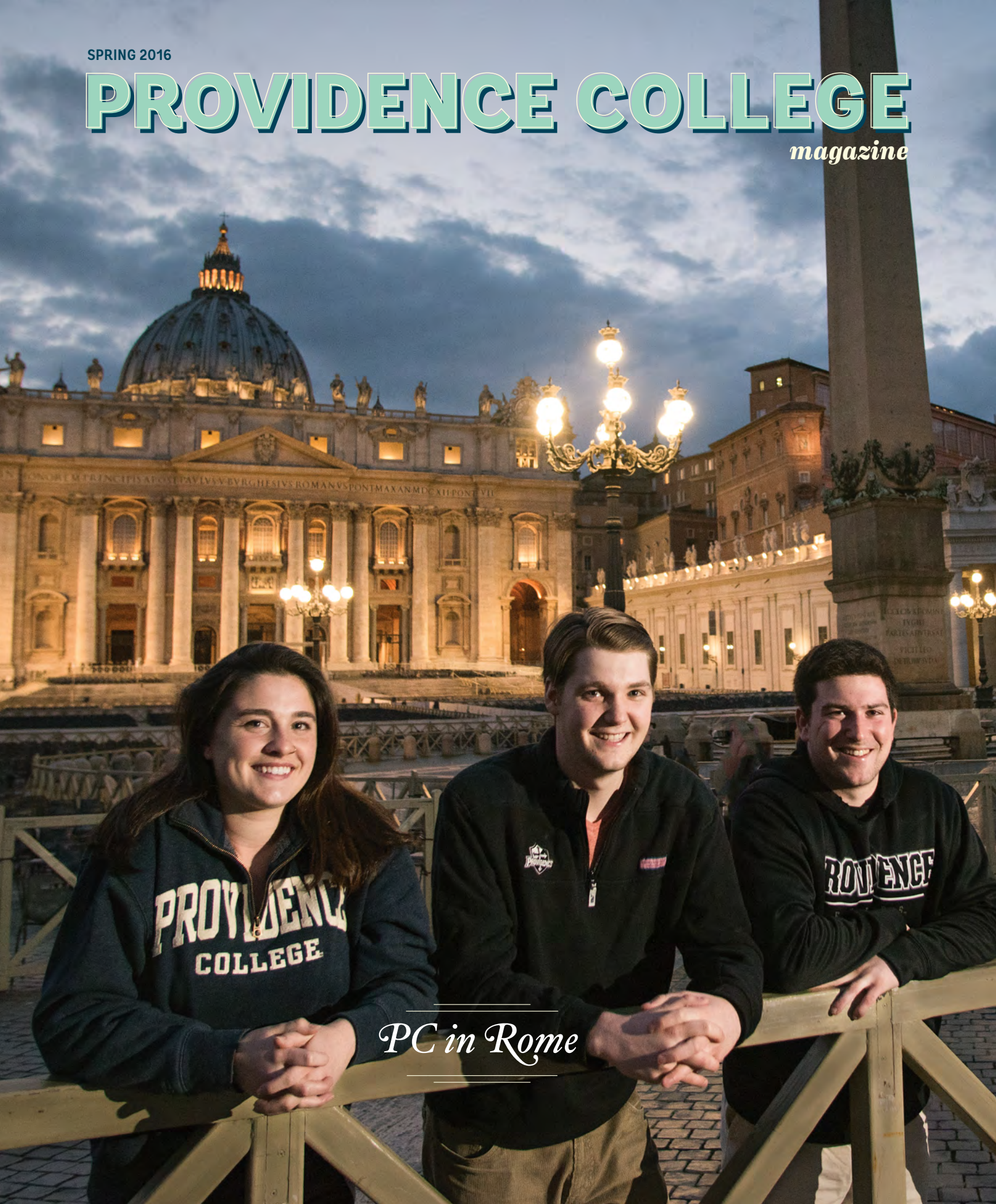


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Heather Abbott '03G

SHORTLY BEFORE this magazine went to press, the College announced that two alumni and three other extraordinary individuals will be awarded honorary degrees at the 2016 Commencement Exercises on May 15. Selected to present the Commencement Address is **Heather Abbott '03G**, a victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing whose injuries led her to establish The Heather Abbott Foundation to assist amputees in obtaining prosthetic devices. Honorary degrees also will be given to **Robert G. Fiondella, Esq. '64**, retired CEO and chair of The Phoenix; **Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D.**, a professor of medicine at Brown University and a deacon in the Diocese of Providence; **Rose Weaver**, an actor, singer, and playwright; and **George T. Wein**, founder of the Newport Jazz Festival and co-founder of the Newport Folk Festival.

HENRY W. ARCHETTO '37 is still making news ... and it's not just for his age. Last October, a few weeks after his 100th birthday, the lifelong Cranston, R.I., resident was inducted into the Cranston Hall of Fame with four others. Archetto was honored for lifetime contributions as a microbiologist, researcher, administrator, and humanitarian. He retired in

1977 as the principal food microbiologist with the Rhode Island Department of Health after nearly four decades with the state. He was on the faculty at Amherst College in 1944-1945 and taught at the University of Rhode Island from 1967-1976. His research expertise was in the sanitation of drinking water and the safe handling of food. Archetto, who received a citation on his milestone birthday from College President **Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** and the Board Trustees, is the father of **Paul H. Archetto '83**, a former R.I. state representative who has served on the Cranston City Council since 2008.

A DETERMINED **Adebanke Otunba-Payne '15** literally walked into a job in New York City. Featured recently on "Humans of New York," the accountancy major moved to the city after graduating last May. She briefly held jobs as an analyst and in a restaurant but was unhappy that she wasn't working in her field. After sending out résumés to about 30 employers and not having luck, she couldn't afford to wait any longer. A car lover, Otunba-Payne began going door-to-door along a strip of car dealerships. One dealership was "standoffish." Another carmaker was warm but didn't have an opening. Otunba-Payne moved on to her first choice, Jaguar/Land Rover. She was interviewed on the spot for an accounting position, made an immediate impression, and was asked if she could start the next day. "My dad was so proud of me. I was so proud of myself," she said.

ONE OF THE FUN SPOTS on campus, the **Providence College Bookstore** in the Slavin Center, received a makeover in March. The renovations project, fueled by an agreement between NIKE and the Department of Athletics, produced a new store layout and increased emphasis on the College and NIKE brands in a variety of apparel and gift items. The bookstore is operated by Barnes & Noble. ■



Jacqueline Culley '17, left, and Lillian Steeves '17 watch the sunset from the Villa Borghese, the largest park in Rome.



WHEN IN
Rome

Providence College Magazine visited the Providence College Center for Theology and Religious Studies in Rome, where PC students are studying with Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom '85, associate professor of theology, in the shadow of St. Peter's Basilica. The location allows them to explore the history and legacy of Catholicism while experiencing Italian culture. We share their conclusion — there's no place like Rome.

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING → PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHELE STAPLETON





It's a cool morning in early spring, three hours after dawn. Twenty-nine Providence College students and their professor are ascending the Aventine Hill, climbing a steep, walled street in one of the oldest neighborhoods in the ancient city of Rome.

As they reach the courtyard of Santa Sabina, the world headquarters of the Order of Preachers — the Dominicans who founded PC almost 100 years ago — the students pass through a grove of orange trees to take in the view from a scenic overlook. Before them, the skies are clearing all the way to the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, the highest point in the city.

Perspective is just one benefit of international study. The students visiting Santa Sabina are enrolled this semester at the PC Center for Theology and Religious Studies in Rome, the College's first signature study abroad program since Providence-in-Europe was established at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland in 1968. Since the Rome program began in 2011, more than 200 students from PC have taken part.

PC in Rome is unique because it features a PC professor as faculty resident director. Since fall 2013, the director has been Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom '85, associate professor of theology, who teaches a course called *The New Testament in the Eternal City*, a requirement for every PC student in Rome.

On Monday mornings, students listen to Hagstrom lecture on a theological theme. On Wednesday mornings, they visit a site directly related to the lecture, including historic locations in ancient Rome; early Christian cemeteries, shrines, and basilicas; and the Renaissance churches.

"Theology is something taught in a classroom, but the beauty of this program is that you experience theology in



From left, Jacqueline Culley '17, Erin Wallace '17, Bryan Blum '17, and Selena Ainzuaín '17 stand before the Arch of Constantine. At right is the Roman Colosseum.

person," said Bryan Blum '17 (Seaford, N.Y.), a psychology major. "I never understood the term 'jaw-dropping' until I went to St. Peter's Basilica. It's the most beautiful place I've ever seen. I grew up Catholic, and I went to a Catholic high school, but I have to say that it's nice to see theology come together in person."

PC in Rome is located on two floors of an office building in the Prati neighborhood of northwest Rome, about a mile from the Vatican. The center is run under contract with Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA), an organization charged with scheduling courses and hiring faculty,



*“The history here ...
explains it all.”*

— ASHLEE ROBINSON '17

finding apartments for students, planning excursions for them throughout Italy, and providing social programming.

The streets outside the PC center may be old, but the students study in bright classrooms with modern furnishings and light wood floors. The center includes two student lounges, one with computers, and a reference library. When Hagstrom is teaching and wants the students to read a passage from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, she tells them, “Pull that up on your Bible app.”

From Monday to Thursday, students are in classes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each takes five courses, including two

SEE THE WORLD FROM PC

Study abroad has grown steadily since fall 2011, when Providence College adopted a Home Tuition Policy that allowed students to apply their scholarships and financial aid to international study programs, making them more affordable.

Through the College’s agreement with Santander Universities, a division of Santander Bank, N.A., students also can apply for up to \$5,000 in grants to help with study abroad expenses. Four students received Santander grants to help them with travel to Rome this semester.

In 2010-2011, 16.5 percent of eligible students studied abroad. For 2016-2017, a record 47 percent of eligible students have applied, with plans to study in Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia, and Central and South America, said Adrian G. Beaulieu, dean of the Center for International Studies. ■

requirements, The New Testament in the Eternal City and an Italian language class. For electives, they can select from business courses, such as Business Ethics in Global Management or International Marketing; art history courses, such as Angels, Demons, and Artists in Rome; theology courses, such as History and Theology of the Papacy; and general courses, like Photography in Rome. Their classmates are students from other colleges and universities also studying through CEA.

Nicholas Berardi '17 (Cheshire, Conn.) and Connor Bubolo '17 (Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.), business majors, ➡



are enrolled in an appealing elective, The Culture of Food and Wine in Italian Society. Each three-hour class begins with a 90-minute history lesson about a region of Italy and its food. Then a professional chef prepares two meals for the students, each with a wine pairing. The students record their reactions to the tastes, aromas, and wine pairings in journals.

For their final exam, they have been organized into groups and assigned a region of Italy. They must plan a three-course meal from that region, shop for the ingredients in an assigned market, prepare the food for their classmates, and make an oral presentation.

Berardi, a finance major, said “there are plenty of positives to take away” from his semester in Rome.

“I’m more confident,” Berardi said. “I’m able to travel on my own. I’m not intimidated by the language barrier. It has made me more culturally aware and less ignorant about things.”

Students who decide to study in Rome are a special group, Hagstrom said. They’re independent and fearless enough to tackle international travel and study in a country where most people don’t speak their language.

Blum said he needed a push to leave PC for a semester. It came from a friend who attends the University of Notre Dame and is studying in Rome.

“I wanted the incentive,” said Blum. “My main fear is change. Change is scary. I’d

always wanted to go to Rome, to see Paris and Germany, and this is the best chance I’ll ever have.”

The opportunity to travel, both within Italy and throughout Europe, is a benefit of study abroad. The students are granted occasional Fridays free from academic programming to make travel easier. Airfare is inexpensive throughout Europe, and affordable lodging is available in hostels. The students have taken advantage, visiting Amsterdam and Copenhagen, Barcelona and Paris, Greece and Morocco. They even caught a country music concert in Dublin.

Selena Ainzuaín ’17 (Broad Brook, Conn.), a psychology major, knew she wanted to study in Europe after a high school trip to London, Paris, and Rome.

“I knew from freshman year that I wanted to go,” said Ainzuaín. “I wanted to learn about different cultures. Reading about it in textbooks is completely different from living it. Now, I feel that just being in Rome is what I like best. We’ve all created our personal memories and experiences here.” CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



Caragh Corcoran '17 shops at the outdoor market at Campo de' Fiori.

ROME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom '85 was living in Rome while studying for a doctor of sacred theology degree at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas,

the Dominican university known as the *Angelicum*.

"If you had asked me then what my dream job would be, I would have said to teach theology at Providence College," said Hagstrom. "And if you had asked me my dream even beyond that, I would have said to teach theology in Rome for Providence College."

Hagstrom is completing her third and final year as faculty resident director of the PC Center for Theology and Religious Studies in Rome. During that period, six groups of PC students, 164 in all, have passed through her classroom, studying her course, *The New Testament in the Eternal City*, and visiting sites significant to Catholicism.

Hagstrom, an associate professor of theology at PC since 2003, was only the second lay woman hired to teach theology full time at the College and the first woman to chair the department. Her specialties are ecclesiology, theology of the laity, and Mariology.

She only intended to serve a year as faculty resident director in Rome, but she did such a good job that Adrian G. Beaulieu, dean of the Center for Interna-

tional Studies, asked her to stay for a second — and then a third. She returns to Providence for a sabbatical at the end of this semester.

"The best part of being in Rome is that once I was a student here myself, and now I have students with

whom to share my love of Rome and my love of Catholicism," said Hagstrom. "The students and I bond in a different way than we ever could on campus."

After earning her doctorate in Rome in 1991, Hagstrom joined the faculty at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. She was a tenured professor and theology department chair there when Dr. Patrick V. Reid, professor of theology at PC, called to say that PC was seeking to hire a new professor in theology and encouraged her to apply. Would she be willing to leave a tenured position to start

all over again in Providence?

Hagstrom was — and her decision has made all the difference.

"A faculty resident director is more than a professor," said Beaulieu. "He or she must be available to students outside the classroom. The director becomes the personification of Providence College for students while they are in Rome. In Aurelie's case, she was able to take the experiences she had loved as a student and convey them to our own students — and that was the teaching moment." ■



*From left, Caragh Corcoran '17,
Alexandra Harbour '17,
Paige Silengo '17, and
Mattie Matarazzo '17 chat
on their way to a café near
Piazza Navona.*





Top left: Lillian Steeves '17 and Connor Bubolo '17 ride Segways at the Villa Borghese.

Top right: From left, Griffin Colpitts '17, Christopher Burrows '17, Peter DiCenso '17, Evan Juliano '17, Matthew Griffin '17, and Marco Scozzari '17 gather in an apartment for their weekly homemade dinner.

Far left: It's selfie time at the Trevi Fountain for, from left, Abigail Chave '17, Connor Bubolo '17, Grace Maxim '17, Nicholas Berardi '17, and Jamie Russo '17.

Left, from top: Pope Francis waves to the faithful at Palm Sunday Mass. Paige Silengo '17 does homework in her apartment. Peter DiCenso '17 strums a guitar in the student lounge at the PC in Rome center.

Below: Students exit the doorway of the PC in Rome center.





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Ashlee Robinson '17 (Canton, Conn.), a social work major, said she felt drawn to Europe as well.

"I wanted to be able to travel," Robinson said. "I like all the history here in Rome — and the history here kind of explains it all."

For students, much of life is adjusting to crazy, madcap Rome. Tiny cars and motorbikes tear around corners on roads paved with cube-shaped cobblestones hewn from volcanic rock. American students learn quickly that coffee isn't sold iced, or in jumbo cups to go, and that a typical Italian breakfast special is a cappuccino and cornetto — a croissant-shaped pastry — for €1.50, no eggs, bacon, or toast in sight.

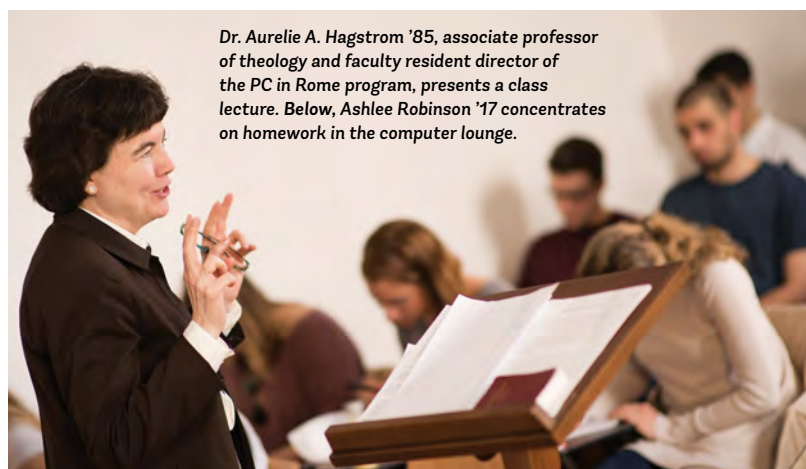
The PC in Rome program encourages students to learn all they can about Rome and Italy. Through the program, they journey for weekend trips to Assisi, Florence, and Venice. Monthly passes allow them to ride free throughout Rome by bus and Metro. CEA sponsors an orientation tour of Rome, a "pizza and gelato crawl," lectures on special academic topics, and sessions on pasta making and clay making.

For fun, there are typically Roman adventures. The students buy cones of gelato or slices of thin, crispy pizza from shops. They rent Segways and ride them around the gardens of the 226-acre Villa Borghese. They watch international soccer stars, such as Cristiano Ronaldo, play A.S. Roma at Stadio Olimpico. And there's the weekly karaoke night at Scholars Lounge, an Irish pub that is a favorite of American students.

Student apartments are scattered throughout the Prati neighborhood, but all are about a 15-minute walk from the PC in Rome center. The PC students room with students from other American colleges and universities studying with CEA. Other building tenants are working professionals and families. Motorbikes line the courtyards. Each apartment has a tiny washing machine, but none has a clothes dryer. Like Romans, the students hang their wet laundry on drying racks — or out the window, when the weather permits.

For tourists, food is a highlight of travel to Italy, but when you're a student, you must eventually cook in your own kitchen. The 10 men enrolled in PC in Rome, along with other male students studying through CEA, have collaborated to plan weekly dinner nights, with each apartment taking a turn hosting.

Caragh Corcoran '17 (Chester, N.J.), a public and community service studies major who is the oldest of five



Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom '85, associate professor of theology and faculty resident director of the PC in Rome program, presents a class lecture. Below, Ashlee Robinson '17 concentrates on homework in the computer lounge.



siblings, is confident in the kitchen and shops with ease in the local grocery stores and open-air markets. Her roommates have enjoyed her tortellini soup and zucchini pasta boats.

In contrast, “my shopping list is basically pesto and things you can put pesto on,” said her roommate, Alexandra Harbour ’17 (North Attleboro, Mass.).

Harbour is majoring in both biology and secondary education. From the time she arrived at PC as a freshman, she knew she wanted to study abroad, and she scheduled her science and education classes to make it happen.

“I had never been to Europe before, and my family doesn’t travel a lot,” said Harbour. “When I got to PC freshman year, I said, ‘I want to go abroad.’ They said that in Rome I could take two theology classes, ethics, and philosophy, taking care of those requirements. So I arranged my schedule around that. I’ve been to Prague, Barcelona, and Ireland, and my parents visited me here and loved it.”

Alexandra Brady ’17 (Cross River, N.Y.) also is a biology major, studying for a neuroscience certificate on a pre-med track. She, too, arranged her schedule so that she could study abroad. Is study in Rome applicable to her major?

“It’s more like it’s applicable to life in general,” Brady said. “I feel like people on the science route are stuck in the sense that they feel they have to follow a plan. In Rome, life isn’t like that. Things don’t always work out. You have to change your plans.”

Hagstrom said having a theology class in common has helped the PC students to bond. They bring “tons of school spirit” to their audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square, wearing PC attire and leaping up to cheer when the College is welcomed on the loudspeaker.

“Being in theology class together has been good,” said Paige Silengo ’17 (Madison, Conn.), a public and community service studies major. “It gave us a chance to see places we wouldn’t normally visit.”

“Theology has brought our whole program together,” said Brady. “I’ve become friends with everybody.”

The program also welcomes the occasional visitor from PC. In the three years that Hagstrom has taught at the center, two Dominicans — Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. ’78 & ’82G, executive vice president and treasurer, and Rev. John C. Vidmar, O.P., associate professor of history — have taken time to visit the program.

ASSIGNMENT: ROME

In the fall, PC in Rome will have a new faculty resident director, Dr. Margaret M. Manchester ’83G, assistant professor of history.

She will teach two courses, The U.S., Italy, and the Cold War, and the History of the Modern Middle East. Both will involve site visits in Rome. Manchester has taken PC students on course-related trips to Germany, Poland, Hungary, and Japan, and has taught in Hungary on a Fulbright Scholarship.

The New Testament course will be taught by an instructor hired in Rome, said Adrian G. Beaulieu, dean of the Center for International Studies. Dr. Dana L. Dillon, assistant professor of theology; Dr. Patrick V. Reid, professor of theology; and Dr. Paul L. Gondreau, professor of theology, have served as faculty resident directors in the past. ■

“Rome, as the center of the Catholic Church, is the perfect place to study the history, spirituality, theology, and legacy of Catholicism,” said Hagstrom. “More than ever, it’s my firm conviction that this program flows from the very heart of the Catholic and Dominican mission of the College. If the project of Catholic colleges and universities is to train students to take part in the Church’s mission to the world, then an experience abroad is critical to fulfill that project.” ■



ST. DOMINIC PRAYED HERE

In the convent at Santa Sabina, Providence College students bowed their heads and prayed in a small chapel — the room where St. Dominic lived in the 13th century.

Santa Sabina is the worldwide headquarters of the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans, who founded Providence College almost a century ago and are celebrating their 800th anniversary this year.

Rev. Michael A. Mascari, O.P., a former PC trustee who serves on the General Council of the Order and

holds the title of socius for the intellectual life, provided a lesson in art, architecture, and history for the visiting students from PC's Center for Theology and Religious Studies.

“Dominicans come from all over the world to pray and to be in the same room where Dominic lived,” said Father Mascari. “There are books in many languages of the world for the celebration of Mass.”

Santa Sabina, built between 422-432, stands on the Aventine

Hill, one of the Seven Hills of Rome. It is named for Sabina, an affluent Roman woman who lived on the site in the 2nd century and who was converted to Christianity by her slave, Seraphia. Both women were put to death as punishment afterward, Father Mascari said.

“It reminds us that Christianity, in the beginning, attracted the poor — people who were slaves, those without status and position,” said Father Mascari. “The message



Rev. Michael A. Mascari, O.P. greets PC students outside Santa Sabina, a 5th century basilica given to St. Dominic by the pope in 1219. The basilica, shown on opposite page, is one of the earliest Christian churches in Rome.

of Jesus was attractive to the lower classes, those on the fringe of the Roman world.”

Santa Sabina is one of the oldest churches in Rome, Father Mascari said. By 422, Christianity had been in existence for several hundred years, but churches were not built until Constantine legalized the religion in 313. The early Christian churches were modeled on the secular Roman basilica, a public building with an open meeting hall for gatherings.

Santa Sabina “looks the way a 4th century basilica looked,” said Father Mascari. “It’s why art historians and historians from around the world generally come. This basilica is not in ruins, like secular basilicas in the Forum. This basilica stands.”

Father Mascari pointed to a panel in a dark cypress door — believed to be the oldest known depiction of Jesus at the crucifixion. The students learned about it during a lecture by Dr. Aurelie A. Hagstrom ’85,

associate professor of theology at PC and the faculty resident director in Rome. In St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, he preached the wisdom of Christ crucified — a “stumbling block” for those who knew the cross as an instrument of terror.

“Until Constantine, crucifixion was a form of punishment for the worst crimes,” Father Mascari explained. “It was an extremely horrible kind of death, with terrible suffering. No one would want to celebrate crucifixion. For St. Paul to write, ‘I preach Christ crucified,’ and ‘I have been crucified with Christ’ — the thought was horrifying. St. Paul really turned the tables on our understanding of what the cross is.”

Pope Honorius III, who approved the Order of Preachers in 1216, gave Santa Sabina to St. Dominic in 1219. At that time, it was “not an ideal piece of real estate,” Father Mascari said. Rome’s population had shrunk.

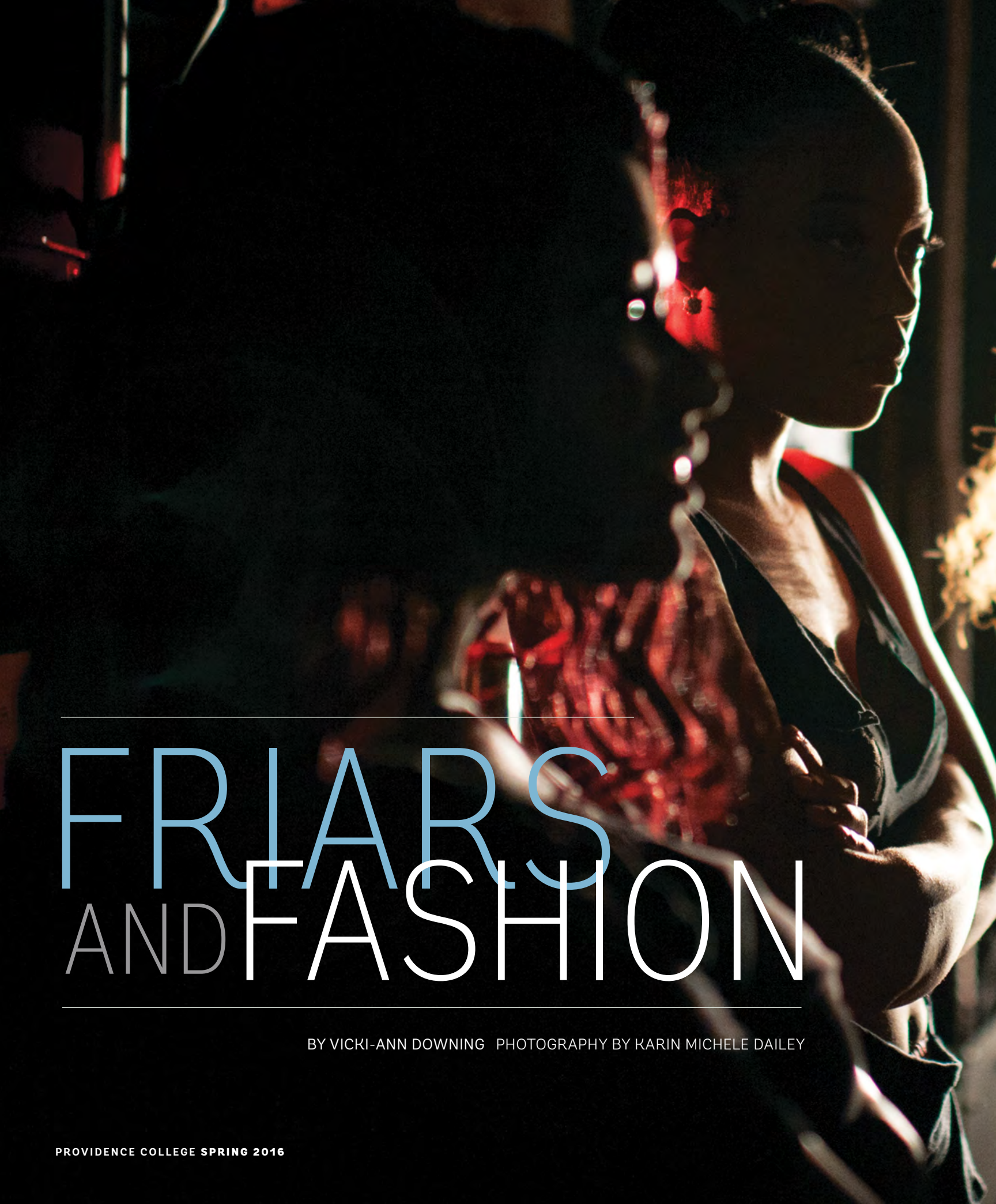
The city was “a lot like Detroit,” abandoned and on hard times.

A spot on the floor of the church marks the place where the Dominicans would see their founder in prayer, prostrate on the stone.

Other famous Dominicans who have resided at Santa Sabina are St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope St. Pius V.


Today, about 30 Dominican administrators live there, including the master of the order, Most Rev. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., and Very Rev. D. Dominic Izzo, O.P. ’88 & ’05 Hon., socius for the Dominican provinces in the United States and former prior provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, which includes PC.

“We sing psalms, the Divine Office, to each other every morning and every evening here,” Father Mascari said. “We pray here every day. We pray in Italian.” ■



FRIARS AND FASHION

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOGRAPHY BY KARIN MICHELE DAILEY



Models waiting in the wings at the Motherland Dance Group's fashion show are, from left, Adrianna Ateh '18, Idylla Louis '19, and Jacqueline Lopes '18.

From floodlit **runways** to e-commerce highways, Friars are at the forefront of fashion. Our **students**, alumni, and faculty are cultural ambassadors, fashion **scholars**, and savvy marketers. They **model**, they **create**, and they **teach**.



A vibrant WORLD

The colors, clothing, and music of Africa were on display during the third annual fashion show of the Motherland Dance Group, a student organization created in 2012 to educate the Providence College community about Africa's contributions to world culture.

This year's theme was *Afrique Déchainé* (Africa Unleashed). The student models wore clothing representing the time of slavery to modern Africa and reflecting the diversity of the 55 countries on the continent. For the first time, the event was staged in the Angell Blackfriars Theatre of the Smith Center for the Arts, giving organizers access to backstage dressing and makeup rooms as well as a stage that served as a runway.

Eight fashion designers supplied clothing and jewelry for the show and came to campus to direct their segments. Thirty models were selected to participate after auditions. Professional hair and makeup services were offered by Christine M. Paige, owner of Bliss Salon in Providence.

Dancers from the Motherland Dance Group performed, along with Rhythm Nation Steppaz, a group from The College of the Holy Cross, and Edwino, a Ghanaian artist and musician.

If fashion is a statement, then Motherland's message was a clear one:

Africa is a vibrant world of color, culture, and music.

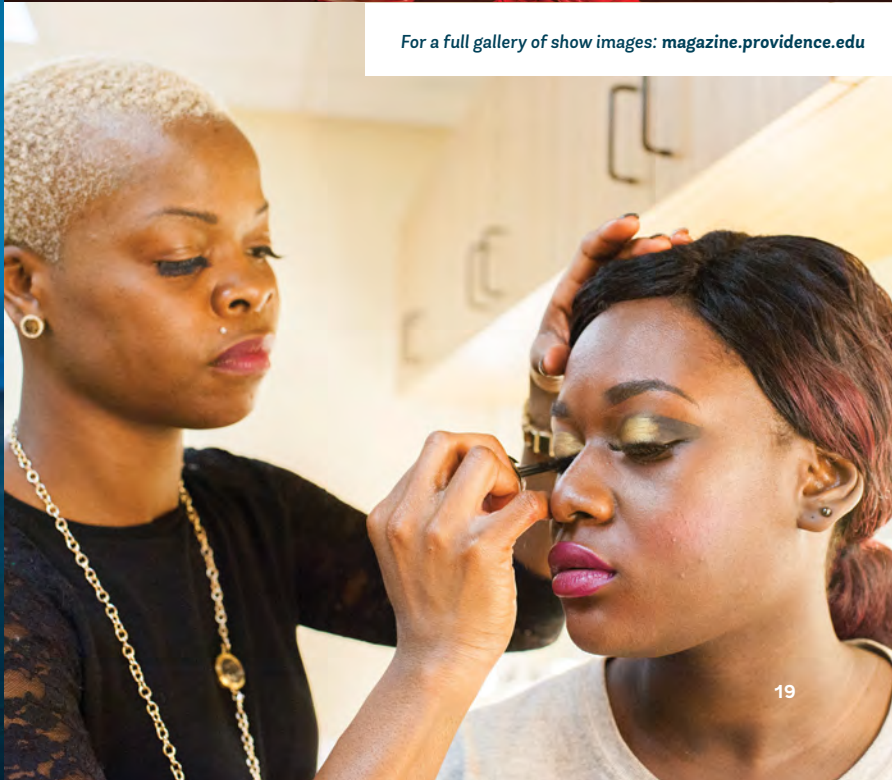
"We wanted to give people a taste of the African culture through fashion, music, and dance," said Margaret "Peggy" Saanuo '16, a student from Ghana who is Motherland's president. "Africa is not 'the dark continent,' and people need to know that." ■



Opposite page: Angeliqe Brown-Adams '17. This page, clockwise from top left: fashion designer Brandford Davis touches up a shirt before the show; Vincent Ndahayo '19; Christine M. Paige applies makeup to Adrianna Ateh '18; Rodelyn Cherry '18.



For a full gallery of show images: magazine.providence.edu



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Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore '91 is the Penny Vinik Curator of Fashion Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

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Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore '91 has crafted her career as one might assemble the perfect outfit.

The fashion scholar's base was an art history degree from Providence College. She added layers of specialized education — both a master's degree and a doctorate — and complemented them with internships, work at museums, and professional connections.

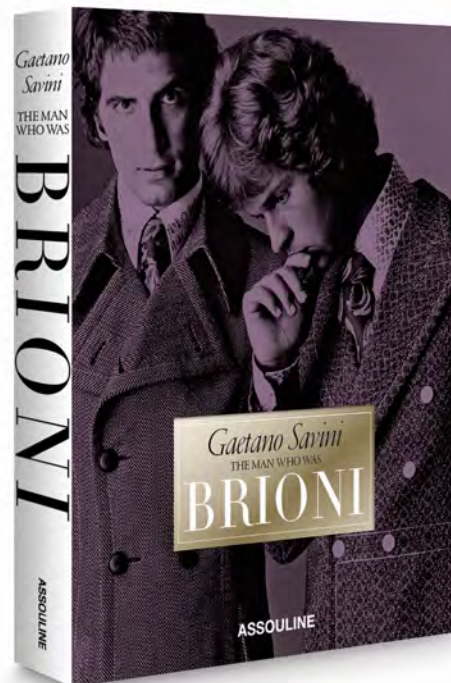
The result was on point.

Behind the scenes at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston, where she is the Penny Vinik Curator of Fashion Arts, Finamore oversees a collection of 20th and 21st century clothing, jewelry, fabric, and accessories. She acquires new pieces, plans exhibits, presents lectures, writes scholarly articles, and travels the world with museum supporters.

"I'm in the job I want to be in," said Finamore. "I feel very fortunate to be working within the context of an encyclopedic art museum."

The MFA is one of the largest museums in the United States, with more than 450,000 works of art and more than 1 million visitors a year. Finamore commutes to work from Salem, Mass., where she lives with her husband, Daniel Finamore, the Russell W. Knight Curator of Maritime Art and History at the Peabody Essex Museum, and their children, Oliver, 11, and Madeleine, 7.

Fashion is a serious specialty for Finamore. She has a Ph.D. in the history of decorative arts from Bard College



Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore's book on the Italian visionary and designer extraordinaire Gaetano Savini was published last year.

and a master's degree in costume history from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She has taught design history, and fashion and film history, at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). She is the author of several books, including *Gaetano Savini: The Man Who Was Brioni* (Assouline, 2015) and *Hollywood Before*

Glamour: Fashion in American Silent Film (Palgrave, 2013).

But fashion is a cool specialty, too. While studying in New York, Finamore worked in the fashion department at Sotheby's, the auction house, with "access to amazing closets. I was handling vintage couture and accessories." As a research associate at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she assisted curator Hamish Bowles with the exhibit *Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years*.

Then there's the travel. In addition to presenting papers at international conferences, Finamore goes on trips with the museum's Fashion Council, a group of donors whose membership dues support the acquisition of fashion-related objects, dresses, and accessories. This spring, she will accompany them to Milan, where they will tour factories that produce silk and velvet, visit designer studios, and see museums.

Finamore grew up in a creative family in Wilmington, Mass. Her father was an engineer at a printing company that developed the technology for ink-jet printing — the kind that’s now used to print on fabric. Her mother owned a dress boutique, and Finamore joined her on buying trips to New York City. When Finamore was in high school, her parents brought her to the Renoir exhibit at the MFA, a “life-changing” moment in which she discovered an appreciation for art.

But it all came together for her in college.

“My time at Providence College really did have a profound impact on my future path,” said Finamore.

Attracted to PC by its liberal arts curriculum, Finamore arrived “undeclared and unsure” about a major. That changed when she heard a Development of Western Civilization lecture by Dr. Rodney K. Delasanta ’53, professor of English.

“He was such a dynamic, incredible lecturer that from the first talk I heard on art history with him, I was completely convinced of the path I wanted to take,” Finamore said. “I was so inspired.”

Once she began her art history studies, Finamore found encouragement from Dr. Alice H.R.H. Beckwith, now professor *emerita* of art history. Knowing that Finamore had expressed interest in museum work, Beckwith helped her secure an internship in the Costume and Textile Department in the Museum of Art at RISD.

“I landed there at just the right time, and the contacts I made were very important,” said Finamore. “It’s hard to do free work, ➡

Who What Wear



➔ What’s in your closet?

“I wear contemporary pieces mixed with vintage because I like the quality of the vintage pieces. No one makes clothing with a silk lining anymore. I like to troll vintage shops, eBay, and Etsy for designers from the past whose work I know fits me well. Vintage can be clothing from the 1920s to the 1980s — even the 1980s can be considered vintage now. I often cobble it together and call upon creative friends in the field. One of my friends is a talented milliner, based in New York, and another is a jewelry designer who makes dramatic neckpieces and earrings from antique jewelry.”

➔ What items do you always splurge on?

“If I splurge, it’s usually for a dress by a contemporary designer who I love for a museum opening or other event — or for shoes! Shoes are always a good statement piece and can jazz up any outfit. I recently purchased a pair of gravity-defying cantilevered shoes by a designer whose work I have been following because of our work on the #techstyle exhibition.”

➔ At the Museum of Fine Arts, your collection ranges from modern, high-tech pieces to ancient Egyptian textile fragments. How should people store their clothes?

“Padded hangers are the best. And garment bags to protect clothing from light and dust — muslin garment bags. I have some acid-free boxes for the more special dresses.” ■

but the internships I've had paid off for me. They connected me to people who would help advance my career."

Finamore spent her junior year abroad at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, studying art history, international business, and French.

"It was a key moment in my life because it exposed me to Europe and all the riches it had to offer," said Finamore. "Switzerland is a central location, and it was so easy to travel throughout Europe from there. I visited museums and saw works of art that I had only seen in art history books and on slides. The whole experience cemented the idea that art history was something that I wanted to pursue.

"Fashion is endlessly
FASCINATING."

— DR. MICHELLE TOLINI FINAMORE '91

"Working with professors who guided me was essential, too," Finamore said. "There were so many moments in my path that were pushed forward because of my contact with particular people. Capitalizing on relationships and making them more meaningful really helps. And don't be afraid to reach out. I reached out to museum professionals blindly, and some of those contacts really worked out."

Finamore's doctoral studies, which she completed in 2010, plunged her more deeply into design history of the 19th and 20th centuries. It involved a multidisciplinary approach to thinking about the world "that really did stem from my academics at Providence College," she said.

"One of the lessons I learned at PC that I carry throughout my life is this idea that you have to look beyond your immediate situation and think about the broader context," said Finamore. "When I think about fashion, for example, I really do think of it as this much bigger expression of what is happening more broadly in the world on a cultural, social, and aesthetic level."

Two years ago, Finamore curated an exhibit at the MFA called *Think Pink*, which coincided with Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The exhibit explored the ebb and flow of the color's use in fashion from the 18th century onward and how pink came to be associated with femininity.

"One of the most rewarding aspects was that the press and public were so interested in learning more about the idea that color, and its use in fashion, had such deeply rooted and powerful gender associations," said Finamore.

Fashion is an aesthetic and cultural expression as well as a personal one, Finamore said.

"Fashion captures so much that's happening in the world," Finamore said. "Not only are you communicating

through what you're putting on every day, you're communicating to the world who you are, what tribe or group you might fit into. All of that is then related to the broader

culture and aesthetic environment we inhabit today.

"Fashion is endlessly fascinating." ■



→ A liberal arts education holds lifetime meaning and value. Hear scholar Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore's view: magazine.providence.edu



Left: Metallic Leather Fringe Dress, 2014. Giles Deacon (English, founded in 2003). Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Museum purchase with funds donated by the Fashion Council, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Ruby Jean Wilson DNA models. Photograph by Chris Moore Catwalking.com. Courtesy, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. **Below:** Maison Viktor & Rolf Haute Couture, Autumn/Winter 2015, Wearable Art, 2015. Viktor & Rolf (Dutch, founded 1993). Team Peter Stigter. Courtesy, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



#techstyle

Fashion and technology meet in a new exhibit curated by Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore '91 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The exhibit, called #techstyle, includes a dress embedded with LED panels that can receive and display tweets and a dress that responds to environmental conditions, changing color based on heat, light, and wind pressure.

Photographs, illustrations, and video are incorporated in the 60-piece exhibit, which highlights the museum's collection of contemporary fashion — including a skirt and cape created on a 3-D printer. That outfit was designed by Iris van Herpen and Neri Oxman, a professor at MIT's Media Lab, for Paris Fashion Week in 2013.

"It is a very cool object," said Finamore.

"We're in an exciting moment when it comes to fashion," added Finamore. "Fashion designers are collaborating with computer technologists, with mathematicians, with code creators. There's an incredible energy and dynamism. We're working with known contemporary designers and some young designers who are really changing the way we approach fashion today."

A previous exhibit curated by Finamore, *Hollywood Glamour: Fashion and Jewelry from the Silver Screen*, featuring dresses worn by Marlene Dietrich, Gloria Swanson, Greta Garbo, and Joan Crawford, drew 102,000 visitors to the museum over six months in 2014 and 2015.

#techstyle opened March 6 and runs through July 10. ■

FRIARS
AND FASHION



Ted McNamara '86, who studied accountancy at PC, is an expert in e-commerce.



Buy DESIGN

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOGRAPHY BY KARIN MICHELE DAILEY

The sleek leather pump, handcrafted in Italy, is a beautiful woman's shoe. To **Ted McNamara '86**, it also represents an idea.

M.Gemi is McNamara's latest business venture. The company contracts with small, family-owned companies in Italy to design and manufacture luxury shoes, then bypasses high-end stores by selling directly to customers online at "historically impossible prices." Satisfied customers spread the word, making extensive advertising unnecessary. And within hours of each new shoe's launch, McNamara knows exactly how it's selling and who's buying.





M.Gemi's luxury shoes are designed, handcrafted, and finished in Italy.

“We seek out industries ripe for disruption,” said McNamara. “The luxury product industry has a great model for itself but not for consumers.”

M.Gemi shoes are stylish, luxurious, and priced on average at \$220, less than half the cost of luxury brands sold at Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. New, limited-edition shoes are introduced once a week to “voracious” customers, who check the site at 10 a.m. sharp. Many have bought from M.Gemi more than 20 times. In its first three months, the company sold shoes in all 50 states, the last being Wyoming.

“I get the most excited about the customer’s reaction to our business,” said McNamara.

That’s because McNamara and his business partner, Ben Fischman, study e-commerce — specifically, how we buy clothing online, and how we choose what we buy. A decade ago, the pair founded Rue La La, an online store that changed daily with a flash sale of a specialty item, such as Lilly Pulitzer dresses, Cole Haan shoes, or Tommy Bahama shirts. Shoppers entered the site by invitation because “if you have to have an invitation to get in, it must be special,” McNamara said.

“Our view is that if you treat the e-consumer site like entertainment, the customer will come on her own and more frequently, and you won’t have to pay to advertise,” said McNamara. He credits Fischman with having “a great sense of what the consumer wants, in terms of being entertained and engaged.”

McNamara left Rue La La in 2011 after the company was sold. M.Gemi is the first venture of LAUNCH, a

“venture-building” company he co-founded with Fischman. Headquartered in Boston, LAUNCH was created to “stress-test ideas,” McNamara said, to thoroughly vet proposals before investing time, energy, and capital. The company’s goal is to launch two new businesses each year.

LAUNCH seeks to develop “an unfair advantage” in its ventures, McNamara said. In M.Gemi, the unfair advantage was the company’s ability to deal directly with shoe manufacturers in Italy, bypassing middlemen, and to sell a product for which consumers have “an insatiable appetite.”

“We had to prove we could identify the greatest shoe artisans in Italy, convince them we were going to be a wonderful brand, and contract with them,” said McNamara.

“Nobody who loves shoes buys one pair of shoes. Women talk about their shoes in a way that they don’t talk about

anything else they buy,” McNamara said. “We love to build businesses that have a high repeat purchase rate and a strong viral marketing concept to them.”

In 2005, after almost 20 years working in big firms such as PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Cendant Corp., and smaller companies in Maine and New Hampshire, McNamara returned to Boston with his wife, Kim McNamara '86, and two young daughters, looking for a change.

He remembered how happy he had been at WEX, a credit card firm in Portland, Maine, “that had to grow fast. It was a small, dynamic environment. It was my first exposure to an entrepreneurial environment, and I loved it.”

“We seek out industries ripe for disruption.”

— TED MCNAMARA '86

McNamara, who has never been averse to risk, has been creating new ventures ever since.

His return to Boston allowed him to reconnect with PC. He helped the School of Business secure its accreditation from AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. For two years, in 2012 and 2013, the McNamaras were co-chairs of A Night in Black & White, PC's annual fundraising event in Boston.

McNamara, a “basketball junkie,” is a season ticket holder for men's games and supports

fundraising for athletics. He never passes up an invitation to work with students. He has been a guest lecturer in accountancy classes and last year spoke to PC's Lifestyle & Fashion club about the process of creating new brands.

“I feel lucky to have gone to Providence College,” said McNamara. His sisters, Judy (McNamara) Murphy '83 and Kathleen (McNamara) Harris '89, are alums as well.

PC's liberal arts foundation, coupled with his business studies, has served McNamara well. When he was a sophomore, undecided about a major, Carol A. Hartley, C.P.A., assistant professor of accountancy, changed his life by telling him he was “really good at accounting” and helping him secure an internship at PwC.

Of course, PC doesn't allow a student to be “just an accountant,” McNamara said.

“You aren't pigeon-holed. You study diverse subjects, so you're never ‘just a ...’ I've never been ‘just an accountant.’ I've applied my education in successfully building many different businesses. Luxury e-commerce is next.” ■



ACCESSORIES



← Our fashion assistant

As a graduate student working in the Division of Marketing and Communications at Providence College, **Alyssa M. Rohmann '15 & '16G** contributed her expertise in fashion to this issue of *Providence College Magazine*.

Rohmann helped to select the photographs that illustrate stories about the Motherland Dance Group fashion show, Dr. Michelle Tolini Finamore '91, and Ted McNamara '86.

As an undergraduate who majored in marketing and minored in finance at PC, Rohmann spent two summers working in Manhattan as a sales intern for fashion design firms Zac Posen and Suno. While pursuing an MBA this academic year, she was a style guru for CollegeFashionista, a fashion blog showcasing styles and trends on campuses around the world. In addition to writing posts about fashion for CollegeFashionista, she was a social media intern, photographing fashion and products, and sharing them on her own social media platforms. Her work caught the eye of MTV, which featured her on its fashion blog about back-to-school outfits after winter break. After she completes her MBA with a concentration in finance, Rohmann hopes to work in the fashion industry, in the marketing of luxury brands.

A course of action →

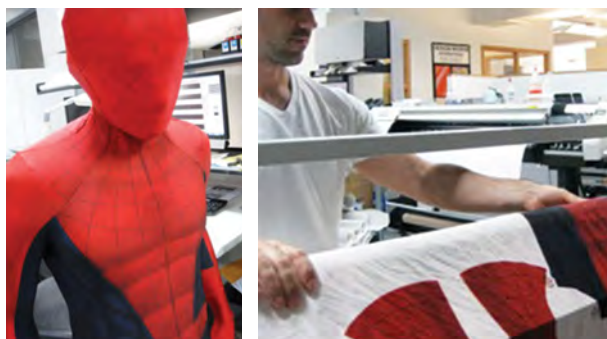
There is a serious fashion statement within the PC curriculum. It's MKT 423, or Fashion Marketing. Taught for more than 20 years at the undergraduate level by marketing fashion scholar and assistant professor **Dr. Helen M. Caldwell (right)**, the course dissects fashion as an industry. Sourcing — so much of which takes place in Southeast Asia — ethics, environmental effects, the treatment of animals, social media, and advertising are poignant issues students scrutinize. Trends are big, too. Students analyze issues such as the appropriateness



of “athleisure wear” in certain work and other environments. Individual and team projects centered on the marketing strategies of fashion brands and companies account for nearly all of the grading in Fashion Marketing.

Digital printing super-hero ↓

The Spider-Man costume is one iconic example of the dazzling digital fabric printing techniques employed by **Danielle Locastro '90** and her design team at First2print in New York City and Los Angeles. The studio's director of operations and a veteran of 27 years in textile design and printing, Locastro leads a cast of artists, designers, and entrepreneurs in digitally printing patterns onto fabrics. Their client base of more than 400 — in markets from apparel and costumes to accessories and arts restoration — includes Sony Pictures, Colonial Williamsburg, and Graceland. And Spider-Man? Led by designer **Paul M. Cartelli '97**, the costume was laid out in specially engineered panels, which were cut apart and sewn into the suit.



↑ Explosion at UNTUCKit

Chris Riccobono '01 is riding a tidal wave with UNTUCKit. The finance graduate launched the niche men's dress shirt line in 2011 and saw sales grow 600 percent in 2013-2014 and another 600 percent last year. UNTUCKit now includes Henleys, T-shirts, and women's outerwear. Seven factories, in countries including China and Peru, support the company's production needs, and UNTUCKit advertises on digital and other media platforms. The success of the online business has triggered a retail enterprise, with the first store in New York City and six more planned nationally this year. "It's hard to manage the growth. I'm ordering three seasons in advance," said Riccobono.

Note: Image depicts an UNTUCKit model.



PC Lifestyle & Fashion is a student organization founded in 2012 by **Danielle Lockhart '14**. Once a week, about 50 students gather to discuss fashion, fitness, pop culture, and campus events — topics that often become posts on the group's blog, pclifestylefashion.tumblr.com.

"We're about more than just fashion. We're concerned with social issues, too," said the president, **Bianca Nudd '16** (Scottsdale, Ariz.), a marketing major. "We create a positive environment for students to write about their passions and things we think are helpful for people our age."

The group holds a semi-annual styling event at J.Crew and brings speakers to campus, including Kerrin Suvani, social media coordinator for Alex and Ani, whose appearance was co-sponsored by the College's chapter of the American Marketing Association. ■



Laurie Baker '00



Jed Michnowicz '99



Mike Donnelly '97



Nadine Malcolm '97




FAME and FRIARS
 FOURTEEN GREATS INDUCTED INTO ATHLETICS 'HALL'

The PC Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016. See career highlights, next page. (Photo: Stew Milne)

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

FOURTEEN IN 2016. IT NEVER GETS OLD.

Every couple of years, the Friar athletics faithful congregates for one of those momentous occasions governed by tradition. It's a rite of passage where the black is never more bold and the white gleams spectacularly.

It's a night when the room seemingly is ripe to burst from the nostalgia, the spirit, and the emotion of a storied athletics program and its proud student-athletes.

On Feb. 13, 14 stars of yesteryear were enshrined in the College's Athletics Hall of Fame in a packed ballroom at The Biltmore hotel — fittingly during Alumni & Family Weekend. The honorees included a 16-season Major League Baseball veteran, an eight-year NBA player, a general manager for five NHL teams, a four-time NCAA champion, a swimmer who holds or shares eight school records, and a lacrosse student-athlete and a women's basketball student-athlete who were the first Friars in their sport to be drafted professionally.

Joining an elite circle that now numbers 167 individuals and one team were: Laurie Baker '00, women's ice hockey; Brian Burke '77, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient; Mike Donnelly '97, men's track and cross country; Ryan Gomes '05, men's basketball; Martin Hayes '85, men's soccer; Nadine Malcolm '97, women's basketball; John McDonald '10SCE, baseball; Roisin McGettigan '03, women's track and cross country; Jed Michnowicz '99, men's swimming; Brian O'Rorke '05, lacrosse; Tom Palamara '80, former women's ice hockey coach; Chad Quenneville '95, men's ice hockey; Kim Smith '05, women's track and cross country; and Cami White '91, field hockey.

"This is just one of those occasions. ... You know they all did something great," said master of ceremonies and longtime PC basketball radio play-by-play announcer John Rooke, at the beginning of the night.

Long live tradition. ■





Hall of Fame 2016 inductees: career highlights



LAURIE BAKER '00
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

- recorded 75 goals, 44 assists, and 119 points overall in two seasons at PC
- two-time Olympian; helped U.S. win 1998 gold medal



BRIAN BURKE '77
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- played in 112 hockey games in four seasons at PC; captain as a senior
- GM of five NHL teams, including the 2007 Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks



MIKE DONNELLY '97
MEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

- first walk-on to earn All-America honors in PC men's track
- two-time All-American: 1997 NCAA Indoor 5,000, 1997 NCAA Outdoor 10,000



RYAN GOMES '05
MEN'S BASKETBALL

- PC's all-time leading scorer with 2,138 points; seventh with 1,028 rebounds
- played eight seasons in the NBA with four teams



MARTIN HAYES '85
MEN'S SOCCER

- two-time All-American, including first PC men's soccer All-American
- recorded 16 goals and 16 assists for 48 points in four seasons as a midfielder



NADINE MALCOLM '97
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- ranks sixth all-time in PC career scoring (1,649 points) and 14th in career rebounds (688)
- first PC women's basketball student-athlete to play professionally in the WNBA



JOHN MCDONALD '10SC
BASEBALL

- holds school record for single-season hits (85) and doubles (23)
- played 16 seasons (1,100 games) in Major League Baseball with eight teams



ROISIN MCGETTIGAN '03
WOMEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

- set PC women's record for indoor 800 meters (2:05.91) and 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:50.12)
- four-time All-American; 2008 Olympian for Ireland



JED MICHNOWICZ '99
MEN'S SWIMMING

- holds school record in five individual freestyle events (100 yards, 200, 500, 1,000, & 1,650)
- PC's second all-time leading scorer with 1,029 points



BRIAN O'RORKE '05

LACROSSE

- three-time All-MAAC First-Team selection and MAAC Defensive Player of the Year
- first PC lacrosse player drafted by Major League Lacrosse



TOM PALAMARA '80

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

- first head coach of the program, starting in his sophomore year
- coached the team its first six years and finished with a 56-27-3 record



CHAD QUENNEVILLE '95

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

- ranks eighth in PC career scoring with 167 points, on 78 goals and 89 assists
- two-time Second-Team All-American and two-time All-New England



KIM SMITH '05

WOMEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

- only PC woman to win four NCAA titles overall and two NCAA titles in the same meet
- three-time Olympian for New Zealand



CAMI WHITE '91

FIELD HOCKEY

- ranks as PC's fourth career scoring leader with 144 points
- named a First-Team All-American and a three-time Academic All-American



CONTRIBUTIONS PUT BURKE '77 IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

Brian Burke '77 might not have been a 100-point scorer or a highly-sought NHL draft choice during his four-year hockey career at Providence College.

But, he did play in 112 games for legendary coach Lou Lamoriello '63 & '01Hon. and went on to play professionally in the AHL.

After helping the Maine Mariners win the 1978 AHL Calder Cup Championship, Burke left the team and carved a path that led to extraordinary success as an NHL executive. His professional hockey accomplishments and his dogged involvement in charitable causes made him an easy pick for a Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame in February.

Burke returned to school and attained a *juris doctor* degree from Harvard Law School in 1981. He worked as an NHL player agent for six years. Since 1987, he has been the general manager for five NHL franchises, helping lead the Anaheim Ducks to the Stanley Cup Championship in 2007.

He served as the executive vice president and director of hockey operations for the NHL front office from 1994-1998. He also was the GM of the 2010 U.S. Men's Hockey Olympic Team.

Currently the director of hockey operations for the NHL's Calgary Flames, Burke is passionate about many charitable and social causes. Foremost is You Can Play, a campaign that advocates for inclusivity in competitive sports for athletes of any sexual orientation. His other special interests include an outreach similar to You Can Play, called The Canadian Safe School Network; Special Olympics Canada; and Ducks Unlimited Canada, devoted to the preservation and restoration of wetlands. He's also visited Canadian military personnel in Afghanistan and Kuwait several times.

Gary Bettman, NHL commissioner, said Burke is a highly respected executive. "He's put an imprint on the league. He has a voice that resonates," he said. ■

[Read an in-depth profile on Burke: magazine.providence.edu](http://magazine.providence.edu)



Kris Dunn '16 takes on a pair of USC defenders in the NAAs.

Four winter teams crash NCAA party

THE 2015-16 WINTER SPORTS SEASON was three-peat time for the Friars' men's basketball and men's ice hockey teams. For the men's and women's indoor track teams, it was business as usual.

The men's basketball and men's hockey teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive season, with each roaring past the 20-victory mark. And the men's and women's indoor track teams, which perennially send student-athletes to the NCAA championships, came away with another All-America performer each.

PC's Nick Ellis '17, who made 54 saves in the double-overtime contest, thwarts Minnesota Duluth's Kyle Osterberg in the teams' NCAA game.



PHOTOS: BASKETBALL: JACK TARR; HOCKEY: CHRISTOPHER EMERSON, BENTIL, COLLINS, AND OAKLEY (OPPOSITE PAGE); PC ATHLETICS.

Ben Bentil '18



Basketball earns NCAA victory

DRIVEN ALL SEASON by the one-two punch of First-Team All-BIG EAST Conference picks Kris Dunn '16 (New London, Conn.) and Ben Bentil '18 (Wilmington, Del.), the

men's basketball team won its first NCAA Tournament game in 19 years. Rallying late in the game, PC edged the University of Southern California, 70-69, on a layup by Rodney Bullock '17 (Hampton, Va.) with 1.5 seconds left.

The victory advanced PC to the Second Round, where it fell to No. 1 seed North Carolina, 85-66. Coach Ed Cooley's Friars finished with a 24-11 record, including 10-8 in the BIG EAST.

Dunn, who is expected to be a first-round NBA Draft choice in June, polished his reputation as one of the country's best point guards. Named the BIG EAST Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, he ranked fourth in the BIG EAST in scoring (16.4 points per game), second in assists (6.2), and first in steals (2.5). Dunn was a consensus Second-Team All-American.

Bentil had a breakout season, being named the BIG EAST Most Improved Player and an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American. The 6-9 forward, who declared for the NBA Draft but has the option of withdrawing, led the BIG EAST in scoring with a 21.2-point average and ranked fourth in rebounding with 7.7 per game.

Hockey collects 27 wins

COMING OFF THE 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP season, the men's hockey team advanced to the First Round of the NCAA Tournament and posted 27 wins overall, the second-most in program history. Ranked in the top 10 all season, including No. 1 for six weeks, the Friars suffered a 2-1 double-overtime defeat to the University of Minnesota Duluth in their thrilling NCAA battle. PC finished at 27-7-4.

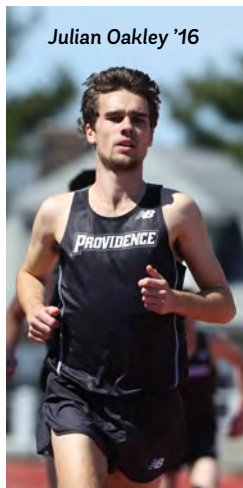
Consistency was the mark of the Friars in 2015-16. With nine seniors, they started off the season with a 12-0-3 record and notched a school-record 16 victories in Hockey East Association play, going 16-3-3 and tying for their first regular-season Hockey East title ever. They defeated Merrimack in two games in a best-of-three tournament quarterfinal series before falling to the University of Massachusetts Lowell, 2-1, in triple overtime in the semifinals.

Four Friars, including Head Coach Nate Leaman, earned Hockey East honors at season's end. Forward Mark Jankowski '16 (Dundas, Ontario) and defenseman Jake Walman '18 (Toronto, Ontario) received First-Team All-Hockey East recognition, while goaltender Nick Ellis '17 (Millersville, Md.) was named an Honorable Mention All-Star. Leaman, who has compiled a 106-65-23 record in five seasons at PC, was chosen Hockey East Coach of the Year. Walman and Jankowski also were named First- and Second-Team CCM All-Americans, respectively.

Sarah Collins '16



Julian Oakley '16



All-America honors for track duo

NO STRANGERS TO THE NCAA INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, PC's men's and women's teams were represented by distance runners Julian Oakley '16 (Tauranga, New Zealand) and Sarah Collins '16 (Basel, Switzerland) at the NCAA meet in March in Birmingham, Ala. Each turned in All-America performances.

Oakley captured First-Team All-America honors by placing seventh in the mile run in a time of 4:07.75. He was in a pack of nine runners who finished within 1.49 seconds of each other. It was his second career All-America accolade.

Collins, meanwhile, finished 12th in the 5,000-meter run in 16:33.96 to capture a berth on the All-America Second-Team. It was the fifth time in her career that she has achieved All-America status. ■

Excitement builds for the centennial

Celebration kicks off on Aug. 31

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE



Harkins Hall in 1921

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE IS TREATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of its founding in 1917 as ... well, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

The year-plus observance of the centennial will be packed with presentations by celebrity figures, events that build on the College's traditions and Catholic and Dominican heritage, and memorabilia that honors the institution's rich history. To that end, the centennial reflects the theme used for the 75th anniversary: Values That Endure.

Centennial planning began five years ago and continues under a 24-member committee composed of alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

"Everyone is so excited. The pace has really picked up the last year and a half. It's a one-time thing for all of us," said Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, College executive vice president and treasurer. He chairs the committee with Ann Manchester-Molak '75, assistant to the president and executive vice president in the Office of the President.

Father Sicard said the celebration will underscore qualities for which PC is known, including academic excellence, a family-like culture, alumni success, the generosity of the College community, and a commitment to outstanding facilities.

The celebration also will serve to inform the post-centennial Strategic Plan and act as a springboard for the College's next 100 years, said Father Sicard. With sustained vocations to the Dominican religious life, he expressed confidence that PC's Dominican influence will be assured throughout the next century.

The centennial celebration will kick off this year on Wednesday, Aug. 31, with a full day of programs that coincide with Academic Convocation. There will be a centennial Mass,

several academic presentations, and convocation itself — headlined by a keynote address by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Nicholas Kristof of *The New York Times*. Classes will be canceled that day, allowing students and faculty to attend all of the events.

The celebration will unfold steadily through June 2017. Multiple events are scheduled every month, with many festivities tied into traditional programs such as St. Dominic Weekend, the Theological Exchange between Catholics and Jews, Alumni & Family Weekend, and Commencement Weekend.

There are also several dedicated programs. Highlights include a conference on Bartolomé de las Casas; keynote addresses by author/biographer and political commentator Doris Kearns Goodwin and Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York; and a spring social for students.

The centennial will be prominent in other ways, too. There will be a historical walkway, banners and signage throughout campus, a coffee table book, an anniversary video, and more.

Father Sicard and Manchester-Molak emphasized the centennial should be enjoyed by all segments of the College community, friends of PC, the Providence community, and the community at large.

"This is a great opportunity to galvanize and celebrate," said Manchester-Molak. "We want to tell PC's story in different ways. Everybody is a piece of this." ■



CENTENNIAL WEBSITE:
centennial.providence.edu

MBA Program rated #67 in *Bloomberg* rankings

Bloomberg Businessweek ranked the Providence College School of Business (PCSB) at No. 67 in its U.S. Part-Time MBA Rankings for 2015. This was the first year the PCSB participated in the rankings. At 67, its MBA Program was higher than other Catholic colleges such as Sacred Heart University and Santa Clara University. The rankings were based on surveys of alumni and current students in 74 part-time MBA programs.

Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. named College chaplain



Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. began serving as College chaplain and director of Campus Ministry in January. He replaced Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98, who was named pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Greenwich Village, a Dominican parish in New York City.

Father Peter Martyr came to PC in January 2015 as an assistant chaplain due to the pending reassignment of Father Cuddy, who had served PC since 2009.

A Hagerstown, Md., native, Father Peter Martyr graduated in 2006 from the University of Maryland, where he studied history. He entered the Dominican Order of Preachers in 2007 and was ordained in 2014.

Chard deNiord chosen Vermont poet laureate



Chard deNiord, professor of English, was installed as the eighth poet laureate of Vermont by Gov. Peter Shumlin.

The author of six books of poetry has taught in the Creative Writing Program at PC since 1998. He earned a master of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a master of fine arts from the Iowa Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. As a professor, deNiord received the 2011-12 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, the College's highest teaching honor.

The Humanities Forum enriches DWC offerings

The College community has another opportunity to deepen its appreciation of topics covered in Development of Western Civilization (DWC) through The Humanities Forum, created by Dr. Raymond F. Hain, assistant professor of philosophy.

He said the forum's lectures, concerts, and presentations, which will be ongoing, are intended to be "a regular time and place where faculty and students can share in the intellectual life outside of class." This spring, eight events were planned to coordinate with subjects addressed in the second and fourth semesters of DWC, such as the founding of the United States.



Huxley Avenue to become walkway

Huxley Avenue will close permanently to vehicular traffic between Eaton Street and Ventura Street after commencement in May, so construction can begin on a new walkway to unify the east and west sides of campus.

The project, part of PC's "Campus Transformation" plan, will coordinate with other construction nearby, including the Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies and Chapey Field at Anderson Stadium. Vehicle access to campus will be restricted to entrances at River Avenue, Eaton Street near the Smith Center for the Arts, and Huxley Avenue via Admiral Street. ■

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Our Moment



A GAME-CHANGING GIFT

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

Michael A. Ruane '71 & '13Hon., in partnership with his wife, Elizabeth, has made the largest single donation to Providence College from a living alumnus — a game-changing gift that will benefit academics, athletics, and student life for decades.

Construction will begin this summer on the Ruane Friar Development Center, an addition to Alumni Hall that will be anchored by a long-awaited basketball practice facility. Slavin Center will be improved with expansions to the Center for Career Education and Professional Development and to '64 Hall, the largest meeting facility on campus. The gift will allow the College to establish its third academic chair, in economics.

“We owe much of what Providence College has become — and what it will be in the future — to Mike, Liz, and the Ruane family,” said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80. “Their positive impact will continue for generations to come, and we are grateful beyond words.”

Ruane, former chair of the Board of Trustees, is founding owner, chair, and managing partner of Boston-based TA Realty, one of the largest real estate investment advisory firms in the nation. The Ruanes' previous generosity has made possible the Ruane Center for the Humanities, the Ruane Atrium of the Concannon Fitness Center, and the Michael A. Ruane Endowed Chair for Innovation in Business Education. ■



A new chair in economics

“Dr. Kahane is an innovative educator and prominent scholar who will continue to provide superb leadership in this new role.”

— DR. HUGH F. LENA

Dr. Leo H. Kahane, professor of economics, will become the first **Michael A. Ruane Distinguished Chair in Economics** on July 1, 2016.

The creation of faculty chairs is a priority in the Providence College Strategic Plan. Endowed chairs signal a commitment to quality scholarship and teaching while enhancing academic reputation and institutional prestige.

The economics chair is the College’s third overall and the second endowed by Michael A. Ruane ’71 & ’13 Hon. and his wife, Elizabeth. Dr. M. Cary Collins, professor of finance, joined the School of Business faculty in 2013 as the

first Michael A. Ruane Endowed Chair for Innovation in Business Education. The Rev. Robert Randall Distinguished Professorship in Christian Culture was established in 2002.

Kahane is a graduate of Columbia University and the University of California, Berkeley. He has taught at PC since 2010 and is an expert in sports economics, applied economics, and international trade. He is the interim department chair.

“Dr. Kahane is an innovative educator and prominent scholar who will continue to provide superb leadership in this new role,” said Dr. Hugh F. Lena,

provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “As Ruane Chair, he will serve as an invaluable resource for his fellow faculty members, students, and those who work with the economics department on collaborative initiatives.”

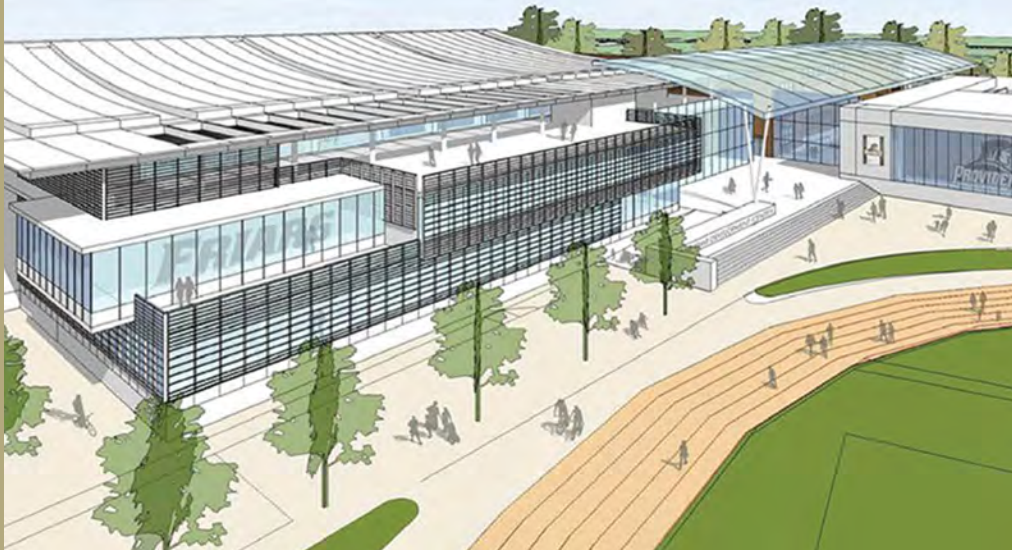
Proceeds from the Ruane endowment will support the faculty position in perpetuity, allowing PC to enhance teaching, scholarship, and outreach in economics. Economics was Ruane’s major at PC and is one of 40 undergraduate majors in PC’s School of Arts & Sciences. ■



Our Moment

An eye-popping update for Alumni Hall, Slavin Center

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PERKINS EASTMAN



The Ruane Friar Development Center will be the most exciting change to Alumni Hall since its construction in 1955 as a home for Friar basketball. And it will improve Slavin Center by seamlessly linking student life and athletics in a central campus location.

Anchoring the development center will be a long-awaited, two-court basketball practice facility. Its construction will free Mullaney Gym for exclusive use by the women's basketball and volleyball teams, which previously shared space with the men's basketball team. An additional training center for student-athletes,

athletics offices, study space, and a dining room will be built, along with a new Friar Athletics Hall of Fame that will feature a statue honoring the memory and contributions of basketball coach legends Joe Mullaney '65Hon. & '98Hon. and Dave Gavitt '89Hon.

"This gift from Mike and Liz Ruane will be essential for our student-athletes to have continued success on the national level," said Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., associate vice president and director of athletics. "This construction project represents the culmination of investments over the last decade, allowing us to create

state-of-the-art facilities for all our athletics teams and helping us to capture BIG EAST and national championships."

As part of the project, "Friartown Main Street," an indoor concourse topped with a translucent roof, will be built between Alumni Hall and Slavin Center. Those entering Slavin from the concourse will be greeted by an enlarged and improved Center for Career Education and Professional Development on one side and an expanded and renovated '64 Hall, the largest meeting facility on campus, on the other.

The first phase of the 50,000-square-foot project, expected to be completed in late summer 2017, will cost nearly \$30 million. The second phase, which will encompass the improvements to Slavin Center and is estimated to cost \$7.5 million, will begin after that.

The architect is Perkins Eastman. One of that firm's principals is Stephen Forneris '90 & '18P.

"We appreciate the generosity of Mike and Liz and all the Friar fans who have made this possible with their support," said men's head basketball coach Ed Cooley, who with his wife, Nurys, donated \$500,000 to the academic portion of the center. "Having great facilities is imperative in helping the development and growth of our student-athletes." ■

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- ROBERT G. DRISCOLL, JR.





Our Moment

Campaign leadership gifts

Providence College is deeply grateful to the following individuals and organizations who have made leadership commitments to the \$140 million comprehensive campaign, *Our Moment: The Next Century Campaign for Providence College.*

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New athletics home opens

The new Chapey Field at Anderson Stadium opened in January and serves as the home for the lacrosse and women's and men's soccer teams. Construction was buoyed by leadership gifts from trustee Karl W. Anderson '88 and Kathleen Fowley Anderson '88 and from Michael J. Chapey '86 and Maura Hurley Chapey '86.

Highlights of the complex include seating for 1,500, an all-weather turf field, a press box, suites, and an electronic scoreboard.

Accounting firms fortify Ryan Center

Alumni and PC parents employed by three major accounting firms, and the firms themselves, have committed \$1.6 million toward construction of the Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, the new home for the Providence College School of Business (PCSB).

Deloitte, KPMG LLP, and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) LLP completed alumni and parent corporate naming campaigns for the business center. Each campaign included gifts from alumni and parents working for the firms and significant matching gifts from the firms.

The Deloitte campaign raised \$301,500, which will be used to name a large classroom in the business center. About 33 percent of the alumni and parent employees made commitments to the campaign, which was led by Susan M. Esper '91 & '19P, a PC trustee; Stephen E. Gallucci '89, vice chair of the PCSB Business Advisory Council; Dawn Crouch '91; and Sarah Digirolo '08.

The PwC campaign, led by John R. Formica, Jr. '81 & '19P and supported by a committee including Nicholas Sirianni '05, Katelyn Kelly '09, Matt Bruckerhoff '12, Annie Montemarano '12, and Ann Ulett, among others, raised \$524,880 to name the student lounge on the upper level of the center's atrium. More than 50 percent of the alumni and parent employees — 73 donors — made commitments.

The KPMG campaign raised \$1.1 million to name a 125-seat auditorium and toward other designations. All of the firm's PC alumni partners contributed generously to the campaign, which also was supported by 40 percent of the employees who were asked to donate. The campaign was led by Patrick J. Canning '81 and Joseph Gencarella '85 and included support from the KPMG Foundation. ■

STADIUM PHOTO: CHRIS JUDGE '05.

Why I Give

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

Sometimes, reunion giving is about donating money. Sometimes, it's about giving time. For **Megan (Condrón) Smith '91**, it's about both.

Smith is chair of the 25th Reunion Gift Committee for the Class of 1991. She oversees 15 classmates who plan, in monthly conference calls, how to meet the class fundraising goal, raise awareness of the importance of giving, and set the bar high for future reunions.

"Reunion giving is a method of fundraising to build excitement, encourage participation, and create awareness about the need for philanthropic support for Providence College," said Tara L. Harrington, associate director of annual giving. "The goal is to create positive and successful energy around each class' reunion gift, as well as develop a competitive nature between the classes."

"Megan is a tremendous leader and has dedicated an enormous amount of time to this initiative," added Harrington.

Smith, who lives in Boston, is executive vice president and director of national accounts for KBS Capital Markets Group, based in California. She is a member of PC's School of Business Advisory Council and regularly attends College events, including St. Dominic Weekend, A Night in Black & White, and Providence in New York City.



"I have to say what I'm involved in right now is a lot of fun — to engage with people I used to know 25 years ago, to build a committee that's philanthropic in nature and made up of people who love the school as much as I do," said Smith. "My goal is to have everyone give a little bit more because it's our 25th. And to have those who have the means make a long-term

pledge. I want to get people re-engaged so that when our 30-year reunion comes around, we've got people already giving."

Smith majored in social science at PC, studying economics, political science, and psychology, and earning a business certificate minor. A native of Worcester, Mass., she toured the College the summer before her senior year of high school. That visit was enough to convince her not to apply anywhere else.

"Looking back, I wouldn't have done one thing differently — I wouldn't have taken a different class, or studied more, or studied less, or said, 'That was a bad roommate choice.' I wouldn't change one

thing," said Smith. "Even today, some of my best friends are the people I met in college.

"I feel my life was shaped by my four years spent at Providence," said Smith. "I have to be involved to make sure others can have the experiences I did." ■

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Classroom

Back to school at 92

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

PHOTO BY PETER GOLDBERG



WHEN 92-YEAR-OLD DR. JOSEPH J. BOX '51 traveled to Guatemala for a service trip earlier this year, he brought an extra carry-on bag for his homework.

For one week, Box provided dental care to more than 100 patients in four villages near San Lucas Tolimán in the Guatemalan highlands. In his spare time, he re-read *Beowulf* and studied for Perspectives on Western Civilization, a course he is taking through Providence College's School of Continuing Education (SCE).

"I like *Beowulf*," said Box. "It's a great story."

Box missed out on studying Western civilization his first time at PC. The Development of Western Civilization Program wasn't established until 1971, two decades after he graduated with a biology degree. By then, Box had already completed dental school at the University of St. Louis, married, and started a dental practice in his home in Pawtucket, R.I.

Through the years, he has enjoyed many roles. He was a jazz musician who played clarinet and saxophone in the Big Bands, and a Navy veteran who served with the Marines in the Pacific during World War II. He was chief dental surgeon with the Rhode Island Air National Guard and received the Meritorious Service Ribbon when he retired as lieutenant colonel. As president of his local Sons of Italy lodge, he instituted a history lecture series and a lively *morra* tournament highlighting the ancient Italian hand game.

But most of all, Box has been a life-long learner. ➡



From top: Dr. Joseph J. Box '51 travels to villages in the Guatemalan highlands by pickup truck. Box greets Pedro deLeon, dental technician, in January for the first time since 2008. Box provides dental care to a Guatemalan boy. Photos: Susan Box

A regular at the Books on the Square store in Providence, he has read at least one biography of every U.S. president. When he moved on to the biographies of the Roman emperors, he discovered that he lacked context in which to “piece things together.” The SCE had the answer: three courses in Western civilization for adult learners that match the curriculum required for undergraduate students.

Box took his first course in the Fall 2015 semester and enrolled in the second in January. The classes meet in the evenings, once a week, for 2½ hours.

Box has been back to the classroom before. When he was 75, his wife, Janice, a registered nurse, noticed a newspaper story about doctors and dentists being sought to provide care to Maya Indians in Guatemala. She thought they should take part. Box took courses in Spanish to prepare.

They went to Guatemala twice a year for 13 years until 2008, when her illness kept them at home. She died in 2014.

Box’s trip to Guatemala in January was his first visit in eight years. He was welcomed with open arms by friends who call him *José Caja* — literally, “Joe Box.”

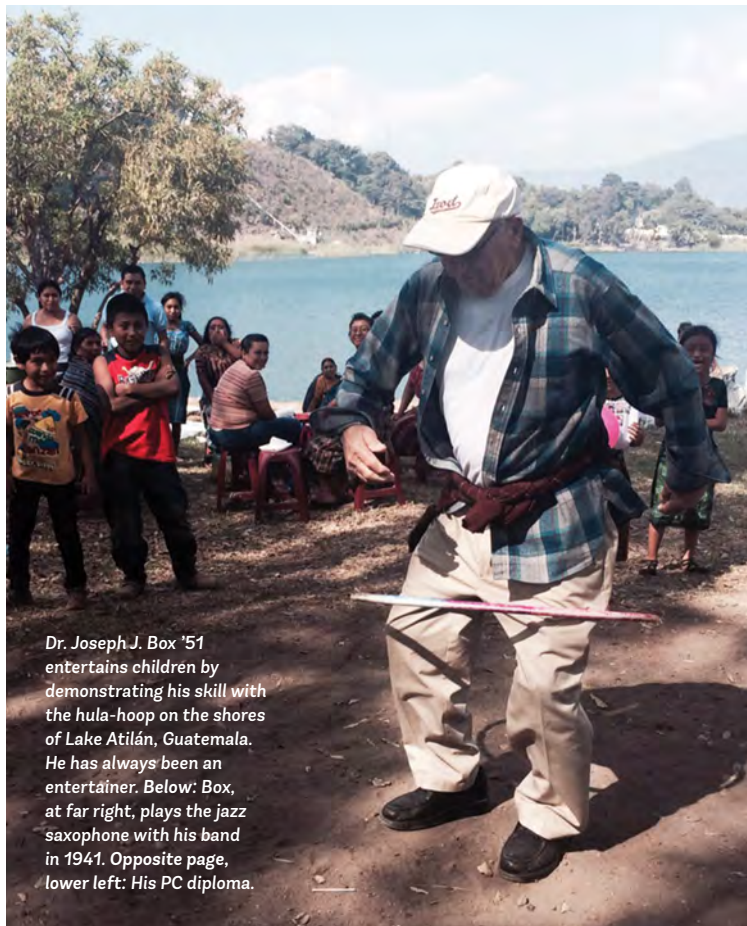
“We got a great deal done,” said Box, who traveled by pickup truck to remote villages, saw an average of 25 patients a day, and performed about 130 extractions. “I reunited with friends who it was very good to see again.”

The dental clinic that Box and his colleagues helped to establish years ago in San Lucas Tolimán is going strong, with trained local clinicians treating patients daily.

The father of four children and the grandfather of five, Box stays in shape by riding a stationary bike for at least 40 minutes a day, lifting weights to strengthen his upper body and core, and playing Luminosity brain games on his computer. A couple of days a week, he provides dental exams in Rhode Island nursing homes.

As for his course work, he enjoys it. He finds the classes “intense” and, because of all he’s learned, looks forward to visiting Rome again.

“This time, when I visit the Forum, I will know who was doing what and where,” said Box.



Dr. Joseph J. Box '51 entertains children by demonstrating his skill with the hula-hoop on the shores of Lake Atilán, Guatemala. He has always been an entertainer. Below: Box, at far right, plays the jazz saxophone with his band in 1941. Opposite page, lower left: His PC diploma.



PHOTOS: ABOVE: SUSAN BOX. BELOW: PC ARCHIVES.

“He’s a living example that learning is a lifelong commitment and opportunity.”

— DR. JANET L. CASTLEMAN, SCE DEAN



PHOTO BY PETER GOLDBERG



Dr. Charles E. Bonner, special lecturer in philosophy, who taught Box last semester, said he has “the attitude that all teachers appreciate: genuine curiosity, an open mind, an effort to read assigned texts, and genuine enthusiasm in class discussion.”

Box is an inspiration, agreed SCE Dean Dr. Janet L. Castleman.

“We’ve been thrilled to have him join our learning community,” Castleman said. “He’s a living example that learning is a lifelong commitment and opportunity. He’s a wonderful role model for all of us.” ■

NEWS FROM REGIONAL ALUMNI CLUBS

Four alumni clubs welcome new presidents

ATLANTA

The Atlanta Alumni Club is excited to announce its new president, **Anthony Roman '97**. As we welcome Anthony, we would like to recognize **Kevin Walsh '90** for his service as president. His volunteerism allowed the Atlanta area club to grow in recent years.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California Alumni Club is pleased to welcome **Scott Tashjian '10** as the new club president. As **Tara Voeltz '06** passes the baton, we thank her for her dedication to the club.

NEW LONDON/WASHINGTON COUNTY

Tom Amanti '74 has taken over as president of the New London and Washington County Alumni Club. Tom is the father of two Friars — in the classes of 2003 and 2006. We look forward to seeing what he has in store for us. A special thank you to **Honorable Kevin McMahon '73** for his leadership during the last several years.

FAIRFIELD/WESTCHESTER COUNTY

John Denson '89 has been named the first president of the Fairfield/Westchester County Alumni Club. We are excited to have John on board and look forward to future events under his leadership. ■

Friars Days #2: 'Let's Go, Friars!'

THREE TIMES A YEAR Friars unite across the country and beyond to show their pride and love for PC at Friar Days. Each event has a specific intent: to welcome, to cheer, or to serve.

On Feb. 6, Friars gathered for the second Friar Days celebration of the year and rooted on the men's basketball team in its game against Villanova at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence. Game watches took place in 21 locations, including London, England, with Friars sharing food, drinks, and camaraderie.

Friar Days began in September, when hundreds gathered at various locations to welcome the College's newest alumni, parents, and students. Friar Days concludes in April, when alumni serve their local communities in volunteer projects. ■



Above: At Friar Days with the Greater Providence Area (Mal Brown) Club in Providence are, from left, Ashley Sherman, Steve Oliveira, Leslie J. Heller '02, Todd V. Incantalupo '98 & '01G, Bill Heller, and Monica M. Incantalupo '07 & '09G. Left: In Hartford are, from left, James Smith '80, Peter H. Tracey '80, Eileen Bjarno '89, Margaret "Maggie" A. Seaver '88, and Vincent J. Seaver '88.

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The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, far left, and the Tower of Belém in Lisbon, left, are among the featured stops as the Friar Explorations alumni travel program offers 2016 tours to America's Music Cities and to Portugal.

Join fellow Friars on 'America's Music Cities,' Portugal tours

FRIAR EXPLORATIONS, the alumni travel program of Providence College, offers an opportunity to connect with alumni, family, and friends while learning about the world “beyond the classroom.” For 2016, slots are available for two trips, “America’s Music Cities” and Portugal.

America’s Music Cities, which is offered from Oct. 14-21, is comprised of two nights in Nashville, two nights in Memphis, and three nights in New Orleans.

Friars and friends will tour RCA Studio B, where Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, and Charlie Pride recorded hit records,

and will visit the Grand Ole Opry for a show and backstage tour. Stops also are planned at the Country Music Hall of Fame, Graceland, and the French Quarter of New Orleans. Participants can enjoy a demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

Friar Explorations will travel to Portugal from Oct. 21-30. The trip includes four nights in Porto and four nights in Lisbon.

Travelers will visit seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centers of Oporto and Guimarães, the University of Coimbra, the monastery of Hieronymites, the Tower of Belém in Lisbon, the cultural landscape of Sintra, and the Alto Douro Wine Region. The trip includes a day exploring the scenic Douro Valley on a river cruise and a day in Lisbon, the country’s capital.

For more information, contact Sarah Firetto '03, associate director for alumni relations, at 401.865.1909 or at sfiretto@providence.edu. Details also can be found at: providence.edu/alumni/travel-with-pc ■

A thank-a-thon for our alumni veterans

The approximately 1,000 PC alumni who are military veterans received a bonus of sorts last Veterans Day — phone calls thanking them for their service to our nation.

Thirty members of the Student Alumni Association and 16 cadets in the College’s Army ROTC Patriot Battalion made personal calls to the veterans on Nov. 11. The outreach was a collaboration between the Office of Alumni Relations and the Department of Military Science.

Organizers and student callers shared heartwarming stories and words of appreciation from many of the alums and/or their spouses. One alumnus kept a student on the phone for more than 15 minutes, referencing Bible verses that reflected his undergraduate days. Another alum, who had a birthday the following day, referred to the call as “an early birthday present.”

Several family members who took the call for veterans who were unavailable expressed delight that the College would honor its alumni in such a way.



“We watched the students light up whenever the line was picked up, and I can imagine the veterans were wearing matching smiles on the other end,” said Michelle Grupinski '12 & '14G, coordinator of alumni relations, who assisted Patrick R. Walker, assistant director of alumni relations, in arranging the phone-a-thon. ■



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

ALUMNI

by the numbers
(as of 3/1/16)

54,479
CURRENT
ALUMNI



132 ALUMNI PROVIDED
246 CAREER SHADOWING
OPPORTUNITIES DURING
WINTER BREAK

16 **FRIAR**
EXPLORATIONS
ALUMNI TRIPS
OFFERED SINCE
2010

10,010 ALUMNI IN **FOLD**
FRIARS OF THE LAST DECADE

457
CURRENT
LEGACY
STUDENTS

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
LEGACY
FOREVER A FRIAR
FOREVER A FAMILY



24

REGIONAL CLUBS

635
ALUMNI
VOLUNTEERS

2,018 ALUMNI AND GUESTS
ATTENDANCE AT REUNION WEEKEND IN 2015

89 ENGAGEMENT and
NETWORKING
EVENTS IN FY'14-'15

156 STUDENT ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS
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CLASS NOTES

1960s

'61 (55th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Dominick M. Golia '61 of Branford, Conn., had the cafeteria at Ansonia High School named in his honor. He has served the Ansonia Public Schools for nearly 50 years, first as a science teacher at the high school and currently as the director of the nutrition program for the district since the late 1990s. This school year, he rolled out a breakfast program in Ansonia's two public schools by which every child is fed regardless of their eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

'62

Col. Lawrence "Larry" A. Redmond '62 (U.S. Army, retired) of Poinciana, Fla., was encouraged by his children to write about his 24 years in the military, resulting in the memoir, *A Dusty Boot Soldier Remembers: Twenty-Four Years of Improbable but True Tales of Service in Uncle Sam's Army* (Hellgate Press; 2015). The book begins with Redmond's commissioning as a lieutenant after his PC graduation, followed by duty in Panama, Thailand, Israel, England, and two combat tours in Vietnam, where he held command and staff positions. Among his awards are the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. After his military career, he worked for GTE Government Systems and General Dynamics Communications Systems.

'63

Lt. Col. Paul K. McNamara '63 (U.S. Army, retired) of Bonita Springs, Fla., was inducted into the University of Rhode Island ROTC Hall of Fame. He capped his 22-year Army career as a professor of military science

with the university's ROTC Program. Following his retirement from active duty, he founded and directed an Army JROTC program at Cranston High School East in R.I. for 14 years.

'66 (50th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Edward G. Fitzgerald, Jr., Esq. '66 of Jenkintown, Pa., was elected as the chair of the Eagleville Foundation Board of Directors. He has served on the board for 14 years and as chair of the strategic planning and audit committees. The foundation and its affiliate, Eagleville Hospital, provide comprehensive behavioral health treatment for individuals who suffer from substance use disorders, co-occurring medical and psychiatric conditions, and geriatric psychiatric illnesses. An attorney, Fitzgerald practiced law for 46 years before retiring in 2014 as managing director of Spector Gadon & Rosen, a 60-lawyer firm with offices in Philadelphia, Florida, New York, and New Jersey. He also was a member of the board of Lutheran Children and Family Services for 10 years, chairman of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Committee on Drug and Alcohol Addiction for two years, and is a founding member of the board of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, an arm of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

James R. Paradiso '66 of Chicago, Ill., wrote a science fiction, mystery, and interactive novel, *Intimations of Immortality (Cold Case: Commander Adam S. Appel)* (Smashwords; 2015). The book centers on an eccentric, but brilliant, explorer who disappears on a top-secret mission in deep space to survey post-Earth sites for colonization. Readers are selected as designated cold-case investigators and

directed to facilitate the investigation unconditionally by posting their input on a website.

'68

Donald H. Sauvigné '68 of Wilton, Conn., was voted the chairman of the Wilton Police Commission in January 2016. A commissioner since 2012, he previously served as the vice chair. He is a retired human resources professional. While a corporate plan sponsor, he served as a trustee of The Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), a member of the ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC) Board of Directors, and a trustee and officer for the Council on Employee Benefits. He was honored with the distinction of being named an EBRI Fellow. Sauvigné also serves as a member of the Wilton Republican Town Committee and has been a volunteer and member of the Community Advisory Board for the Norwalk Hospital Foundation and Whittingham Cancer Center, supporting outreach and fund appeal activities.

'69

Howard Lisnoff '69 & '93G of South Egremont, Mass., wrote an article, "Can the Demands of History Resolve the Kent State Massacre Controversy?", which was published on CounterPunch on Feb. 1, 2016. The article questions the differences in the analysis of the Strubbe audiotape of the shootings at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, in which four students were killed and nine students wounded during a protest of the Vietnam War. Lisnoff and another writer, William A. Gordon, are seeking to have the controversy re-examined, claiming that the FBI used less advanced techniques in sound analysis than



two forensic audio experts. He is a teacher in the Individual Studies Program at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y.

1970s

'71 (45th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Vasilios J. "Bill" Kalogredis, Esq. '71 of West Chester, Pa., spoke on "Considerations in Understanding and Negotiating Employment Contracts" at the 2015 Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting on Sept. 19 in Hershey. He is a lawyer with Kalogredis, Sansweet, Dearden and Burke, Ltd. in Wayne.

'73

Thomas W. Boyce, Jr., Esq. '73 of Waterford, Conn., was named to the "2015 Super Lawyers" list, a nationally accredited rating service of lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He is a partner at Halloran & Sage LLP, a full-service law firm with offices throughout Connecticut and one in Washington, D.C. He has been listed in the peer publication *Best Lawyers in America* since 1993.

'74

Earl J. "Buddy" Croft III '74 of Cranston, R.I., took office on Jan. 1, 2016, for a one-year term as president of The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA). Elected by the association's international membership, he has been a member of the IBTTA Board of Directors for the past six years. He is the executive director of the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority.

Paul C. Domingue '74 of Tucson, Ariz., writes that life in retirement is suiting him well. He is playing music, building guitars, officiating at bicycle races, and playing golf. He retired in 2014 after a long career in education and educational administration, last

serving as headmaster of The Storm King School in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Suzanne R. Newton Giovanetti '74 of Plymouth, Mass., was honored as the 2015 Business Person of the Year by the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce. She is the director of advancement and alumni relations at Sacred Heart School in Kingston, where she has worked for 29 years. She is a member of the chamber's board of directors, president of the Pilgrim Society and the Pilgrim Hall Museum, a board member of Catholic Charities South-Archdiocese of Boston for 22 years, and a board member of the association of the Catholic Admissions and Advancement Professionals of New England for 27 years. She is married to **Paul J. Giovanetti '72**.

'75

David C. Birtwistle '75 of Herndon, Va., was selected as one of the 2015 Design Award judges for the "Focus on Excellence, Best of NAIOP Northern Virginia" competition. NAIOP is a commercial real estate industry provider of networking opportunities, educational programs, research, and legislative representation. Birtwistle is the chief executive officer of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance.

'76 (40th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Linda Morad '76 of New Bedford, Mass., was elected president of the New Bedford City Council on an 11-0 council vote. Morad, who lost the bid for the presidency in 2015 by one vote, received a standing ovation following the vote. A senior business development specialist with St. Anne's Credit Union, she has been a councilor since 2004.

'77

Joseph G. Dias '77 of Newport, R.I., was appointed the executive director of the Fort Adams Foundation in Newport. Historic Fort Adams is operated by the Fort Adams Trust, a nonprofit with a mission of protecting

and promoting the historic places and public spaces at the gateway to Narragansett Bay and Newport. Dias retired as the chief of planning and development for the R.I. Department of Environmental Management in 2014. Last year, he was a stopover coordinator in Newport for the Volvo Ocean Race, the world's premier off-shore sailing race.

'78

Stephen M. Miller, Esq. '78 of Lincoln, R.I., was named the president of the House of Hope CDC Board of Directors. The organization aids homeless individuals and families with access to shelters statewide. He has volunteered with Rhode Island Special Olympics, the R.I. Coalition for the Homeless, Amos House, and the R.I. Bar Association House of Delegates. He leads the law firm of Stephen M. Miller and Associates in Providence and is an associate Municipal Court judge in Lincoln.

'79

John J. Coyle '79 of Kensington, Md., was named to the board of directors of the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, D.C. He is the managing director of Navellier & Associates, a Reno, Nev.-based investment firm. He is a board member of the Roy Hibbert Jr. Foundation and of American Independence Financial Services.

Gerald Grimo '79 & '85G of Windsor, Vt., was awarded the Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers. The designation recognizes excellence in bank regulatory compliance. He is the assistant vice president and compliance officer at Mascoma Savings Bank, which serves Vermont and New Hampshire. A well-known local musician, he plays the accordion and keyboard with the East Bay Jazz Band and is a music minister at St. Anthony's Parish in White River Junction.

Peter Walsh '79 of Providence, R.I., was promoted to deputy director of operations and administration at Rhode Island Housing. He previously served as the agency's director of home ownership and customer service.

1980s

'80

Patricia S. Saint Aubin '80 & '09G of Norfolk, Mass., was sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts Humanities Board of Directors by Gov. Charles Baker, who appointed her. A Massachusetts Republican State Committee member, she has worked on presidential, senatorial, and local campaigns for more than 35 years. She was the 2014 Republican statewide candidate for auditor. Saint Aubin is a member of the Norfolk County Advisory Board as the Town of Norfolk's representative. A top-10 master's swimmer nationally, she has worked in the financial services and health care sectors and as a sales and marketing consultant. She is a Ph.D. student in humanities at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.

'81 (35th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Stephen J. Cerrone '81 of Chicago, Ill., was named the senior vice president and chief human resources officer at SunEdison, Inc., a global renewable energy development company, based in Maryland Heights, Mo. He has worked in human resources for 30 years, most recently as an executive in human resources and communications at Hudson's Bay Company, a North American retailer. He also served as an executive vice president at Sara Lee Corporation and at JP Morgan/Bank One Corporation.

Margaret M. "Maggie" McDonald Condon '81 of Rumson, N.J., performed a one-woman, 19-character comedy that she rewrote, *Dames of Our Lives*, at The Two River Theater in Red Bank. *Dames* spoofs

whodunits and soap operas, as well as Hitchcock and Shakespeare. "It's a show that makes people happy. I love performing it and hearing the laughs," she says.

Nancy P. (Campbell) Fogarty '81 of Harmony, R.I., was named the director of quality and performance improvement for CharterCARE Health Partners, a regional health-care network based in Providence. She had served in a similar role at Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence since 2003.

Timothy J. Hassett-Salley '81 of Plymouth, Mass., was named regional director at the Workers Compensation Research Institute, an insurance industry think tank based in Cambridge. He has worked in the workers' compensation and disability management field for more than 30 years.

Arthur Yatsko '81 of Warwick, R.I., is serving as the 2016 president of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors, a 4,400-member group. He is the broker/owner of Salisbury Real Estate Agency.

'82

Kevin M. Blake '82 of Ansonia, Conn., joined Jonathan Perkins Injury Lawyers in Bridgeport, concentrating in workers' compensation and Social Security disability. He also was elected as the first lieutenant of the Webster Hose Hook & Ladder Co. No. 3.

Stephen G. Dambruch, J.D. '82 of Newport, R.I., was inducted into the Cranston (R.I.) Hall of Fame. He serves as the First Assistant United States Attorney, overseeing all criminal, civil, and administrative matters for the U.S. Attorney's Office. He was previously the Assistant U.S. Attorney, where he investigated and prosecuted federal narcotics, firearm, and public corruption cases. Dambruch served as an attorney adviser for the Regime Crimes Liaison Office in Baghdad, Iraq, where he assisted the Iraq

High Tribunal in the investigation and prosecution of former Iraqi officials for war crimes and crimes against humanity. He also has served as a state prosecutor in the R.I. Department of the Attorney General.

'83

Christopher T. Feisthamel '83 of East Greenwich, R.I., received the Leadership Rhode Island (LRI) Volunteer Award at its Annual Leaders Award Luncheon. He is a 2001 graduate of LRI, has been an active board member since 2001, and was recognized for starting the College Leadership Program as well as other initiatives. Feisthamel is the chief financial officer for the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, sits on a number of boards, and is a member of PC's Providence President's Council. He is the father of Grace Feisthamel '19, a fourth-generation Friar.

'84

Frank Anzivino, III '84 of Lincoln, R.I., started his own technology repair and support company, AnziTech. The business is dedicated to serving small companies and individuals with their computer, network, and storage needs. He provides service across multiple platforms and specializes in hardware repair, local and wide area networks, virus removal, Windows installation, and Windows support and training.

Thomas J. Dart '84 of Chicago, Ill., the sheriff of Cook County in Illinois since 2006, received the 2015 TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) Justice Leadership Award for his innovation and courage in addressing some of society's most pervasive challenges. He is considered a nationally recognized leader in ending the over-incarceration of those with mental health and substance abuse problems, advocating instead for available treatment and support in the community.



Lisa M. Wilson, Esq. '84 of Boston, Mass., was selected for the *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2016 edition, which recognizes the top 4 percent of attorneys in the country. She was named as one of the “Top Women of Law” by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* in 2015 and has been included in the listing of *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* in the field of family law by the publishers of *Boston Magazine* since 2009. She is a partner in the law firm of Wilson, Marino, & Bonnevie, P.C. in Newton, where she focuses on family law, LGBT family law issues, and real estate law.

'86 (30th Reunion – June 3-5, 2016)

John J. Powers '86 of New York, N.Y., was appointed to the newly created position of chief operating officer and as president of AEP Industries Inc. in Montvale, N.J., where he serves on the board of directors. He previously served as the company's executive vice president of sales and marketing. He continues to oversee the company's sales and marketing function. AEP manufactures, markets, and distributes plastic packaging products for the consumer, industrial, and agricultural markets. He serves on the Providence College Board of Trustees.

'89

Gregory S. Christenson '89 of Lafayette, Colo., was recently named the chief financial officer of White Wave Foods Company, based in Denver. Previously, he served as the senior vice president and CFO of Americas Foods & Beverages, the largest segment in White Wave. He is a member of the Providence College School of Business Advisory Board.

Lauren B. Lele '89 of Sudbury, Mass., was named the director of community benefits at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, where she also is the director of volunteer services. She is responsible for designing, managing, implementing, and evaluating community benefit program initiatives at the hospital and in the community.

A SPECIAL YEAR FOR A SPECIAL AGENT



The covert work of **Thomas Olohan '90**, an FBI supervisory special agent, is a mystery ... to a point. Assigned to the Washington, D.C., Field Office, he was honored three times in 2015. Olohan received the bureau's highest honor, the FBI Director's Award for Excellence, as well as the Anti-Defamation League SHIELD Award and the ODNI (Office of the Director of National Intelligence) Intelligence Integration Unit Citation Award.

In earning the FBI Director's Award, he joined a team of officers from the FBI and the Department of Defense in initiating intelligence work that culminated in an unprecedented, joint human source handling relationship. The SHIELD Award — which recognizes success in the fight against hate crimes, extremism, and terrorism, and for protecting human rights — acknowledged Olohan's role in an investigation that led to an arrest and incarceration. The ODNI honor was presented for outstanding efforts against cyberterrorism. Olohan, whose father and six siblings all graduated from PC, and his wife Jane are the proud parents of 11 children. The Olohans, including Thomas' mother-in-law, Barbara O'Brien (rear right), are pictured here following the FBI award ceremony.

James G. McLaughlin '89SCE of Warwick, R.I., a second-generation firefighter, was sworn in as the chief of the Warwick Fire Department, which he has served since 1988. The assistant chief for the past two years, he leads a staff of 220. He said his goals include conducting open houses at a station each month and visiting stations frequently to build rapport with firefighters and to better understand needs and ideas. His father, Gilbert, is a retired chief of the Providence Fire Department.

Greg Zajac '89 of Charlotte, N.C., was awarded life membership with the Lake Monticello Water Rescue Team in Palmyra, Va., for more than 10 years of outstanding

active service. He is a master scuba diver trainer and was one of the first Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) public safety dive instructors in the United States. He is also a certified ice diver and a PADI emergency first response instructor trainer and has received numerous honors for his work.

1990s

'90

John A. Davis '90 of Stamford, Conn., was named the managing director, head of casualty reinsurance, at The Cincinnati Insurance Company, where he adds expertise to the newly expanded reinsurance assumed initia-

tive known as Cincinnati Re. He oversees the strategic direction, underwriting, and marketing of the company's casualty reinsurance assumed portfolio. He most recently served as head of North American casualty treaty reinsurance for Endurance Reinsurance.

John M. Grady '90 of Westwood, Mass., was appointed the vice chairman of New York Life Investment Management (NYLIM) International. Based in Westwood, he is a senior managing director at NYLIM and serves as a senior adviser and director of Candriam Investors Group. Prior to this role, he served as the senior adviser to the president of New York Life Investments Group.

Claude Hagopian '90 of Pinecrest, Fla., has returned to the East Coast with his wife, Karina, and 2-year-old son, Draco Valentino. He has been employed at Axway Inc. for more than five years, selling enterprise middleware software.

'91 (25th Reunion – June 3-5, 2016)

Marianne F. Monte, J.D. '91 of Pawtucket, R.I., joined Shawmut Design and Construction in Providence as the firm's chief people officer, a new senior executive-level human resources position. Her expertise is in leadership development, talent retention strategies, motivation, and reward. She previously served as the vice president of human resources at the Hanover Insurance Group and as a senior vice president at BankRI. She is a trustee at Crossroads Rhode Island, The Gordon School, and the Rhode Island Retirement Board, and she volunteers with The Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders group.

'93

Rhonda Hospedales '93 of Lambertville, N.J., was appointed assistant vice president of human resources for Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. She previously was employed at Princeton University, where she held senior management positions within the Office of

Human Resources and the Office of the Executive Vice President.

Philip D. Thornton '93G of Cranston, R.I., was elected to a three-year term as the superintendent of the Warwick, R.I., School Department. He previously served as superintendent of schools in Cumberland and North Kingstown, R.I.

Todd A. Trapp '93 of Merrimack, N.H., was named the chief financial officer of Watts Water Technologies in North Andover, Mass. He previously served as the vice president of financial planning and analysis at Honeywell International Inc.

'94

David G. Richards '94 of Little Silver, N.J., was named to the board of directors of American Capital, Ltd., a publicly traded private equity firm and global asset manager

in Bethesda, Md. He serves on the board's Executive Committee and its Audit, Compliance and Valuation Committee. He previously was a portfolio manager with Pine River Capital Management, a global alternative asset management firm.

'96 (20th Reunion – June 3-5, 2016)

Joe Mullin, J.D. '96 of El Paso, Texas, was appointed as an assistant attorney general in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the State of Texas Attorney General's Office. Before this appointment, he worked in private practice and was the deputy general counsel for the state comptroller in Boston. He also is licensed to practice law in Massachusetts.

'97

Carrie C. Gardner '97 & '01G of Newport News, Va., was presented the Emerging Athletic Administrator Award by the National Association of Division III Athletics



GEROSA '94 TAKES COMMAND OF USS CONSTITUTION



Clad in his traditional 1812 uniform, **Robert S. Gerosa, Jr. '94** was sworn in as the commanding officer of the *USS Constitution*, the oldest warship afloat in the U.S. Navy.

He said being named the 74th commander of the 219-year-old vessel is the highlight of his storied 19-year naval career. "This vessel was named by

George Washington. Being selected to command it is the ultimate praise," he said. A history major at PC, Gerosa directs a crew of close to 90 active-duty Navy officers and sailors. Known as "Old Ironsides," it serves to promote understanding of the Navy's role in war and peace through educational outreach, historical demonstrations, and active participation in public events. It is based at the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston. **Read more:** <http://prov.ly/1RIURsW>

Administrators. The award is given to a professional with seven or fewer years' experience as a titled athletics administrator and recognizes involvement and leadership. She is an associate director of athletics and the senior woman administrator at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. She oversees all athletics event management and supervises 12 varsity sports.

Nicholas B. Kent '97 & '03G was named deputy head of school at Jakarta Intercultural School in Jakarta, Indonesia. Jakarta is a private, coeducational, international school of grades pre-K to 12. The school has an enrollment of approximately 2,400 students, who represent about 60 nationalities. Kent spent the past 10 years at Concordia International School in Shanghai, China, where he last served as principal.

Jason C. Tesini '97 of Lowell, Mass., was appointed the vice president of advancement at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, N.H. He served as the vice principal for student life at the school for the last seven years. In his new position, he oversees all alumni relations, fundraising, and business development and assists with marketing.

'99 Adenrele "Rele" Abiade '99 of Providence, R.I., and her husband, Donald Ritter, welcomed twin girls, Penelope and Gabriella Abiade-Ritter, who were born on Aug. 21,

2015. She is the deputy state director for U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

William E. Curtin '99 of Ramsey, N.J., was sworn in as a trustee of the Ramsey Board of Education, which oversees the K-12 school district. He is filling a one-year term that was vacated. He is a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee.

Caroline Gallagher '99 of New York, N.Y., joined Spence-Chapin, a 108-year-old child and family services agency, as executive vice president and chief development officer. She was previously a principal of Gallagher Molloy Consulting, LLC, providing strategy and fundraising consulting services to non-profits.

2000s

'01 (15th Reunion — June 3-5, 2016)

Kristen P. Hua '01 of South Hadley, Mass., was promoted to vice president, secondary market, from assistant vice president, secondary market, with PeoplesBank, based in Holyoke. She has worked at PeoplesBank for 15 years.

Gregory T. McCabe '01 of New York, N.Y., was promoted to vice president, Exchange-Traded Funds Product Manager from assistant vice president, Exchange-Traded Funds Product Manager in the

Managed Solutions Group of Merrill Lynch in New York City. He has worked at Merrill Lynch for three years.

Daniel M. Richer '01 of Dover, N.H., and his wife, April, welcomed a baby boy, Aquinas Charles Richer, born on Aug. 24, 2015. He joins his big sister, Madeleine.

'02

Jacob A. Conca '02G of South Grafton, Mass., was named the principal of Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, effective July 1, 2016. He is currently the principal of St. John's High School in Shrewsbury. He was dean of students at Xaverian from 2003-2007.

Jason M. DaPonte, C.P.A. '02 of Hope Valley, R.I., was promoted from senior manager to principal 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 is a Construction Industry Technician (CIT) and a Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP).

'03

Daniel Burgoyne, Esq. '03 of Lancaster, Mass., became a shareholder at the general practice civil law firm of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, Inc., in Providence. He joined the firm in 2007 and focuses on bankruptcy and insolvency law, typically representing banks, other lenders, and large and small businesses.

Christian A. Cavallo, J.D. '03 of Westfield, N.J., joined Goldberg Segalla, LLP as a partner in the firm's Newark office. Goldberg Segalla, LLP represents business and insurance industry clients in litigation and other dispute resolution forums, with more than 250 attorneys across the firm's 17 offices. Cavallo focuses his practice on insurance coverage litigation and counseling. He was

starred in a musical. We're getting married. I'm retiring to the shore
e're grandparents. We bought our first house. It's a boy. Visit our ne
home. We named our puppy Guzman. I completed the Appalachian

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My roommate earned her PhD. I ran the Boston Marathon. Our cross
country road trip was a success. She said yes. Her first word was Cooley
I've published my first novel. My roommate is too humble to share this

LOTS BREWING WITH BRIANNE



BriAnne (Bruni) Newman '05

of Natick, Mass., was promoted from senior director to vice president of consulting and events at Fenway Sports Management (FSM). The sports and entertainment marketing agency advises elite properties, athletes, and brands, and serves as the sponsorship sales arm for Fenway Sports Group's prestigious sports portfolio,

including the Boston Red Sox and Liverpool Football Club.

Newman was the keynote speaker in January at the Greater Providence Student-Alumni Networking Night on campus, where she shared experience and advice working with FSM clients including Dunkin' Donuts, jetBlue Airways, Santander Bank, Stop & Shop, The Globies, and the Red Sox Foundation. Newman's signature programs for Dunkin' Donuts include the 2015 "Summer Chill" campaign featuring David Ortiz and Rob Gronkowski, and its partnership with LeBron James in China. She also oversees FSM's Ventures division, which includes MLB Destinations, Red Sox Fantasy Camp, and Youth Baseball Summer Camp.

Newman joined FSM in 2005 after graduating from PC, where she majored in marketing and played soccer. She is married to **Jeffrey P. Newman '05**.

named a *New Jersey Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" for 2015 and 2016 and is the recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Award from the New York City Bar Association. Cavallo, his wife Amelia, and their daughter, Angelina, welcomed twin boys, Thomas and Joseph, in October 2015.

Benjamin B. Downing '03 of Pittsfield, Mass., announced he will not seek re-election to a sixth two-year term this November as a member of the Massachusetts State Senate. He was elected at age 25 to serve the Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden Senatorial District, which encompasses 52 communities. A Democrat, he said he is honoring a promise to himself not to serve for more than 10

years. He has "some ideas" but no firm plans about his future. He chairs the joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Vincent Gebhart '03 of Warwick, R.I., was elected the class speaker for the 2015 Leadership Rhode Island (LRI) graduation ceremonies — an honor voted upon by the class of 75 graduates. He delivered keynote remarks to more than 500 invited guests and LRI alumni at the organization's 35th anniversary event. LRI is a community leadership association dedicated to charting and improving the state's future. Gebhart is the technical director at Preventure, Inc. in Coventry.

'04

Alison B. (Hayes) Ring, AICP '04 of Bristol, R.I., was appointed the new town planner and GIS administrator for Block Island, R.I. She recently launched AB Planning + Mapping, LLC, a consulting company specializing in community planning and geographic information systems.

Jason R. Swift '04 of Northfield, N.J., was promoted from vice president of compliance to first vice president of compliance with Ocean City Home Bank in Ocean City. He has 10 years' experience in bank compliance, including nine with Ocean City.

Joshuah Totten Greenwood '04 of Windham, N.H., married Alysson Nolan at the San Cristobal Fort National Park Site in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Dec. 30, 2014. He is a history teacher at Nashua High School South in Nashua, N.H. Alysson is a human resources talent development manager at Osram Sylvania in Wilmington, Mass.

'05

Jennifer (Walters) Chandler '05 of Arlington, Va., was named the chief of staff for U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass. She has worked for McGovern since 2007. She most recently served as a senior legislative assistant, focusing on health care, transportation, and labor issues, as well as handling McGovern's work on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Hunger Caucus.

Andrew E. Wallace, J.D. '05 of Stratford, Conn., opened his own firm, Law Office of Andrew E. Wallace, LLC, in Shelton. His practice specializes in workers' compensation and personal injury law.

'06 (10th Reunion – June 3-5, 2016)

Elise A. Italiano '06 of Arlington, Va., was named the executive director of university communications for The Catholic University



of America in Washington, D.C. She serves as the chief spokesperson for the university, coordinates all media relations, is the media strategist for the university president and communications, and handles emergency and crisis communications. She previously worked as the director of communications for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Va.

Matthew M. Weber '06 of West Medford, Mass., wrote his second book, *Operating on Faith: A Painfully True Love Story* (Loyola Press; 2016), a follow-up to his best-selling book *Fearing the Stigmata* (Loyola Press; 2012). His new book recounts the power of grit, faith, and love after a near-death experience following his marriage. A Catholic humorist and the host of CatholicTV's *The Lens*, he is the director of digital communications strategy for the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

'07

Stephanie M. (Orlando) Donnell, C.P.A. '07 and **Ryan J. Donnell '07** of Melrose, Mass., were married on Sept. 12, 2015, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Stephanie works at Putnam Investments in Boston as a tax manager. Ryan is the third generation of a family-run business, Brake & Truck Supply, in Everett.

'08

Kristina Reardon '08 of Uxbridge, Mass., was appointed associate director of the new Center for Writing at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, where she oversees the Writer's Workshop and teaches composition courses. She is also a doctoral student in comparative literary and cultural studies at the University of Connecticut and was awarded a Friends of the Princeton University Library grant to research satirical children's literature from the World War I era.

Kerri Heinemann '08 & '09G and **Robert T. Thorne '05** were married on July 24, 2015, at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, N.Y. She is a special-education teacher and girls basketball and lacrosse coach at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, N.J. He is a private client advisor at JP Morgan and a captain in the New York Army National Guard.

'09

Michael J. DeJianne, J.D. '09 of Chatham, N.J., graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law in December 2015. He was the vice president of the Student Bar Association and the senior editor of the *Seton Hall Law Review*, publishing a commentary on the constitutionality of teacher tenure in public schools. After taking the New York and New Jersey bar exams earlier this year, he is now serving as a judicial law clerk in the Appellate Division of New Jersey until 2017, when he expects to join McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP as an associate in the Morristown office.

Nicholas J. Hemond '09 of Providence, R.I., was reappointed to the Providence School Board for a three-year term by Mayor Jorge Elorza and was elected by his colleagues to serve as the president of the board. He is a lawyer at DarrowEverett LLP in Providence, representing clients in criminal and civil litigation as well as municipal affairs. He is also the vice president of government relations at Capitol Communications Group, LLP, a government affairs consulting firm he co-founded in 2012.

Christopher J. Traester '09 and **Kathleen M. Walsh '11** were married on Sept. 19, 2015, at St. Dominic Chapel on campus. Five PC alumni were in their wedding party, and 16 Friar alumni were in attendance. The Traesters live in Watertown, Mass. Chris is

an employee benefits representative at Sun Life Financial in Wellesley, and Kathleen is a senior marketing specialist at Vistaprint in Waltham.

2010s

'10

Martin F. Masterson, IV '10 of Point Pleasant, N.J., returned to school to complete a three-year graduate/license program at the State University of New York's Maritime College (Bronx) in two years. He attained a master's degree in international transportation management and "a highly valuable license" issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, allowing him to sail aboard merchant vessels of any gross tonnage as a third mate. "I realized just how valuable my PC experience was to this recent success, calling upon key learning and study habits, as well as core cultural values that I obtained during my time at Providence," he said.

Jenna Wood Palko '10 of Garden City, N.Y., was appointed to a new position as a mathematics teacher at Garden City High School, after serving the school district as a leave replacement math teacher. She previously served as a math teacher at Manhasset Secondary School.

Maria Rose Smeriglio, DVM '10 of Greenwich, Conn., began work as a small animal veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital in Yonkers, N.Y., after completing her veterinary medicine schooling and passing the national board exam. She attained her doctorate at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on the island of St. Kitts in the Caribbean, finishing her studies by completing a year of clinical rotations at the University of Florida in her eighth and last semester.

'11 (5th Reunion – June 3-5, 2016)

Michelle T. Pinsonneault '11 of Boston,

Mass., was named platform operations director at VivaKi, a Publicis Groupe programmatic advertising technology company in Boston. She joined VivaKi after working for five years in the digital advertising industry in New York City and Boston, most recently with PubMatic as an associate director of U.S. campaign management.

Lindsey S. Reale '11 of South Glastonbury, Conn., is a marketing manager in Group Benefits at The Hartford. She was recently featured on LifeHealth PRO, an online site for life and health insurance providers, as one of "30 Under 30: Meet the Millennials Who are Transforming the Insurance Industry." She focuses on voluntary benefits and custom enrollment campaigns, and she recently coordinated a video project encouraging millennials to purchase disability insurance.

Eric C. Zito '11 of Old East Dallas, Texas, received the Harold Hoehner New Testament Scholarship Award at Dallas Theological Seminary, where he is working toward a master of theology degree, with an emphasis in New Testament studies. The award is presented to one student annually for academic excellence and for spiritual maturity, as reflected by leadership in service. He has mentored college students at SMU and served in the children's ministry at Normandy Community Church. He's an avid follower of the Friars' men's basketball team and looks forward to attending his fifth-year reunion this spring.

'12

Kara A. Flynn '12 of Melrose, Mass., was promoted from event coordinator to senior event coordinator with CollegeWeekLive, an online site that helps students navigate the admission process in their college search.

'13

Matthew A. Bourque '13G of Worcester, Mass., was appointed the principal of St.

Mary's Catholic School in Mansfield by Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Fall River. He previously served as the assistant principal of All Saints Catholic School in New Bedford.

Jeffrey M. DeSisto '13 of Storrs Mansfield, Conn., a graduate student in fine arts at the University of Connecticut, recently starred as Sebastian in the Connecticut Repertory Theatre production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

'14

Zachary T. Gavry '14 of Simsbury, Conn., was accepted into the master of science program in global health at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark on a full two-year scholarship. After graduating from PC, he moved to Copenhagen to complete two

independent internships. He calls going to PC "pivotal" in bringing him to this step of his career.

'15

Gabrielle M. Abbate '15SCE of Pascoag, R.I., received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Providence Chapter of ASIS International (American Society for Industrial Security) at its Public Safety Awards Dinner. She is the chief of highway safety for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and is a former longtime executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Rhode Island.

Mary C. Reagan '15 of Waterford, Conn., was named the executive assistant and rentals coordinator at The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford. She previously served as a summer intern at the theater. ■

VOTERS LOOK TO YOUTHFUL MAYOR CORREIA '13



Mayor Correia with U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Jasiel F. Correia II '13 became the youngest person ever elected mayor of Fall River, Mass., in November 2015. The 24-year-old's administration is focused on economic growth, public safety, competent fiscal management, and improving educational achievement.

Correia was a political science major and member of Student Congress at PC. A few months after graduation, he decided to run for Fall River City Council. While his campaign was initially unsuccessful, he was able to join the council when another councilor left for a government position.

An entrepreneur who has founded two startup companies, Correia was a founding member of the Building Our Lives Drug Free Coalition in Fall River and the former chair of its sister organization, Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol. He is a member of PC's Young Alumni Leadership Council. ■

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey; College professor, historian

Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., & '87G, a retired assistant professor of history who became an integral part of

Providence College's history while researching and recording it for more than 40 years, died on Jan. 10, 2016.

Dr. McCaffrey taught undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education courses at PC while earning three degrees at the College. She was a residence director who helped women integrate the all-male institution in the 1970s, a devout Catholic, and a strong advocate for the College's Catholic and Dominican traditions.

A native of New York City, Dr. McCaffrey earned bachelor's degrees in history and psychology from Dominican College in Blauvelt, N.Y., in 1971. She arrived at PC to study for a master's degree in history that fall, just as the College admitted its first

full graduating class of women. She was one of the first resident assistants hired to staff Aquinas Hall and worked in residence life for 14 years until her appointment to the full-time faculty.

Dr. McCaffrey earned two master's degrees from PC, one in history in 1973 and one in religious studies in 1987, and a Ph.D. in history in 1983. Her dissertation, "The Origins and Early History of Providence College through 1947," remains an important resource for the commemoration of the College's centennial in 2017.

She is survived by a sister, Rosanne (Nancy) McCaffrey Hicks '89G; nieces Denise T. O'Donnell, Dr. Lisa-Mary O'Donnell '97, and Nancy V. O'Donnell '01; and nephew Michael P. O'Donnell, Jr. '99. ■



Gustave C. Coté; professor *emeritus* of business administration

Gustave C. Coté '62Hon., professor *emeritus* of business administration and former department chair, died Dec. 18, 2015, just weeks after the College announced his \$500,000 gift to the new Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies.

In recognition of the gift, the College will name the accounting and finance instructional laboratory off the building's atrium for Mr. Coté and his wife, Rita (Grodin) Coté, who died in 2009. The center is being constructed at the site of Dore Hall, a former residence hall, and is expected to open in 2017.

Mr. Coté began teaching at PC in 1952. He was named assistant professor in 1955,

associate professor in 1959, and professor in 1965. He served as vice chair of the business administration department from 1969-1973 and as chair from 1973-1978. From 1962-1965, he was on leave to work for Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, an international accounting firm that is now PricewaterhouseCoopers. During that time, he earned his C.P.A. certificate.

Mr. Coté's lifelong generosity to PC included gifts for construction of the Smith Center for the Arts and St. Dominic Chapel. He also maintained ties to his former students, many of whom reached out to him last year to thank him for his gift to the business school. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Marcia L. Battle, a longtime administrative assistant for the departments of sociology and social work at PC, died on Jan. 15, 2016. Ms. Battle began working as a senior secretary in the Department of Sociology in 1984 and later began supporting the social work department. She became principal secretary in 1989 and administrative assistant in 2000, leaving the College in December 2015 due to illness. Ms. Battle was highly regarded for her ability to handle multiple responsibilities with a calm and pleasant demeanor. Known for having Animal Crackers and other treats on hand for faculty, staff, and students, she had a warm and welcoming presence that put others at ease.

Rose A. Boyle '82 & '90G, a special lecturer in education and graduate education at PC, and a former staff member in the College's Office of Academic Services (OAS), died on Nov. 24, 2015. Ms. Boyle taught education and graduate education courses for approximately 15 years until the time of her death. She specialized in American Sign Language. She served as the disability support services coordinator

in the OAS from 1994-2003. Ms. Boyle was a guidance counselor in the Bristol/Warren Regional School Department in Rhode Island for 12 years. She was an interpreter and a friend to the deaf in Rhode Island.

Sister Mary Ann Follmar, a theology professor who served the College for 35 years, died on Oct. 18, 2015. The first woman to receive a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, she taught in the Undergraduate Day School and in the graduate program, retiring from the Department of Theology in 2012. Sister Mary Ann was known for her profound joy of teaching and admiration for her students. She was a scholar in the areas of spirituality and prayer. Outside the classroom, Sister Mary Ann led many diocesan Marian days of prayer and study, and lectured on Christian prayer.

Rev. Robert Linus Walker, O.P., a faculty member in the College's Department of English from 1957-1973, died on Jan. 6, 2016, at the age of 102. A native of Michigan, Father Walker rose to the rank of professor. He served as a department

chair from 1965-1970. Father Walker was a member of the Episcopalian Church until converting to Catholicism in 1937. He was ordained a Dominican priest in 1956. He was named secretary of the Dominican Foreign Mission of the Province of St. Joseph in 1973. He supported Dominican missionary efforts in Chimbote, Peru, by serving there from 1978-1989 before being assigned to Saint Dominic Parish in Washington, D.C.

Eileen A. Walsh, who took a two-week temporary typing job in 1947 and went on to work 49 years at PC, died on Nov. 8, 2015. Miss Walsh retired in 1996 as associate director of human resources. Her primary role before moving to human resources in 1984 was as an administrative assistant to Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P. '23 & '45Hon., whom she served for 23 years. Father Dore was the College president from 1961-1965 and the College chancellor from 1965-1984. Miss Walsh received the Very Reverend Vincent C. Dore, O.P. Award from the Greater Providence Chapter of the National Alumni Association, the Mal Brown Club, in 1977. ■

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DEATHS

Edward P. Flanagan '37	Thomas A. Callahan '55	David F. Grace, Jr. '64	Sister Ursula Binnette, O.S.U. '75G
Sanford S. Shorr '40	Ralph P. Gentile '55	Stephen E. Johnston '64	Angelo M. DeLuca '76SCE
Thomas E. Marum, Esq. '42	Stephen R. Marry, Jr. '55	RoseMarie Levesque '65G	Vincent J. Oddo III '77
George M. Thomas, Esq. '42	William H. Rizzini '55	Major Michael Terry, USA (Ret.) '65	Sister M. Cecilianne Duello '78G
Normand O. Paquin, D.D.S. '44	Robert Bento '56	W. Ronan Champion '66	Lt. Cmdr. Darrell E. Whitney (USN, Ret.) '78G
Michael A. Fay '47	Joseph T. Fay, D.D.S. '56	Raymond P. Charland, Jr. '66	Rev. Joseph C. Fogarty, O.P. '80G
Honorable Charles L. Flynn, Sr. '47	Richard P. Howe '56	Andrew G. Croke, D.M.D. '66	Michele Ricciardi Meussner '80
George W. McKnight, Jr. '49	Joseph R. Salvatore '56	Patrick M. Curley '66	Daniel G. Connor '81
Honorable John A. Mutter '49	William J. Daly, M.D. '58	Joseph J. Forte, Jr., D.M.D. '66	Mary C. Crane '81
John E. O'Connell '49	Albert R. D'Andrea '58	Francis J. Kenny Jr. '66	Rose A. Boyle '82 & '90G (faculty, former staff)
Arthur Parsons '49	Donald J. Russell '58	John B. Pohl, Esq. '66	Mildred J. Flanagan '83G
Albert J. Callahan, Jr., Esq. '50	Raymond V. Boutin '59	Joseph J. Simanski '66	Antonietta Delli Carpini '84
Daniel J. Adler '51	David E. Maglio, Jr., D.O. '59	John F. Walsh '66	Maura R. O'Friel '84
David H. Kennedy '51	Martin J. Racanelli '59	Edward N. Joseph '67	Kristen C. Ackerly Dady '89
Joseph A. Palmer '51	Walter F. Tobiasz '59	Denis D. McKenna, J.D. '67	Robert P. Toole '89
James J. Rotatori '51	Sister Rita M. Tucker, O.P. '59	Edward P. McCarthy '68	Carolyn White Cavanaugh '90G
Rev. David A. Butler, O.P. '52	John F. Williams '59	Joseph H. Roy, Jr. '68	Joan L. Marshall Clark '93G
John R. Carey '52	William E. Cummings, Jr. '60	Validoro Sinesi '68	Elizabeth C. Homans '93G
John M. Connolly '52	Robert A. Gibson, Jr. '60	John T. Tibbetts '69	Ann Steadman Lombardo '04SCE
John P. Corrigan '52	Paul M. Griffiths '60	Laurence K. Walsh '69	Matthew A. Rodrigues '14G
Robert E. Darling, Sr. '52	Benjamin R. Healey, M.D. '60	Gregory M. Carr '70	Marcia A. Battle (former staff)
Joseph E. Gallucci, Sr., Esq. '52	Ferdinand E. Tortolani '60	Edward D. Long '71G	Gustave C. Coté '62Hon. (retired faculty)
William H. Grady, Jr. '52	Louis F. Prisco '61	Marion Winn McLaughlin '71	Sister Mary Ann Follmar (retired faculty)
Edward E. LaChapelle, Jr. '52	Lt. Col. Francis H. DeMarco, Jr. USA (Ret.) '62	Roger P. Briere '72	Rev. Robert Linus Walker, O.P. (former faculty)
Gennaro C. Lembo '52	Paul J. Hanaway '62	Kurt Zecchin '72	Eileen A. Walsh (retired staff)
Edward R. Lipka '52	Keron R. Larkin '62	Walter J. Glinski '73G	Peter Weiblen (former staff)
Paul F. McCormack '52	Robert J. O'Connor '62	Donna T. McCaffrey, '73G, '83Ph.D., & '87G	
Paul A. Picozzi '52	John T. Curran, Sr. '63	Anthony W. Paul '73	
Donald E. Healey '53	Arthur G. Leonard '63	Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P. '74G	
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THE LAST WORD

Eight centuries later, the urgency remains

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

FOR MOST PEOPLE, anniversaries are celebrated to commemorate a moment in their own life when a great event happened. We use them to signify the importance of such an event in the passage of our lives: a marriage, a beginning of sobriety, a victory over cancer — these are all things in which we can rejoice and be glad.

But we also know that anniversaries can be used to memorialize the death of a loved one, or a traumatic event, or a shared tragedy like Columbine or Newtown.

What makes the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order so significant is that it gives us a chance to remember it all: the joys and successes, the tragedies and downfalls. In our remembering and in our common celebration we have a chance to give praise and thanks to God not only for the thousands of men and women who have answered the call of St. Dominic over these eight centuries, but also for all of the challenges that we have faced in becoming “preachers of grace.” Each of these challenges has helped us to hone our charism as Dominican preachers and to rely ever more intently on God’s grace for our mission and vocation.

It is perhaps fitting that the theme for the 800th anniversary echoes very much the themes of St. Dominic as he founded the Order: “Sent to preach the Gospel.” After 800 years, there is still an urgency about our common vocation — we are ministers who are *sent* out into the world to meet people where they are in their relationships with God. We are called to *preach* from our experience of the



God who has loved us. And, through it all, we must be people rooted in the Word, in the Gospel that we have received. Staying true to that charism is what has allowed the Order to remain a vibrant part of the Church for eight centuries.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we cannot help but be reminded that God has remained faithful to us. When St. Martin de Porres wondered how he might help in the healing of the infirm, God gave him the grace to respond with acts of charity. When Catherine of Siena was faced with a church in discord, God gave her the grace to speak with authority and clarity. It might be tempting to think that God was faithful only to well-known saints. But, as a Dominican family, we know that God was faithful to the entire Order. When an unknown, cloistered nun began to question whether or not her vocation of prayer made a difference in the life of the church, God gave her the grace to pray amid her doubt. And when a scared 22-year-old was asked to preach for the first time, God gave him the words to soothe the hearts of a grieving community.

This is why we celebrate our 800th anniversary — because through every circumstance, God has given us the grace to be “Sent to preach the Gospel.” ■

Rev. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P. is vice president for mission and ministry, director of the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, and an assistant professor of theology.



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