Nobel Prize for Literature recipients have contributed to *INTI*.



Bringing building wonders to light

Benjamin K. Sweeney '00, adjunct assistant professor of film, was the associate producer of the *Building Wonders* documentary series on PBS's *NOVA*. Dr. Joan R. Branham, professor of art history and associate dean of

the School of Arts & Sciences, served as a scholarly consultant for one of the films in the series, *Hagia Sophia: Istanbul's Ancient Mystery*. Branham said the documentaries were used in two courses at the College during the spring semester. Watch online at magazine.providence.edu.



Research catalyst

The American Chemical Society awarded Dr. Seann P. Mulcahy, assistant professor of chemistry, a \$55,000 grant to investigate new ways to convert simple molecules derived from crude oil into more complex ring-

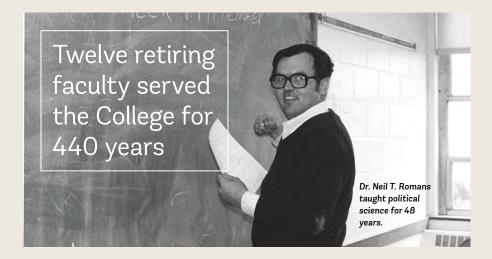
like molecules. Working with students, Mulcahy is investigating how a novel chemical reaction that uses palladium as a catalyst is influenced by small changes in chemical structure. The metal palladium speeds up the reaction, making it more efficient and economical, and generating less waste.



Weighing in on deflated footballs

Like football fans everywhere, Dr. Seth T. Ashman, assistant professor of physics, wondered about the NFL's contention that 11 of 12 footballs used by the New England Patriots during the first half of their AFC Championship game in January against

Indianapolis were too low in air pressure. Ashman initially ran his own calculations using the "ideal gas law" and determined that temperature alone could not have accounted for deflation of the footballs by the reported 2.0 psi. After hearing that the Patriots subsequently simulated game-like conditions and did their own testing — subjecting footballs to rough treatment in cool, rainy conditions, and finding that the footballs did lose air — Ashman said the issue was "a gray area." Subsequent reporting revealed most of the footballs had lost considerably less than 2.0 psi of pressure. The combination of temperature change, rainy weather, and the handling of the football to achieve the desired texture could lead to a pressure drop, he concluded.



In June, 12 faculty members and administrators will retire after decades of service to Providence College. Together, they spent approximately 440 years teaching, conducting research, and guiding thousands of students.

The retirees (by name, title, start date, administrative titles, and roles):

- ► Dr. Carl D. Baer, professor of chemistry; 1979; chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- ► Dr. Roger B. Carmosino, associate professor of Spanish; 1978; chair, Department of Foreign Language Studies
- ► Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley, professor of humanities in foreign languages; 1985; chair, Department of Foreign Language Studies; assistant dean of undergraduate studies

- ► Dr. Robert G. LaMontagne, assistant professor of physics; 1982; director, Natural Science Program; chair, Department of Engineering-Physics-Systems
- ► Dr. Laura L. Landen, associate professor of philosophy; 1984; director, Natural Science & Environmental Studies programs; chair, Department of Philosophy
- ► Jacqueline F. Kiernan MacKay, associate dean of undergraduate studies and director of parent programs; 1977; director, Counseling Center; assistant professor of counseling; dean of student development; assistant vice president for student services

- Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., '87G, assistant professor of history; 1973; assistant director of residence; director of residence for women; head resident; assistant dean of undergraduate studies; coordinator of liberal arts studies, School of Continuing Education; director, Asian Studies Program
- ► Dr. Cornelius H. Riordan, professor of sociology; 1972; chair, Department of Sociology; director, Cunningham Southeast Asian Scholarship Program
- ► Dr. Neil T. Romans, associate professor of political science; 1967
- ► Margaret P. Ruggieiri, C.P.A., assistant professor of accountancy; 1995; assistant dean and director of academic advising Office of the Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
- ► Dr. Ellen P. Salvatore, associate professor of public and community service studies; 1973; chair, Department of Social Work; associate director, Feinstein Institute for Public Service
- ► Dr. Mary Anne Sedney, professor of psychology; 1976; chair, Department of Psychology; director, Women's Studies Program

PC NEWS/BRIEFLY

Darlene Love, four others chosen for honorary degrees



Darlene Love, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member who began her career as a backup singer in the 1960s and found rebirth as a star in her own right decades later, was scheduled to present the Commencement Address at the

Ninety-Seventh Commencement Exercises on May 17 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

Also chosen to receive honorary degrees were Dr. Henry C. Foley '77, executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Missouri System; Kevin C. Phelan '66, the PC fundraising campaign co-chair and former trustee who is a Boston real estate executive and community leader; and Jane Lunin Perel, a poet, PC professor *emerita* of English and of women's studies, and co-founder of the College's Women's Studies Program.

Rev. Gustavo Gutiérrez, O.P., a Dominican priest credited with coining the term "liberation theology" to describe how Christians should respond to governments and social systems that oppress the poor, also was chosen to receive an honorary degree. It was presented to Father Gutiérrez on April 27 when he gave the Rev. Edward Cleary, O.P. Memorial Lecture at the College.

Two language students receive Fulbright awards

Emily M. Kennedy '15 (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Vincent A. Whalen '15 (Eatontown, N.J.) were awarded Fulbright honors this spring.

Kennedy, a global studies major who has minors in Spanish, political science, and Latin American studies, received a Fulbright Research Grant to study a social movement to improve water access in a rural community in Argentina. She leaves in March 2016.

Whalen, who is majoring in Spanish and economics, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Scholarship to IE University in Madrid, Spain, starting in September 2015. He will work with faculty and business students at IE, where courses are taught in Spanish and English.



Strategic Plan updated through centennial

he Board of Trustees approved an update to the College's Strategic Plan in February. Our Moment: The Providence College Centennial Strategic Plan Update for 2015-2017 builds on the successes of the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015: Achieving Excellence. Pursuing Truth. Transforming Lives.

The updated plan, coordinated under the direction of a 25-member committee led by Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, executive vice president and treasurer, and Dr. Brian J. Bartolini, associate vice president for academic affairs/chief institutional effectiveness officer, retains the vision and five core values of the original plan. The update develops new and exciting strategies within those core values as the College prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2017. Read the update: providence.edu/strategic-plan



Feinstein Institute inducts three during anniversary program

Faculty, staff, and alumni joined community partners of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service to celebrate two decades of integrating community service with academic study to strengthen local communities. The institute was founded in 1994 through a grant from Rhode Island philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein's Feinstein Foundation.

At a celebratory gala, the institute inducted three new members into its Hall of Heroes: U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia; the late Blessed Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and the late Francis H. Smith '07P, '13P, and '16P, executive director of the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation.

Music students to perform in European countries

Members of two choral groups at the College will embark on a Department of Music performance tour to Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague in May. Nearly 50 students, faculty, alumni, and family members are expected to make the trip.

The combined choir, comprising members of the Concert Chorale and *I Cantori*, the College's premier choral ensemble, will be led by Dr. T.J. Harper, associate professor of music and director of choral activities and music education. The high point of the tour will occur when the choir rehearses with and performs at a high Mass with the Salzburg Cathedral Choir and Orchestra.





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Women's Studies Program marks 20th anniversary

Current and past faculty, students, alumnae, and friends of the Women's Studies Program gathered on campus last fall to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program. Highlights were a panel presentation by eight alumnae; a keynote address by one of the co-founders of the program, Jane Lunin Perel, professor *emerita* of English and of women's studies; and remarks by the program's current director, Dr. Abigail T. Brooks, assistant professor of sociology and of women's studies.



and its traditions. A three-time Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Wilkens was also the first person enshrined as a member of Friar Legends Forever, the revered group of players, coaches, and administrators who have left an indelible mark on PC basketball and earned national recognition to boot.

Friar Legends Forever dinner.

Held at the Omni Hotel in Providence on Feb. 13 during Alumni & Family Weekend, the gala honored three of the finest players in the College's proud basketball history - Andrea Mangum '90, John Thompson, Jr. '64, and the late Jim **Hadnot** '62 — and the original radio "voice of the Friars," the late Chris Clark.



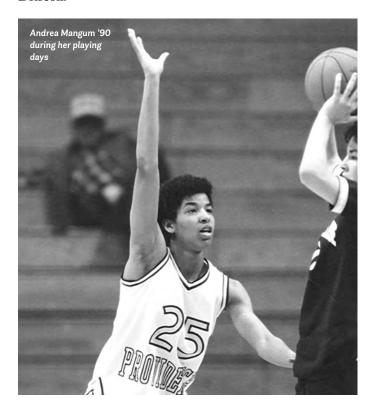
Since Wilkens' 1996 enshrinement, the select company on the men's side has expanded to include players Johnny Egan '61, Ray Flynn '63, the late Vinnie Ernst '63, the late Jimmy Walker '67, Ernie DiGregorio '73, the late Marvin Barnes '74, Kevin Stacom '74, and Joe Hassett '77, and the two most successful coaches in PC history, the late Joe Mullaney '65Hon. & '98Hon. and the late Dave Gavitt '89Hon.

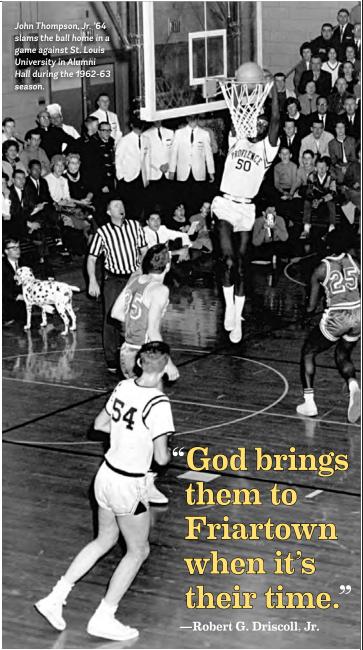
Hadnot and Thompson became the 12th and 13th men to be recognized as Friar Legends Forever.

A Providence native, Mangum is the third player in PC women's basketball history to have her jersey retired and the fourth woman to be honored with the legends distinction. She joined the late Associate Athletic Director Helen Bert and players Kathy Finn Hill '84 and Tracy Lis '96.

As Robert G. Driscoll Jr., associate vice president for athletics and athletic director, noted, seeing the jerseys of Friar greats hanging in the Dunkin' Donuts Center and Alumni Hall's Mullaney Gymnasium reminds fans of the Friars' "can do" spirit and the belief that a small school can make waves on a national scale.

"God brings them to Friartown when it's their time," said Driscoll.



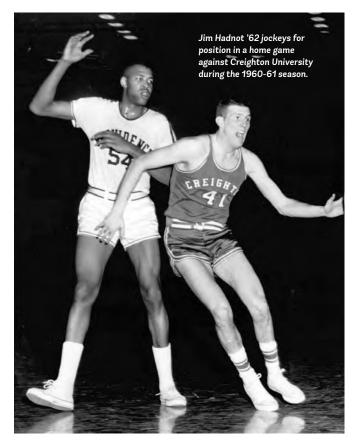


In the view of the proud and humbled recipients — who also were recognized the following day at the men's basketball game against Seton Hall — they are the ones indebted to PC.

"Looking back on my days at Providence, those fond memories will be with me forever," said Mangum. "To the entire athletic department and the fans ... it was an honor to represent my city and to wear the No. 25 Friar jersey."

"For the committee to remember a gentleman from Oakland who has since passed, my family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts," said Hadnot's son, Shawn. "He went





to a place that meant a lot to him, and the people he met at Providence College impacted him for the rest of his life. He was very proud to be a Friar, and I mean very proud."

Wilkens stood in for Thompson, who had been to the funeral of legendary University of North Carolina coach Dean Smith the day before and couldn't make it for the weekend.

Though he didn't sink a single basket or pull down a single rebound, Clark had a passion that was crystal clear every



time he broadcast a Friar game. In the eyes of many, he helped revolutionize the way that followers were able to connect with their favorite Providence players and coaches.

"Without Chris Clark, you may not have been as passionate a Friar fan as you are," remarked College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

Wilkens was the last speaker on a night where the light shone a little bit brighter on Providence's rich basketball heritage. Almost two decades earlier, he was the one being commemorated into Friar Legends Forever. Now it was his turn to welcome the newest members into a special circle with open arms.

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



JIM HADNOT '62: PC's first high-profile big man, he scored 1,467 points and grabbed 1,299 rebounds in three seasons, helping the Friars capture their first NIT Championship in 1961. He was a two-time Honorable Mention All-American.

JOHN THOMPSON, JR. '64: A first-team All-American as a senior, he helped lead PC to the 1963 NIT title and registered 1,520 points and 1,061 rebounds in three seasons.

ANDREA MANGUM '90: A two-time KODAK District I All-America selection, she helped guide the Friars to the 1990 BIG EAST Tournament Championship. She amassed 1,679 points and 1,063 rebounds from 1986-1990.

CHRIS CLARK (special recognition): **The radio voice of the Friars** for 24 years, he played a pivotal role in promoting a fledgling college basketball program that developed and sustained a respected national reputation.

Above: Holding framed commemorative jerseys are, from left, Shawn Hadnot, son of Jim Hadnot '62; Don Clark, son of Chris Clark; Andrea Mangum '90; and Lenny Wilkens '60, representing John Thompson, Jr. '64.



Sisson sets U.S. record, wins NCAA title; Dunn, Henton named hoop All-Americans



Providence College had not one, but two, NCAA champions this winter.

In addition to the men's hockey team's first NCAA crown (pages 2-9), **graduate student Emily Sisson '14** (Chesterfield, Mo.) won the NCAA championship in the women's 5,000-meter indoor run. She ran a time of 15:32.15 to win by eight seconds. Her performance came two weeks after she set a national collegiate record in the 5,000 during the BIG EAST Championship.

Sisson broke the record held by former PC All-American **Kim Smith '05** by almost two seconds, clocking in at 15:12.22.

Sisson also placed third in the 3,000 in the NCAA Championship and thus earned First-Team All-America honors twice.

Also competing in the NCAA Indoor Track Championship and earning Second-Team All-America recognition was men's standout **Julian Oakley '16** (Tauranga, New Zealand). He placed 11th in the mile in a time of 4:00.25.

The fourth team to qualify for NCAA action this winter was men's basketball. Ed Cooley's Friars, powered by **Kris Dunn** '16 (New London, Conn.) and **LaDontae Henton** '15 (Lansing, Mich.), made a second straight trip to the tournament. PC

lost to Dayton, 66-53, and finished with a 22-12 record, including 11-7 in BIG EAST play.

Dunn, the sensational guard who announced he will return for the 2015-16 season, earned three All-America honors: NBC Sports.com Second Team, CBS Sports.Com Third Team, and Associated Press (AP) Honorable Mention. He also was selected as BIG EAST Co-Player of the Year, BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year, and to the All-BIG EAST First Team. Henton was named an AP Honorable Mention Team All-American and to the All-BIG EAST First Team.

Hockey goaltender **Jon Gillies '16** (South Portland, Maine) was the fifth winter student-athlete to achieve All-America status. Gillies, who signed an entry-level contract with the NHL's Calgary Flames after the season, was named a Second Team (East) CCM All-American and an USCHO.com First Team All-American.

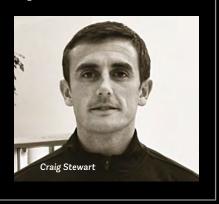
Meanwhile, fall-sport student-athletes earning All-America status were men's soccer midfielder Phil Towler '15 (Cumbria, England), Third Team; field hockey star and graduate student Caitlin Malone '14 (Ossining, N.Y.), Third Team; women's cross-country standout Catarina Rocha '17 (Peabody, Mass.); and men's cross-country runners Shane Quinn '15 (Waterford, Ireland) and Ben Connor '15 (Derby, England).



AROUND FRIARTOWN

A breakout soccer season

Head Coach Craig Stewart's men's soccer team opened eyes across the U.S. with an outstanding season that resulted in a program-best ranking of #3 in the national poll. PC captured its first BIG EAST Tournament Championship, beating Xavier, 2-1, on Nov. 16. That led to a historic NCAA Tournament run that included a quarterfinal win at Michigan State and culminated in a national semifinal appearance. PC was edged by UCLA, 3-2, in double overtime, but finished with a team-record 16 wins (16-5-2). Mac Steeves '17 (Needham, Mass.) was named the College Cup's Most Valuable Offensive Player — the first time in 30 years that a player from a losing team earned the award. Goalie Keasel Broome '15 (Claymont, Del.) and forward Markus Naglestad '15 (Kristiansand, Norway) were selected in the 2015 Major League Soccer SuperDraft.





Cross country with strong seasons, as usual

The Friar men's and women's cross-country teams, under the expert tutelage of Coach Ray Treacy '82, turned in outstanding seasons during the fall of 2014. The women's team, coming off a 2013 national championship, finished 13th among 31 teams in the NCAA Championship in November. All seven runners who competed that day have eligibility remaining for next year. The men's team also placed 13th among 31 qualifying teams in the NCAAs, rallying in the second half of the race to move up several places as a team.

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Led by the women's soccer team's 3.38 GPA, Friar 2014 fall sports teams turned in an impressive collective classroom performance. PC student-athletes posted a combined 3.1 GPA, the highest fall semester mark in more than 15 years. In March, the field hockey team was recognized by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFCHA) for achieving a team GPA above 3.0 and earning the Gladiator by SGI/NFCHA Division I National Academic Team Award.

Former Friar skater Karen Kay '85 received the American Hockey Coaches Association Women's Ice Hockey Founders Award for contributions to the sport at a ceremony in January. Kay went on from PC to coach at the University of New Hampshire and to coach USA national teams, including the 1994 World Championship silver medalists.

Friar men's basketball enthusiasts will have an extra reason to travel to the Dunkin' Donuts Center next season, as Providence College will host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament, March 17 and 19, 2016. This will be the seventh time PC has hosted NCAA Tournament play, the first since 2010.



Chuck Wielgus '72, the executive director of USA Swimming since 1997, has led the sport of swimming to new heights in the United States — including its Olympic program — even while battling Stage III colorectal cancer for several years. Read his inspiring story: magazine.providence.edu

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GREATER BOSTON

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In January, the club hosted a career night in which 60 students and 50 alumni shared experiences and discussed mentoring opportunities. **Janet E. Archer '82**, a vice president at The Talbots, Inc., gave the keynote remarks. The event was held at Goodwin Procter, LLP and hosted by Goodwin Procter partner **James M. Broderick '83**.

We were pleased to be the host city for the Hockey East and Frozen Four hockey tournaments and hosted game watches and pre-game receptions at Hurricane O'Reilly's.

For our FUSION event in May, we participated in the City of Boston's Boston Shines cleanup event, working on projects in the South End with about 15 alumni. We look forward to our "PC at the Boston Red Sox" event on June 5, preceded by a pre-game meetup at the Baseball Tavern, and our annual boat cruise on June 19.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Tara Bubniak '06

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The club held five men's basketball game watches in San Francisco from January to April with more than 45 alumni attending. We were excited to cheer on our men's hockey team during the Frozen Four at two game watches. Thanks to Kevin Higgins '10 for planning them. Carole Donahue Small '78 led our FUSION event at the San Francisco Regional Food Bank. About 20 alumni, friends, and family assembled food boxes in the Potrero Hill neighborhood to be distributed to elderly residents.



CAPITAL AREA

President: Nicole Picard '08

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A highlight unique to our nation's capital was Providence College Day in Washington, D.C., in February. The day began with Mass at the Dominican House of Studies and brunch, which featured a lecture by Dr. Michael J. O'Neill, PC associate professor of philosophy. Brunch was followed by tours of the exhibit *Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea* at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. That evening, Friar alumni cheered on the men's basketball team at a game watch in downtown D.C. Special thanks to Catherine Little Bert '77 for inspiring the weekend.

Also in February, **John O'Hurley '76 & '06 Hon.** performed in *Chicago* at the National Theater. The evening was bookended by receptions, with O'Hurley mingling with alumni after the performance.

With spring came opening day for the alumni softball team and a community service event to coincide with FUSION. Our annual networking night will be June 10, hosted by **Beth Viola '90** at Holland & Knight.

REGIONAL ALUMNI CLUBS

LONDON

Co-President: Filippo Guerrini-Maraldi '86

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In late March, the London club and students studying abroad in London got together to celebrate PC's victories in basketball and hockey. Toasts were made across the Atlantic, new friendships were formed, and older acquaintances were renewed.

The club's co-president, **Filippo Guerrini-Maraldi '86**, and his wife, Jennifer, hosted the event in Mayfair at the Guinea Grille and Bellamy's. The evening began with Mass celebrated by **Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61**, associate alumni chaplain, at Farm Street Church, a Jesuit parish founded in 1849.

MAL BROWN (GREATER PROVIDENCE)

President: Kate Kennedy '92 kate.kennedy 26@gmail.com



The club presented the annual Mal Brown Awards in February at Bravo Brasserie in Providence. Colleen Cronin Duffy '83 received the Mal Brown Award, given to the individual whose life has exemplified the love and loyalty for PC characteristic of Mal Brown. David G. Lussier, Esq. '62 received

the Dr. William A. McDonnell Award, presented to an individual who has given unselfishly to further the cause of PC.

In November, the club brought together alumni of all ages at a networking night at Circe in downtown Providence. In December, the club's Young Alumni Committee sponsored a Christmas party at Blake's Tavern following the men's basketball game against the University of Rhode Island. The club also sponsored a Student-Alumni Career Networking Night on campus in January. The 50-50 raffle and the season ticket raffle, held during men's basketball games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, raised almost \$13,000 this season in support of the Mal Brown Scholarship.

The club looks forward to growing its Young Alumni Committee and was happy to welcome to its board **Todd Incantalupo '98 & '01G**, associate director of the PC Office of Student Activities.

NEW HAVEN

President: Benjamin Cangiano '78

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James Augur '87, vice president of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Richard Borer, president of Easter Seals Goodwill Industries and former seven-term mayor of West Haven, were honored at the club's 56th annual Veritas Awards Dinner. Proceeds fund scholarships for New Haven-area students at PC. More than \$600,000 in scholarships has been awarded through the years.

In August, the club will host the annual Freshman Reception to welcome new students.

METRO NEW YORK

President: George Catrambone '05

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The year 2014 ended on a high note, with a record attendance of 363 alumni at the Christmas Party. In January, 117 students and 81 alumni attended the annual Alumni-Student Career Networking Night at Deloitte, hosted by **Steve Gallucci '89**. Alumni connected with fellow Friars and shared their expertise with PC students. The keynote speaker was **Keith Cocozza '89**, a senior vice president at Time Warner.

Game watches were held at the Wharf Bar 'n' Grill throughout the men's basketball regular and tournament seasons, as well as for men's ice hockey in the NCAA Tournament!

Alumni, family, and friends marched in the 254th annual New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade wearing green sashes and carrying the PC banner. About 30 guests attended the parade and reception, which was organized by **Brendan O'Dwyer '98** and **Bartley O'Dwyer '98**.

For its FUSION event in April, the club gathered at the Bronx Zoo in partnership with the Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

Hope to see you at our networking night on June 18 at PwC in Manhattan and at our U.S. Open event in August!

SEATTLE

Seattle-area alumni gathered for game watches this winter for men's basketball and hockey. The club will hold a kick-off event in July with a Saturday evening Mass and reception. Those interested in joining the planning committee should contact Jackie Carlson, PC assistant director for alumni relations, at jcarlso8@providence.edu.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

CLASS NOTES

1960s

'65 (50th Reunion Year)

Brian T. O'Connor, Esq. '65 of Greenwich, Conn., served as grand marshal of the 41st annual Greenwich St. Patrick's Parade, one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in Connecticut. He is a partner with the Stamford law firm of Diserio Martin O'Connor

& Castiglioni LLP. He is co-chair of the '65 Golden Anniversary Reunion and Gift Committee for his 50th reunion at PC in 2015.

'68

Bob Donnelly, Esq. '68 of Millwood, N.Y., a lawyer with Lommen Abdo in New York City, was named one of the "50 Attorneys of

Note in the Music Biz" by *Billboard* magazine. He has been a lawyer in the music industry since 1976, specializing in the negotiation of entertainment contracts and royalties, and has been awarded more than 40 platinum record plaques by performers he has represented.

Stephen D. Gladis '68 of Annandale, Va., a leadership speaker, author, and executive coach, received the Trustee Leadership Award from Leadership Fairfax, a nonprofit dedicated to the development of leaders in northern Virginia. He was recognized for his commitment to civic, academic, and philanthropic causes, and for establishing Young Business Leaders, a group of top-level young executives dedicated to business and philanthropy.

LOST CLASS' MEMBER AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE



Alvin Blinder, a member of the "Lost Class of '44," gathers with alumnae at a November 2014 reception held in Los Angeles by the Southern California Alumni Club. A resident of Torrance, Calif., he was awarded an honorary bachelor's degree

by the College during the event, in recognition of his participation in the U.S. Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at PC. Nearly 400 ASTP students began undergraduate studies at PC in the fall of 1943 and, in March 1944, were suddenly called to bolster U.S. infantry forces in Europe in World War II. They never returned to PC to complete their education. Blinder, who rose to the rank of sergeant with his battalion, was mostly stationed in France. He was charged with maintaining communications between four platoons and battalion headquarters, before developing frostbite on his feet and being relieved of his duties. He was awarded a Purple Heart. Here, he is joined by, from left, Barbara Casserly '81, Kristen Gallagher '95, Kimberly Frasca-Delaney '96, Monica Womack Peterson '91 (rear), Nina Ratzenberger '11, Alissa Murgia '95, Caroline Young '14, and Mia Perreault, the daughter of Jay Perreault '92.

1970s

77-

Deacon Ed Giard '71 of Manchester, Conn., retired after teaching religion for 40 years at East Catholic High School in Manchester. He also celebrated 30 years as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford.

'74

Sean Gleason '74 of Ventor City, N.J., received the highest individual honor awarded by the Virginia Recreation & Parks Society (VRPS), the Fellows Award. The



LATEST MURDER-MYSTERY NOVEL CONTAINS PC CONNECTION



Providence College and Thomism tie-ins are intriguing parts in the latest murder-mystery novel written by **John J. Partridge**, **Esq. '61 & '11Hon.**, *Scratched* (Köehler Books, 2014). In this book, Partridge, who previously wrote Carom Shot (Chukar, 2005) and *Straight Pool* (Chukar, 2008), again casts amateur detective Algy Temple in the middle of a suspicious homicide. Temple, the legal counsel for "Carter University" in Providence, R.I., is confronted by a no-

torious Italian crime organization and Federal Hill mobsters while investigating the murder of a Carter professor. The fictitious Rev. Pietro Sacchi, O.P., a PC professor of Thomistic philosophy, plays an important role in unravelling the death of his friend and colleague from Carter. Scratched is nationally distributed to bookstores and is available on Amazon.com and other e-book distributors. Partridge is the founder and senior counsel at Partridge, Snow & Hahn in Providence. He is a member of the College's Providence President's Council, Rhode Island Campaign Committee, and the Liberal Arts Honors Program's Leadership Council. **Read more: magazine.providence.edu**

former director of recreation and parks in Colonial Heights, Va., he was honored for developing new facilities and expanding programs in Colonial Heights, as well as for his service as (now former) president of VRPS and with multiple committees, including strategic planning and redistricting. Gleason is a life member of the Optimist Club of Colonial Heights and a former governor of the Capital-Virginia District of Optimist International.

'75 (40th Reunion Year)

Thomas R. Yantz '75 of Kensington, Conn., was inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a member of the media. He has been a sports reporter for *The Hartford Courant* since 1975, covering high school, college, and professional sports, including Major League Baseball and professional golf. He has won numerous writing awards from The Associated Press and the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

1975 ALUMNAE REUNITE AT CAMPUS PROGRAM





In March, classmates **Dr. Wanda S. Ingram '75**, left, and **Kathleen A. Bello '75**, right, took part in a panel presentation intended for students and celebrating the history of PC alumnae for more than 40 years. Ingram, senior associate dean of undergraduate studies and freshman dean at PC, was a facilitator. Bello, retired principal budget analyst for the Rhode Island House of Representatives' fiscal advisory staff, was one of six panelists. Their class represents the first four-year class of women graduates at the College. Other panelists for the program,

called *Veritas* and Values: Friar Alumnae Success Stories, were **Nancy Cavallero McNamara '84**, assistant director of inspection for the FBI; **Shelly M. McBride**, **D.M.D. '89**, a pediatric dentist; **Tricia McNamara Caracappa '92**, executive director, compliance and legal, at Morgan Stanley and a student at Parsons School of Design; **Meredith L. Zenowich '96**, a R.I. State Police trooper; and **Dara M. Greenidge '12**, a teacher at Harlem Success Academy I Charter School in New York City. **Read more: magazine.providence.edu**

Michael D. Aubin, FACHE '77 of Jacksonville, Fla., was named the 2014 R. David and I. Lorraine Thomas Child Advocate of the Year by the Children's Home Society of Florida, Buckner Division, in Jacksonville. He is the president of Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. A longtime child health advocate, he also was elected to the board of trustees of the Children's Hospital Association, which represents more than 220 children's hospitals in the U.S.

John T. Capetta, Esq. '77 of Stamford, Conn., joined Martin LLP as leader of its Private Equity Practice Group. He has more than 30 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions, and has represented a wide range of private equity firms, portfolio companies, and portfolio company management interests.

Charles J. Fogarty '77 of Harmony, R.I., was appointed by Gov. Gina Raimondo to be director of elderly affairs in the R.I. Department of Human Services. He formerly was director of the R.I. Department of Labor & Training and has served as state senator and lieutenant governor.

Hank Foley, Ph.D. '77 of Columbia, Mo., was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and as a fellow of the American Chemical Society's Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Division. He is also an elected fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Foley is the senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at the University of Missouri and executive vice president of the University of Missouri System.

William Humphrey'77 of Pacific Palisades, Calif., was appointed general manager of Hudson Media Properties, Inc., which includes Sunset Gower, Sunset Bronson,

PRODUCERS CAPTURE 'PROVIDENCE,' EMERGENCY MEDICINE



Mike Leonard '70 & '00Hon.

tells the story of Providence — the concept of divine guidance and the College — in a segment of his new TV series, inCommon with Mike Leonard, which is airing on PBS stations across the country this spring.

Leonard, who is based in Chicago, filmed at PC in December with his son, **Brendan Leonard '07**, and

his co-executive producer, Mary Kay Wall '13P, '15P, & '18P. He interviewed College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80; College Chaplain Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98; Dr. Richard J. Grace '62, professor emeritus of history; Nate Leaman, men's hockey head coach; and several PC hockey players. Also featured are classmates Giacomo Mordente '70 and James M. Murphy '73.

For each episode in the new series, Leonard, retired features correspondent for NBC's *Today* show, explores a theme. His Providence segment is about the war years, the draft lottery, and how some were sent to Vietnam while others were able to remain home.

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Meanwhile, Mark F. Brady, M.D. '02, who practices emergency medicine at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., produced



a documentary, 24/7/365: The Evolution of Emergency Medicine, which premiered on PBS in Rhode Island during the winter. It can be viewed online at http://www.247365doc.com/watchthe-film.html

Brady's documentary is narrated by Anthony Edwards, star of the TV series *ER*. It tells the story of mavericks in the medical field

who went against the establishment to meet the needs of patients in the 1950s and 1960s and turned emergency medicine into a specialty.

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O'DONNELL '78 INDUCTED INTO R.I. COMEDY HALL OF FAME



After more than three decades as a funnyman, **Frank O'Donnell '78** became the fourth person inducted into the Rhode Island Comedy Hall of Fame.

But that's not how he spends his days. O'Donnell, who majored in accountancy at PC, is an assistant vice president for quality control at Embrace Home Loans

in Middletown, R.I. The rest of the time he is a writer, stand-up comic, actor, and playwright.

He got his start in comedy by writing parody news articles for a local radio station. In 1982, O'Donnell performed his first stand-up routine at a talent night. "I was absolutely terrible — two laughs in 15 minutes — but that was enough to keep me going," he said.

Since then, O'Donnell has performed in community and professional theater and written four Christmas-themed plays based on characters that developed in his stand-up. He also writes a humorous pop culture blog — published nationally — for a network of radio stations.

"I just keep trying to grow in it, and I go where it takes me," he said.

He lives in North Providence with his wife and three children, who have all explored the performing arts themselves.

and United Recording Studios. He oversees the company's media and entertainment portfolio in Southern California, including sales, marketing, operations, and other strategic initiatives. He previously served as senior vice president for sales and marketing at Point360, an industry-leading digital media service company.

'78

Donna M. Cupelo '78 of Franklin, Mass., region president of Verizon New England, was named a Shattuck City Champion by the Boston Municipal Research Bureau for her contributions to the city of

Boston. She is a member of PC's Providence President's Council and the PC School of Business Advisory Council, and is a former member of the PC Board of Trustees. In April, Cupelo and her husband, **William F. Cupelo '78**, were honored at PC's annual A Night in Black & White for their contributions to the College.

Thomas F. Sheehan '78 of Winchester, Mass., was named senior vice president of sales at D₃ Banking, an innovator in data-driven digital banking. He counsels financial institutions seeking a long-term digital banking strategy.

'79

R. David Cruise '79 of Cumberland, R.I., was appointed legislative director by R.I. Gov. Gina Raimondo. He had been an administrative magistrate on the state Traffic Tribunal since 2008. He also worked for the late R.I. Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun, in Washington for the Clinton administration, as chief of staff to the R.I. Senate president, and as legal counsel and director of governmental affairs for the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Michael J. Veracka '79 of Bethpage, N.Y., and Providence, R.I., was promoted to associate professor at Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale, N.Y., where he teaches and serves as chair in the Department of Urban Horticulture and Design in the School of Business. He is an award-winning landscape architect who has designed and created gardens across the country.

1980s

'80 (35th Reunion Year)

Robert W. Ekstrom, C.P.A. '80 of Tiverton, R.I., was named city auditor for New Bedford, Mass., by Mayor Jon Mitchell. He formerly was manager of financial planning & analysis at UnitedHealth Group, a nationwide health care company, in Providence, and had previously served as chief financial officer at LighthouseMD before its acquisition by UnitedHealth.

'81

Mark A. Flaherty '81 of Boston, Mass., was appointed an independent director on the board of directors at The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. He is a member of the board's Audit, Risk and Corporate Governance, Nominating, and Public Responsibilities committees. He retired from Wellington Management Company,

an investment management company, after serving as vice chairman, director of global investment services, and partner and senior vice president. He is a member of the PC Board of Trustees.

Mark E. McGwin, III '81 of North Attleboro, Mass., joined United Bank's Worcester commercial lending team as senior vice president and commercial banking officer. He is responsible for developing and leading a franchise finance unit serving the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. He formerly was with a major foreign-based bank where he was senior vice president and relationship manager of franchise lending. He is president of PC's Greater Boston Alumni Club.

Harold R. Nazarian '81 & '10G of North Providence, R.I., was ordained and anointed a priest of the Armenian Apostolic Church by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan in a ceremony at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church in Providence. Known as the Rev. Fr. Kapriel (Gabriel), he has been assigned as assistant pastor at Sts. Vartanantz in Providence. He earned a master's degree in theology from PC.

Catherine G. Sutherland '81 of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., joined the global executive search firm of ZRG Partners as managing director and a key member of the Consumer Practice team. ZRG operates in six countries with 15 offices worldwide. She is based in West Orange, N.J., and works with clients in the consumer industry throughout the country.

'82

Craig M. Bilodeau, C.P.A. '82 of Cranston, R.I., was elected treasurer of the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, an organization that educates young people about workforce readiness,

entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through hands-on programs. He is a partner at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co. LLP in Providence.

'83

Sister Annunciata Collins, S.S.J. '83G of Watertown, N.Y., principal of Augustinian Academy in Carthage, marked her 50th year as a Sister of St. Joseph. She began religious life on Sept. 7, 1963; received the habit on June 24, 1964; and made final vows on Aug. 28, 1969. She is a member of the Diocese of Ogdensburg's Diocesan Council of Consecrated Life and of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Thomas A. Mullaney '83 & '86G of Providence, R.I., received the 2014 Distinguished Public Service Award from the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. The state budget officer in the R.I. Office of Management and Budget, he has held a number of public-sector management and budget leadership positions during a 27-year career.

'84

Randall W. Epright '84 of Houston, Texas, was appointed global business information officer for the consumer businesses of American International Group (AIG). He oversees the vast technology portfolio of AIG's Life, Health, Disability, Retirement, Wealth Management, Mutual Funds, Personal Insurance, Travel, and Warranty businesses.

Ann Marie Maccarone, Esq. '84 & '89G of Cranston, R.I., has taken a position as senior legal counsel for the Rhode Island Division of Taxation after nearly 20 years in private law practice. She also is secretary of the Classical High School (Providence) Alumni Association.

Marc A. Paulhus '84SCE of Providence, R.I., was appointed president of Citizens Bank

in Rhode Island. He manages Citizens' Commercial Banking's Middle Market lending business in Rhode Island while continuing to run Citizens' national Asset Finance business. In his 12 years with the bank, he has held a number of senior leadership positions, most recently as Illinois state president, and has led Asset Finance since 2008.

'85 (30th Reunion Year)

Carol A. Blanchette '85SCE of West Kingston, R.I., was chosen superintendent of schools in Jamestown. She formerly was an administrator in the Chariho Regional School District, serving the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton, for 15 years, including nearly seven years as assistant superintendent.

Paul M. James, Esq. '85 of Sharon, Mass., was named vice president – risk management and general counsel of BOND, a 108-year-old regional construction management and general contracting firm based in Everett. He is responsible for all of the company's legal affairs, and he works with the executive team on corporate governance and compliance issues, risk management and insurance programs, construction operations issues, and related professional training. He formerly was a long-time partner at Holland & Knight, LLP in Boston.

Anthony J. Pagliarulo '85 of Medfield, Mass., was named partner, practice leader, and New England lead at NewVantage Partners, based in Boston. In addition to establishing the IT Transformation Practice for NewVantage, he assumed responsibility for its data strategy, data governance, and Big Data initiatives in New England. He was named a Premier 100 IT Leader by Computerworld magazine for 2014. He formerly was IT chief operating officer and senior vice president for EMC Corporation.



'88

Christopher Neronha, Esq. '88 of Barrington, R.I., was named general counsel at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He provides legal counsel and guidance to college leadership, is secretary to the board of trustees, and is a member of the president's senior leadership team.

'89

Stephen E. Gallucci, C.P.A. '89 of New Rochelle, N.Y., was named managing partner of the New York office at Deloitte LLP, overseeing marketplace, client, talent, quality, regulatory, and community initiatives for the New York marketplace, which includes 5,000 professionals. He also counsels Deloitte clients in the consumer products, media, and private equity sectors. He has worked for Deloitte for 25 years. Gallucci also was elected to the board of directors of AmeriCares. He is a member of the PC School of Business Advisory Council.

Michael T. McCormack, Esq. '89 of Hebron, Conn., a business and insurance litigation attorney in Hartford, announced the formation of O'Sullivan McCormack Jensen & Bliss PC, a law firm representing clients in business litigation, bankruptcy, and corporate matters. He has more than 20 years of experience representing and counseling clients.

1990s

'90 (25th Reunion Year)

Christopher R. Molinari, C.P.A. '90 of South Windsor, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president and director of internal audit at United Bank of Glastonbury. He previously served as deputy director of internal audit at United.

Susan M. Molinari'90 of Canton, Mass., returned to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro

P.C. of Quincy after working as the associate director of career services at New England Law/Boston. She specializes in complex litigation cases, trials, and appeals in the areas of business and commercial litigation, criminal defense, consumer protection, probate litigation, and zoning appeals. She previously worked for the firm from 1999-2012.

'91

Monica Womack Peterson '91 of Los Angeles, Calif., attained her M.B.A. degree from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

'93

James T. Foster '93 of Warwick, R.I., was appointed associate head baseball coach at Boston College. He works with pitchers and catchers and is the team's recruiting coordinator. He formerly was head baseball coach at the University of Rhode Island and an assistant coach at Brown University. Foster was an All-BIG EAST and two-time All-New England selection at PC. He played professional baseball for 10 years — seven with the organization that drafted him, the Baltimore Orioles, and the rest with the Arizona Diamondbacks, Anaheim Angels, and Chicago White Sox organizations.

Joseph D. Giaccone '93 of Killingworth, Conn., was named a partner at WJ Financial Advisors, LLC, a full-service financial planning and advisory company with offices in Connecticut and the Washington, D.C., area. He also was elected as a board member of the Farnam Neighborhood House, New Haven's oldest neighborhood center.

Kevin C. Leahy, C.P.A., CFP® '93 of Durham, Conn., was named to the *Medical Economics* list of "Best Financial Advisers for Doctors" for the fourth consecutive year. The designation is awarded based on knowledge, experience, esteemed credentials,

geography, fee structures, and minimum investment requirements. He is the founder and chief executive officer of Connecticut Wealth Management, LLC, serving business owners, corporate executives, and others with complex financial affairs.

94

Patricia C. Philippon'94 of Bristol, Conn., was named executive director of the American Clock & Watch Museum in Bristol. The museum maintains an extensive collection of historic timepieces, many linked to the pioneers of the American clock industry. She formerly worked for 13 years at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, serving as collections manager, chief curator, and interim executive director.

'95 (20th Reunion Year)

Andrew S. Hersom '95 of Glastonbury, Conn., was appointed senior vice president, investor relations at People's United Bank in Bridgeport. He formerly was director, investor relations at The Travelers Co., and also worked as a financial analyst with Citigroup and with the Internal Revenue Service.

'97

Matthew P. Gibney '97 of Brentwood, N.H., is the owner of The STRATosphere, an electric guitar parts company that he founded in 2003. The company recently was featured in *The Music Trades* list of the "Top 200 Music Product Retailers," ranked by sales volume and productivity.

'98

Amanda Blake Davis '98 of Burbank, Calif., and originally from Auburn, Mass., wrote the music and lyrics for 50 Shades! The Musical, an original musical parody based on the book 50 Shades of Grey. It debuted at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the summer of 2012 and began its off-Broadway run at the Elektra Theatre in New York City in

March 2014. She is an actress, improviser, and writer.

Joseph E. Fournier '98 of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been appointed chief human resources officer for the University of Michigan Health System, responsible for human resources programs, initiatives, and services for its community of more than 26,000 employees. He was formerly vice president and chief human resources officer for UMass Memorial Medical Center in Massachusetts. He was formerly a major in the U.S. Air Force.

'99

Gregory Hindsley '99 of Mount Rainier, Md., was admitted to the Graduate Certificate Program in Contexts of Environmental Policy in the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences at George Washington University. He was awarded the Roger Kennedy National Parks Fellowship, which helps prepare current and future leaders who are responsible for the preservation and protection of public lands and cultural heritage. Hindsley has worked at the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., for nine years and at the U.S. Department of the Interior for 12 years.

2000s

'00 (15th Reunion Year)

Brandon E. Dusick 'oo of Belcamp, Md., served as an analytical chemist with the U.S. government during a 10-month deployment aboard the MV Cape Ray, which was tasked with the destruction of 600 metric tons of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile at sea. His responsibilities included identifying declared chemicals, verifying that the destruction criteria were met, and operating the system used for the destruction. He is a senior chemist with the Environmental

Monitoring Lab, Directorate of Program Integration, at the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center in Gunpowder, Md.

Alyssa J. Goduti 'oo of Cromwell, Conn., completed the 11-month Quest Program of Leadership Greater Hartford, a community-based, leadership development program for professionals. She is president and CEO of the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies and formerly was vice president for business development and communications with Community Health Resources.

Curtis G. LeGeyt'oo of Alexandria, Va., was named senior vice president for public policy at the National Association of

Broadcasters, serving as the organization's principal liaison to the White House and executive departments. He has worked with the association since 2011. Formerly, he was senior counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy and a member of the 2008 Obama for America legal team.

Mary Teresa B. Soltis '00 of Philadelphia, Pa., was recognized by *The Legal Intelligencer* as a "Lawyer on the Fast Track." Nominees were judged in four areas: development of the law, advocacy and community contribution, peer and public recognition, and service to the bar. She currently serves as an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE ... MASS!



If you're in the Washington, D.C., area on a Sunday when the Washington Nationals are playing at home, check out the "Nats Mass" celebrated at noon in St. Vincent de Paul Church by Rev. Andrew Royals '01. Father Drew inaugurated the tradition in May 2014 as an outreach to baseball fans he saw streaming by the church on their way to nearby Nationals Park. The first Mass drew five people,

but by summer's end there were more than 100, many decked out in Nats gear. After Mass, fans often enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, and fellowship outside the church. "The most wonderful thing about Nats Mass is that we're honoring God above all things through our love of baseball, yes, but more importantly, our love of Jesus Christ," said Father Drew, who also is pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Church in D.C. "Here's hoping it continues to bring more people to Mass not just here but everywhere. That would be the victory that Jesus would really like."

William J. Bernat 'or of Westborough, Mass., was elected a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, a Boston-based law firm. A member of the firm's Business Department, he represents clients in a broad range of industries, including life sciences, technology, social media, and consumer products, in connection with private equity, venture capital and angel financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance issues.

Christina A. Furtado '01 of New York City, N.Y., earned a doctorate in English literature from Fordham University.

Zeffro P. Gianetti '01G of Wrentham, Mass., was named superintendent of the Mansfield Public Schools. He had been principal of Qualters Middle School for four years. He formerly worked as the K-12 music director in Franklin, served as a middle school assistant principal in Bridgewater, and was a middle school principal in Weymouth and Norwood.

John A. McBrine 'or of Waltham, Mass., was elected a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, a Boston-based law firm. A member of the firm's Trusts and Estates Department and Nutter Charitable Advisors, he helps individuals and families achieve their estate planning goals.

'02

U.S. Army Col. Ellis Hopkins III'02G of Hope, R.I., was promoted from lieutenant colonel to his current rank at a ceremony at Rhode Island National Guard headquarters.

'03

Nathan G. Everding, M.D. '03 of Skaneateles, N.Y., joined Syracuse

RAFFILE '04 DISTINGUISHES HERSELF WITH FULBRIGHT HONOR

Kate Raffile '04 of New Bedford, Mass., was one of just 41 teachers in the nation — and the only special-education teacher — to receive the prestigious Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching for 2014-2015. A teacher for the past six years at Sippican School in Marion, Mass., she is based in Wellington, New Zealand, during her six-month



Fulbright experience, which ends this summer. In addition to taking graduate school classes at Victorian University, the elementary/special education graduate is conducting research for her award's capstone project on reading and early literacy intervention. "I want to study the processes they have because New Zealand has close to a 100 percent literacy rate," said Raffile, who holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction/literary specialization and a certificate of advanced graduate studies in school administration. Here, she tries out a waka, a sea-faring canoe used by the Māori people, early settlers to Aortearoa, New Zealand.

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Orthopedic Specialists in Syracuse. He is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder surgery. Last fall, he traveled to Istanbul, Turkey, to present at the 25th annual meeting of the European Society for Surgery of the Shoulder and Elbow.

Brendan W. McGair '03 of Cranston, R.I., was named Rhode Island Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association for the third time in five years. He is a sportswriter and columnist who covers the Pawtucket Red Sox and college and high school sports for *The Call* of Woonsocket and *The Times* of Pawtucket.

'05 (10th Reunion Year)

Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Esq. '05 of Warwick, R.I., was one of 15 new members inaugurated to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. He is a Democrat elected to represent District 22. A lawyer for seven years, he is licensed to practice law in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. He formerly was legal counsel to the Joint Committee on Legislative Services in the R.I. State House and is currently practicing law in Providence.

'06

Raymond Concannon '06 & '08G of New Bedford, Mass., earned a master's degree in educational leadership through the University of Dayton. He teaches at St. Francis Xavier School in Acushnet and is a captain at Boston Harbor Cruises.

Jaclyn A. Cooke '06 of Yonkers, N.Y., was promoted to STEM PACT manager for the Title V STEM grant at Mercy College in New York City. The Step Up to STEM grant works in coordination with the City University of New York's borough of Manhattan Community College to support Hispanic and low-income students attaining degrees in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

James Keefe '06 of Holliston, Mass., was appointed chief operating officer at Balanced Rock Investment Advisors, a unique fee-only and fiduciary-only, financial planning and wealth management firm located in Boston. He says he is enthusiastic about helping his clients honor their values through the development of a personalized, values-based investment program for the firm.

Katie Leonard '06 of Peabody, Mass., was named communications specialist for the DentaQuest Foundation. Headquartered in Boston, the foundation works with a national network of partners dedicated to improving oral health across the lifespan.

'07

Laura E. Bedrossian '07 of Astoria, N.Y., accepted a position as a senior publicist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. She previously worked at the New York City-based communications and marketing firm Peppercomm. While there, she received Honorable Mention recognition for *PR Week's* Young PR Pro Award.

Michael P. Carroll, J.D. '07SCE of North Attleboro, Mass., was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar and sworn in during

ZEMAN '10 RECOGNIZED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUCCESS



Heather Zeman '10 has been honored both nationally and locally for her work with the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors (NEACAC).

Zeman, a senior assistant director of undergraduate admission at Simmons College in Boston, Mass., received the Rising Star Award from NEACAC, as well as the National Association of College Admissions Counselors'

Rising Star Award. She has chaired NEACAC's professional development committee and co-chaired the programming committee for the group's annual meeting and conference.

When she first visited PC as a prospective student, Zeman had a wonderful admission experience. "The Admission Ambassador really made me feel at home at Providence," she said.

The biology major became an ambassador herself, and "I found my niche and realized I loved working with prospective students and their families," Zeman said.

She now serves as the international admission counselor for the women's college, in addition to assisting applicants from California and Colorado. "To give young girls the opportunity to pursue higher education and careers is really empowering," Zeman said.

a ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston. He received his juris doctor degree from New England Law/Boston.

Jay Darigan '07 of Plymouth, Mass., was invited to write a series of articles for *The Barnstable Patriot* newspaper focusing on financial planning and insurance strategies of agents and financial professionals at New York Life, where he has been employed since 2012. He recently qualified as a registered representative offering securities through NYLIFE Securities.

'09

Clare E. Brewka '09 of Cleveland, Ohio, was named program & information manager at The Gateway Center for Giving in St. Louis, Mo. The center provides programming, research, and professional development opportunities to grant-makers in the St. Louis region. Since graduation, she has served with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, worked in student affairs at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., and acquired her master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis.

Caitlyn Carpenter, DPT '09 of Manchester, Conn., was named a staff physical therapist at the Springfield, Mass., location of ProEx Physical Therapy, which specializes in orthopedics and spine and sports medicine. She previously was a physical therapist with Prohealth Physicians. ProEx has offices in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

Michael A. Fenton, Esq. '09 of Springfield, Mass., an associate with Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. of Springfield, was selected to the Super Lawyers' Rising Stars for Massachusetts list. Super Lawyers rates outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Honorees must be 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. He also was honored as one of the "Top 25 Up and Coming Lawyers in Massachusetts" by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly in 2014. He concentrates his practice in the areas of business planning, commercial real estate, estate planning, and elder law.

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Laura J. Isabelle '14 of Troy, N.Y., was named a community supports professional in the Community Supports Department of Catholic Charities Disabilities Services, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany. ■

Researching Jewish alumni

Dr. Arthur P. Urbano, Jr., associate professor of theology, and Dr. Jennifer G. Illuzzi, assistant professor of history, are researching the experiences of Jewish students at PC from 1917-1950. They seek alumni and former students willing to be interviewed, along with families of deceased alumni and former students. Contact Urbano at *aurbano@providence.edu* or 401.865.1351, or write Theology Department, Providence College, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918-0001.

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Retired **Col. Raymond J. Miller '71** had "PC 1971" on his plate while serving as an assistant professor of military science at the College from 1985 to 1988 and while stationed in Massachusetts as an Army ROTC brigade commander for New England colleges from 1993 to 1996. Now, his Virginia plate proclaims "71FRIAR."



Patricia (Higgins) Schmidt '06 received her "PC 006" plate during her senior year as an early graduation surprise from her parents. "To me, this is more than just a license plate — it's a piece of PC that I bring with me everywhere I travel. I am so proud to be a Friar, and my car is too!" she said.



In the 1980s, **Gary Archer '73** moved to New Hampshire, which has one of the highest numbers of vanity plates per capita, and did what the locals do — got a vanity plate. With only six characters to work with, he chose "PCFRIR," which prompted many questions. Archer added the "A" when New Hampshire expanded to seven characters, but when he later moved to Massachusetts, he had to return to the six-character version. "I have to admit, more people down in this area know what it means," Archer said.



Dan Gleason '05 and his wife, **Katelyn Gleason '08**, decided that "FRIAR" was the most appropriate plate for their white and black Jeep Wrangler.

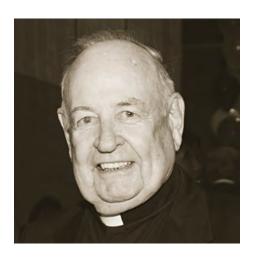


Tom O'Connor '75's "PC FAM" plate reflects three generations — and even includes a Dominican. It includes his father, **Thomas P. O'Connor '36**; his brothers, **Brian '65** and **John '68**; and his daughter, **Allison '10**, as well as his uncle, **Rev. John O'Connor, O.P**.

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IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. '46; administrator, teacher, mentor



Rev. Robert Alan Morris, O.P. '46 & '82Hon., a former executive vice president at Providence College who taught English and theology and formed lifelong friendships with students, died on March 2 in Cumberland, R.I. He was 91.

"In all the years here, I have not known a greater ambassador for Providence College than Father Morris. People just loved him. He loved PC with every fiber of his being," said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., on April 20, 1923, Father Morris attended Sacred Heart High School in Jersey City and Regis High School in New York City.

Following two years in the pre-ecclesiastical program at PC, he entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Ky. He studied at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, Ohio, and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he received a bachelor's degree, licentiate, and lectorate in sacred theology.

He was ordained a priest in the Dominican Province of St. Joseph on June 10, 1950, at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

Father Morris joined the PC faculty in 1957, first as a special lecturer in religious studies and then as a full-time faculty member in the Department of English. He also served as assistant chaplain and chaplain. During that time he became a friend and mentor to players in PC's burgeoning basketball program, which won national titles in 1961 and 1963.

The friendships were enduring. When Father Morris celebrated his 90th birthday, a group of former players drove to Providence to take him to lunch. In February, Lenny Wilkens '60 & '80Hon., a PC star and member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, stopped by campus to have lunch with him.

In 1963, Father Morris left PC for assignment as assistant chaplain and chaplain at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He returned in 1967, serving as vice president for institutional development from 1967-1982, executive vice president from 1974-1982, and acting president in 1982. From 1982-1985, he was resident director of the Providence-in-Europe program in Fribourg, Switzerland.

In 1968, Father Morris helped to found the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program.

From 1985-1988, Father Morris was superior and pastor at St. Thomas Rectory at the University of Virginia. He returned to PC in 1988 to teach theology.

Father Morris is survived by a brother, Thomas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 7 in St. Dominic Chapel on campus.

Donations in his memory may be made to Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, Providence, RI 02918, for the Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. Scholarship Fund.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Arthur F. Jackson '59, retired associate professor of philosophy, died on March 25, 2015. Dr. Jackson taught for 47 years at PC, retiring in June 2014. He taught in the Development of Western Civilization Program and served as department chair from 1996–1999.

Lionel J. Jenkins '58, a former Friar basketball player and a dedicated alumnus, died on Feb. 14, 2015. Mr. Jenkins played basketball at PC for four seasons, including the last three on the varsity team. Always close to his *alma mater*, he served on the National Alumni Association (NAA) Board of Governors (now Council), on phonathons, and as a class volunteer. He received the NAA Exemplary Citizenship Award in 1993.

Dr. Robert I. Krasner '51, professor *emeritus* of biology who taught at PC from 1958 to 2008, died Oct. 9, 2014. When Dr. Krasner retired, the Department of Biology established the Robert I. Krasner Award to honor his commitment to teaching. He wrote two microbiology textbooks and directed the Summer Science Program for High School Students at PC from 1975-2006.

Fernando D. Morales '18 of Norwood, Mass., died Jan. 16, 2015, after a nearly four-year battle with bone cancer. He

studied accountancy and photography and supported the men's soccer team in the BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments. He is survived by his parents, Albino and Esther M. (Soto) Morales; his sister, Isabel V. Morales; and his grandparents.

Edwin P. Palumbo '50, an instructor of economics who taught at PC for more than 50 years before retiring in May 2014, died on March 14, 2015. Mr. Palumbo was a longtime affiliate of the College's Quirk Institute of Industrial Relations and helped coordinate the institute's annual John H. Fanning Conference on Labor-Management Relations. He was a loyal alumnus and a longtime men's basketball season ticket-holder.

Rebecca L. Ramos, former assistant vice president for information technology, died on March 26, 2015. She served the College for nearly 35 years in the field of computer services/information technology, leaving in December 2013. Ms. Ramos donated a collection of natural history books to the College's Phillips Memorial Library last year.

Siobhán E. Ross, coordinator of the Instructional Technology Development Program at PC, died Nov. 26, 2014, in

an automobile accident. From the time she joined the College in 2007, she worked with enthusiasm to encourage and assist faculty in incorporating technology in their classrooms.

Robert O. Tiernan, Esq. '53, who served Rhode Island in the U.S. Congress and the state Senate, died Oct. 15, 2014. In 1967, he successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives to fill a vacancy and was re-elected to three terms. Mr. Tiernan also served on the Federal Election Commission.

Rev. Paul H. Walsh '59, S.T.L., retired auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre, N.Y., died on Oct. 23, 2014. Ordained a Dominican priest in 1966, he served PC as College chaplain and remained in the Dominican Order until joining the Diocese of Rockville Center in 1984 as a parish priest. He served as auxiliary bishop from 2003–2012.

Maureen E. Young-McGarry, R.N., a long-time special lecturer in the College's School of Continuing Education, died on Nov. 12, 2014. An active member of Rhode Island's nursing community and an ardent advocate of nursing and education, she taught health and wellness courses in the SCE for nearly 30 years.

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Intellectual hospitality: the heart of teaching at PC

BY AURELIE A. HAGSTROM, S.T.D. '85

ONE OF THE DISTINCTIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING AND LEARN-ING IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION is "intellectual hospitality." That is, a kind of intellectual openness in both sharing and receiving claims to knowledge and insight.

Although not a Dominican myself, I say this as one who has taught theology for nearly 12 years at the College and whose formal theological training came mostly from Dominicans at PC and at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome.

Intellectual hospitality was modeled by St. Dominic himself when he used dialogue as an approach to communicating the truths of the faith. While traveling through Toulouse in 1203, he encountered an innkeeper who was a member of the Albigensian heretical sect. St. Dominic stayed up all night with him, talking about the truths of the Catholic faith. By dawn, St. Dominic had won the innkeeper back to the true faith.

This famous incident illustrates that the Dominican approach to theology and teaching is dialogical; that is, it seeks to proclaim, persuade, and convince its opponents and respondents, rather than silence, defeat, and conquer them. In this famous story, St. Dominic demonstrates a certain kind of "intellectual hospitality" in the context of meaningful dialogue, which is fundamental to teaching and learning.

Another Dominican example would be St. Thomas Aquinas, who also employed a dialogical model in his teaching and his theology. In his *Summa*, he used the teachings of a Jew, Maimonides, as well as a Muslim, Averroes. In fact, the philosophy of the pagan, Aristotle, which was an integral element in Aquinas' project, was largely available to him only through these Jewish and Islamic scholars.

In this dialogue, St. Thomas was not afraid to find truth even from people with whom he did not agree philosophically or theologically. This sort of confidence in seeking the truth wherever it may be found is based upon the conviction that truth is one, and that there can be no contradiction between the truth that flows from faith and that which comes through reason. This bold search for truth in a dialogical methodology, modeling a kind of "intellectual hospitality," is a challenge for anyone who desires to engage in teaching and learning in the Dominican tradition.

Over the years, I have tried to think of my classroom as a place of hospitality. As the professor, I act as "host" and "set the table" for my students with my lectures, homework assignments, and discussions. The students are the "guests" who are welcomed with their own perspectives, experience, views, and academic interests. In this interchange of hospitality, there can be, at times, a surprising reversal of roles wherein I become the guest and my students can act as host. Intellectual hospitality means that the perspective of my students could easily supplement and perhaps even correct my own work or transform my self-understanding.

This openness to sharing and receiving claims to know-ledge and insight gives the classroom, in my experience, a certain dynamism that prevents the course from becoming stagnant or simply routine. Good hospitality can generate stimulating "table talk," and here is where the academic enterprise can become a transforming event for both host and guests — professor and students. This is what happened that night in Toulouse, and this is what can happen in the classroom, around the seminar table, in the lab, or anywhere that students and professors gather to seek the truth — *Veritas* — in all of its complexity and beauty.

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