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— FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AT PC —

**MEGHAN C. LESCAULT '16** spent the summer researching Virgil's *Aeneid* with her faculty mentor, **DR. ROBIN J. GREENE**, assistant professor of history.



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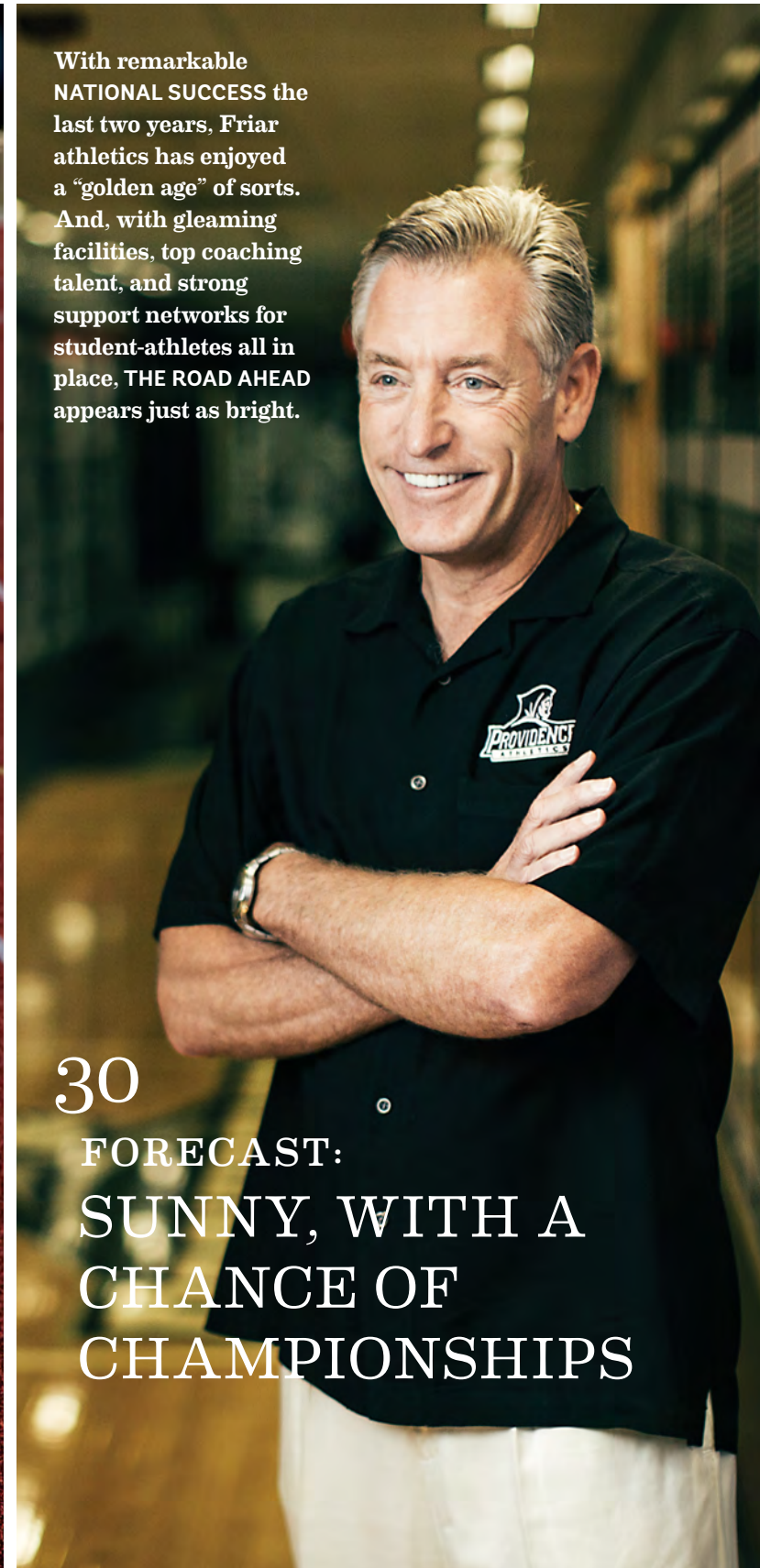


## 04 THE RESEARCH PULSE

**Student-faculty partnerships. ORIGINAL WORK AND SCHOLARSHIP in the sciences, the arts, the humanities, and business. RESEARCH TODAY AT PC — a liberal arts champion — is flourishing.**



With remarkable NATIONAL SUCCESS the last two years, Friar athletics has enjoyed a “golden age” of sorts. And, with gleaming facilities, top coaching talent, and strong support networks for student-athletes all in place, THE ROAD AHEAD appears just as bright.



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## **WANTED:** **CENTENNIAL MEMENTOS**

**It's time to check the attic and break out the photo albums!**

PC's Centennial Planning Committee is looking for College mementos as part of its centennial celebration — only a year away. These items will be used in archival displays in 2016 and 2017.

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**Loans or donations of:** photographs, letters, sports items, apparel, and anything that helps tell the unique story of PC

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# BUZZ

## BLACK AND WHITE



Students pick up roadway litter in Providence during this year's Urban Action.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, 3,500 students, and 55,000 hours of labor. Those are the quick statistics on the Urban Action program, which this year celebrates its silver anniversary. The enduring story lines are the service projects in Providence and other Rhode Island communities, the forging of bonds and friendships during students' first days of college, and the opportunity to develop skills in collaboration and leadership. Co-founded by **Nicole (Riva) Theis '94** and **Megan O'Leary '94**, who felt called to do something meaningful in the community, Urban Action has grown from 17 students in its initial year to a corps of 175 first-year and upper-class student participants and leaders annually. "Over the years, strong partnerships have been developed with local organizations that have come to rely on the work of the participants. The program sets a positive tone for the college experience," said **Sharon L. Hay**, director of the Office of Student Activities. Hay was a strong Urban Action advocate from the outset and has worked with the program since its founding.

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**DAVID J. D'AVERSA '82**, a 19-year Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation employee, is sold on the College's diverse curriculum and its value to business students in particular. An avionics subcontract manager in Sikorsky's Combat Rescue Helicopter Program, he has volunteered at student-alumni career programs and recently offered to do more for the School of Business. In a note to the school, D'Aversa said recent PC graduates who work for Sikorsky have broad skills that other graduates lack. His own job necessitates interaction with numerous departments — from finance and accounting to contract law and international affairs. PC graduates are able to "bridge" multiple departments, accept challenges beyond the 40-hour work week, and "are prospering here," he said.

THE STUDY ABROAD segment in the "Traditions" package of the Spring 2015 magazine stirred memories — and gratitude — for **Gregory V. Powell, Esq. '69**. He went to Fribourg during the 1967-68 academic year with several PC peers and the late **Dr. Laurent Gousie '60**, professor *emeritus* of German and the resident director of the PC in Fribourg program. Powell said the trip on a converted cargo ship with about 1,000 other students "was crazy and wonderful," and he actually met his future wife onboard. Dr. Gousie was one of several "great teachers" who prepared him for a career in foreign service, law, and banking, he said. He also was strongly influenced by two English professors, the late **Dr. Rene E. Fortin '55**, the director of the Liberal Arts Honors and Development of Western Civilization programs, and the late **Dr. Rodney K. Delasanta '53**, another longtime director of the Liberal Arts Honors Program.

THE FACT that most of the runners in the Friar 5K were two generations removed didn't stop **Dennis and Frances Branham**, ages 85 and 82, respectively, from giving "masterful" efforts in the Oct. 3 race. The oldest participants among 80+ finishers, they officially won the 80-and-over male and female categories. Dennis, who completed his third Friar 5K in a time of 29:26, actually is ranked No. 1 in the 85-89 age group of the World Masters Rankings in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. He's been a runner for 47 years. Frances, who ran her first Friar 5K, was clocked in 43:32. She's been running 40 years but, according to their daughter, **Dr. Joan R. Branham**, professor of art history and associate dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, Frances is even more competitive on the tennis court. ■



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR



THE **FACE** OF  
**RESEARCH**

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What does research look like  
at a liberal arts institution?

At Providence College, students partner with faculty to conduct original research and scholarship — an opportunity many larger universities reserve for graduate and post-doctoral students. In our labs, students work to solve the cancer puzzle, and they serve the world by developing sanitation systems. During the summer,

PC students can be found alongside the world's premier biologists on Cape Cod. And research is not limited to science — students explore questions in the arts, the humanities, and business. On the following pages, we proudly present a sampling of the research scholarship of our faculty and students.







**THERE'S**

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**A PRIEST**

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**BIOLOGY**

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**LAB**

“I’m a Dominican,” said **Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P.**, associate professor of biology. “We’re geeks for God. We preach for the love of Christ and for the salvation of souls.”

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR



## “I am first a priest...”



**F**ather Nic now has two doctorates — one in molecular biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and one in moral theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

In his lab, with a dozen student researchers who call themselves “The Dead Yeast Society,” Father Nic studies the genetics of programmed cell death in yeast — in his words, “how cells commit suicide” — to determine why cancer cells don’t die. His research is funded through grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the NIH-funded Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, also known as RI-INBRE.

When he travels to the annual meetings of the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB), an international community of biologists, or to the International Meeting for Yeast Apoptosis (IMYA), a worldwide gathering of scientists who study programmed death in yeast, he brings students along with him.

At the ASCB, “the students present their work at an international conference of scientists,” said Father Nic. “They wander around, stop in at poster presentations, and speak to other scientists. They realize how little they know, and it motivates

them to do more. When they come back, they want to learn everything. If they fall in love with the discovery process, they will do it forever.”

At the IMYA in Gothenburg, Sweden, in June 2014, James O’Brien ’15 and Stephen Rogers ’15 presented posters in a competition with graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. O’Brien took second place. He hopes to attend medical school, but at Father Nic’s recommendation, will first spend six months serving in the slums of Manila through Dominican Volunteers International.

“He will be taught by the power of the poor to better understand himself, the world, and God,” said Father Nic. “He’s going to be served by the people he will be serving.”

Father Nic teaches students to be more than scientists, said O’Brien. Students enjoy learning in his lab, and they enjoy the sense of fun that Father Nic brings to it.

“One of the wonderful things about being taught by such a brilliant man is that while he’s training you as a scientist, he’s also reminding you that science isn’t everything,” said O’Brien. “The most profound memory I have is of all of us doing an experiment in the lab, but talking about whether miracles are reasonable, whether is it reasonable to believe in God,



**also a biologist...**

**and a moral theologian.”**

— REV. NICANOR AUSTRIACO, O.P.

whether there is a scientific and empirical way to approach the big questions.

“Father Nic trained me for four years to be a scientist, and here I am making a pit stop in the Third World before beginning my scientific career,” O’Brien said.

Father Nic teaches courses ranging from General Biology to a Liberal Arts Honors Program colloquium, Science and Religion. Next spring, he will partner with Dr. Colin King, assistant professor of philosophy, to teach a Development of Western Civilization colloquium for sophomores on religious and scientific belief.

“General Biology with Father Nic is akin to taking your brain, putting it in an oven, and melting it into gold,” said Ryan Frazier ’15, a biology major who worked in Father Nic’s lab for three years and who is volunteering in the Solomon Islands before applying to medical school. “You get rid of all the junk. He teaches you how to think.”

Father Nic, the son of engineers, is a native of the Philippines who grew up in Thailand and Malaysia. At 16, he received a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania to study for a bachelor’s degree in bioengineering. Following graduation, he taught fifth grade at an international school in

Thailand for a year before entering MIT, where he helped biologist Dr. Leonard Guarente begin his study of aging.

An important moment occurred during Mass that changed Father Nic’s life forever, just before his MIT commencement.

“I met the Savior on the 7th of May in 1996 at 5:30 in the afternoon,” said Father Nic. “I was given the grace to know that He really is alive. It’s one thing to know it in your head, another to know it in your heart. It changed me forever. I discovered He was alive and loved me more than I ever imagined, and that I needed to spend the rest of my life getting to know Him better, telling others about Him, and bringing them to the one true God.”

In 1997, Father Nic entered the Dominican Order of Preachers, the order that founded and continues to staff PC, and was ordained in 2004.

“It’s not that I chose the Dominicans — it’s more like I discovered that I have always been a Dominican,” said Father Nic. “The Order gave me a concrete way to live out who I have always been. I saw that the Order fits me. God had prepared me for it from the very beginning.”

When he joined the PC faculty in 2005, Father Nic took up residence among students on the second floor of Aquinas ➡



At left: Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., left, meets Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 while in Rome at a Vatican conference on adult stem cells.  
Below: Father Austriaco uses a Pipetman to transfer liquid from one tube to another as Victoria M. Hallisey '18 and Lukas C. Ritzer '18 watch.



Hall — continuing a tradition of Dominicans residing in residence halls. He says the noise doesn't bother him. He needs little sleep and often works into the early morning.

He also loves to travel — to make presentations, to attend conferences, to teach, and to celebrate the weddings of former students. He logs an average of 75,000 to 100,000 miles each year. During the 2014-15 academic year, while on sabbatical, he traveled 120,000 miles, to the Philippines, Africa, China, Italy, England, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Canada, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

"I can sleep anywhere, and I love traveling," said Father Nic. "When I was a kid I wanted to be an airline pilot. The thing I like about planes is that you can't miss your next stop."

A consultant on issues of bioethics, Father Nic received his doctorate in moral theology in May 2015. In the Diocese of Providence, he has served on the Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Medical Ethics Committee. He also speaks about the promise of adult stem cells to cure diseases. In 2011, he was a featured presenter at the first Vatican conference on the topic and met Pope Benedict XVI.

He also is a chaplain at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Norfolk, a medium-security prison 30 miles from Providence. He regularly celebrates Mass there and serves as spiritual adviser for about 40 inmates who are part of a chapter of the Dominican laity.

"Many are in prison for life," said Father Nic. "They have taught me so much, because they are much more aware of God's mercy than the rest of us."

The Dominican Order, which will celebrate its 800th anniversary in 2016, was constituted as an order of priests and confessors.

"The Dominican charism (the gift of the Holy Spirit) is to preach and to teach, and to absolve for the salvation of souls," Father Nic said. "It is one of the great charisms of the Church. I've discovered that our lives are ordered in so many ways by mercy. We preach mercy, we absolve in mercy. If the Dominicans didn't exist, someone would have to invent us, because our charism is so essential for the life of the Church."

With all his study, research, and travel, when does Father Nic find time to pray?

"I cannot go long without sitting down and having a talk with my Savior," Father Nic said. "Late at night, I will walk on campus, praying the rosary, praying for my students, asking God to be merciful to them. After awhile, you just have to be quiet. You just have to sit. At heart, I am still an introvert. I like being by myself, with my Savior."

So the person teaching students in the biology lab — is he a professor or a priest?

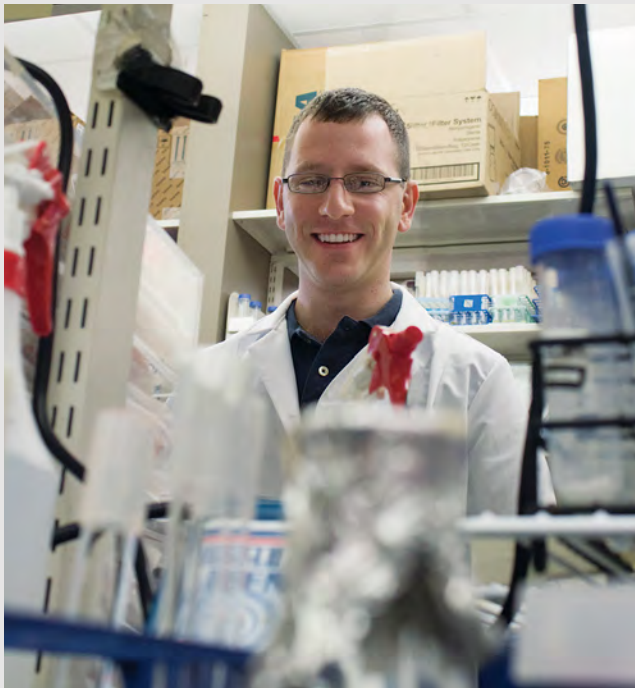
"It's me!" exclaimed Father Nic. "I don't compartmentalize anything. I am first a priest. I am a Catholic and Dominican priest, who in the providence of God is also a biologist and a moral theologian. That's the way it is."

Science is, after all, the study of God's creation — and "if given a chance, can move others to praise God for the beauty and the wonder of His work," Father Nic said. ■



# OUTCOMES

THROUGH THE YEARS, THE AUSTRIACO LAB HAS PRODUCED PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, SCIENTISTS, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, A VETERINARIAN – AND THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A DOMINICAN FRIAR.



### **JAMES RITCH '08**

- Entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 2015
- Laboratory manager for the Austriaco Lab, 2014-15
- Master's degree in neuroscience, University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2013
- Researcher, MassGeneral Institute for Neurodegenerative Disease, Massachusetts General Hospital, 2008-2010

*"I had my first biology class with Father Nic when he came to PC in 2005. He was this unknown professor back then with a Ph.D. in biology from MIT, one of the best institutions in the world for biology, if not the best. I joined his lab sophomore year. He is a good priest. An alum came in to the lab and said, 'I was in a ditch, I hit rock bottom, and he helped me out of it.' When people ask me who inspires you – it was Father Nic, through his example. He lives the life of a Dominican friar."*



### **KATHERINE HELMING WALSH, PH.D. '09**

- Research scientist, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
- Ph.D. in biological and biomedical sciences, Harvard University, 2015

*"When I was diagnosed with leukemia one year after graduating from PC, one of my first phone calls was to Father Nic. He came to the hospital in Boston that same day and provided an indescribable amount of support and comfort to my family and me during a very scary time. Not only did Father Nic visit me several times during my treatment, but he also drove up to Maine to celebrate my wedding Mass to another PC alum (Ryan Walsh '09) four years later. Father Nic cares deeply about his students, biology, and his faith."*



### **DANIEL GITTINGS, M.D. '10**

- Resident physician, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and fellow, McKay Orthopaedic Research Laboratory
- Doctor of medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, 2014

*"Father Nic has inspired me in many ways: he has always encouraged me to think independently, be able to translate and communicate the complex language of science to those who may not understand, and also to be compassionate. I would not be the physician I am today without his guidance. To this day I consider him to be one of the most positive influences in my life."*



### **EMILY ROBLEE '13**

- Student, University of Connecticut School of Medicine
- Clinical information manager, Emergency Medical Associates, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence, R.I., 2013-2014

*"While I was working in Father Nic's lab, I was often challenged by confusing results and became frustrated when I couldn't obtain perfect data. Father Nic taught me how to 'think like a scientist' by realizing that there often isn't a 'right answer' to scientific inquiries, and researchers can only design and perform experiments, determine their results, and interpret the results according to the trends observed. This was a lesson that was important to me as a student researcher and has remained important to me in medical school as I learn to solve complex medical problems." ■*

# SUBMERGED

*From left, Dr. Joseph A. DeGiorgis, associate professor of biology, shows Andrew Hopkins '16 and Nicholas DeMeo '17 how to catch squid swimming in a tank in the Marine Biological Laboratory's Marine Resources Center.*

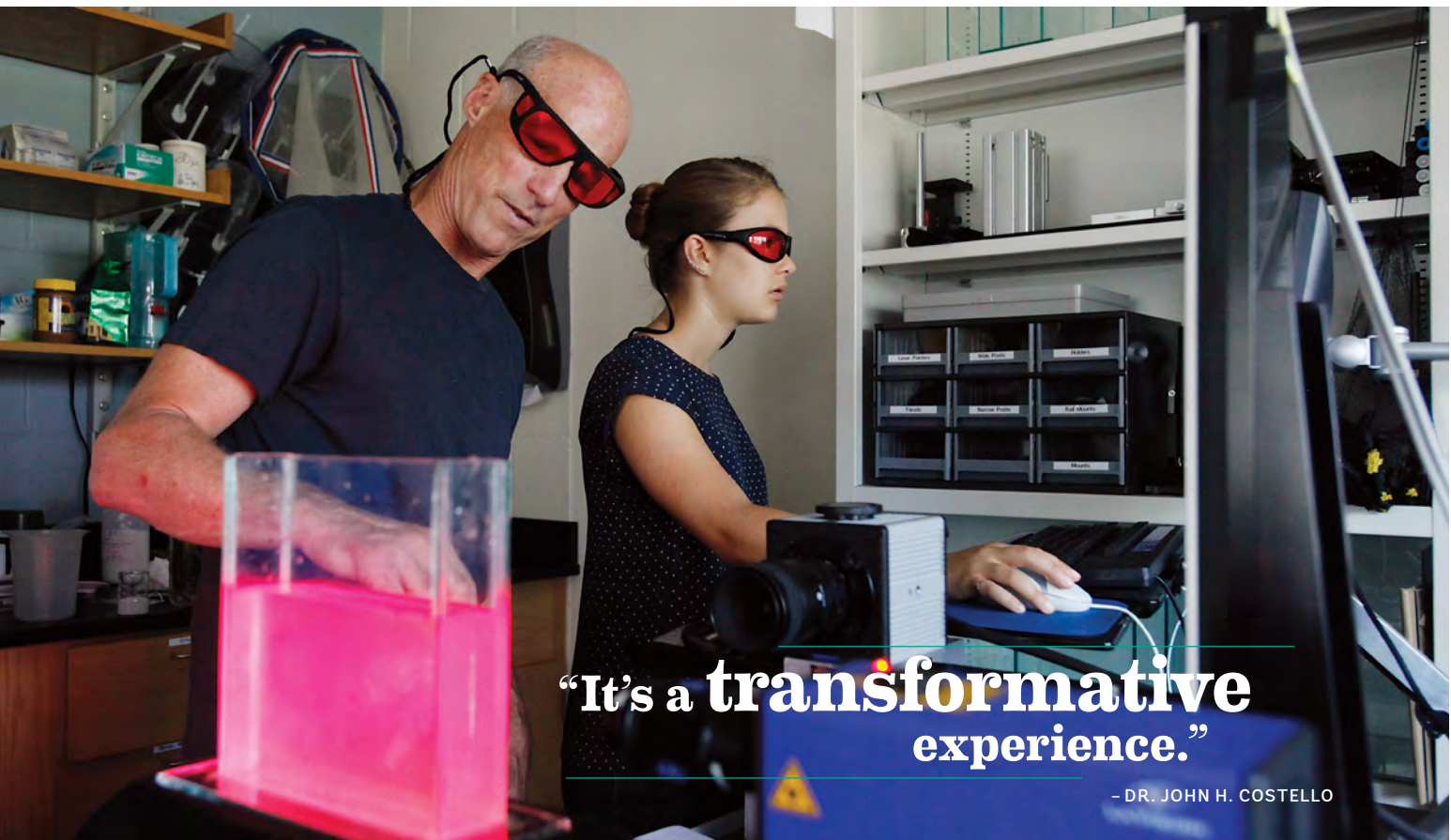


# IN RESEARCH

PC STUDENTS RELISH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK  
AS UNDERGRADUATES AT THE PRESTIGIOUS  
MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY IN WOODS HOLE,  
MASS., WITH SCIENTISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

BY LIZ F. KAY  
PHOTOS BY JOEL PAGE





**“It’s a transformative experience.”**

— DR. JOHN H. COSTELLO

**S**cience is often described as a lonely vocation, with researchers toiling away in labs with little interaction with the outside world.

But that’s not the case for Providence College students who collaborated with Dr. John H. Costello, professor of biology, and Dr. Joseph A. DeGiorgis, associate professor of biology, for 10 weeks this summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Mass. Founded in 1888, the MBL is a mecca of research and education in biology, biomedicine, and environmental science.

As undergraduates — four among 76 at the lab this year — they enjoyed the rare opportunity to investigate big problems alongside graduate and post-doctorate researchers.

“They get out of it what they put into it,” DeGiorgis said. “It’s not about the desk you’re working at. At a place like Woods Hole, there are Nobel laureates walking around. You can submerge yourself in the research setting.”

In addition to hands-on experience in their labs, the biology majors can participate in the community’s collegial atmosphere. They are welcome to attend lectures in graduate

courses offered at the MBL and daily talks by everyone from esteemed researchers to scientific leaders in government and industry, as well as regular conferences run by visiting international scientists.

“We’re always bouncing between rooms, asking for advice,” said Andrew Hopkins ’16 (Glen Ridge, N.J.), who worked with DeGiorgis. “It’s a great experience, being engulfed in science.”

“For some people, it’s a transformative experience,” Costello said. “It’s a little difficult not to be distracted — there are so many exciting lectures and presentations going on.”

That’s what happened to Rylie Walsh ’12. After a summer of research with DeGiorgis and attending lectures on electron microscopy from the masters at the MBL, she abandoned her plan to become a physician’s assistant. Now she’s pursuing her doctorate in molecular and cellular biology at Brandeis University.

“It completely changed what I thought I was going to do,” said Walsh.

Dr. Sean P. Colin ’93, professor of environmental science at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., was a student researcher with Costello. Today, the professor and the alumnus collaborate in their shared MBL lab.





From far left: Dr. John H. Costello, professor of biology, and Emma Lederer '18 shoot video of jellyfish in motion, illuminated by a red laser; and Dr. Sean P. Colin '93 and Jillian O'Melia '17, on docks at Woods Hole.

“There are a lot of great opportunities for students to get a taste of graduate work and get a feel for the exciting scientific community,” Colin said. “Hopefully, it motivates them to stay with it.”

Emma Lederer '18 (Millis, Mass.), who worked with Costello, said she had always been interested in marine biology and was grateful for the opportunity to explore the field so early in her college career.

“Not a lot of people get a job like this after their freshman year,” she said.

The undergraduates are given real responsibility. In Costello’s lab, she analyzed underwater video of siphonophores, large, floating colonies of deep-sea creatures, as well as jellyfish.

“I have found it so interesting — finding patterns is so exciting,” Lederer said.

Students at PC are ready for these tasks, Costello said. “All of the students have background in the essential math and physics and biology,” he said. “They basically have the general background, but not the specific.

“We give them the refined methods. We teach them software and how to analyze images,” Costello said.

“You’re immersed,” Lederer said. “They trust me with all of this work.”

For Jillian O’Melia '17 (Bourne, Mass.), analyzing jellyfish propulsion with Costello fulfilled a long-standing dream. She grew up in the town next to Woods Hole and has visited the aquarium since she was a child, in addition to taking high school field trips to the lab.

She mentioned her research interest to her College adviser, who suggested she talk to Costello after learning how close O’Melia lived to the MBL.

“To be able to work down here and have the opportunity at our age, it’s something that very few people could say their school presented them,” O’Melia said.

DeGiorgis, a neuroscientist, studies amyloid precursor protein, which is associated with Alzheimer’s disease. In the past, he has used squid as a research model, because they have very large neurons, but this year, his students have used confocal microscopes to identify it in goldfish retinas.

DeGiorgis has been at the MBL since the 1980s — first as a diver collecting research organisms in college, then as a graduate student, and now as a researcher himself.

“The place leaves a lot of people with a smile on their face, and when I run into people from the MBL, they speak very fondly of it,” he said.

It doesn’t hurt that the lab is situated against the picturesque backdrop of Cape Cod, a beautiful summer tourist destination. When the student researchers have downtime or after they finish for the day, they can walk to a beach to relax, in addition to sailing and other attractions.

“There’s not a better place to be for a summer,” said Nicholas DeMeo '17 (Falmouth, Mass.), who worked in the DeGiorgis lab. “We’re really privileged to be here.” ■

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# Scholar Teams AT WORK

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It's easy to get involved in **research at Providence College**. Students can simply send an email to join a professor's team. For scholars working on individual projects, the Undergraduate Research Grant program, administered by the Office of Academic Affairs, offers grants to cover the cost of summer and academic-year research. The best part? Mentoring by experienced faculty who are experts in their fields. Here's a look at some student-faculty research teams.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING and LIZ F. KAY

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

**Cognitive development** research is anything but child's play for **Dr. Jennifer L. Van Reet** and the students in her KidThink lab. The associate professor of psychology studies how children learn through pretend play by demonstrating concepts and seeing how toddlers respond.

"A lot of parents assume children are learning things from pretending," Van Reet said. "We're trying to see whether children learn and what types of information they can learn."

Van Reet said students gain "a different level of confidence in themselves" through research.

"They learn how to be independent thinkers and how to have confidence in their own ideas — that they can be effective in tackling a problem," she said. "They leave PC thinking 'You can do

something meaningful, solve problems, and do work that helps someone and makes a difference.'"

The research experience put her textbook knowledge in context, said lab manager **Emma Duffy '16** (Holden, Mass.), who worked with **Mikaila Christopher '17** (Stoneham, Mass.) and **Jamie Russo '17** (Stratford, Conn.).

"Being in the lab helped me apply the things I learned in class in a real-world setting," said Duffy.

Van Reet agreed. "It really shows them what being a scientist would be like, if they chose that path," she said. In addition, "They've learned all sorts of skills that are applicable to a wide range of professions and fields."

The chance for facetime with an instructor is a plus. "At a lot of colleges, you don't get the opportunity to work so closely with a professor," Christopher said.



Dr. Jennifer L. Van Reet

Jamie Russo '17

Mikaila Christopher '17

Emma Duffy '16

Meghan C. Lescault '16 (Walpole, Mass.) spent the summer researching **Virgil's Aeneid** with her faculty mentor, **Dr. Robin J. Greene**, assistant professor of history.

Lescault first read Virgil's epic poem about the founding of Rome in AP Latin class as a high school senior. She fell in love with the classics and, under the umbrella of PC's humanities major, was able to customize a course of study in Latin and Greek, ancient history, and mythology. She hopes to earn a doctorate in the classics.

Lescault examined "Speech and Silence in Virgil's *Aeneid*." Her grant covered materials and a stipend to replace what she would have earned in a summer job.

"Even though it's centered in ancient times and it's thousands of years old, it's a very universal story," said Lescault. "Virgil illustrates themes of loyalty, duty, and passion that transcend the story of Aeneas and pervade the entire canon of the Western literary tradition."



Meghan C. Lescault '16

Dr. Robin J. Greene

**Dr. Scott A. Wright**, assistant professor of marketing, worked with MBA student **Brian Cunningham '14 & '15G** to test how unique **product design** impacts the scarcity effect.

Cunningham, a finance major, learned to use Adobe Illustrator as well as the survey tool Qualtrics in order to create images of different consumer products and to test customer perceptions of them.

"These were things that were outside my comfort zone," Cunningham said.

Now working in finance in Boston, Cunningham said he gained valuable lessons from his experience with Wright. The two met weekly, but Cunningham spent most of the time working independently, so he learned to manage his time to meet deadlines and to balance his course work.

"Being able to work one-on-one with a professional on campus really exposed me to how you deal with future managers and future employees," he said.



Dr. Scott A. Wright

Brian Cunningham '14 & '15G

With the help of an Undergraduate Research Grant, **Kristen Perrelli '16** (Madison, Conn.) has interviewed leaders from physician and social worker organizations in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts to find similarities and differences in how the groups help members with **drug or alcohol problems**. She has examined referrals and other processes in these states with different population sizes.

Perrelli was inspired when the topic came up in a course she took two years ago with **Dr. Katherine M. Kranz**,

assistant professor of social work and a clinical social worker who assists the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physician Health Program.

Kranz said that Perrelli, a social work and a health policy and management double major, has married her two interests through this macro-level investigation.

"By looking at physician and social work organizations, Kristen can see how policies operate or not," Kranz said. "Kristen's interest really underscores the value of research to inform practice, and vice versa."



Kristen Perrelli '16



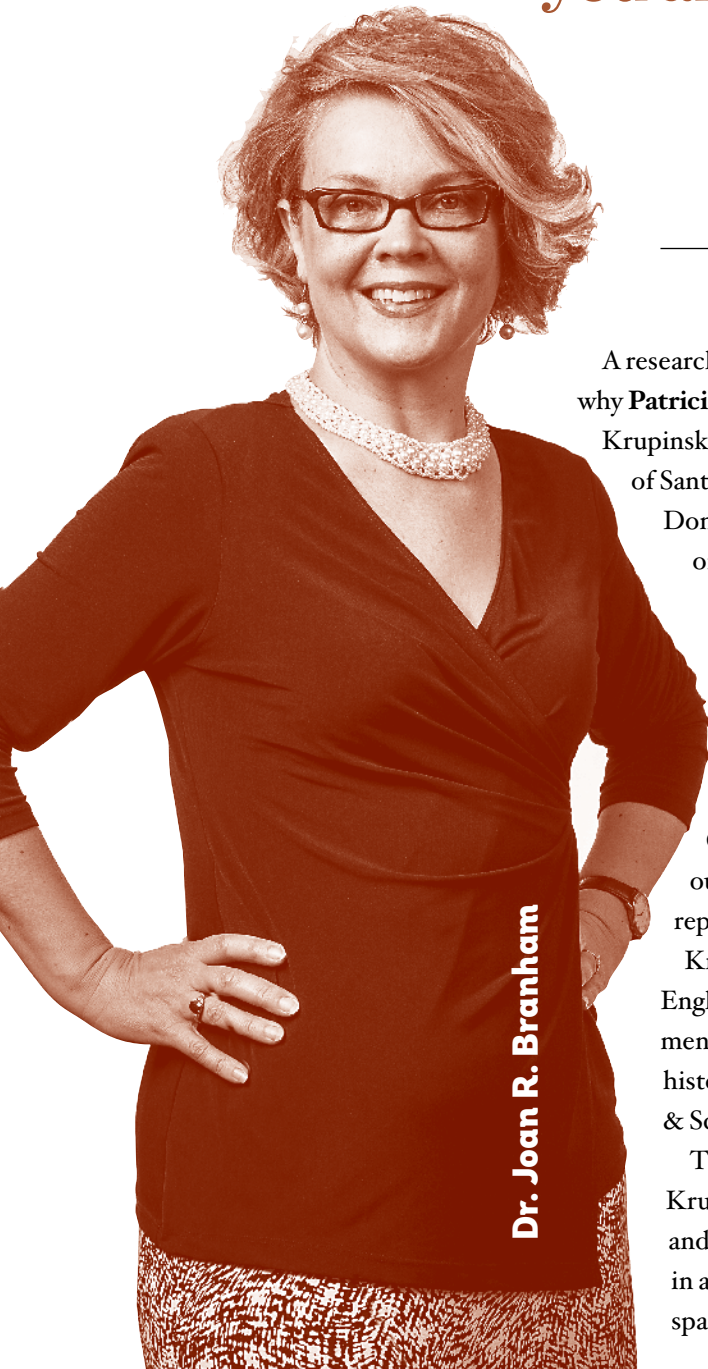
Dr. Katherine M. Kranz

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“... when you are able to walk  
in and see a work of art,  
you are now in its space,  
and you react to it in  
a different way.”

—PATRICIA KRUPINSKI '16

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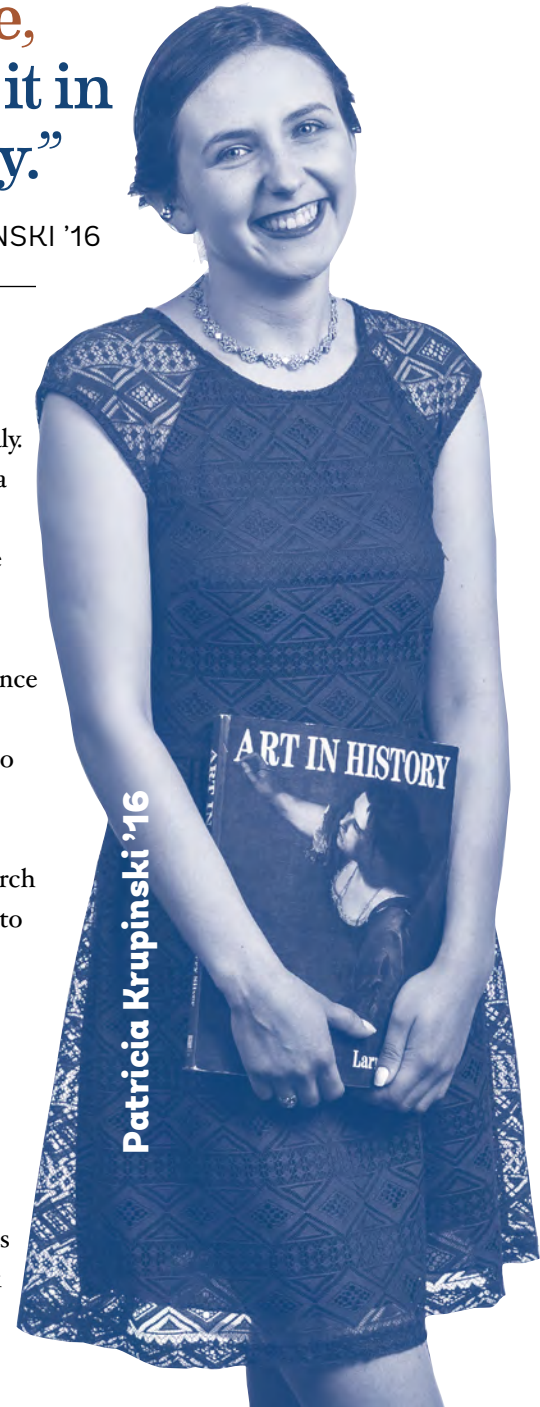
Dr. Joan R. Branham

A researcher needs to see with her own eyes — that’s why **Patricia Krupinski '16** (Elizabeth, N.J.) went to Italy.

Krupinski spent a week in August visiting the Basilica of Santa Sabina, the mother church of the Dominican Order of Preachers. She viewed one of the oldest **mosaics in Rome**, the nearly life-size mosaic of two female figures that looms above the main entrance and dates to the 5th century.

The figures hold books, understood to be the Old and New Testaments. Titled “*Ecclesia ex gentibus*” (Church out of the Gentiles) and “*Ecclesia ex circumcissione*” (Church out of the Circumcision), the figures are said to represent the Catholic and Jewish traditions. Krupinski, a double major in art history and English, researched the mosaic with her faculty mentor, **Dr. Joan R. Branham**, professor of art history and associate dean of the School of Arts & Sciences.

The mosaic “takes your breath away,” said Krupinski. “It’s a reminder that while textbooks and photos are great, when you are able to walk in and see a work of art, you are now in its space, and you react to it in a different way.” ■



Patricia Krupinski '16

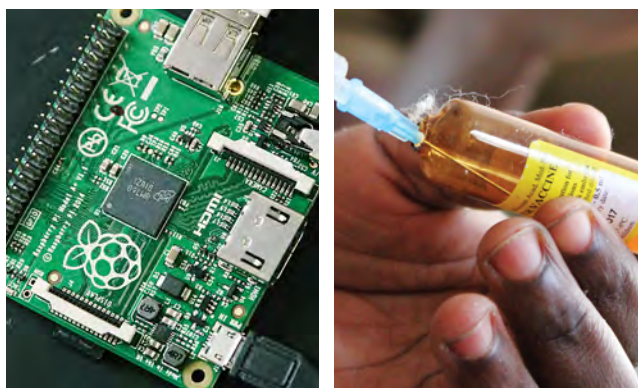


# TRANSFORMING

# GHANA



*Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, in his lab with Alejandro Ayala '17, works on technology and health projects to benefit Ghana, shown in a street scene at top. Opposite page, from left: Raspberry Pi, a small computer, and a syringe used for vaccinations in Ghana.*



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# FROM A LAB IN PROVIDENCE

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In the laboratory of physics professor **Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G**, student researchers solve problems — real-world problems affecting lives in Ghana, and around the world. Each summer, Mecca brings students to the West African nation to test the solutions — and to explore new ways to help.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

LAB PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR / GHANA PHOTOS BY JULIA GUERETTE '16





*This page, left: Brian Nicholas '18 tests materials for the micro-flush valve. Above: Jack Ricci '17 and Claire Kleinschmidt '17 work on a technology problem. Opposite page: Children take a break from schoolwork in a classroom in Ghana.*

**W**hen Brian Nicholas '18 (Garden City, N.Y.), a pre-engineering major, works in the research lab of Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics, he is surrounded by students tackling projects in sanitation, technology, and health — “everybody working together to solve problems the best way they can,” said Nicholas.

Five years ago, Mecca and his students developed a toilet with a valve that flushes with less than a cup of water. The toilets, easy to construct with materials readily available in the developing world, were introduced in Ghana and now are in 15 countries, including, most recently, Haiti, Bolivia, and Uganda. Nicholas' job is to test new materials for the valve that will work with varying climates.

Other students are focused on bringing technology to remote areas of Ghana that lack Internet access. Jack Ricci '17 (Wrentham, Mass.), a pre-engineering major, is working on

alternative power sources for “Lab in a Box,” a computer tablet loaded with educational materials hosted on a tiny server.

Students of all majors are welcome in Mecca's lab. The construction manual for the toilet was translated into Spanish by Alejandro Ayala '17 (Millerton, N.Y.), who majors in accountancy and finance. A Haitian Creole version was devised and tested by Phionna Claude '18 (Dedham, Mass.), a psychology major.

“Dr. Mecca makes it known that if students have an interest and are willing to make a commitment, he has plenty of projects for them,” said Ricci. “He always says he has more projects than he has researchers.

“When you're dealing with research, the details can be theoretical and seem far-fetched to the average person. In Dr. Mecca's lab, we work on complex problems using difficult scientific concepts, but we know the work has a purpose — a humanitarian purpose. That's the most rewarding part.”

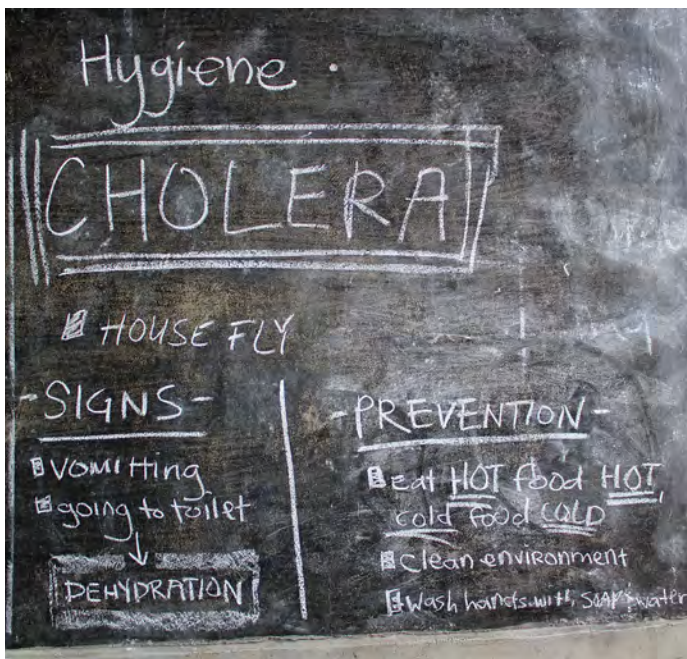




**“That was a life-changer for me —  
seeing those kids who, when we gave  
them a book, were just so happy,  
and read and read.”**

— REBECCA SIMON '18





Top: Health information is posted at a clinic. Here: A baby is weighed on a makeshift scale.

**E**very summer since 2010, Mecca has brought students to Ghana for community-based service internships. Last May, seven students spent three weeks with him in Pokuase village outside the capital, Accra.

Lauren Cramer '17 (North Kingstown, R.I.), a double major in psychology and social work, shadowed village nurses, watching them weigh babies and administer vaccines at health clinics. Now she works in Mecca's lab helping to create a tablet loaded with educational and diagnostic resources to assist the nurses, who have no such tools available to them.

"I never thought I would be working in a physics lab," said Cramer.

Julia Guerette '16 (Seattle, Wash.), a health policy and management major, studied public health in Argentina, Vietnam, and South Africa but found Ghana eye-opening.

"We were there during the rainy season, and it really does pour," said Guerette. "There was a lot of flooding, and because of the inadequate sewerage system, contamination would come up from ditches at the side of the road. The nurses couldn't travel because it was dangerous to everyone's health, so in addition to causing illness, the flooding was keeping health care from being administered. That connection between weather and health was very interesting to me."

Rebecca Simon '18 (Stratford, Conn.), an elementary and special education major, visited schools to check how they are using the nearly 250,000 books and hundreds of computers donated through Mecca's connections. While some schools have active libraries, others mistakenly lock away the books to protect them, Simon said.

"Dr. Mecca told us the schools had very limited access to books and educational resources," said Simon. "That was not something I ever had to think about. I always had books, and I always had a computer, and the world was always so available to me. When I got to Ghana, that was a life-changer for me — seeing those kids who, when we gave them a book, were just so happy, and read and read."

Every year, students are changed by Ghana, Mecca said.

"They see that there are problems in the world that are bigger than they are." ■



*Clockwise, from top left: Julia Guerette '16 records health assessments in Ghana; Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G teaches a class on building micro-flush toilets; Lauren Cramer '17 with schoolchildren; and Giselle Bonilla '16 carries one of the hundreds of donated computers.*





SPONSORED RESEARCH DIRECTOR

**Dr. Kris A. Monahan**

AS PROVIDENCE COLLEGE'S FIRST DIRECTOR OF SPONSORED RESEARCH, **Dr. Kris A. Monahan** has helped professors secure more than \$4.5 million in research funding since 2011 from 15 sources, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The money has made it possible for 30 professors to engage in research across all disciplines, assisted by undergraduate students.

Monahan has a doctorate in education from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts. Before joining PC, she worked at the Wellesley Centers

for Women, the largest research institute in the world dedicated to gender studies, and as director of grants and sponsored projects at Bridgewater State University. She teaches Fundamentals of Research in Education in PC's Graduate Education Program.

**What does a director of sponsored research do?**

My focus is to help find and manage funds and resources to support faculty scholarship. I work with faculty on identifying sponsors, submitting proposals, and managing grants. I help them present their ideas in a way that is fundable and to develop a research plan. We know that research is an essential tool for teaching, and at a

primarily liberal arts institution like ours, students are an important part of research.

**A lot of money is available for scientific research, but what about the liberal arts?**

Often, liberal arts professors don't need funding for big pieces of equipment or to pay research teams. What they need is time. They need smaller fellowships that free them to do research, or travel grants to look at documents in libraries.

In 2013, Ted Andrews (Dr. Edward E. Andrews '01, associate professor of history) won a \$6,000 Summer Stipend Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct research for two months at the University of Cambridge in England. It is an extremely prestigious award with a less than 9 percent success rate. Top institutions get this award. It wasn't about the money—it was about having that presence among top scholars in the nation.

**What's new for faculty seeking research sponsors?**

Through the Phillips Memorial Library, faculty now have access to the Sponsored Project Information Network, SPIN, the world's largest database of sponsored-funding opportunities, where they can create their own profiles. We offered training this fall for new faculty, who are very enthusiastic about it. ■

PHOTO: ANGEL TUCKER

## OUR FACULTY: **special interests**

➔ **Dr. Matthew P. Guardino**, assistant professor of political science and a former newspaper reporter, investigates and observes the media's role in **SHAPING PUBLIC OPINION**.

His most recent book is *Influence from Abroad: Foreign Voices, the Media, and U.S. Public Opinion* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).

➔ Known as the “gift card guru,” **Dr. Daniel R. Horne**, professor of marketing and associate dean of faculty and curriculum for the School of Business, specializes in **CONSUMER BEHAVIOR**. The media regularly seeks him out for comment, especially during the holiday shopping season.

➔ **Dr. Deborah J. Johnson**, professor of art history and of women's studies, presented a paper, “‘Beygency’: Power, Sex,

and Subjectivity in the **FEMINIST POLITICS OF BEYONCÉ** (Knowles Carter),” at the Women's Leadership Conference at Oxford University in England.

➔ **Dr. Leo H. Kahane**, professor of economics, wrote the book on sports economics — specifically, *The Oxford Handbook of Sports Economics, Vol. 1 & Vol. 2* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Among his published papers is “**RETURNS TO THUGGERY IN THE NHL: the Effects of Increased Enforcement.**”

➔ **Dr. Deborah I. Levine**, assistant professor of health policy and management, was featured on CBS News when her research into the diet of portly President William Howard Taft — “Corpulence and Correspondence: President William H. Taft and **THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF OBESITY**” — was published in a leading medical journal.

➔ **Dr. Monica Simal**, assistant professor of Spanish and a native of Havana, Cuba, is researching “**CUBAN CULTURAL JOURNALS AND INTELLECTUALS IN THE UNITED STATES.**”

She is an expert on Caribbean literature, Cuban cultural identity, and Cuban diasporas studies.

➔ **Dr. Deirdre G. Snyder**, assistant professor of management, studies **LONELINESS IN THE WORKPLACE**. Her research has shown that under certain conditions, feeling isolated at work can spark valuable helping behavior. She also researches organizational attachment, ethical decision-making, power, and status.

➔ **ANTS** are the research specialty of **Dr. James S. Waters**, assistant professor of biology. With students in his lab, he studies how ants communicate, how colonies consume oxygen, and the natural history of the local species. His website is [www.lovetheants.org](http://www.lovetheants.org). ■





**CREATING NEW  
KNOWLEDGE ...  
AND EXCITEMENT**

**“Research is really dynamic,** it’s constantly ebbing and flowing. I tell my research students all the time that 95 percent of everything that they are going to do in the lab will probably fail. But, it’s in learning from these failures and trying to find the elusive 5 percent that makes everything worthwhile. Sometimes we need to take two steps back in order to take one step forward. It’s experiencing this kind of success that actually makes it worthwhile to go back and address a new problem with even more excitement.”

—DR. SEANN P. MULCAHY,  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY



**“I use research to provide students** with the science behind organizational behavior. For example, rather than just presenting how various personality traits impact an employee’s performance, my students take a Big 5 personality assessment to learn about their own personality and then we discuss what researchers have discovered about the links between certain traits and work outcomes such as performance. Some people believe that we should be able to intuit how to be a better leader or how to work more effectively as a group, but the truth is this takes hard work, self-reflection, and practice. Learning to apply best practices from research can speed up this process.”

—DR. DEIRDRE G. SNYDER,  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT

## RESEARCH *by the numbers*

**\$4.5 million**

AWARDED TO PROFESSORS SINCE 2012  
BY **15**  
FOUNDATIONS, AGENCIES,  
AND ORGANIZATIONS  
(THROUGH PC'S OFFICE OF SPONSORED  
RESEARCH & PROGRAMS)

**\$161,936**

AWARDED TO  
**189** STUDENTS  
SINCE 2009  
(BY PC'S UNDERGRADUATE  
RESEARCH GRANT  
PROGRAM)

**\$89,604**

AWARDED TO  
**17** PROFESSORS  
FOR RESEARCH IN 2015-16  
(BY PC'S COMMITTEE ON AID  
TO FACULTY RESEARCH)

**60 students**

ON CAMPUS TO CONDUCT  
RESEARCH  
DURING SUMMER 2015  
(UP FROM **25** STUDENTS  
IN 2012)

**\$335,020**

AWARDED TO  
**166** PROFESSORS  
FOR TRAVEL TO PRESENT PAPERS  
AT CONFERENCES  
IN 2014-15  
(BY PC'S TRAVEL FUND)

**230  
students**

DISPLAY THEIR RESEARCH IN THE  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
& CREATIVITY

## Research Spotlight:

DR. JOHN H. COSTELLO, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, AWARDED  
**3 grants** FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
IN **6 months**, TOTALING **\$466,611**

Graduate student Emily Sisson '14, a two-time NCAA champion, trains on Ray Treacy Track, with Harkins Hall in the background.







# FOR THE LONG RUN

The road ahead has never looked brighter for Providence College athletics. The last two years have brought national championships in men's ice hockey and women's cross country, and conference titles in men's basketball and men's soccer. The campus gleams with new facilities. There's never been a better time to say, "Go Friars!"

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

PHOTO BY JASON EVANS





**F**OUR YEARS AGO, Providence College needed a men's ice hockey coach.

Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., associate vice president and athletic director, knew the person he wanted for the job.

Driscoll drove 180 miles to Schenectady, N. Y., to meet Nate Leaman in a coffee shop.

Leaman's Union College team, which awarded no athletic scholarships, was ranked fourth in the nation and had just made its first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance. Leaman was National Coach of the Year.

But Leaman did not say yes to Driscoll right away.

"It took a couple of weeks," said Driscoll. "At the time, we had an outdated facility. We were in the toughest conference in the country. We were last in that conference. We hadn't won in a long time."

In 2015, in his fourth season at PC, Leaman coached the men's team to its first NCAA Championship. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the team now plays its games in a renovated and modern Schneider Arena.

Driscoll refers to Leaman, and coaches like him, as "architects of success."

Driscoll is an architect himself. He arrived at PC in 2001 after 14 years in athletic administration at the University of California, Berkeley, with a vision to make PC a model program in college athletics — one that graduated every student-athlete, competed for national championships, and displayed the Catholic and Dominican values of honesty, integrity, and service.



Clockwise, from top left: Julian Gressel '17 has the edge on a California-Irvine opponent in an NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament home match in 2014. All-American guard Kris Dunn '16 led the men's basketball team to its second straight NCAA Tournament appearance last season. Anthony Florentino '17 shouts with joy as the Friars capture the 2015 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

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Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., athletic director, and Susan Robinson Fruchtl, women's basketball head coach, stroll through a renovated Mullaney Gym while talking Friar athletics.

He began with a “conversation of possibility.” What would success look like if there were no limitations? “We started with the concept of going from good to great. Being the smallest, best program,” Driscoll said.

“Having a vision and achieving a vision are two different things,” Driscoll acknowledged. “My understanding of Providence and what works here has changed. It’s longevity. You learn from it. And you have to have some luck, too.”

Driscoll credits his success to administrators who recognize that a great athletics program raises a college’s national profile — College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. ’80 and the Board of Trustees under the leadership of Chairman John F. Killian ’77 and former chair Michael A. Ruane ’71 & ’13Hon.

“The common denominator is people,” said Ed Cooley, head coach of the men’s basketball team. “It’s been the trustees, and the president and his vision, making Bob’s vision come to fruition. Bob and his staff have identified the right people. People create change.”

When it was time to hire a men’s basketball coach in 2011, Cooley was the only candidate Driscoll recruited. Driscoll knew that Cooley, who grew up in Providence, would be returning home. And he had seen Cooley’s strengths as head coach at Fairfield University and as an assistant coach at Boston College.

“He is charismatic, dynamic,” said Driscoll. “Our program was in disarray. We needed someone to mend fences and be a connector. He is the ultimate connector. He has brought people to campus, and he’s generous with his time.”

Cooley has been successful on the court as well. The 2013-14 season, Cooley’s third, marked the birth of a new, reorganized BIG EAST Conference with games televised on FOX Sports 1. The Friars, picked to finish sixth, instead won the BIG EAST Championship. Last season, the team made its second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

“Bob and his staff have been able to hire really high-character, high-achieving people in their most important ➡



Clockwise from top left: All-American Jon Gillies, who played three seasons at PC, is now playing goal for the Stockton Heat of the AHL. Men's soccer goalie Ben Seguljic '17 sprawls to make a save in practice. Head Coach Ray Treacy '82 proudly raises the 2013 NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship trophy in Terre Haute, Ind. Women's volleyball student-athlete Michelle Cruz '17 serves during a match.



sports, and to retain that talent,” said Doris A. Burke '87, '92G, & '05Hon., a basketball analyst for ESPN and a former Friar point guard. “The most important resource any institution can have is its people. If you have the right people doing the right jobs, success usually follows.”

Karl W. Anderson '88, a member of the PC Board of Trustees and a former Friars soccer star, said he believes that the greatest achievement of PC athletics has been in building programs that will endure even after individuals depart.

“One of the passions that I share is the idea of building something that is sustainable,” said Anderson. “We are not totally reliant on individuals. We have built a program — and facilities and coaches are part of the program.”

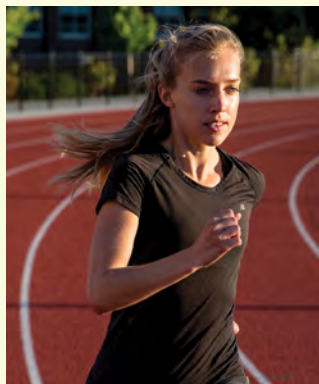
When Driscoll came to PC, the College was raising only \$200,000 a year for athletics. Fundraising had been one of Driscoll's responsibilities in California, and he knew its value, not only for improving facilities, attracting coaches, and building competitive teams, but also for engaging alumni.

The 2001 season was painful for men's soccer, which lost 14 games. Anderson asked Driscoll how he could help. Driscoll requested and received \$5,000 to replace a carpet in the locker room. Three years later, Anderson donated \$40,000 to renovate the locker room completely. Then, in 2014, Anderson and his wife, Kathleen T. “Kerry” Fowley Anderson '88, gave \$2 million to PC athletics.

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# NATIONAL PROFILE



► **Graduate student Emily Sisson '14**, a 10-time All-American in track and cross country at PC, won the NCAA Division I championship in the 5,000 meters in indoor and outdoor track and set the national women's collegiate 5,000 indoor record (15:12.22) in 2015.



► **Kris Dunn '16** was named the 2015-16 Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook Preseason National Player of the Year — after being selected to three All-America teams and as the BIG EAST Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year for 2014-15.



► **Head Coach Nate Leaman** guided the 2014-15 men's ice hockey team to PC's first NCAA Championship in a men's sport. The Friars' 26-13-2 record represented the second-highest single-season win total in school history.



► It was a year of firsts for the 2014 **men's soccer team**. PC won its first BIG EAST Championship, advanced to the NCAA College Cup semifinal game for the first time, finished a program-best #3 nationally, and won a program-record 16 games.

Top: Team trophies for, from lower left, the 2014 NCAA Men's Soccer College Cup, the 2013 NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship, the 2015 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Championship, the 2014 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship, and the 2014 BIG EAST Men's Basketball Championship.



Left: Members of the men's soccer team get loose at the start of practice. Right: Mac Steeves '17 was named the 2014 NCAA College Cup Most Outstanding Offensive Player.



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The College is using \$1.5 million of the Anderson gift to build Anderson Stadium, a soccer and lacrosse complex next to Schneider Arena. The synthetic-turf field will be named for former lacrosse player Michael J. Chapey '86 and his wife, Maura Hurley Chapey '86, who donated \$1 million.

Coincidentally, the year of the Anderson gift was the best ever for men's soccer, which won a program-record 16 games, captured its first BIG EAST title, and finished third in the nation, losing in overtime in the semi-final round of the NCAA Tournament.

In 2014-15, PC raised \$6 million for athletics, a single-year record. The fundraising team, led by Steven R. Napolillo '98, senior associate athletic director for external relations, has raised \$30 million in 10 years. The results can be seen throughout campus in improved facilities for student-athletes, students, faculty, and staff.

The changes began in 2005 with the construction of Lennon Family Field, a synthetic-turf field for field hockey and lacrosse. Two years later, the College opened the Concanon Fitness Center, which is used by students, faculty, staff, and alumni but also houses the Jimmy Walker Varsity Weight Room for student-athletes. The Canavan Sports Medicine

Center was added in 2008. More recently, PC has renovated Joe Mullaney Gym, built the Ray Treacy Track, reconstructed Schneider Arena, and started work on new facilities for softball and tennis, in addition to the soccer and lacrosse complex.

Top high school athletes expect great facilities, said Burke.

"You can't be competitive in this age of college athletics if you are not proactively enhancing the buildings and consistently maintaining the facilities," Burke said.

"Student-athletes are much more educated about the questions they ask. Every time I walk on campus, I'm struck by how pretty it is and how much development there has been, and how much it must enhance not only the student-athlete experience but the experience of every student."

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PHOTOS: DAVID SILVERMAN



# FACILITATING EXCELLENCE



► **Schneider Arena**, built in 1973, was renovated into a modern college ice hockey facility for the men's and women's teams in 2013. The project included a 30,000-square-foot, three-story addition. Players benefit from new locker rooms, training rooms, strength and conditioning facilities, and a shooting room. Fans enjoy a new atrium, ticket office, concession stands, luxury suites, video board, scoreboards, and sound system.



► **A new soccer and lacrosse stadium**, under construction near Schneider Arena, is scheduled to open in April 2016. The 1,500-seat facility will be known as Anderson Stadium, thanks to a lead gift from Karl W. Anderson '88 and Kathleen T. "Kerry" Fowley Anderson '88, while the field will be Chapey Field, thanks to a lead gift from Michael J. Chapey '86 and Maura Hurley Chapey '86.



► **The Ray Treacy Track** (here and at top), on the site of the former Hendricken Field, was completed in the fall of 2013. The six-lane track with eight-lane straightaways surrounds an artificial-turf field used for varsity, intramural, and club sports. The facility includes lights for night use and is named for Ray Treacy '82, coach of the men's and women's cross country and track teams since 1984.



► **A new softball stadium** is nearing completion on the site of Glay Field as part of a campus transformation project made possible by the College's purchase of Huxley Avenue. The stadium will feature a synthetic playing surface, seating for 300, heated dugouts, and a bullpen and batting cage. PC's women's tennis team also will get a boost with new courts near Schneider Arena.

# ACADEMIC SERVICES TEAM KEEPS THE FRIARS IN THE GAME

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE



**Whenever there's a Friar intercollegiate athletics team** on the field, court, or other surface, be assured there's another one behind it — ensuring the student-athletes' academic and personal well-being.

The Office of Academic Services (OAS) is available to assist all students, but in the case of the College's 350 Division I student-athletes, its services are game-changers. Student-athletes' demanding and often-conflicting schedules, as well as the need to adhere to NCAA and College eligibility requirements, necessitate critical skills support and guidance for many Friars, particularly during their competitive seasons.

"Our staff regularly reviews every student-athlete's academic progress throughout his or her career at PC," said Anthony J. Mendes, academic coordinator for student-athletes.

Three of the OAS' 10 full-time staff members and one graduate assistant work exclusively with student-athletes. Services and needs run the gamut of skills offered to all students and include tutoring, writing, organizing essays and papers, providing study and exam strategies, and developing time-management practices.

"People in our office always say that you can be a great student and a great athlete at Providence College," said Kaitlyn O'Malley, assistant director for Student-Athlete Services. "This is achieved through tremendous commit-

ment by our student-athletes and the dedication of our talented support staff, who work tirelessly for our students."

Coaches and faculty members are key partners, said Mendes and Marissa Mezzanotte, who was hired in 2012 as the office's first academic coordinator for men's basketball. Mendes noted coaches expect regular academic status updates on their student-athletes and hold study halls when their teams travel. Every semester, Student-Athlete Services sends out progress reports to professors, requesting specific information that allows staff to identify student-athletes who may need assistance. Many professors appreciate that "someone else is looking out" for the student-athletes, said Mendes.

Mezzanotte said the college experience for student-athletes in revenue sports like basketball is different from other undergraduates, including travel demands. She goes to away games to utilize "any time I can" for academic support to the players and will sit next to Head Coach Ed Cooley on bus and plane rides to update him on their progress.

Mezzanotte, Mendes, O'Malley, and the rest of the OAS team appear on the winning track. In the most recently completed academic year, student-athletes recorded a combined GPA of 3.15 on a scale of 4.00 across PC's 19 intercollegiate athletics teams. ■

*Top, from left: Marissa Mezzanotte, academic coordinator for men's basketball, confers with a student-athlete. Junior Lomomba '17 of the men's basketball team, on a visit to the Office of Academic Services. Women's soccer student-athlete Kathryn Hiller '16 speaks with Anthony J. Mendes, academic coordinator for student-athletes.*

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Ed Cooley,  
men's basketball  
head coach



**“IF YOU HAVE THE  
RIGHT PEOPLE DOING  
THE RIGHT JOBS,  
SUCCESS USUALLY  
FOLLOWS.”**

—DORIS BURKE '87, '92G, & '05HON.

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Hon. William C. Leary '60 & '10Hon., a College trustee and co-chair of the \$140-million *Our Moment* fundraising campaign, is a longtime supporter of PC athletics. Leary said improvements to athletics facilities have been part of an overall campus beautification plan that includes construction of the Ruane Center for the Humanities, which opened in 2013, and the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, which is being built at the former Dore Hall and is expected to open in early 2017.

“Our campus is drop-dead gorgeous, and it gets better every single year,” said Leary. “I always say that if you get a prospective student on campus, PC is going to be his or her first choice.”

For all the emphasis on developing winning teams and improving facilities, the athletics program has not lost sight of its primary mission, which is to educate its students.

PC's student-athlete graduation success rate is 91 percent. Last year, student-athletes posted a combined grade point average (GPA) of 3.15 on a scale of 4.0 — the equivalent of a B, the best academic performance in more than 15 years.

The biggest improvement in GPA was recorded by the men's basketball team. Driscoll attributes that success in part to the work of Marissa Mezzanotte as academic coordinator for men's basketball, a position created in 2012.



Driscoll said Mezzanotte's position demonstrates the College's commitment to academic success for athletes. The job was created because of the unique pressures on time and travel affecting the men's team. The players' schedule is “exhausting, pressure-packed. People have no idea,” Driscoll said. In May 2015, he noted, every senior graduated.

“Marissa has brought an incredible amount of energy and focus to our academic component,” said Cooley. “Players trust her.”

The athletics staff makes sure student-athletes are a part of the community as well. Student-athletes logged 3,500 hours of community service last year. They volunteer in the Providence area, and they run programs on campus, such as the Girls on

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## THE PREPARATION THAT FEW SEE

**Preparing student-athletes for NCAA Division I competition** is a 12-month commitment — both on the part of the College's Department of Athletics and the athletes themselves. The laser-focus objectives of the department's Strength and Conditioning staff, led by Kenneth White, and its Sports Medicine unit, spearheaded by John Rock, are two-fold: to prepare student-athletes physically, psychologically, and otherwise for optimal performances and to prevent injuries.

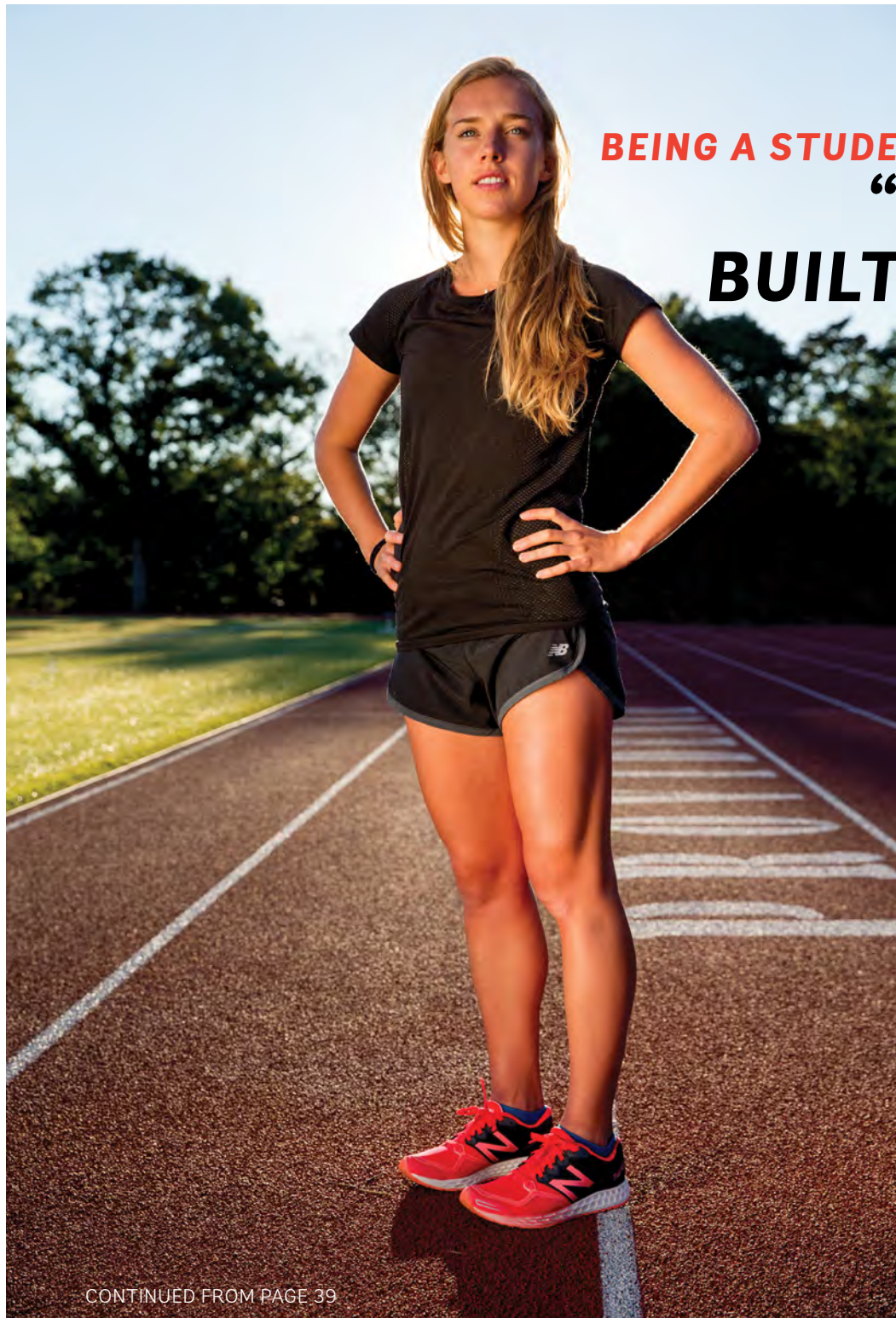
Sport-specific strength and conditioning training is the core of a comprehensive preparation strategy. Sports Medicine complements training with a sports psychologist, massage therapy, chiropractic, primary care/orthopaedic physicians, and a sports nutritionist/dietitian as part of the everyday life of a PC student-athlete. Having enviable facilities like the Jimmy Walker Varsity Weight Room and the Canavan Sports Medicine Center doesn't hurt, either. ■



From top: Bernard Walls, athletic trainer, stretches the quadriceps of men's soccer student-athlete Manny Andrade '16 before a practice. Lifting a tractor tire are, from left, Dominik Machado '17 (men's soccer), Kris Dunn '16 (men's basketball), and Julian Gressel '17 (men's soccer). Women's soccer student-athletes Courtney Maguire '16, left, and Lauren Elia '16 carry weights during the "farmer's walk." And, Brian Kennedy '17 (men's soccer) does the agility bag jump.



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**BEING A STUDENT-ATHLETE AT PC IS  
“LIKE HAVING A  
BUILT-IN FAMILY.”**

– EMILY SISSON '14,  
GRADUATE STUDENT

And then there are the intangible aspects of being a Friar.

Emily Sisson '14, who is studying in PC's MBA Program, is one of the most successful runners in College history. She led the women's cross country team to its second national title in 2013, won the NCAA 5,000-meter title in indoor and outdoor track in 2015, and set a national record in the 5,000 indoors.

Being a student-athlete at PC is “like having a built-in family,” Sisson said.

Two years ago, PC's runners were competing in an invitational meet in Boston. The swimming and diving team had just captured the Friars Cup, awarded to the athletics team with the most points in a competition based on academic performance, team results, and community involvement. The swimmers used their Friars Cup cash to charter a bus to Boston so they could be there to cheer on the runners.

That people would follow cross country and track so avidly was “shocking,

because running isn't really a spectator sport,” said Sisson.

“After we won nationals in 2013, we got back to campus pretty late at night,” Sisson said. “We got off the bus and everyone was outside Concannon, just waiting for us, and cheering. I don't think you would have that experience at every school. It was really cool.” ■

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the Run 5K. An initiative of the women's teams, it brings about 200 girls to PC each year.

“The athletics program encourages and enhances the atmosphere of the College,” Leary said. “It generates spirit, not only among students, but among alumni. It brings people back to the campus, and it gives us something to be proud of.”

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The PC group, with its "PC Loves Pope Francis" T-shirts, in Philadelphia

### Campus Ministry students, staff see pope in Philadelphia

When Pope Francis made his first visit to the United States in September, 50 students from Campus Ministry traveled to Philadelphia to see him.

The trip was organized by Andrew Butler '16 (Riverside, R.I.) and Daniel Isabel '16 (Riverside, R.I.). Joining the students were Assistant Chaplain Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.; campus ministers Sister Anne Klein, O.P. and Heidi Fraitzl '14; and Rev. Philip Neri Reese, O.P. and Rev. Ambrose Little, O.P., both visiting instructors of philosophy.

Dr. Sandra T. Keating, associate professor of theology, attended an interfaith service with the pope at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City. She was part of a group of about 150 people who listened to prayers from the pope and representatives of world religions. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, invited Keating to participate because of her work with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Catholic-Muslim Dialogue Group.

Alumni in Washington, New York, and Philadelphia saw the pope as well. One of them was Elise Italiano '06, who reported on his visit to New York as part of her work as director of communications for the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

### Notre Dame philosopher serving as Randall Professor



Dr. David Solomon

Dr. David Solomon, a philosophy professor at the University of Notre Dame who founded its Notre Dame Arts and Letters/ Science Honors Program, is serving as the 12th Rev. Robert J. Randall Distinguished Professor in Christian Culture

for the fall semester. Solomon, who studies contemporary moral philosophy and medical ethics, has been a National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellow, a Milbank Research Fellow, a University Research Fellow at Oxford University, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at St. Andrews University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a doctorate from the University of Texas.

### Justice author Sandel discusses book during convocation



Dr. Michael J. Sandel, author of *Justice: What is the Right Thing to Do?* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 2010), this year's Common Reading Program selection for the College, discussed his book with the Class of 2019, faculty, and staff at Academic Convocation.

Sandel, a professor of political philosophy at Harvard University, signed copies of the book and participated in a question-and-answer session after the address.

At the event, the College also welcomed 30 new full-time faculty members and acknowledged Dr. T.J. Harper, associate professor of music, who is this year's recipient of the Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, PC's top teaching honor.



Dr. John H. Costello, professor of biology, left, examines a sample taken from the waters of Woods Hole, Mass., with team member Dr. Sean P. Colin '93 of Roger Williams University.

## Costello awarded three NSF grants

Dr. John H. Costello, professor of biology, and his research team — which includes Dr. Sean P. Colin '93, professor of environmental science at Roger Williams University — received three grants totaling more than \$466,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

They received a \$227,722 grant to study how jellyfish use fluid motion to capture prey and to define rules of jellyfish propulsion that apply generally to the more than 1,000 species that exist. In addition, they will use a \$123,890 grant to study whether rules of propulsion for jellyfish and plankton can be applied to other swimming and flying animals. The researchers hope to establish principles that could be applied to vehicle design.

With \$114,999, the team will develop diver-assisted technology so it can apply its laboratory methods underwater to study processes that affect the health of the ocean and wildlife.

## College joins physician assistant program

PC graduates who meet requirements can take advantage of preferred admission to the two-year Physician Assistant Studies Program offered by Johnson & Wales University. Physician assistants perform many medical tasks, including examinations, prescribing medication, and diagnosing illness. To qualify for the master's degree program, graduates must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher and get a recommendation from a science professor at the College. They also must take required science courses and the GRE, and complete 250 direct patient hours and shadowing hours.

## SCE introduces Professional Studies Program

The College's School of Continuing Education (SCE) has a new opportunity for working professionals to earn a résumé-boosting certificate along with a bachelor's degree through its new Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies Program. Certificate options include accounting, business, leadership, management, pre-med/pre-health professions, organizational communication, and teaching (secondary and middle school). Most certificates require five courses.

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Margaret M. Anderson of the Center for Global Education and Experience at Augsburg College shakes hands with Dr. Hugh F. Lena, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, after signing the social work consortium agreement.

## PC establishes study abroad partnership in social work

Through a new agreement with the Center for Global Education and Experience at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn., social work majors from PC will be able to study abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico, beginning in 2016. PC faculty will be able to serve as faculty directors of the program as well.

Dr. Hugh F. Lena, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said the agreement “expands our (study abroad) offerings in Latin America and extends our relationship to a new set of Midwestern colleges and universities.”

The agreement makes PC part of the Bachelor of Social Work Consortium with Augsburg and 11 other colleges. ■



## Our Moment



# COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR ARTHUR F. AND PATRICIA RYAN CENTER FOR BUSINESS STUDIES

Providence College formally broke ground on the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies during St. Dominic Weekend, Oct. 2-3. Because of rainy weather, the ceremony took place in the Ryan Concert Hall of the Smith Center for the Arts, a venue also named for the Ryan family.

Remarks were offered by College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 and Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, dean of the School of Business.

The new home for the School of Business will serve as an academic and social hub at the heart of campus. It is being constructed at the former Dore Hall and is expected to be completed in early 2017. Among its features will be a two-story glass atrium, a learning lab with Bloomberg terminals, and classrooms designed to encourage hands-on learning.

Arthur F. Ryan '63, '90Hon., & '89P, retired chairman and chief executive officer of Prudential Financial Inc., and his wife, Patricia, contributed the lead gift of \$5 million toward the center's construction. Ryan also spoke to the College's leadership benefactors during the Gratitude Dinner in Slavin Center '64 Hall. ■

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AND THE RYANS' GIFT TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS:  
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During St. Dominic Weekend, runners cross the finish line at the annual Friar 5K, below. At right, Arthur F. Ryan '63, '90Hon., & '89P, rear center, is joined by members of his family as well as College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 and School of Business Dean Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, next to him at rear, following the groundbreaking ceremony.



At left, from left, Daniel S. Kantor '92, principal and chief financial officer for S/L/A/M Collaborative, discusses campus transformation plans with Mark Rapoza '90SCE, PC assistant vice president for capital projects and facilities planning, and John M. Sweeney, PC senior vice president for finance and business/CFO. The conversation occurred during the Veritas Luncheon for St. Dominic Society members.



LUNCHEON, GROUNDBREAKING: ASHLEY MCCABE; FRIAR 5K: STEW MILNE; KOIKOU: JOHN CLARKE RUSS



Above, at the groundbreaking are, from left, John F. Killian '77, chair of the Board of Trustees; Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corporation; College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80; Arthur F. Ryan '63, '90Hon., & '89P; Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, dean of the School of Business; and Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, PC executive vice president and treasurer. At left, business student Marie-Florence Koikou '16 introduces Ryan at the Gratitude Dinner.



# Our Moment

## Campaign leadership gifts

The following benefactors have made leadership commitments to the \$140 million comprehensive campaign, *Our Moment: The Next Century Campaign for Providence College*.

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## Recent \$1 million campaign gifts

### Palmisanos' pledge supports School of Business

Robert J. Palmisano '66 & '89P and his wife, Jane '89P, had already donated \$1 million to the *Our Moment* campaign. But with the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary in 2015, and Palmisano's 50th class reunion approaching in 2016, they felt compelled to do even more — so they pledged another \$1 million to the School of Business. Palmisano is president and CEO of Wright Medical Group Inc. in Memphis, Tenn., a global orthopaedic solutions company. He is a member of the PC Board of Trustees and serves on the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

### Scanlons support Ryan Center with gift

Having supported the liberal arts with their gift to help build the Ruane Center for the Humanities, Edward L. Scanlon '55 & '00Hon. and his wife, Andrée, decided they needed to support the School of Business as well. They pledged an additional \$1 million toward construction of the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies. The Scanlons said they are impressed with the leadership of College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 and School of Business Dean Dr. Sylvia Maxfield and are especially pleased that business education at PC is rooted in the liberal arts. Scanlon, a retired executive vice president at NBC News, is an *emeritus* member of the Board of Trustees. A first-floor lecture hall in the Ruane Center for the Humanities is named for the Scanlon family. The Scanlons also endowed the Edward L. Scanlon '55 Scholarship Fund.

### Anonymous gift to fund research, internships, operations

A benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has made a \$1 million pledge to support three areas of critical importance to the College. The alumnus is dedicating \$600,000 for a new undergraduate research fund, \$300,000 for a new student internship fund, and \$100,000 for the PC Fund. The fund for undergraduate research will provide grants to support students who conduct research during the summer under the direction of a faculty member. The gift for internships will allow students to take paid positions with nonprofit organizations, also during the summer. The PC Fund supports an array of annual operational needs of the College, including financial aid. The benefactor's generous gift will establish endowments for the research grants and the internships, and thus provide funding for these areas in perpetuity.





## Why We Give

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

Together, Dr. Marian Mattison '04P and her husband, Marshall Raucci, Jr. '04P, are making sure the forecast is bright for Providence College students.

Mattison, an associate professor of social work, has taught at PC for 22 years. Raucci, a principal and investment consultant with Prime, Buchholz & Associates, knows the world of business. They have experienced the College as parents, too. Their son, Marshall Raucci '04, a political science major at PC, is a lawyer with Decof, Decof & Barry, a personal injury law firm in Providence.

In 2010, Raucci and Mattison provided \$50,000 in seed money to launch PC's Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), which allows students in a two-semester finance course to gain hands-on experience managing real money in a way similar to the management of the PC endowment.

About 200 colleges and universities in the country have such student-managed funds. Students, supervised by a professor, buy and sell securities, demonstrating to potential employers that they have experience managing and investing money.

Through the SMIF, students develop an understanding of the investment world that is deeper than classroom study can provide, Raucci said. They are challenged to think critically and to apply their knowledge to complex situations — skills that are at the core of PC's Development of Western Civilization Program.

Millennial learners expect to be able to link theory with experience to deepen their understanding and abilities, Mattison said. Her desire to give has only increased during her years teaching at the College. Over time, she has seen first-hand "the impact that human capital can have on the growth and development of our students," she said.

Raucci has served PC in other ways as well. He was a member of the Board of Trustees' Investment Committee, which oversees PC's endowment; the National Board of Overseers; and the Providence President's Council. Last fall, he participated in an Investment Forecast Forum sponsored by the student-run Investment Club.

"When you contemplate the tangible consequences of the 'hands-on' education and the lasting impact a Providence College education leaves on our students, why wouldn't you want to be a part of it?" Mattison asked.

"It is our hope that our financial gifts to PC will have a lasting influence on current and future students and the world in which we live," said Mattison. "We hope to be a small part of the success of Providence College." ■



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Charles T. Alagero,  
Esq. '78 & '17P

## New NAA Council president: PC 'connection' is unique

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

**T**he feeling started when he was a Providence College freshman, and it hasn't stopped. Now, as the new president of the National Alumni Association (NAA) Council, Charles T. Alagero, Esq. '78 & '17P wants every other alumnus to feel the same thing.

Alagero remembered meeting classmate Robert Gorman '78 & '15P as the two were waiting in line to register for courses in 1974. They hit it off immediately and have remained friends since, along with a core group of other class members and schoolmates.

That feeling of connection and belonging is distinct to the College and is something Alagero encourages alumni to experience — especially those who have not been to campus in recent years.

"I want us to reconnect across all generations," said Alagero, who is serving a one-year term as president. "It's a beautiful campus, a beautiful college. It's easy to get disconnected, but I want people to see what a dynamic place this is."

Beyond its beauty and warmth, PC is special because it has a unique "family" atmosphere, holds true to its Catholic and Dominican identity, and instills a feeling of service and responsibility in fellow Friars and the community at large, Alagero said.

"I refer to PC as God's college ... the gift of Providence," said Alagero, who is vice president and general counsel of the Massachusetts Medical Society, where he has worked since 1988.

A political science major who was a member of Student Congress as an undergraduate, Alagero served the NAA Council as vice president last year after holding one-year terms as secretary and treasurer.

The lifelong Massachusetts resident became interested in PC through his older brother, Stephen A. Alagero '75. His two other siblings, Paul J. Alagero '81 and the late Trudi Alagero '86, followed him to PC, and now the connection continues with Charles' daughter, Julia F. Alagero '17. ■

### 2015-16 National Alumni Association Council

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In front row, College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 joins this year's alumni awards recipients, from left, Barbara Quinn Witbeck '75, Daniel P. Gleason '05, Karen Monti Flynn '80, J. Peter Benzie '70, Meg McCarthy '75, and Paul C. Sweeney '85. With them are past alumni award honorees.

## Reunion Weekend 2015: celebrating champions

The National Alumni Association honored eight alumni for their volunteer commitment, personal achievements, and community contributions during Reunion Weekend 2015, May 1. The more than 1,200 alumni, family, and friends in attendance celebrated not only accomplishments and Friar bonds, but enjoyed having their photo taken with men's hockey Head Coach Nate Leaman and the NCAA Championship trophy.

The alumni who were honored included two members of the first four-year class of women: **Barbara Quinn Witbeck '75**, who received the Faithful Friar Award, and **Meg McCarthy '75**, who received the Personal Achievement Award.

Also honored were **J. Peter Benzie '70**, Personal Achievement Award; **Karen Monti Flynn '80**, Service to the Alumni Association Award; **Paul C. Sweeney '85**, Exemplary Citizenship Award; and **Daniel P. Gleason '05**, Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Award.

At the Golden Friar Dinner, Faithful Friar Awards were presented to **Peter R. Bortolan '60**, a co-founder of the Hartford, Conn., area alumni club and a long-time volunteer, and **Joseph M. Calabria, Jr. '65**, a supporter of Friar athletics and a former co-chair for fundraising in Colorado.

**Mike Leonard '70 & '00Hon.**, retired correspondent for NBC's *Today* show, hosted a discussion with Leaman and **College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** based on the episode of his television series, *inCommon with Mike Leonard*, that featured people he met as a student in Providence.

**Most Rev. Christopher M. Cardone, O.P. '80 & '01Hon.**, bishop of Auki, Malaita Island, Solomon Islands, who was attending his first PC reunion, offered classmates a look at life in his diocese. He was accompanied by **Alexandra Rawson '15**, who spent a month serving with him through the Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Fellowship for Study and Service Abroad program. Rawson's mother, **Cindy Boroweic Rawson '80**, is a classmate of Bishop Cardone. ■



Men's hockey Head Coach Nate Leaman, right, shares the NCAA Championship trophy with Faithful Friar Award recipients Joseph M. Calabria, Jr. '65, left, and Peter R. Bortolan '60 at the Golden Friar Dinner.

### SAVE THE DATE — SPECIAL EVENTS

#### OCT. 30-NOV. 1, 2015

New Student Family Weekend, Providence College

#### NOV. 5, 2015

Providence in New York City, Waldorf Astoria, New York City

#### FEB. 12-14, 2016

Alumni & Family Weekend, Providence College

#### APRIL 16, 2016

Admission Family Day, Providence College

#### APRIL 30, 2016

A Night in Black & White, Westin Copley Place, Boston, Mass.

#### MAY 12, 2016

Stanwich Vision Cup Golf Outing, The Stanwich Club, Greenwich, Conn.

#### MAY 13, 2016

Legacy Dinner, Providence College

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#### MAY 13-15, 2016

Commencement Weekend, Providence College

#### JUNE 3-5, 2016

Reunion Weekend 2016 (class years ending in '1 and '6), Providence College

#### JUNE 7, 2016

Cox Sports Friar Golf Classic, Warwick Country Club, Warwick, R.I.



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## GREATER BOSTON

**President: Mark McGwin '81**

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Highlights of our eventful summer included an outing to see the Red Sox play at Fenway Park; a Boston Harbor cruise featuring **James Keefe '06** and his band, The Heavyweights; and Pops by the Sea, a joint venture with the South Coast Club to hear the Boston Pops play on Cape Cod. We also held a Friar Days welcome reception on Sept. 17.

We look forward to our Fall Business Breakfast, service at the Greater Boston Food Bank, and the annual Christmas party.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**President: John Hannen, Jr. '78**

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The Class of 2019 was welcomed during a summer reception hosted by **John Hannen, Jr. '78** and his wife, **Donna Formichella, M.D. '78**, at their home in Villa Park. More than 50 students and their families, along with alumni and their families, attended.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**President: Tara Voeltz '06**

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**Steve Duryea '82 & '19P** and his wife, **Benedicte Duryea '19P**, hosted a summer reception at the Moraga Country Club to welcome students in the Class of 2019 and to introduce them to alumni and their families. More than 30 people attended.



## CAPITAL AREA (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

**President: Nicole Picard '08**

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The Capital Area Alumni Club volunteered with the Central Union Mission, a D.C. area nonprofit that assists homeless men, veterans, and underprivileged people at all ages. Above, Friars who took part are **Sarah Caputo '12**, rear left; **James Gallagher '09**, center; **Meghan Welsh '06**, second from right; and **Nicole Picard '08**, right.

Our softball team, which plays alumni from other colleges, had a solid season and advanced to the second round of play in this year's tournament. In September, we welcomed new alumni at our annual wine-tasting event for Friar Days. Our annual Mass and brunch was scheduled to take place on Nov. 1.

Save the date for our Wreaths Across America service event at Arlington National Cemetery and our Christmas party, both on Dec. 12.

## CHARLOTTE, N.C.

**President: Peter Bergen '60**

bergen@carolina.rr.com

We will host our third annual Mass and reception on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 3016 Providence Road, Charlotte. The afternoon program for alumni and their families will offer an opportunity to connect with alumni and other members of the PC community, so mark your calendars.

The club will host a men's basketball game watch in the South Park area in early December. Details will be forthcoming via email. Alumni also may contact **Peter Bergen '60** or **John Kennally '80** at johnkennally@gmail.com for more information.

## FAIRFIELD/WESTCHESTER COUNTIES

**President: John Denson '89**

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We welcomed Class of 2019 families at our Forever a Friar reception at the Stamford Yacht Club in July. More than 60 people attended, and the new Friars enjoyed a surprise boat ride with their classmates. The event was hosted by **John Denson '89** and his wife, **Erinn Denson '89**, parents of **Elizabeth Denson '19**.

The club celebrated Friar Days with a welcome celebration on Sept. 17 at Harlan Social in Stamford.

If you are interested in getting involved in the club, contact John Denson '89 at jdenson@optonline.net.

## NEW HAVEN

**President: Benjamin Cangiano '78**

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Our summer reception for students in the Class of 2019 took place in August at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Thirty-five people attended, including 11 members of the Class of 2019 and several representatives from the College. **Aleksander Zbikowski '19** (East Haven, Conn.) was introduced as the recipient of the club's annual four-year scholarship.

We encourage alumni to attend our Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Brazzi's Italian Restaurant in New Haven.



## NEW JERSEY

**President: Jen Palombo '88**

trijen@verizon.net

On Sunday, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m., our own **Rev. Matthew R. Dooley '88** will celebrate Mass for us, followed by a brunch, at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. Father Dooley is director of the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Newark. All alumni and friends are invited to attend.

Our Friar Days welcome celebration, pictured above, was held Sept. 17 at Sona Thirteen in Morristown. As the newest of chapters, we hope you'll spread the word about us to all New Jersey alumni and like us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/PCFriarsNJ](http://www.facebook.com/PCFriarsNJ).

## GREATER PROVIDENCE (MAL BROWN)

**President: Bernard Manchester '04**

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In July, the club welcomed 20 members of the Class of 2019 into the Friar family at the Rhode Island Summer Reception at The Dunes Club in Narragansett. More than 200 guests heard men's ice hockey Head Coach Nate Leaman discuss the NCAA Championship and inspire the students to take pride in all their experiences.

We are happy to welcome to our board **Angela Carr '01**, **Mark Gasbarro '97**, and **Anthony Scorpio '77**.



## NEW YORK

**President: George Catrambone '05**

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We hosted an “Across the Ages” networking panel for current students and alumni during the summer that featured four alumni who shared their experiences about beginning, changing, and advancing careers. The moderator was **Dr. Christine E. Earley**, professor of accountancy at PC and academic fellow in the Global Services Centre of KPMG.

Panelists were **Sean Duggan '93**, vice president, political advertising, Pandora Internet Radio; **Maryellen Fazzino '03**, vice president, alternative investment partners, Morgan Stanley; **Michael Maron '81, '08P, '11P, '13P, & '16P**, president and CEO, Holy Name Medical Center; and **Katie McCann '12**, health and technology teacher, Dominican Academy. Thanks to **Martin Kehoe '16P** and PricewaterhouseCoopers for providing us with space for the night.

One hundred alumni joined us for an evening of tennis at the U.S. Open in September. We welcomed new alumni from the Class of 2015 to the New York area with southern hospitality and Friar giveaways during our Friar Days celebration on Sept. 17 at Brother Jimmy's BBQ.

We look forward to a service opportunity with Let's Get Ready, an organization that works with first-generation college students; game watches; and our Christmas party in December at Stout NYC.

## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**President: Mike McCarthy '64**

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The national champion men's ice hockey team is coming to Florida on Monday, Dec. 28, to play Cornell University at Germain Arena in Estero. Join us to cheer on the Friars — game time is 4:05 p.m. — and then stay for a post-game reception at the arena.

We will make our sixth annual appearance at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Naples on Saturday, March 12. Plans also are in the works for our annual Mass and Communion Brunch in late February.

## SOUTH COAST (MASSACHUSETTS)

**President: Deb Perry Ozug '79**

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We hosted our annual Summer Reception and Freshman Welcome at The Cove Restaurant and Marina in Fall River



## Friar Explorations heading to Europe, music cities

If you're thinking about taking a special trip in 2016, consider one of four destinations being presented through the Friar Explorations alumni travel program, where excursions feature a distinct camaraderie and “beyond the classroom” experiences.

Trips are being offered to England, Scotland, and Ireland from May 19-30; to America's music cities (Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans) from Oct. 14-21; to Portugal (four nights each in Porto and Lisbon) from Oct. 21-30; and to southern France from Nov. 5-12. The latter journey, called “A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Dominic,” is co-hosted by the Office of Mission and Ministry.

*For more information, contact Sarab Firetto '03, associate director for alumni relations, at 401.865.1909 or at [sfiredto@providence.edu](mailto:sfiredto@providence.edu).*

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**Above:** Twenty-one alumni, family, and friends traveled to the Amalfi Coast of Italy in June through Friar Explorations. Here, the group visits the Amalfi Cathedral.

with many alumni, freshmen and their families, and members of the PC staff.

The Father John F. Hogan '39 Scholarship was presented by attorney **William J. Synnott '69 & '07P** to **Cheyenne Cosme '19** (New Bedford, Mass.). Also at the event, attorney **James A. Donnelly, Jr. '67**, **Dr. Paul A. Donnelly '71**, and Kathleen Donnelly Betts presented a gift to **Kelsey Doyle '19** (Plymouth, Mass.) in memory of their parents. ■

# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

### '61 (55th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Dr. Albert E. Aubin '61** of Los Angeles, Calif., senior associate director *emeritus* of the Career Center at UCLA, was honored with a UCLA Award for University Service for career contributions spanning 48 years. He has served the Career Center since 1981,

having quickly become a creative force in its programming, developing innovative career counseling approaches for students, and mentoring younger professionals. Aubin has helped develop many organizations and services that support under-represented students, staff, and faculty. He has played key roles in UCLA's Professional Awards Task Force, the

Dependent Care Task Force, the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Disabilities, the LGBT Campus Resource Center, the University Credit Union, and the Black Staff and Faculty Association. He was recognized with the Chancellor's Excellence in Service Award in 2004, the 2014 Bruin Caucus as its advocate of the year, an official proclamation from the City of Los Angeles presented by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and most recently, an official proclamation from the City of West Hollywood.

### 'LOST CLASS OF 1944' MEMBER HONORED FOR DEDICATION TO VETERANS



In March, **George Fisher '11** Hon. of Palm Beach, Fla., received a Florida Veterans Service Award from Gov. Rick Scott in honor of his service to veterans.

Fisher, seen here with College President **Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** at a reception in 2014, was a member of PC's "Lost Class of 1944." This group of approximately 380 student-

soldiers was placed in the Army Specialized Training Program and fought in World War II. He was injured in the Battle of the Bulge and honorably discharged. Fisher was awarded a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a Combat Infantry Badge.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the battle this year, the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge unveiled a monument at the Boynton Beach Veterans Park to memorialize the 19,000 who made the supreme sacrifice. Fisher co-founded the chapter in 1998 and continues to serve as its president. He also speaks at local schools about his experience in World War II. **Read more:** [magazine.providence.edu](http://magazine.providence.edu)

### '64

**William H. Clendenen, Jr., Esq. '64** of Madison, Conn., was named the 92nd president of the Connecticut Bar Association for the 2015-2016 bar year. Founder and principal of Clendenen & Shea LLC in New Haven, he has served law clients for more than 40 years, trying both state and federal court cases. He serves as special master for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and as an attorney trial referee in the Connecticut Superior Court.

### '65

**Arthur J. Ridolfi '65** of Trumbull, Conn., was appointed senior vice president of trust sales with Revzon Consulting Group, LLC of Marshfield, Mass., a consulting firm that provides trust and retirement services to financial service firms nationwide. He is responsible for trust sales and for overseeing the company's EZ-Trust product. He previously was an executive sales manager with Thomson Reuters for 14 years.



Judith Potter/Potter Photography

## ARTS ENTHUSIAST EARNS PELL AWARD

Music promoter **John Chan '74**, a pillar of the Rhode Island arts community and the owner of Chan's Fine Oriental Dining in Woonsocket, R.I., received the Rhode Island Pell Award for Excellence in the Arts. Named for the late champion of the arts, U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., the Pell Awards recognize artistic excellence and are sponsored by Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. Chan, an Impressionistic watercolor painter and a photographer himself, has hosted some of the finest international and local jazz, blues, and rhythm and blues performers at his restaurant for nearly 40 years. The lineup includes Duke Robillard, Leon Redbone, Greg Abate, James Montgomery, and the late Dave McKenna and Dizzy Gillespie. Chan, who has served on the College's Providence President's Council, credits retired PC photography professor Richard Elkington for influencing his passion in the arts.

'69

**Raymond D. Boisvert '69** of Latham, N.Y., a professor of philosophy at Siena College, wrote *I Eat, Therefore I Think: Food and Philosophy* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press and Rowman & Littlefield, 2014). The book outlines a new philosophy about the topic of food and offers readers an opportunity to rethink fundamental questions through the practice of eating.

## 1970s

'70

**Terry Creegan '70** of Eagan, Minn., retired after a 41-year career as a chief executive officer and as a financial adviser. In his final position, he served from 2003 to 2015 as a

broker at Edward Jones, a financial services firm in Woodbury, Minn. A native of Warwick, R.I., he has lived in Minnesota since 1973.

'71 (45th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Vasilios J. "Bill" Kalogredis, Esq. '71** of West Chester, Pa., spoke to two groups on health-care-related topics. He presented "Lunch with a Legend," an address on how advising physicians and dentists has evolved over the years, at the National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants' Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nev., on June 19, 2015. He also gave a talk, "Which Way to Go? Independent Practice, Merger, Sale to a Hospital, Joint Venture, Professional Arrangements or Other Models," at the DelCo Chapter of the Professional Association of Health Care Office Managers Meeting

in Newtown Square, Pa., on April 14, 2015. He is a lawyer with Kalogredis, Sansweet, Dearden and Burke, Ltd., a health-care law firm in Wayne, Pa.

'74

**Karen Rust Hurley '74** of Rocky Hill, Conn., wrote an article, "Multi-age Format: An Enrollment Blessing or Hindrance?," which appeared in the February/March 2015 issue of *Momentum* magazine, produced by the National Catholic Education Association. She also recently earned her Catholic School Leadership Certification through Creighton University and welcomed her first grandchild, Thomas Joseph Mastergeorge, born on April 16, 2015. She is the upper-primary learning-level teacher for grades 3 and 4 at Saint Mary School in Newington, Conn.



'75

**Patrick McGann '75** of Point Pleasant, N.J., completed his 40th year of teaching, including the last 24 at his high school *alma mater*, Christian Brothers Academy, in Lincroft. He teaches U.S. history and serves as the school's alumni director.

'76 (40th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Joanne Speroni-Woody '76 & '80G** of Cumberland, R.I., was appointed vice president/wealth management officer of The Washington Trust Co., based in Westerly. Founded in 1800, The Washington Trust is the oldest community bank in the nation and offers comprehensive personal banking, commercial banking, and wealth management services. She previously served as trusts and estates manager at Brown University. She is a member of the College's Providence President's Council.

'77

**Dr. Marcellino G. D'Ambrosio, III '77** of Flower Mound, Texas, had a third book published: *When the Church Was Young: Voice of the Early Fathers* (Servant Books; 2014). The book looks at the "brilliant, embattled, and sometimes eccentric men ... who preserved for us the rich legacy of the early Church." Known on Catholic radio and TV as "Dr. Italy," he is the director of The Crossroads Initiative, a Catholic non-profit organization in Dallas.

**Debra Petke '77** of East Haddam, Conn., was appointed executive director of the Danforth Art Museum/School in Framingham, Mass. Founded in 1975, Danforth is a museum of American art. It offers exhibitions from the 19th century to today and a variety of educational programs and events for children and adults. Petke previously served as the president and chief executive officer of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts in Old Lyme, Conn., for five years.

## 1980s

'80

**Bradford C. Brown, Esq. '80** of Bethesda, Md., wrote an article that was published in the *Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law*. The article, "Justice Means Supporting the 'Human Rights Economy,'" discusses the development of the rule of law around the world and makes the case that the recognition of human rights is central to any judicial system if people are to embrace the rule of law. Brown is the portfolio director and senior advisor for the Center for Judicial Informatics, Science and Technology at The MITRE Corporation in McLean, Va.

**Maria Pascuzzi, S.S.L., S.T.D. '80G** of Brooklyn, N.Y., published a book on the apostle Paul, entitled *Paul: Windows on His Thought and His World* (Anselm Academic; 2014). The book examines key aspects of Paul's thought in his authentic letters and the social, ideological, and historical factors that shaped it. Dr. Pascuzzi, a Sister of Saint Joseph, was a tenured associate professor of theology at the University of San Diego until 2013 when she became dean of The School of Theology and Ministry at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. She is back in Brooklyn as a visiting scholar at Saint Joseph's College, New York City, where she is working on commentaries on the Corinthian correspondence.

**Steve Riley '80** of Fairhaven, Mass., is an outside sales representative for Electrical Wholesalers, Inc., a full-service electrical distributor. During his 30-year career in the electrical distribution and renewable energy fields in Massachusetts, he also has worked in marketing, inventory management, and sales management, and has been employed by Massachusetts Gas and Electric, Granite City Electric, and Munro.

'81 (35th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Michael A. Maron '81** of Oradell, N.J., received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The award is given annually to an individual who has made a significant impact on healthcare in New Jersey. He was recognized for his influence on Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck and the residents it serves, as well as the hospital's expansion into northern Haiti, where Holy Name has become the sponsor of Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot. He has served as president and chief executive officer at Holy Name since 1997 and has held executive-level positions there since 1987.

'82

**Kenneth J. Albano, Esq. '82** of Longmeadow, Mass., a senior partner with Bacon Wilson, P.C., received the Massachusetts Bar Association's Community Service Award. He was honored for his exceptional volunteer work and commitment to many local charities, most notably as a member of the board of directors of the New England Chapter of the March of Dimes and as chair of the board of the Western Massachusetts Division of the March of Dimes since 2013. He also has served the American Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish, and the ALS Association.

**William R. Logan '82** of Scituate, Mass., was named the senior vice president and senior banker at Citizens Private Bank, a division of Citizens Bank based in Providence, R.I. He works with high-net-worth individuals and families managing complex trust and investment relationships, and also leads new client acquisition and retention efforts. He previously worked at Fidelity Investments and BNY Mellon Wealth Management.

'83

**Christopher P. Lydon '83** of Cumberland, R.I., was named the vice president for



enrollment management and marketing at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He had served in the same capacity at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., since 2011. He previously was associate vice president for enrollment planning and dean of admission at PC.

**Michael S. Wyzga '83G** of Boston, Mass., was appointed to two boards of directors. He was named to the board of Exact Sciences Corp., a Wisconsin-based healthcare company dedicated to eradicating colorectal cancer. He serves as a member of the board's audit committee. He also was appointed to the board at GenSight, Biologics, S.A., a clinical-stage biotechnology company that develops therapies for mitochondrial and neurodegenerative diseases of the eye. The former president and chief executive officer of Radius Health, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, Wyzga is a member of the PC School of Business Advisory Council.

'84

**James F. Coffey, Esq. '84** of Hopkinton, Mass., was named a partner in the Boston office of White and Williams LLP. He is a member of the firm's Corporate and Securities Practice Group where he represents both public and private companies, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, partnerships and strategic alliances, and venture capital and angel financings. Coffey is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and in the *IAM Patent 1000*. He also has been recognized in a survey of his peers as a Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" by *Law and Politics* magazine. He is a member of the College's Boston President's Council.

'86 (30th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Edward M. "Ted" McNamara '86** of Concord, Mass., president of venture building firm Launch, co-founded a new luxury Italian shoe brand, M.Gemi. He is a director and the company's chief financial officer and

treasurer. M.Gemi shoes are handcrafted in Italy and sold direct to clients online and through an app. The company is headquartered in Boston and Firenze, Italy.

'87

**Diana M. Ducharme, Esq. '87** of Cranston, R.I., served as chair of the American Heart Association's 2015 Southern New England Go Red For Women Luncheon, which raises awareness and funds for the fight against heart disease and stroke. More than 600 women dressed in red at the celebration. The luncheon and complementary efforts raised more than \$240,000 for the Life Is Why campaign. A partner with Hinckley Allen in Providence, Ducharme served on

the luncheon's executive leadership committee in 2014.

**James L. Gagliano '87** of Essex Fells, N.J., was elected vice chair of the American Horse Council (AHC), an organization that represents the horse industry before Congress and federal regulatory agencies in Washington, D.C. A trustee of the AHC, he is the president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club of New York City. The club is dedicated to the improvement of thoroughbred breeding and racing.

**Brian Jackvony '87SCE** of Cumberland, R.I., was appointed fire chief in Marion, Mass. The department has two full-time

## MARY S. MCELROY '87 NOMINATED FOR FEDERAL BENCH



**Mary S. McElroy '87**, Rhode Island's public defender, at podium above, was nominated in September by President Barack Obama for a federal judgeship.

U.S. Sen. Jack Reed and U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, both Rhode Island Democrats, recommended that the president nominate her to the U.S. District Court. Nominees for a federal judgeship then must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

McElroy, an alumnus of the Liberal Arts Honors Program who graduated from Suffolk University Law School with *cum laude* honors, was the first woman to be named public defender in Rhode Island. She also served as an assistant federal public defender from 2006 to 2012.

firefighters, 42 call firefighters, and 24 members in the EMS Division. A retired Providence Fire Department captain, he has 32 years of professional firefighting experience and previously served as assistant chief of the Cumberland Fire Department.

**J. Douglas Moran '87** of Laguna Beach, Calif., a senior financial advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, was selected by *Barron's* magazine to its annual "Top 1,200 Advisors: State-by-State" list. It recognizes commitment to providing clients a personalized and holistic financial approach. A Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, he has offices in Wayne, Pa., and Newport Beach, Calif. His work focuses on multi-generational wealth management, estate planning services, and trusts.

'88

**Lisa O'Brien Bates '88** of Sandwich, Mass., wrote her first book, *Barbies in the Horse Bin: Living Better with Organized Children* (LB Living Better; 2015). Geared to parents, the book examines organization at its fundamental level and breaks down the concept of organization into 15 teachable skills when interacting with children from toddlers to teens. She is the founder and owner of LB Living Better, an organizational and educational services business.

'89

**Christine M. McCarthy '89** of Meriden, Conn., the executive director of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum in Provincetown, Mass., was interviewed by Mo Rocca on *CBS Sunday Morning* in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the museum. She discussed the history and significance of the arts in Provincetown, and in particular, artwork that focuses on Cape Cod winters. She has served as executive director for 14 years.

## 1990s

'90

**David J. Mooney '90** of Charlotte, N.C., was promoted to North America Health & Benefits sales leader at Mercer, a global consulting firm specializing in talent, health, retirement, and investments. He has overall responsibility for the go-to-market efforts of Mercer's Health & Benefits business, including Mercer Marketplace, in the U.S. and Canada. He has spent the past 15 years at Mercer.

'91 (25th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Kevin P. Sullivan '91** of Canton, Conn., received the Business Leader Award from the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce at its 2015 Celebration of Success program. He is the president of Sullivan Honda and of Northwest Hills Chrysler Jeep, Dodge, and Ram. In addition to being a board member of the Northwest Chamber, he has served with the United Way, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Torrington-Winsted Rotary Club, and the Canton Lions Club.

'92

**Michael J. Curran, R.N. '92** of Georgetown, Ky., has been employed as a registered nurse at the University of Kentucky Hospital since 2012. He attained an associate's degree in nursing in 2012 and is currently working towards a bachelor's degree. He is a member of the KY-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

**Kevin J. Kraus '92** of San Rafael, Calif., was named the vice president of product management at Advisor Software, Inc., based in Walnut Creek. The firm is a provider of wealth management cloud platforms for financial advisors and institutions. He is responsible for overseeing and expanding Advisor's suite of wealth management

applications. Prior to this position, he had more than 20 years of financial services experience at Charles Schwab.

'93

**Russell N. Newell '93** of Valencia, Calif., wrote his first novel, *The Boy and the Bastard* (Dog Ear Publishing; 2015). Set in Newell's hometown of Billerica, Mass., and on Cape Cod, the novel is about a father who tries to find his kidnapped son. His search "transforms into an exploration of his true self as he discovers the extent to which he has become a lost soul in need of salvation," he says. The director of executive and corporate communications for Disney/ABC Television, Newell specializes in crafting speeches and messaging, and is a former speechwriter for then-Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, two secretaries of the Interior, and others. He is currently working on his second novel, based on his 14 months living in Baghdad, Iraq.

'94

**Jeffrey P. Devron '94** of Winnetka, Ill., was named area president-Chicagoland of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., an international insurance brokerage and risk management services firm based in Itasca, Ill. He previously worked as the managing director and partnership growth leader at Marsh & McLennan's Chicago office.

'95

**Suzanne M. Cataldo Curra '95** of Danbury, Conn., was appointed principal of St. Gregory the Great School in Danbury, in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The Catholic school educates approximately 250 children in pre-kindergarten through grade 8. She previously served as assistant principal and pre-K director at St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown.

**Jim Mello '95** of Steubenville, Ohio, was appointed executive director of institutional effectiveness at Franciscan University in



# TAKE IT FROM FLORIDA'S TOP FINANCIAL ADVISOR



**PATRICK J. DWYER '91** of Key Biscayne, Fla., is the managing director/wealth management at Dwyer & Associates of Miami, in the Private Banking and Investment Group of Merrill Lynch. He oversees \$2.6 billion in assets, and his firm is the #4 producing advisory practice of Merrill Lynch worldwide. Dwyer was ranked the #1 financial advisor in Florida in 2015 for the third time by *Barron's* and was named to *Barron's* 2015 "America's Top 100 Financial Advisors" list for the ninth consecutive year. Here he offers some straightforward investment advice.

## Be Realistic

5 percent is the new 10 percent when it comes to investment returns.

## Be Boring

Own stocks with a strong balance sheet and a "wide economic moat."  
Remember your BlackBerry?

## Be Optimistic

There are not a lot of rich pessimists. Markets go up over time;  
stay in them.

## Be Grateful

During my time at PC, my dad lost his job and a lot of his savings in the Bank of New England bankruptcy. During Mass, I watched him give his usual weekly check for \$200 to the collection. Worried about money, I asked him why he was still giving. He looked at me and said, "Patrick, this is our club, and these are the dues." I got the message.

Steubenville. He previously served as academic affairs business manager. He is charged with developing a coordinated system that serves the academic and administrative needs of the university community, including helping to identify intended outcomes, measuring results, and using those results to implement improvements that support the institutional mission. In addition, his poem, "Eyes," was published in *Teaching as a Human Experience: An Anthology of Contemporary Poems* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015). The anthology's poetry reflects the real-life worlds of professors, instructors, lecturers, teachers, and others who work in education.

## '96 (20th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Peter G. Chapman '96** of Marathon, Fla., was elected chairman of the Fishermen's Community Hospital Board of Trustees. A principal with Chapman & Cardwell Capital Management, a financial services firm in Marathon, he served as the board's treasurer for the last four years.

## '97

**Corin M. Felber LoGuidice '97** and her husband, Joseph LoGuidice, of Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kiersten Grace, on Nov. 4, 2014.

## 2000s

## '00

**Curtis J. LeGeyt, J.D. '00** of Alexandria, Va., was promoted to executive vice president, government relations, with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), based in Washington, D.C. LeGeyt, who previously served as senior vice president, public policy, will oversee the trade association's advocacy efforts before Congress and the Obama Administration. Prior to joining the NAB in 2011, he was senior counsel to Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

### '01 (15th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Laura E. Grassi '01** of Mahwah, N.J., joined Pentegra Retirement Services as regional director for qualified plan sales. She leads the company's business development efforts in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey. She has 14 years' experience as a retirement services professional, having most recently served as regional director of sales for Empower Retirement.

**Sarah M. Hegarty Tolson '01** married Shaun M. Tolson on April 11, 2015, in Haverhill, Mass. They are living in Mansfield, Mass.

### '02

**Jason M. DaPonte, C.P.A. '02** of Hope Valley, R.I., was promoted to senior manager at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., L.L.P. of Providence. He is the team leader of the firm's construction and related services specialty group. He also was elected to the board of directors of the National Utility Contractors Association of Rhode Island, which represents providers in the water, sewer, gas, electric, telecommunications, treatment plant, and excavation industries.

### '03

**Joseph J. Pollaci '03** of Oyster Bay, N.Y., was promoted from vice president to president of Nucor Construction Corp., a New York-based general contracting and construction management firm. Prior to joining Nucor in 2011, he spent eight years in commercial real estate, negotiating office leases. He is an alumnus of Chaminade High School and serves as the executive director of the Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, which is dedicated to aiding efforts toward peace in Africa.

### '04

**Michael D. Hartigan '04** of Saugus, Mass., received the 2015 Outstanding Writer Award

from Merrimack Media for his first novel, *Stone Angels* (Merrimack Media; 2015). The book tells the story of a fictitious Providence College senior who struggles with a guilty conscience and must decide how to move on with his life. Hartigan began writing this novel as a PC student and uses several campus landmarks, whose names he has changed. He is the communications director for U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Mass.

**Timothy R. Mailloux '04 SCE** of Attleboro, Mass., was named commercial lines account executive at Gardiner, Whiteley and Boardman Insurance in Pawtucket, R.I. He is responsible for existing customer policy reviews, new accounts, and attracting new business to the agency.

**Stephanie L. Pietros '04** of Irvington, N.Y., and her husband, Timur Pakay, celebrated the birth of a son, Oliver Zeki, on April 30, 2015.

**Scott B. Seseske '04** of Attleboro, Mass., was named associate dean of admission/operations at Stonehill College in Easton. He previously served as associate dean of admission/social media at Providence College.

**Kerry A. Weber '04** of Hoboken, N.J., won a Christopher Award for her memoir, *Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job* (Loyola Press; 2014). The book documents her commitment to living out the corporal works of mercy. The Christopher Awards are presented by The Christophers, a non-profit organization rooted in the Judaeo-Christian tradition of service to God and humanity. Weber, who is the managing editor of *America*, the national Catholic weekly magazine, also received the Sandra M. Estanek, Ph.D., Young Alumni Award during the 2015 Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual

Conference, which PC hosted. The award is presented to a person who exemplifies the qualities of leadership and service that the conference's host institution seeks to instill in its graduates.

### '05

**Michael Raia '05** of Providence, R.I., was named director of communications for the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, serving as a senior staff member for Secretary of Health and Human Services Elizabeth Roberts. He previously served as director of media relations for WGBH in Boston, Mass.

### '06 (10th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

**Dan Colleran '06 & '08 G** of South Bend, Ind., was named the associate athletics communications director at the University of Notre Dame. He served for the past three years as the senior assistant director of athletic media relations at Providence College, working closely with the men's ice hockey and soccer programs.

**James Keefe '06** and **Hadley Keefe '09** of Holliston, Mass., celebrated the birth of a daughter, Claire Alice Keefe, on March 11, 2015. She joins her sister, Millie, age 3, in the Keefe family. James is the chief operating officer of Balanced Rock Investment Advisors, a fee-only and fiduciary-only financial planning and wealth management firm. Hadley is the head of admissions and assistant to the head of school at Saint Benedict Elementary School.

**Sarah Mayorga-Gallo '06** of Cincinnati, Ohio, wrote a book, *Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in a Multiethnic Neighborhood* (The University of North Carolina Press; 2014), which received the Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Latino/a Sociology Section. The



publisher describes the book as making “a compelling case for how power and privilege are reproduced in daily interactions and calls on readers to question commonsense understandings of space and inequality in order to better understand how race functions in multiethnic America.” Mayorga-Gallo is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Cincinnati.

**Eliza A. Parker, J.D. '06** of Providence, R.I., joined Buyers Brokers Only, LLC, based in Haverhill, Mass., as an associate broker. A licensed real estate broker in Massachusetts, she is an exclusive buyer agent and works with home buyers in and around Bristol County.

**Matthew M. Weber '06** of West Medford, Mass., was named the director of digital communications strategy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In addition, he is host and co-creator of a new primetime series on CatholicTV, *The Lens*, which examines culture and trends from a faith-based perspective,

airing Mondays at 9 p.m. EST. Weber credits catching the TV bug during his days leading PCTV.

**'07**

**Shane Quinn '07** and **Nicole (Gallego) Quinn '07** were married on May 2, 2015, at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. The celebrant was Rev. Mark D. Nowel, O.P., PC dean of undergraduate and graduate studies. They reside in Milford. Shane is an assistant director at the Yale School of Drama, and Nicole is a senior marketing manager for Higher One, a student financial services company. Shane is a class agent for the Class of 2007.

**Kevin G. Smith, Esq. '07** of Glastonbury, Conn., was named an associate at Faulkner & Graves, P.C., a law firm in New London, Conn. He specializes in personal injury law. He previously was associated with Milano and Wanat LLC of Branford. The senior principal at Faulkner & Graves is **Dale P. Faulkner '60**.

**'08**

**Nancy Andrade '08** of Seekonk, Mass., accepted a position as a health scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. She works in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Legislation of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and serves as a special assistant to the center's director. Prior to this position, she was a prevention specialist with the CDC's Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship Program for three years.

**Paul E. Coyne '08** of Hoboken, N.J., gave the Student Speaker Address at the Columbia University School of Nursing commencement. He graduated from the school with a combined bachelor/master's degree in nursing, specializing in adult-gerontology primary care. He is a nurse practitioner at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center.

**Aaron A. Rozovsky '08** of Cincinnati, Ohio, a captain with the Rhode Island Army National Guard, graduated from the U.S. Army Chaplain School's Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Jackson, S.C. He has returned to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati to complete the final three years of his rabbinical studies. Upon ordination, he plans on becoming an Army chaplain.

**Michael E. Ryan '08** of Peabody, Mass., married Vee Paravichai on June 20, 2014, at St. John's Church in Peabody.

**'09**

**Aimee E. Audette, Esq. '09** of Barrington, R.I., has begun practice as an attorney with Audette, Cordeiro & Violette, PC in East Providence. She specializes in Rhode Island and Massachusetts workers' compensation insurance, the Longshore and Harbor

## QUINN '05 NAMED CONDUCTOR OF JUNEAU SYMPHONY



**Troy Quinn '05**, a music major who took his first formal lessons at PC, has signed a three-year contract to serve as music director and conductor of the Juneau Symphony. The symphony, a regional orchestra made up of more than 60 musicians, performs symphonic and chamber music as well as programs for youth.

Quinn, who is based in Los Angeles, is also a finalist for a music director position with the Johnstown Symphony

Orchestra in Pennsylvania. He plans to continue to work in the television and recording industry. He has appeared on Fox's *GLEE*, NBC's *The Voice*, and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

Workers' Compensation Act, and personal injury and Social Security disability law.

**Michael DeJianne '09** of New Providence, N.J., married Corinne Alcorn on May 25, 2013, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in South Orange.

**Amanda J. Heinsen '09** of Providence, R.I., was promoted to director of major gifts by United Way of Rhode Island. She joined United Way in 2009 as a development officer and most recently served as major gifts officer and Young Leaders Circle manager.

**Kevin P. Shea '09** of Arlington, Mass., married Michelle Caswell Shea on Sept. 20, 2014, at St. Cecilia Church in Boston.

**'10**  
**Lauren R. Birnie '10** of Rome, N.Y., was named regional manager of Birnie Bus Service, a three-generation family bus transportation business. She focuses on the Rome, Utica, Herkimer, and Lowville terminals. She joins Birnie after working for five years in the financial services industry in Boston, Mass., and New York City, most recently with the Corporate and Investment Bank of J.P. Morgan.

**Gregory W. Randolph, Jr. '10** of Brooklyn, N.Y., was a video editor and camera operator on a team that won two New York Emmy Awards, for Best Lifestyle Program and for Best Magazine Program. He works for NBC Universal, LXTX on the show *Open House NYC*.

**'13**  
**Steven Sharp '13** of Cranston, R.I., was promoted to head brewer at Foolproof Brewing Company in Pawtucket. He is responsible for all facets of recipe formulation, production, and packaging at Rhode Island's largest brewery, which was established in December 2012.

**'15**  
**Neal Mercier '15** of South Kingstown, R.I., had his film, *Amaryllis*, selected for screening in the 19th Annual Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF). Entered in the short film category, *Amaryllis* is about a reclusive girl who searches for her long-lost brother. *Amaryllis* was awarded first place in the 2015 PC Student Film Festival. Mercier is believed to be the first PC graduate or student to have been chosen for an RIIFF screening for work done while an undergraduate. ■



## NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

There was no shortage of evidence that this summer's wedding between **Kevin E. Smith '12** and **Kelly M. Branham Smith '12** was made in Friartown. Kevin and Kelly were wed in St. Dominic Chapel on Aug. 8, the feast day of St. Dominic, with approximately 25 classmates and other alumni in attendance. The Mass was celebrated by College Chaplain **Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98** and concelebrated by Rev. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., vice president for mission and ministry. Joining the newly wedded couple on a trolley ride to the reception are, rear from left, wedding party members **Tom Nailor '12**, **Marc Capuano '12**, **Joelle Bove '12**, and **Katie Grahn '12**. The Smiths reside in Providence. Kevin is an architectural sales representative for Oldcastle Architectural Products Group, and Kelly is a political science Ph.D. candidate at Brown University.

# HONK IF YOU LOVE PC



## FRIARS for life

When **Diane Desaulniers Littlefield '82** and her brother, **Robert Desaulniers '84**, were tennis players at Providence College, a PC fan gifted a Rhode Island FRIARS license plate to their parents, who put it on their children's car.

"Fast forward 30 years, and I am still proudly driving around Rhode Island with this plate," Littlefield said.

Her plate attracts attention. "On many occasions, we would

come out from our dorms the morning after a big PC basketball or hockey win and a plate would be missing," she said.

The registration has had its perks. A Friar basketball fan in the state's Division of Motor Vehicles helped her replace all the stolen plates over the years. And when Littlefield and her husband went to a men's ice hockey game against Boston College at Schneider Arena last season, they parked right near the Zamboni entrance.

Over the years, people have offered to purchase the plate from her.

"After all these years, there is absolutely no value I could ever place on this plate," she said.

"The plate is not just about being a true Friar sports fanatic," she said. "For me, it is also a daily reminder of the Christian values and education taught to me during my four years."

So where will the plate go next? Littlefield has bequeathed the plate to her friends, **John Cilli '89** and **Barbara Palombo Cilli '87**, men's basketball season ticket holders. If they cannot accept, PC's women's athletics program will receive it.



## A few good FRIARS

After **Peter McCarthy '60** moved to Washington, D.C., this year, he found the right person to carry his FRIARS license plate in Virginia.

McCarthy, a decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served two tours in Vietnam and as an aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson, passed his plate on to **John Burke '09**, a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve who is a platoon commander of a unit in Ebsburg, Pa.

Burke, a government consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, met McCarthy at a networking event hosted by McCarthy's company.

McCarthy's vehicle isn't lacking in Friars spirit in its new home, however. He registered FRIARS plates in Washington, too.



## Sunshine State FRIARS

**Duarte "Dee" Terrinca '80** and his family chose this plate for their car when they

moved to Florida in 1994. "It's a daily reminder of the great four years at Providence," he said.



## Old Dominion FRIARS

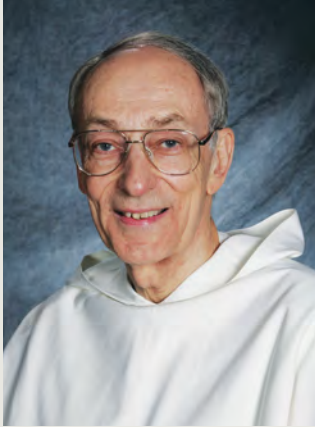
**Jennifer Piehler Zickel '97** got her first FRIAR 97 plate on her car as a PC student

and transferred it from New York to Virginia when she moved in 1997. If she ever leaves the state, Zickel knows a willing taker — her classmate, **Mary Shaffrey Brady '97**, who moved to Virginia in 2005.

Do you share your PC pride on your bumper? Show us! Take a picture of your license plate and send it along with a brief narrative to: [editormagazine@providence.edu](mailto:editormagazine@providence.edu)



# IN MEMORIAM



## Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P.; retired professor, first CCDS director

**Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P.**, a retired associate professor of history and special lecturer in theology, died on Aug. 4, 2015.

A member of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great,

based in Chicago, Ill., Father McGonigle was the founding director of the College's Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies (CCDS), which opened in 2006. He served as CCDS director and as a faculty member until leaving the College in 2010.

A Dominican for more than 50 years, he served PC for nearly

20 years. Father McGonigle came to the College in 1985 as an associate professor of history. He taught for two years before leaving to serve at Chicago's Catholic Theological Union from 1987-1993.

Father McGonigle returned to the College in 1993 and served for the next three years as vice president for academic administration. He taught history and theology for the remainder of his career at PC.

With an academic expertise in church history and spirituality, he taught in the Liberal Arts Honors and Development of Western Civilization programs, as well as in traditional classes.

**Joseph A. Caffey, Sr. '74**, a devoted alumnus who was considered one of New England's top affordable housing advocates, died on June 8, 2015. Mr. Caffey participated in many multicultural and career programs at the College over the years. He was a member of the National Alumni Association Council for three years and served on PC's Providence President's Council. He was the president and CEO of Providence-based Omni Development Corporation, which develops affordable housing.

**Michael A. Lannon '04SCE**, an officer in the Office of Safety and Security for 16 years, died on May 19, 2015. Mr. Lannon came to the College in 1999 after serving on the police force at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for eight years. While working in security at PC, he

returned to school to earn his bachelor's degree in liberal studies and graduated with *magna cum laude* honors.

**Rose M. (Mitchrone) Kennedy**, a retired chief acquisitions assistant who served Phillips Memorial Library for nearly 30 years, died on May 22, 2015. Mrs. Kennedy came to the College in 1983 and retired in 2012, serving as a circulation clerk, library technical assistant (acquisitions), senior acquisitions clerk, collections services assistant, and as chief acquisitions assistant.

**Dr. Matthew S. Pugh**, an associate professor of philosophy, died on Oct. 9, 2015. He joined the College faculty in 2001 as an assistant professor of philosophy and was promoted to associate professor in 2005. His areas of expertise were

medieval metaphysics, Thomas Aquinas, and Asian philosophy. Dr. Pugh formerly served on the Faculty Senate, the Asian Studies Committee, and the Tuition Exchange Committee. He earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from Fordham University.

**Paul E. Vorro '69**, a retired special lecturer who taught for 22 years in the College's Graduate Education Program, died on May 14, 2015. Mr. Vorro, who retired from teaching at PC this year, taught the Supervision of Instruction course during the fall and spring semesters and the summer. He held a variety of teaching and administrative positions during a 45-year career with the Providence and North Providence school systems, including service as superintendent in the latter district.

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## THE LAST WORD

# The needle in the haystack

BY REV. R. GABRIEL PIVARNIK, O.P.

I CRACKED OPEN THE HIDE-BOUND TOME AND revealed the illuminated page to my students. We were huddled around a small table in the basement of Phillips Memorial Library. The dusty missal in front of us was opened to the liturgical texts for the blessing of oils on Holy Thursday. On the computer screen just above us were the pages of a much later book opened up to the same celebration.



With a sheepish grin, I queried them, “OK, who can tell me what the difference is between the two texts?”

“Are you serious? It’s in Latin!” one student exclaimed. Another rolled her eyes to the ceiling in exasperation. A third seemed oddly intrigued and began to stare back at me as if he knew there was a secret to be discovered.

“Just look,” I responded. “You don’t need to know the language to see the difference.”

Slowly, all of the students started to peer at the screen above and the text below. Some started looking for the obvious differences: the different constructions of the missal, the one illumination that was clearly hand-painted and the other that clearly was not, or the different size of the text in each. And then one of them began veering in the right direction.

“It’s got to be in the text. Look at the differences in the words. Compare them line by line.”

I was asking them to find a needle in a haystack. But that was exactly what I had done. Nearly four years earlier, I had inadvertently found a reference to a change in the prayer

text for the consecration of chrism, the scented oil used in celebrations like baptism and confirmation. It was a change that shouldn’t have been there but that was vitally important. My search had taken me through ancient sacramentaries, pontificals, and ceremonials; seemingly endless requests through Interlibrary Loan; and finally, the archives of the library.

“Wait! Here it is. It’s this line!” exclaimed my earlier intrigued student. And then he did my work for me. “But that doesn’t make sense. I don’t know Latin that well, but that line is about healing people who are sick.”

And in that moment, their research had revealed the truth to them that I had already found — the text had migrated from the consecratory prayer over chrism to the prayer for the oil of the sick. It shouldn’t have been there, but it was — and it was the truth.

This is what research in a Catholic and Dominican institution of higher learning is like. We seek out the truth wherever it may be found and wherever it might take us. Even if it is a truth we didn’t expect — in the lab, in an ancient text, in ourselves. In the end, we aren’t actually searching for a needle in a haystack — we are searching for the truth — and that can be found all around us. ■

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