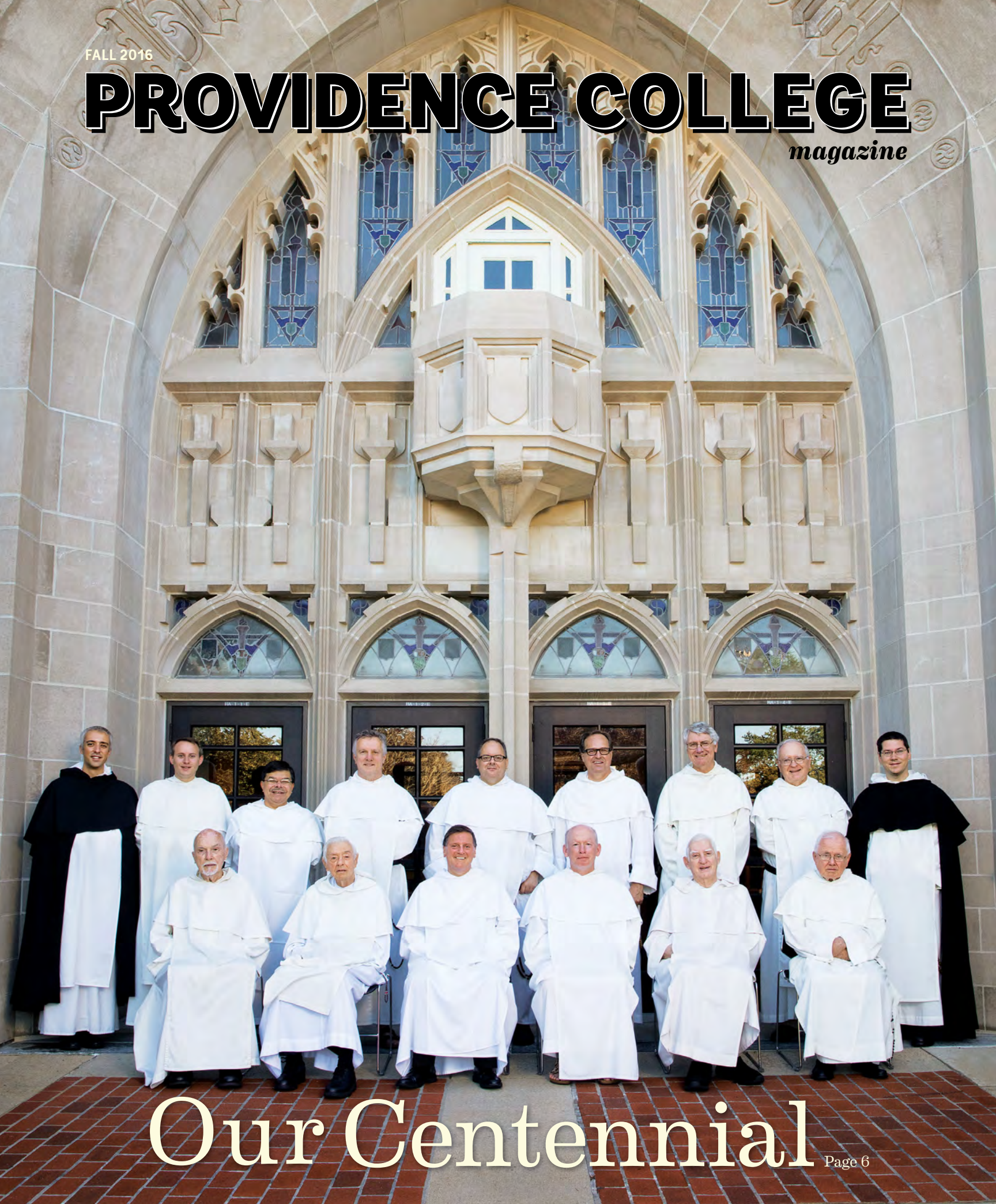


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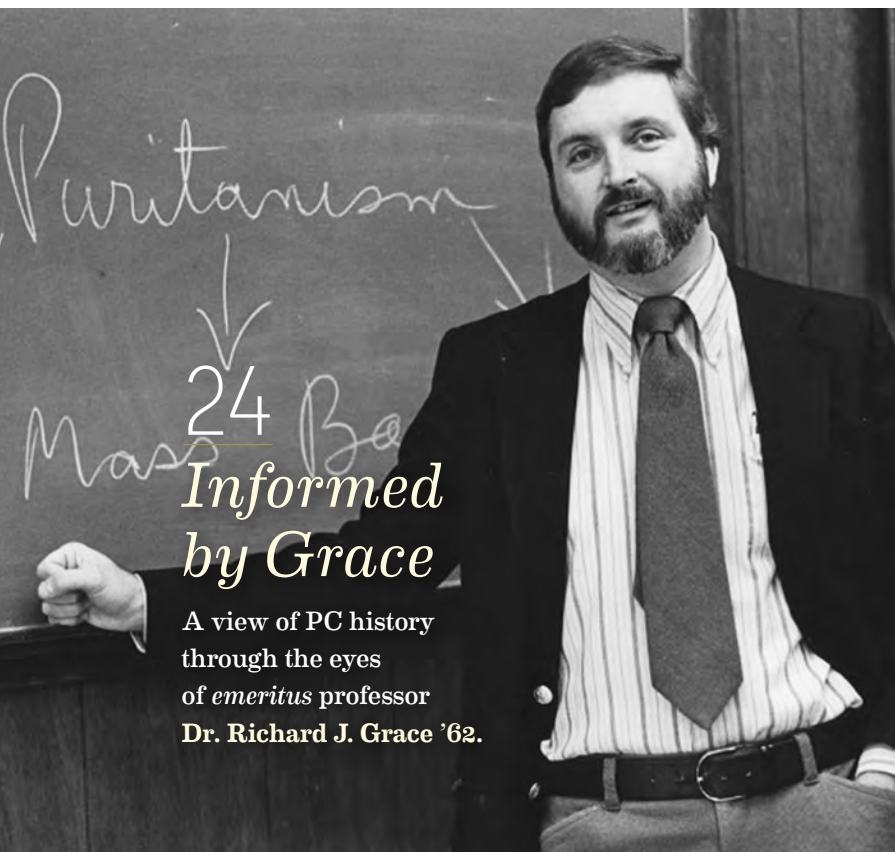
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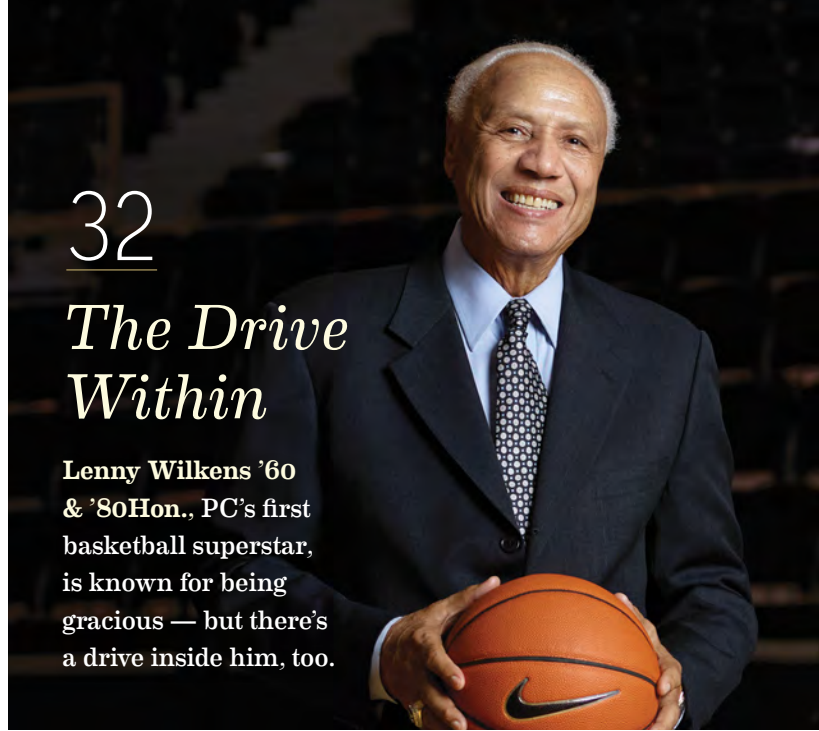
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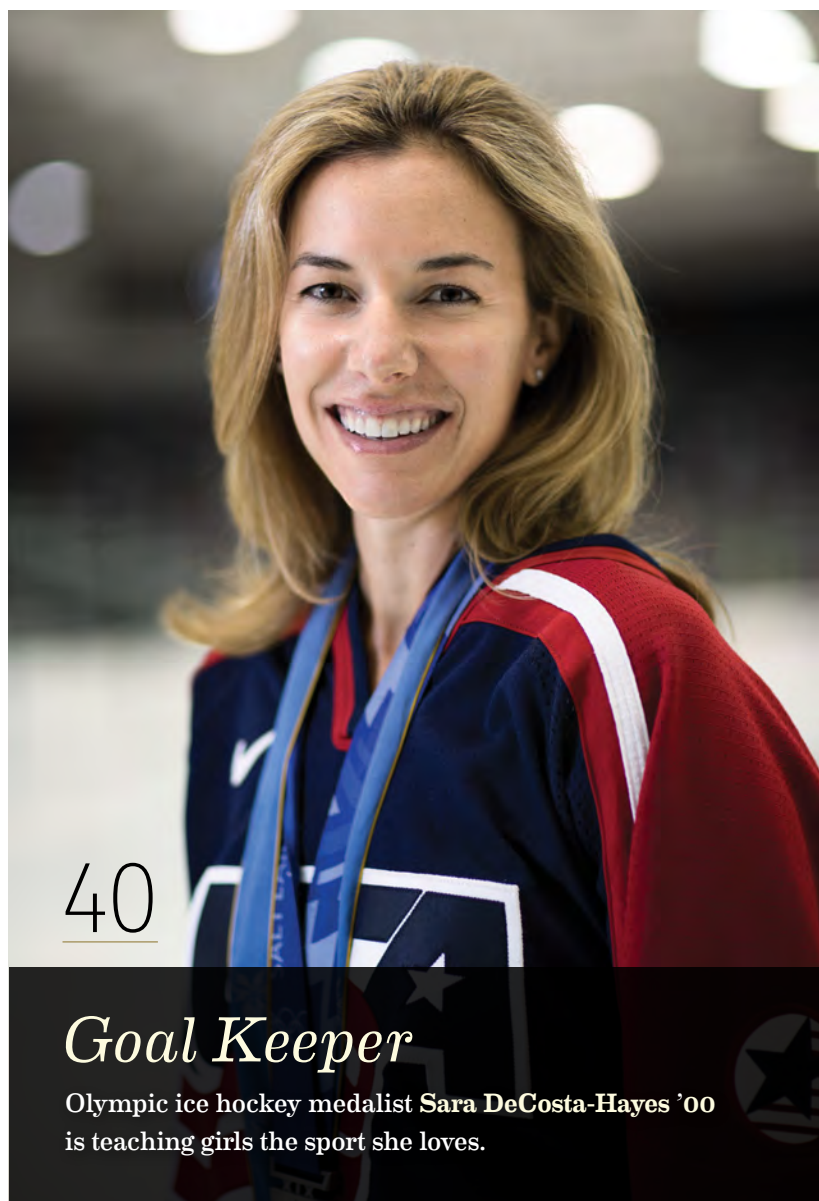
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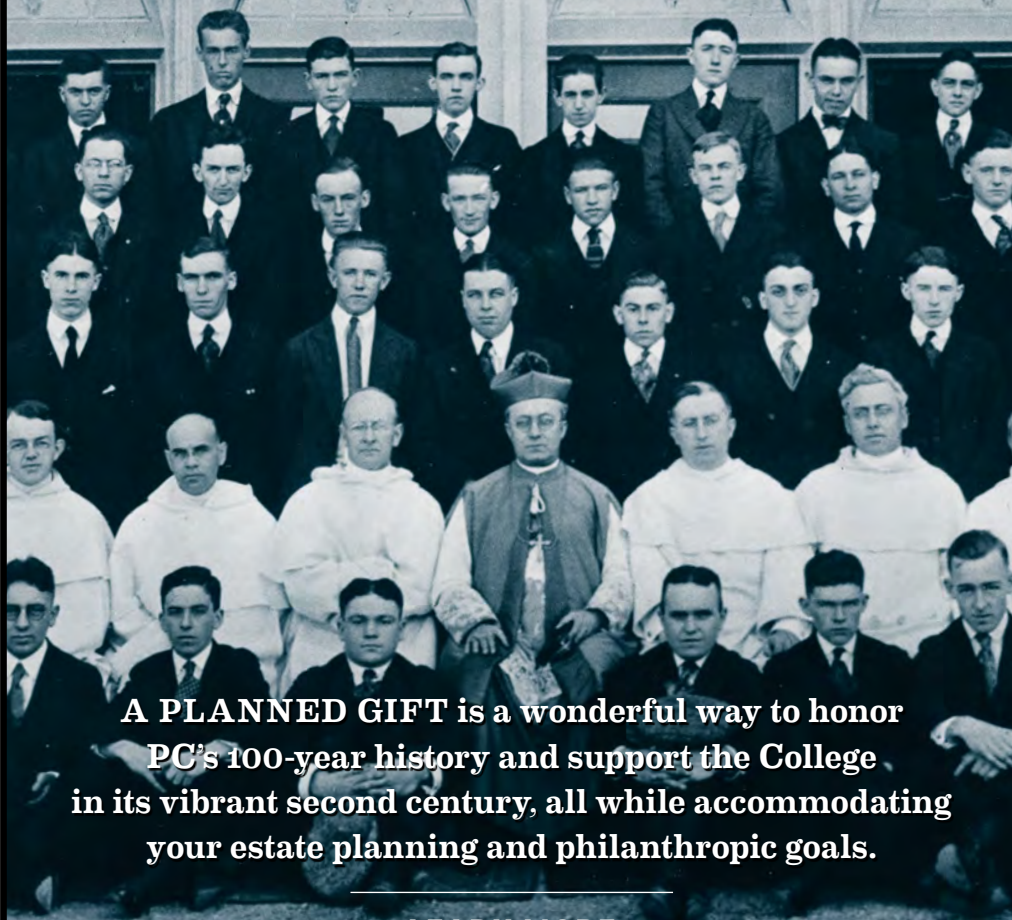
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**W**E'RE ONLY 100 YEARS OLD ONCE. So, whether or not you will be able to join us at any of the yearlong, special events on campus, PC wants to help you commemorate 100 years of Friartown as you typically gather to celebrate the friendships you made during your time here. Maybe you will catch up with your Friar family at a golf outing, a weekend getaway, a monthly brunch, a wedding, or a retirement party. Perhaps you'll want to throw your own PC 100 party.

Here's the plan. First, tell us about your gathering, using the form at [providence.edu/alumni-parties-PC100](http://providence.edu/alumni-parties-PC100). We'll send you a customized party kit based on your event type and number of attendees. Then, it's up to you to party with fellow Friars to extend PC's 100th birthday far and wide. Don't forget to send us photos or video of your celebration at [alumni@providence.edu](mailto:alumni@providence.edu) or through social media using the hashtag **#PC100**.

"JUST CHILLIN' with Fr. Nicanor Austriaco!" reported **Katie Couric** on her Instagram post when the two met in Rome for the Vatican's Third International Regenerative Medicine Conference in April. Couric, the veteran journalist and television show host, moderated a panel that included "Father Nic," or **Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P.**, professor of biology and of theology, who is a highly regarded bioethicist.

THE PHOTO OF PC'S first entering class in 1919 that ran on the back cover of the Spring 2015 issue of *Providence College Magazine* stirred a lot of nostalgia for the family of Jane F. (Farrell) McCarthy of Narragansett, R.I., including her grand-niece, **Lauren E. Sepe '09**. The student pictured on the far right in the third row is Jane's father and Lauren's grandfather, **Thomas Patrick Farrell**. Mr. Farrell attended PC for two years before meeting his future wife and getting married in 1922. A retired nurse who took classes at PC while attending St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Jane is the sister of **Thomas P. Farrell Jr. '53**.

THE FRIAR EXPLORATIONS alumni travel program and the Office of Mission and Ministry are teaming up to offer a deeper exploration of the life of dear St. Dominic next year. **Dominican Destination: Italy** will run from Oct. 7-16, 2017, and include four nights in Florence and four nights in Rome. Join fellow alumni, Dominicans, and friends for a memorable, fulfilling, and fun travel experience. For more, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@providence.edu](mailto:alumni@providence.edu). ■

PC 100 DRONE PHOTO OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS; CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G.

## PC NEWS/BRIEFLY

### Business studies center project nears completion

Construction of the new Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies at the former Dore Hall is proceeding toward completion in early 2017. The new home for the School of Business will include a glass atrium entrance, classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, collaboration rooms, interview suites, and a student café. The Ryans contributed the lead gift of \$5 million toward the project. Arthur F. Ryan '63, '90Hon., & '89P is a former PC trustee.

#### In other infrastructure projects:

- A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ruane Friar Development Center took place on Oct. 1 during St. Dominic Weekend, just as *Providence College Magazine* went to press. Buoyed by a leadership gift from former PC Board of Trustees Chair Michael A. Ruane '71 & '13Hon. and his wife, Elizabeth Ruane, the project will result in a two-story addition to Alumni Hall, including an atrium that connects Alumni to the Slavin Center. The center will feature a basketball practice facility, a new home for the Center for Career Education and Professional Development, and an expanded '64 Hall, the College's largest function facility.



- Significant work was accomplished this summer in the area along Huxley Avenue in the multi-year Campus Transformation Project. Triggered by the closing of Huxley between Eaton and Ventura streets in May, the project will bring about major landscape and land-use changes — including pedestrian walkways and plazas — that will unify the campus. To date, the most visible change is a new campus entrance on Huxley Avenue. The entrance features a security control station, a traffic circle, and a bus stop.

- Work also began in June on an expansion to and renovations of the Providence College Science Complex, another multi-year project. Plans call for a 37,000-square-foot addition to Albertus Magnus Hall and improvements to Albertus Magnus, Sowa, and Hickey halls.

Top: The Ryan Center for Business Studies project

### Summer bridge program draws 22 first-year students

Twenty-two students in the incoming Class of 2020 participated in this year's Friar Foundations Program. The summer bridge program, which has been offered for three years, is intended to ease the transition from high school to college. Accepted PC students who might benefit from a jumpstart to their college careers are invited. Over five weeks, they take credit-bearing classes, attend skills-building workshops, participate in field trips, and get to know their fellow students and the campus.

This summer, the participants were assisted by 10 resident assistants/mentors, who are upper-class students.

### Jordan-Zachery earns Accinno Faculty Teaching Award



Dr. Julia Jordan-Zachery, professor of public and community service studies and director of the Black Studies Program, was presented the 2015-16 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award at the Faculty Recognition Dinner following Academic Convocation in August. The annual award honors the faculty member who best exhibits excellence in teaching, passion and enthusiasm for learning, and genuine concern for students' academic and personal growth.

A scholar in the areas of race, gender, public policy, African-American women, and politics, Jordan-Zachery has taught at PC since 2008. She has taught numerous courses, including Introduction to Black Studies, Race and Public Policy, and Urban Government. She is the author of *Black Women, Cultural Images, and Social Policy* (Routledge, 2008), which earned two book awards.

## Retired faculty served PC for 210 years



Dr. Francine Newth '80G

Seven faculty members who taught, conducted research, and influenced the lives of thousands of students over several decades retired from Providence College in the period of Dec. 30, 2015, to June 30, 2016. Together, they gave 210 years of service.

The retirees (by name, rank, start date, and administrative roles) are:

- **Dr. Jane P. Callahan**, professor of education (elementary/special education) and of public and community service studies; 1993; chair, Department of Elementary/Special Education
- **Dr. Philip E. Devine**, professor of philosophy; 1990
- **Dr. Peter S. Goodrich**, associate professor of management; 1984; director, MBA Program
- **Dr. Alan L. Kessler**, assistant professor of economics; 1985; chair, Department of Economics
- **Dr. Francine Newth '80G**, associate professor of management; 1982; chair, Department of Management; director, former Division of Business Administration
- **Dr. Paul D. Quinlan**, professor of history; 1990
- **Dr. Patrick V. Reid**, professor of theology; 1977; chair, Department of Theology

## Class of 2020: 1,035 strong, high marks for academics, service

The incoming Class of 2020 checked in for the start of fall classes with 1,035 members, 54 percent of whom are women. The class' academic profile is robust, with 704 members carrying an unweighted institutional GPA of 3.25 or higher, including 204 students whose GPA ranged between 3.75 and 4.00.

The first-year students demonstrated a propensity for co-curricular involvement in high school. Some 877 participated in varsity athletics, 781 performed community service, 266 participated in performing arts (music, theatre, art, and dance) organizations and activities, and 190 were involved in student government.

In the areas of ethnic makeup and geography, 16.3 percent of the Class of 2020 identifies itself as either African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, Native American, or Alaska Native, and 64 percent hails from one of the six New England states. Twenty-nine percent come from mid-Atlantic states, ranging from New York to Virginia.

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## Ancient tools discovered by Strasser team displayed

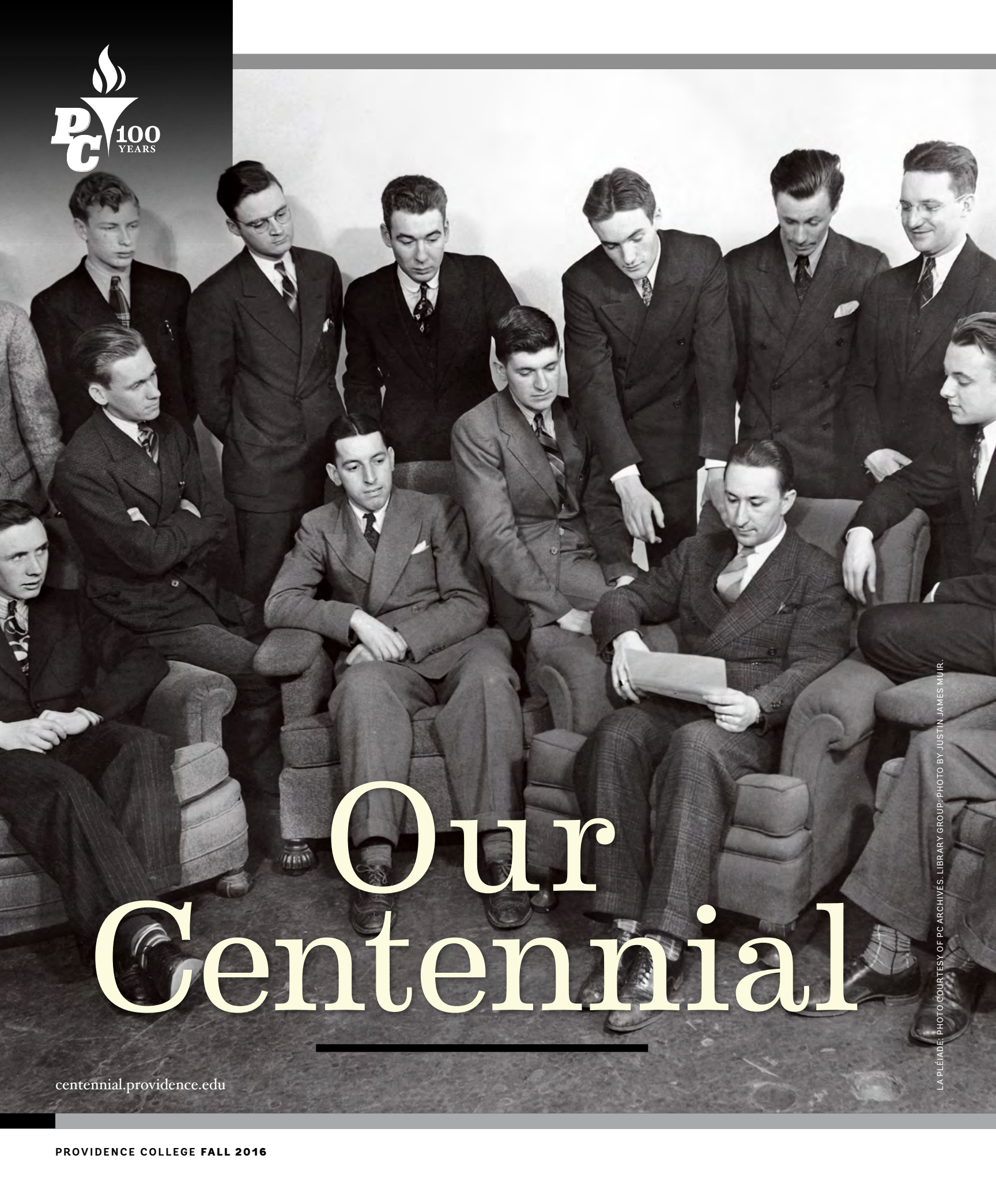


Stone tools dating back at least 130,000 years that were found on the Greek island of Crete during archaeological research led by a Providence College faculty member are being displayed for the first time in a museum in Crete. The discoveries are significant as they push the history of seafaring in the Mediterranean back by more than 100,000 years and have implications on the colonization of Europe and beyond by early African *hominins*, our pre-*Homo sapiens* ancestors.

In 2008 and 2009, Dr. Thomas F. Strasser, professor of art history, led a team of archaeologists and geologists, and several PC undergraduate students, on the Plakias Survey in Crete. It was the first project to identify Mesolithic and Palaeolithic artifacts in datable geologic contexts. The team explored caves in the area around the town of Plakias and discovered stone tools that included traditional microliths, spines, denticulates, end scrapers, and percoirs, as well as bifaces (hand axes), cores, and cleavers.

Some of the artifacts are now exhibited in a museum in the early 16th century church of St. Francis in the western Crete city of Rethymon. ■

Left: Strasser alongside tools in the museum display



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LA PLEIADÉ. PHOTO COURTESY OF PC ARCHIVES. LIBRARY GROUP. PHOTO BY JUSTIN JAMES MUJR.





Opposite page: Members of La Pléiade, a student club dedicated to French culture, meet in the late 1930s. This page: A group of students gathers in Phillips Memorial Library in 2014.

**W**E'VE CHANGED A LOT IN 100 YEARS. There are more buildings on our campus, women in our classrooms, and iPhones in our hands. But many things are the same. In our centennial year, we remain committed to academic excellence in the Dominican tradition, pride in our athletic achievement, and improvement in the world around us — values that endure.



# Mission:

**P**ROVIDENCE COLLEGE'S MISSION at its founding in 1917 was to provide the opportunity for Catholic men — many of whom faced discrimination as the sons of European immigrants — to receive a university education. Those early PC graduates went on to become the doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and teachers who shaped Rhode Island and New England.

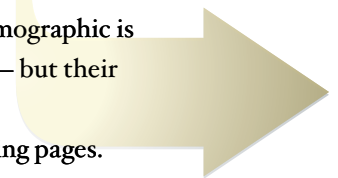


BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOS BY NAT REA

# Possible

Today, PC continues to educate first-generation college students. About 16 percent of the nearly 3,900 undergraduates on campus come from families in which neither parent earned a bachelor's degree. Their demographic is different than at the College's founding — 61 percent are women, and 47 percent are students of color — but their dreams and aspirations are as bold.

Six of them, pictured here at the Ruane Center for the Humanities, share their stories on the following pages.



## JARELY PAULINO DÍAZ '18

LAWRENCE, MASS. MAJOR: PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDIES



**J**ARELY PAULINO DÍAZ '18 was born in the Dominican Republic. When she moved to the United States with her parents and sisters at age 15, she told her mother that college would never be in her plans.

But then Paulino attended Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School in Lawrence, Mass., a Catholic school where students work outside jobs to pay their tuition. She attended tutoring every day to improve her reading, writing, and English skills, and after her sophomore year, participated in a two-week

program at the University of Notre Dame, where she started considering college after all.

Attending Notre Dame Cristo Rey “is the reason I’m here today,” Paulino said.

A public and community service studies major with a minor in Italian — her third language — Paulino is fulfilling the practicum requirement of her major by supervising six students who teach English to residents of Carroll Towers, an elderly housing complex in Providence. She is a resident assistant for first-year students in McVinney Hall and is a member of the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Paulino participated in the Friar Foundations summer bridge program before starting her first year at PC. She lived on campus for five weeks, took courses, and learned about campus life and academic expectations. This past summer, she was a Friar Foundations mentor to incoming students.

“I applied to be a mentor because, in that program, we became family,” said Paulino.

“I met my best friends through that pro-

gram. I’m on the other side this time. But it’s the hanging out with them, the late nights working with them on their school work. ... Five weeks of no sleep, I’ll take it anytime.”

As a student of color, Paulino feels a responsibility to help those students stay connected and face challenges. Her Friar Foundations mentor, Eric Rivera '16, was a great resource even after the program ended, helping her to navigate a campus that was less diverse than she expected.

“I want to be for other students what he was to me,” said Paulino.

**P**EDRO ALEMÁN '17 is the son of a migrant farm worker and a housekeeper, both natives of Mexico who emphasized the importance of education to their children. Alemán chose to attend a private college in New England to experience a different part of the world. But nothing prepared him for the challenges he faced his first year.

After working four jobs on campus to send money home, and doubting that he would ever fit in, he debated whether to return.

“It was really hard for me,” said Alemán. “It was a culture shock. I was Latino and low-income. There were not a lot of first-generation students or students of color. I had to mentally prepare for that. I was in a depression my first year.”

His perspective changed when he was selected to be a resident assistant (RA) on a floor in St. Joseph Hall as a sophomore — and became a mentor to first-year students.

“I loved it so much,” Alemán said. “You impact students in ways you don’t even realize.”

Alemán was an RA in Guzman Hall his junior year and is at Aquinas Hall for his senior year. He double majors in political science and sociology, with minors in black studies and Spanish. He is a class representative in Student Congress, president of the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, and a member of the Dirigo Leadership Honor Society.

During the summer of 2015, Alemán studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, taking courses in Spanish and in Latin American history.



**PEDRO ALEMÁN '17**  
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.  
MAJORS: POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY

After graduation, he is considering studying immigration law or working in higher education to help first-generation students. He would like to run

for public office in California. And he wouldn’t mind working in Argentina, either.

He loves PC — the friends he made and the professors who understood the challenges he faced.

“I grew every year that I was here,” said Alemán. “It’s made me proud of who I am. I am proud to be a Chicano. I’m privileged that I now have an education.” ➔

**A**MIE MBYE '18, a double major in global studies and economics, is interested in establishing sustainable economies and wants to work internationally one day.

"I want to figure out the root of the problem, because it's all about problem-solving," said Mbye. "I want to find sustainable solutions through systems thinking."

Mbye will explore her interests in February, when she leaves for Buenos Aires, Argentina, for 12 weeks of study abroad that will include an internship at a nonprofit and trips to Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. She will live with a local family and looks forward to improving her Spanish, which is her minor.

Mbye was born in the United States to parents who were natives of Gambia. When she was 5, she moved to the West African nation to live and attend school for five years. She has resided in Pawtucket, R.I., since she was 10 and has several younger siblings at home.

This past summer, Mbye was a mentor in the five-week Friar Foundations Program, which introduces new students to academic work and campus life. She was a program participant before starting at PC. She is a member of the campus chapter of the NAACP, the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, and the Leadership Fellows Program, and is a student worker in the Office of Academic Services.

"Being the only student of color in a big lecture can get uncomfortable at times, especially when topics of race or slavery come up," said Mbye. "I do not like being seen as a spokesperson for my entire race. I learned about slavery in history books, just like everybody else."

But mostly Mbye enjoys engaging with people — the students she mentored through Friar Foundations and the friends she's made.

"I love going to Slavin Center because you meet people," said Mbye. "I love McPhail's for the bingo, game watches, and free food. I tell freshmen that we take our bingo very seriously here at PC."



AMIE MBYE '18

PAWTUCKET, R.I.  
MAJORS: GLOBAL STUDIES, ECONOMICS

## YEMERY VILLAFANA '17

PROVIDENCE, R.I. MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

**Y**EMERY VILLAFANA '17, a psychology major, has developed a love for helping others — international students making their way in an unfamiliar city, and new students adjusting to the complexities of college life.

Villafana grew up in South Providence. Her mother was born in Puerto Rico to family from the Dominican Republic. She left high school when Villafana was born and works as a nurse's assistant and crossing guard to support the family. Villafana, whose first language is Spanish, did so well academically that she was accepted at Classical High School, a college prep school in Providence that emphasizes study in the arts, sciences, and the humanities.

Villafana commuted from home for two years before deciding to live at PC as a junior. The friends she made her first year, during a Horizons retreat sponsored by the Office of Cultural Education, are among her closest friends today.

Villafana is president of the International Student Organization. Though she is not an international student, she thought involvement would be “a good way to learn about other cultures.” In August, she served as a coach during the welcome program hosted by the Center for International Studies. She helped introduce international students to the American classroom experience, the city of Providence, and shopping at Target.

As a sophomore, Villafana was a mentor in the Protégé program of the Office of Academic Services (OAS) and served on its board. The program matches first-year students with older students for their first semester of college. Villafana made use of OAS resources herself, including the Writing Center and the Tutoring Center.



She is a student worker at the Information Technology Help Desk, a member of the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, and a minor in both public and community service studies and business studies. She would like to become a physician's assistant one day, since medicine has always interested her.

“I love PC,” said Villafana. “It has become my second home. The friendships I've made will last a lifetime. I'm forever grateful for the opportunity to attend PC.” ➡



## JEFFREY VASQUEZ '18

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. MAJOR: ECONOMICS

**F**OR HIGH SCHOOL, JEFFREY VASQUEZ '18 studied guitar at the Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Pawtucket, R.I. But a conversation with an English teacher about current events and world markets during his senior year introduced him to his eventual college major, economics.

After graduation, Vasquez hopes to earn an MBA. Then, "I'd like to travel the world," he said. "I'd like to spend a month in each of the major cities, and slowly but steadily circle back again. I'd like to look at markets, see what people are invested in buying and selling, and see how cultures affect those kinds of things."

The only child of parents who are natives of Guatemala and work as machine operators, Vasquez spoke only Spanish until he went to elementary school. He is a commuter student who spends about eight hours a day on campus, using the second floor of Phillips Memorial Library as his base because its quiet appeals to him.

The summer before his first year, Vasquez was part of the pilot class of the Friar Foundations Program. During five weeks living on campus, he was introduced to the rigors of

academic life and completed courses for credit, including Principles of Microeconomics.

The program was important "because I wasn't really prepared, being a first-generation college student," said Vasquez. "It was a learning process for all of us in my family. I didn't know what to expect. It was really beneficial and allowed me to get involved with students who are still my friends."

Vasquez is treasurer of the Economics Club and plans to become involved in more campus activities this year. He still plays guitar. He says he likes the friendliness of PC the best.

"You can talk to anyone, and they're super friendly," he said. "They have a willingness to help."



**MAEGAN RENAUD '17**  
**EAST FREETOWN, MASS. MAJOR: ACCOUNTANCY**



**I**N SEPTEMBER 2015, at a Career Expo sponsored by the College’s Center for Career Education and Professional Development, Maegan Renaud ’17 handed her résumé to representatives from Piccerelli, Gilstein & Company, an accounting firm in Providence.

The company accepted her for a 15-hour-a-week, paid internship beginning in February 2016. She was kept on through the summer, then offered the opportunity to continue through the 2016-17 academic year. Shortly after classes began this fall, she was offered a full-time position after graduation.

While many accountancy majors aspire to join one of the Big Four accounting firms, Renaud discovered that she loves working for a small firm.

“I’ve had the opportunity to experience working in both audit and tax, while the bigger firms make you select one or the other,” Renaud said.

She also plans to obtain a master’s degree in taxation and become a Certified Public Accountant after graduation. She aspires to become a partner at a small firm one day.

Renaud is an only child. Her father is a machine set-up operator at a lighting company, and her mother is an office assistant for an electrical contractor. When it was time for college, studying business at Providence College was her first choice — far enough from home to make her feel independent, but near enough so she could visit.

Renaud, who has danced since age 3, is a member of the PC Dance Team, which performs at every men’s and women’s basketball game, including those over school vacations.

“I never was a basketball fan before, but sitting so close, right on the court, I get into the games,” she said.

During her junior year, Renaud was a resident assistant in McVinney Hall. This year, she lives off campus, in a house with friends.

“I have loved it at Providence College,” said Renaud. “I’ve met really great people here. I think the people are what makes it great.” ■



From left, chaplains Rev. Philip Neri Reese, O.P., Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., and Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P. have joined the College in the last two years.

# The Young and the Energetic



## NEW DOMINICAN CHAPLAINS EMBRACE CALLING

**W**HEN IT COMES TO TODAY'S students and the world they live in, the chaplaincy team at Providence College has no illusions.

It's a world far more secularized than a generation ago. Societal, family, and peer pressures are constant. The road to success and happiness seemingly is filled with more doubt and detours than ever.

"There is such a temptation to live college life in a superficial way," said Rev. Philip Neri Reese, O.P., assistant chaplain.

Father Philip Neri and his peers, College Chaplain Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. and Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P., assistant chaplain, project a realistic view — but also one filled with confidence and optimism — of campus life in their role of meeting the spiritual needs of PC's 3,900 students and the

greater College community. Ordained as Dominican priests in the last three years, they are in tune with the challenges of a secularized world, yet united in their resolve to help students find their way and "know they are loved," said Father Peter Martyr.

PC is the first full-time assignment for each of the chaplains, who studied together for a period at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Father Peter Martyr, who is 32, arrived first, in January 2015, as an assistant to then-College Chaplain Rev. James Cuddy, O.P. '98. He was named chaplain in January 2016, after Father Cuddy was assigned to a parish in New York City. Father Philip Neri (31), a visiting instructor in philosophy, joined the chaplaincy team last January. Father Dominic (30), a full-time assistant, was assigned to PC in June, a month after his ordination.

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE PHOTOS BY PATRICK O'CONNOR



“  
My role is to  
help them meet  
Him and establish  
a relationship,  
not in a ‘hokey’  
sense, but in  
**a real way ...**  
”

– REV. PETER MARTYR YUNGWIRTH, O.P.

“This is a good opportunity for the three of us to make spirituality practically real for all students. We have a lot of energy ... and we’re able to live on a little less sleep,” said Father Peter Martyr with a laugh.

He is also excited by the synergy and commitment among the rest of the chaplain’s office staff, composed of campus ministers Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P., Kelly Hughes ’11, Bob Pfunder ’09, and Heidi Fraitzl ’14; Mark Colozzi, the new director of liturgical music; and Jane Larson McGuirk, senior office assistant.

Father Peter Martyr is the newest in a line of 19 Dominicans who have served in the lead chaplain’s role since the mid-1930s, beginning with Rev. John B. Reese, O.P. Father Reese’s successor, Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., is the longest-serving College chaplain on record, holding the role from 1938-1955. Four Dominicans were appointed College chaplain more than once, and several former chaplains remain active at PC and/or reside on campus.

A native of Maryland who entered the University of Maryland with thoughts of becoming an aerospace engineer,

Father Peter Martyr said it was his work in hospital ministry, particularly at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore in the summer of 2014, that best prepared him for the chaplain’s role. The experience made him realize “there are a lot of people suffering deeply ... so many coming from broken backgrounds.”

As chaplain, he wants students — of all beliefs and faiths, not just Catholic — to know not only that they are welcomed and valued by the chaplain’s staff and the College, but their lives will be more fulfilling if they have a relationship with Jesus.

“My role is to help them meet Him and establish a relationship, not in a ‘hokey’ sense, but in a real way ... in the sense of a life of virtue. I want to help students become charitable and help them cultivate virtue, so that they can become wholesome and live out a good and holy life,” he said.

There is no such thing as a “typical” day for the PC chaplain, who is the second-youngest of nine children. Students frequently drop in, either for a one-on-one meeting or for confession, and their circumstances and emotions vary sharply, said Father Peter Martyr. No two meetings are the same, but

some duties remain constant, such as celebrating Mass, attending committee meetings, meeting with Campus Ministry student leaders, and performing administrative tasks like scheduling priests' Mass assignments and approving time sheets. Amid the long and hectic day, he makes a point of attending the nightly Office of Readings and Vespers service with fellow Dominicans.

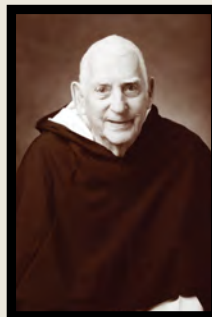
"My life with the Friars is nourishing," said Father Peter Martyr, who noted he also prays to the Holy Spirit for daily guidance, especially in new situations.

One of the ways the chaplain's office attempts to meet students at their level of spiritual exploration and need is through the Peer Ministry Program, now in its second year and coordinated by Father Philip Neri and Kelly Hughes. Trained upper-class student mentors meet in pairs with 10-12 students to talk about the intersection of faith and college life. Last year, there were approximately 20 peer ministers and 100 student participants. This year, the coordinators expect more than 200 students will work with a group of 34 peer ministers.

The discussions are raw and real, covering any topic students broach, such as family crises, the drinking culture, and social media messaging. "It's where the rubber meets the road," said Father Philip Neri, emphasizing that the value of the program is the opportunity to share. ➡



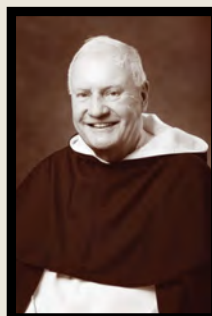
## SHEPHERDS TO ALUMNI



Father Peterson



Father McPhail



Father Quigley

The chaplain's role at the College extends to another integral population that lives entirely off campus: our 55,000 alumni.

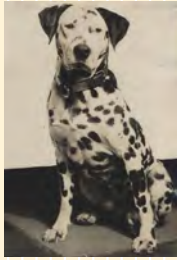
In Rev. John S. Peterson, O.P. '57, Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61, and Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60, the National Alumni Association (NAA) has three Dominican leaders who not only studied at PC but who have served the College community for more than 125 years combined as teachers, administrators, and priests.

Father Peterson, the association's national chaplain since 2006, is a former faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies, now theology. He also has served as assistant to the bursar, as the first director of the then-Office of Student Financial Aid, as College treasurer, and as an assistant dean in the Office of Admission, before beginning work with the NAA.

Father McPhail, who has been the NAA associate chaplain for the past four years, is an adjunct faculty member in theology and served as vice president for student services for nearly 20 years.

Father Quigley returns to assist the NAA in a chaplain's capacity for the second time in recent years. From 2005-2011 and from 2012-2016, he served in Rome as the Father Carl J. Peter Chair of Homiletics at the Pontifical North American College, the largest American Catholic seminary in the world. In between those assignments, he assisted Father Peterson in his role as NAA chaplain. A former associate professor of theology, Father Quigley served as College executive vice president from 1989-1993.

## TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE: THE DOMINICAN SPIRIT



**1935**

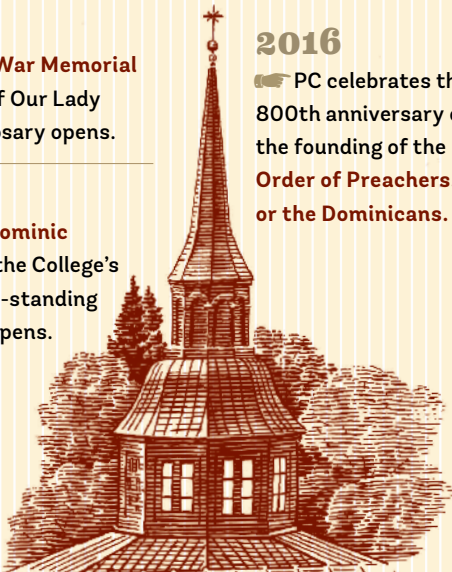
An official College mascot, **the Dalmatian** “Friar of What-Ho,” makes its first campus appearance.

**1948**

The **War Memorial Grotto** of Our Lady of the Rosary opens.

**2001**

**St. Dominic Chapel**, the College’s first free-standing chapel, opens.



**2005**

The **Office of Mission and Ministry** is established.



**2016**

PC celebrates the 800th anniversary of the founding of the **Order of Preachers, or the Dominicans.**

“

We must help people discover the richness and beauty of the faith, to see **God’s plan ...**

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– REV. DOMINIC VERNER, O.P. (below)

by their mistakes” and that the innate goodness of each person is affirmed. He interacts with students in numerous capacities besides celebrating the sacraments and face-to-face meetings, including directing the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults program, advising numerous groups within Campus Ministry, and leading retreats.

An Indiana native who majored in electrical engineering at Purdue University, Father Dominic champions the chaplain’s role as a “servant of hope” to students. Hope is “under attack” in contemporary society, and thus it is critical for the chaplain to help students understand that, like everyone, they are called to sanctity and eternal happiness. The two biggest obstacles to hope are that students doubt it is for them and that holiness will make them happy, he said.

“We must help people discover the richness and beauty of the faith, to see God’s plan ... and deeply encounter the love of God.” ■



ILLUSTRATION: BRUCE HUTCHISON. DALMATIAN: COURTESY OF PC ARCHIVES. DOMINICAN SHIELD: CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G.

“Peer Ministry exposes them to something better and provides them a community that’s deeper. Having a place to come talk about difficulties is important,” said Father Philip Neri, who grew up in Maryland and attended Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. While the program largely targets first-year students, “we welcome everybody, wherever you might be as a student. We believe you will be safer and happier if you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Father Dominic sees today’s students as pilgrims on a four-year journey, with its joys and delights, its trials and setbacks. It is the chaplain’s role to make sure students are “not defined



Dominicans at the War Memorial Grotto dedication, 1948

## DOMINICANS AT PC

THE DOMINICAN PRESENCE at Providence College is distinct and remains a proud hallmark of the institution's 100-year history. Forty Dominican friars live in the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas or in other campus residences. Thirty of them serve as administrators, faculty members, staff members, or chaplains.

The administrative leaders include the president, the executive vice president/treasurer, the vice president for mission and ministry, the associate vice president for mission and ministry and associate treasurer, the dean of undergraduate and graduate studies, and the associate dean of admission. Three of the administrators also hold faculty status and are among 23 Dominicans who teach. More than one-half of the Dominicans teach theology, but they also teach biology, economics, history, philosophy, psychology, theatre arts, and film.

## ALUMNI/PRIESTS SERVING PC

Seven Dominican priests who attained degrees from PC serve their alma mater in administrative or faculty roles:



Rev. Terence J. Keegan, O.P. '60  
Adjunct Faculty in Theology



Rev. Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P. '65  
Associate Professor of Theology



Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61  
Adjunct Faculty in Theology



Rev. Edward T. Myers, O.P. '58  
Adjunct Faculty in Theology



Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P. '71  
Associate Vice President/  
Mission and Ministry  
Associate Treasurer



Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80  
President  
Professor of Philosophy



Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G  
Executive Vice President/  
Treasurer

## A SISTERLY PRESENCE

Dominican sisters have long been a part of the fabric of PC, serving in multiple facets of campus life, including as professors, ministers, and advisers. Currently, three sisters work at PC: **Sister Leslie Ellen Straub, O.P. '83G**, associate professor of anthropology, who has taught for 46 years; **Sister Carolyn Sullivan, O.P. '02G**, assistant director for tutorial services in the Office of Academic Services, who is in her 23rd year; and **Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P.**, campus minister in the Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry, who came to PC in 2014.



Campus minister Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P. mingles with children during the FaithWorks community outreach program in 2015.



## Moments That Endure

1917

☞ Pope Benedict XV, with Dominican, state government, and diocesan officials, approves the **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE**.

☞ Ground is broken for the first building, **HARKINS HALL**.

1919

☞ **SEPT. 18: OPENING DAY**, with 71 students and nine Dominican faculty members.

1923

☞ The Providence College **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** is formed.

1925

☞ The student newspaper, **THE COWL**, begins publishing.



1928

☞ Actress **JUDY GARLAND** visits campus and donates to the Building Fund.

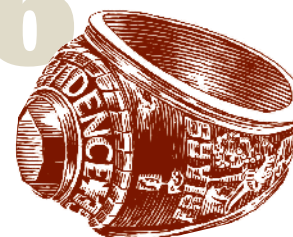


1943-44

☞ Some 380 men participate in the **ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM** on campus in support of U.S. efforts in World War II.

1966

☞ Class rings are given to juniors at the first **RING WEEKEND**.





# 1967

A formal **JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM** is approved.

# 1972

Rock music icon **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN** plays at **SPRING WEEKEND**. He returned to play in 1977.



# 1988

Three apartment-style **RESIDENCE HALLS** (Mal Brown, Cunningham, and DiTraglia) open on campus, with male and female undergraduates living in the same building for the first time.

# 1995

The College **LAUNCHES ITS WEBSITE: WWW.PROVIDENCE.EDU**

# 1974

The purchase of the **CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL** property from the city expands PC's landscape to the east.

# 2012

The College appoints its first chief diversity officer, **RAFAEL A. ZAPATA**.

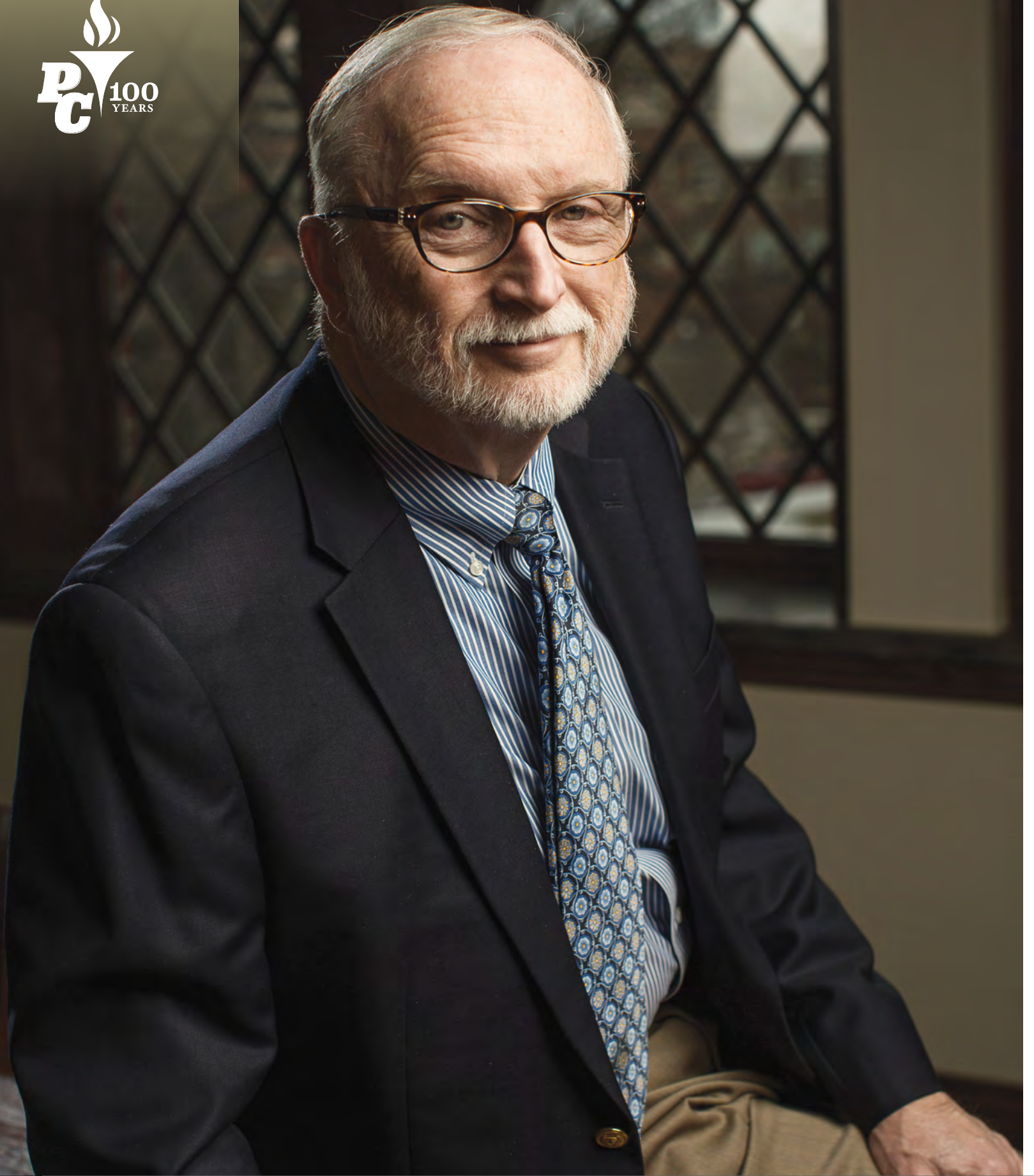
# 1978

A **FEBRUARY BLIZZARD** closes campus but fails to deter 7,000 fans from making their way to the Providence Civic Center to see PC stun the University of North Carolina in men's basketball, 71-69.



# 2016

**HUXLEY AVENUE**, from Eaton Street to Ventura Street, is permanently closed to vehicular traffic for the **CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT** — a multi-year endeavor that will physically unify the campus and create a new entrance, walkways, and plazas.



# Moments of GRACE

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BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTO BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

**D**R. RICHARD J. GRACE '62, professor *emeritus* of history, has been at Providence College for more than half its history. He arrived in 1958 as a student in the year-old Liberal Arts Honors Program, and except for three years studying for a Ph.D. at Fordham University, has been here ever since.

Grace was a colleague of such venerable professors as Dr. Brian M. Barbour, Dr. Rodney K. Delasanta '53, Dr. Rene E. Fortin '55, Dr. Mario R. DiNunzio '57, and Rev. Paul van K. Thomson '86Hon. He was hired in 1965 by College President Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P. '23 and has served under five of 12 PC presidents: Rev. William Paul Haas, O.P. '43; Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. '51 & '85Hon.; Rev. John F. Cunningham, O.P. '50; Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. '63; and Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

Grace directed the Honors Program from 1970-1987 and chaired the history department from 1994-2000. Since his retirement in 2014, he has continued to teach a seminar in history to honors students. His recent book, *Opium and Empire: The Lives and Careers of William Jardine and James Matheson*, was published in 2014 by McGill-Queens University Press.

For PC's centennial, Grace was asked to write a historical essay about the College's past 25 years for a book that will be sold in the College bookstore next spring.

Grace and his wife, Madeleine, reside in Swansea, Mass. They are the parents of Marianne Grace Aguiar '02, Benjamin Grace '05, and Elizabeth Grace Heath '09, who is the wife of David L. Heath '09 and the mother of the Graces' first grandchild, Samuel.

On the following pages, Grace shares memories of his six decades at PC. Some were taken from "Last Lecture: An Epilogue," a presentation he gave at his retirement.

Grace is shown as the director of the Liberal Arts Honors Program, which he led from 1970-1987.



## Learning to teach

**I**N HIS EARLY DAYS AS A PROFESSOR, Grace learned to teach by observing colleagues.

“Team-teaching was the climax of my education, as opposed to graduate school,” he said.

After classes, professors shared lunch in Alumni Hall cafeteria.

“Whoever showed up took part in the conversation, which might consider Reformation theology or Aristophanes’ plays or the poetry of John Donne — whatever had been treated in class on a given day,” said Grace. “The conversation could as easily shift to baseball trivia.”

“That just happened,” he said. “Every generation has its own cultural environment. This was part of the generation of teachers I belonged to.”

Back then, fewer professors held Ph.D.s., and many were hired before their dissertations were complete. Once they were, and the professors had demonstrated scholarship, they generally were awarded tenure.

Pressures on young faculty are greater today, Grace said. They all have Ph.D.s., and they are young, with most at PC hired after 2005.

“My wife and I had some young faculty to dinner at our home on a Friday night,” said Grace. “They teach history, language, and business, and they are from New Zealand, Chile, and Poland.”

# Adapting to change

THE LECTURE FORMAT once was the staple of teaching. Today, the model is often smaller, seminar-style classes that encourage student engagement. Classrooms have moveable tables and chairs.

“A lecture can be linear — you can follow an outline,” said Grace. “In the seminar room, you can never predict how the discussion is going to go.”

The faculty’s introduction to computers “began with the on-off switch” in workshops in Harkins Hall in the mid-to-late 1980s and evolved from there.

“In the 1960s, if you wanted to show a film, someone set up the projector and screen for you, or you used a Kodak Carousel and showed slides,” said Grace.

Today, a professor’s iPad can be connected to Apple TV.

“During my sabbatical year at Cambridge University in 1993, I needed printer access. The woman who assisted me said she would give me email access, too. ‘What the heck is email?’ I thought. ‘Who would I send it to?’”

He keeps up with changes in technology, because “you don’t want to look like a dinosaur.” ➡



Top: A computer is used in Albertus Magnus Hall during the 1986-87 academic year. Above: Grace leads an honors seminar around the Woodrow Wilson Table in the early 1980s.



## TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE: ACADEMICS

**1923**

➡ **Commencement** is held for PC’s first four-year graduates.

**1957**

➡ **The Liberal Arts Honors Program** is established.

**1971**

➡ PC introduces a mandatory two-year course sequence, the **Development of Western Civilization**.

**1993**

➡ PC establishes the nation’s first undergraduate degree program in **public and community service**.

**2012**

➡ A newly revised **Core Curriculum** takes effect.



The all-male Faculty Senate convenes its first meeting on Jan. 31, 1968.

## Finding a voice

**F**ACULTY FOUND THEIR VOICE through the establishment of the Faculty Senate in the 1960s. Grace remembers the origins.

He was dining on Federal Hill with colleagues on Nov. 9, 1965, when the lights went out. The Northeast blackout left 30 million people from New Jersey to Canada without electricity.

“We all got into one car and came back to campus,” said Grace. “We sat down in the Alumni Hall cafeteria, which had emergency lights. We started talking. I was just a rookie, so I was listening. There was a suggestion of bringing the

American Association of University Professors to campus. Some said we should talk to Father Haas about it. So they did. And that eventually led to the creation of the Faculty Senate.”

Faculty leadership was displayed in 1968 when Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Professors decided to establish a scholarship for students of color and agreed to contribute a portion of their salaries by payroll deduction to get the effort going.

Eventually, the College took over the scholarship, and today, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program is a major factor in increasing diversity among the student population. Students of color make up about 16 percent of the student body.

## Standing with students

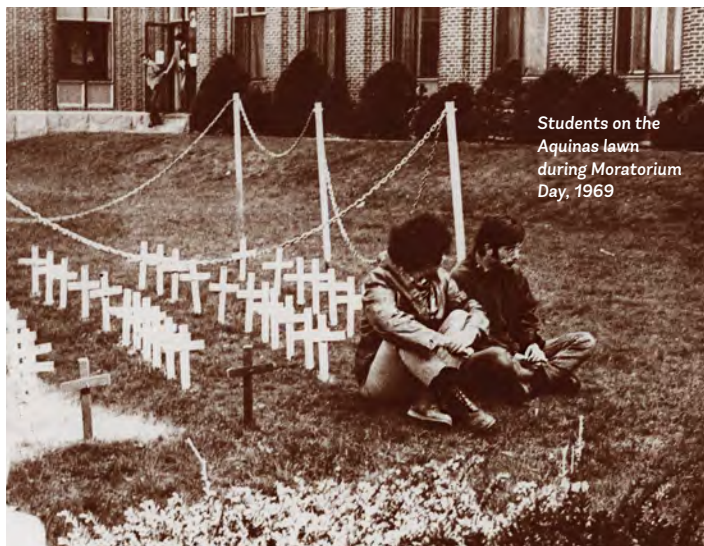
**T**HE ESCALATING WAR IN VIETNAM that divided America united faculty and students. In October 1969, PC participated in the nationwide Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam with teach-ins outside Aquinas Hall and a march to the State House for a rally.

“We walked out the gates and down River Avenue to Smith Street, where we met the Rhode Island College contingent,” said Grace. “There were about 1,000 of us. We linked arms. Folks even came out of the bars along Smith Street to see us.”

In May 1970, when four students were killed by the Ohio National Guard at Kent State University, colleges across the country ended the semester early. At PC, student organizers were ready to call for a strike. The Faculty Senate met in emergency session in Aquinas Hall Lounge and approved legislation that ended the academic year early.

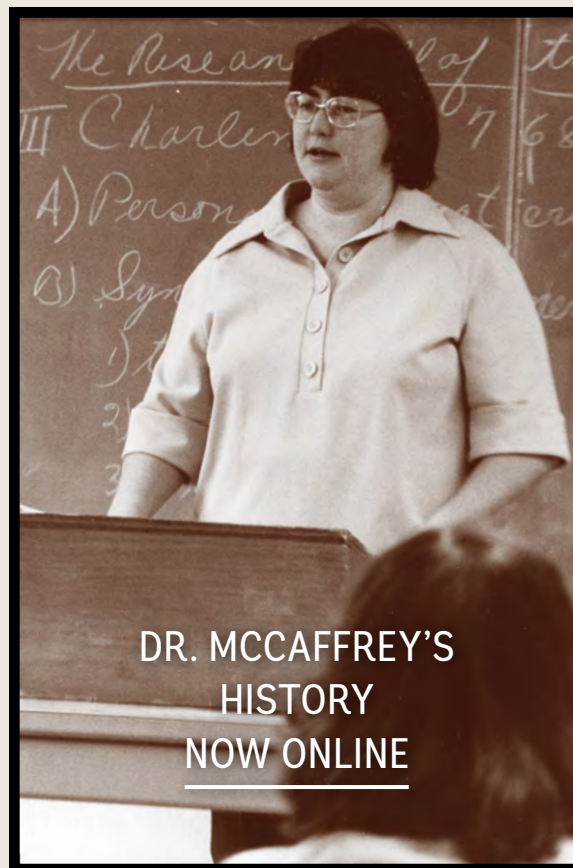
“I remember the tensions in that room, with President Haas sitting near the podium and signing bills as they were passed to him by the president of the Senate, DiNunzio,” said Grace. “And I shall always remember the faces of the students pressed up against those floor-to-ceiling windows, waiting to see whether the faculty was with them or not.

“We were.” ➔



Students on the Aquinas lawn during Moratorium Day, 1969

PHOTOS: PC ARCHIVES.



DR. MCCAFFREY'S  
HISTORY  
NOW ONLINE

**Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., and '87G** wrote the book about Providence College. *From the Beginning: Celebrating 75 Years of Values that Endure* was published to commemorate the College's 75th anniversary in 1992.

Dr. McCaffrey, a retired assistant professor of history, died in January. In her honor, we excerpt a portion of her book below. It can be read in its entirety on PC's centennial website, [centennial.providence.edu/pc-history](http://centennial.providence.edu/pc-history).

*In 1961, Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P. succeeded Father Slavin at the beginning of one of America's most turbulent and uneasy decades. A gentleman of unlimited kindness, a humanitarian, Father Dore came to Providence College with the first class of 1923 and held almost every major position at the college prior to becoming the seventh president. His sobriquet, 'Mr. P.C.', was apt. With an unflappable disposition and an astute eye to fiscal stringency, Father Dore led Providence College for the next four years.*

*During his tenure, Father Dore broke ground for Guzman, Meagher, and McDermott Halls (the latter two paid for from cash flow without loans. Children of the Great Depression, Father Dore and Treasurer Father Fennell believed in building only what you could pay for).*



Women, already a majority on campus, gather outside Dore Hall during the 1979-80 academic year.

## Welcoming women

**W**HEN FATHER HAAS WAS PRESIDENT in the late 1960s, the College began considering whether to admit women as undergraduates. Faculty were asked: Was it financially necessary, and was it a good idea?

“I said yes to both,” said Grace. “It’s one of the best things that happened to the College.”

The first women arrived in September 1971, a time when young men were still being drafted.

“The men had a very different perspective than the first young women who were arriving,” said Grace. “It was a contrast between the new brightness of the arriving women and the cynicism of the guys, who were fearing being drafted and sent to Vietnam. The arrival of women did a lot to improve the atmosphere.”

Women were the majority gender in the Honors Program almost immediately, Grace said. By 1978, they outnumbered men in the undergraduate population, a trend that has continued ever since.





## Mourning a great loss

ON THE MORNING of Dec. 13, 1977, newlywed Grace was awakened in his Smith Street apartment by a neighbor who told him that a fire during the night in Aquinas Hall had killed seven female students. Three more died later from their injuries.

Grace, who was the Honors Program director, opened the honors room to faculty seeking a place to gather. It was housed then in Stephen Hall, now the Feinstein Academic Center.

“It was the closest retreat from the terrible scene outside,” said Grace.

He likened it to a “whole group of faculty engaged in a dreadful seminar, with just one question: ‘Why?’”

“I remember it like a tableau of faculty who had to deal with the immediacy of the question of suffering. We were used to talking about that question around the Wilson Table, but it was usually in a work of literature. Now it was just outside the door, and we weren’t very good at addressing it. And we kept asking God to give us an answer, and He was silent that morning.”

It was a watershed moment in the history of the College. Some have called it the birth of the PC “family.” Grace credits the College president, Father Peterson — who moved into Aquinas Hall when it reopened and lived alongside students — as a reassuring presence.

## Remaining Catholic



WHEN GRACE WAS A STUDENT and for 25 years after, it was taken for granted that PC “was a Catholic college and was always going to be a Catholic college,” he said. “Then, attitudes changed as the world was secularizing.”

In the early 1990s, the College struggled with the question of how to retain its Catholic identity “without becoming a fortress religious school — very protective, in a confrontational way, against the rest of the world,” said Grace. “It was a tension. Should only Catholic faculty be hired to teach? How do you achieve that with non-discriminatory hiring?”

“One of the ways that emerged over the course of years was for the Dominicans to assume a more deliberate role in preserving the Catholic identity,” said Grace. “I think they’ve done a very, very good job of that.”

Under Father Shanley, the Office of Mission and Ministry was established. Today, about 2,400 students are involved in activities through the Campus Ministry Center in St. Dominic Chapel.

“I’m not afraid of PC becoming Catholic in name only,” said Grace. “But the attention to Catholic identity has to be more deliberate than when I was a student here.”

## Honoring the humanities

THE RUANE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES opened in 2013 primarily as a home for DWC, the Honors Program, and the English and history departments. Its seven seminar rooms are dedicated to Grace, Delasanta, Fortin, DiNunzio, Barbour, Father Thomson, and Father Cunningham — all Honors Program directors or DWC professors.

The center’s dedication, on a beautiful afternoon in October 2013, is one of Grace’s favorite PC memories. The keynote speaker, historian David McCullough, spoke about the importance and value of a liberal arts education.

“It was like he gave the College a big hug,” said Grace.

During the ceremony, Grace and DiNunzio were asked to stand and be acknowledged by the crowd.

“The applause rang in my ears like the Bells of St. Clement’s and seemed to go on for a long time,” said Grace. “I could only say ‘thank you’ to all the various corners of the assemblage, for I had temporarily forgotten all the other words I know.” ■



# Champion at life

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTO BY JASON EVANS



Lenny Wilkens '60 & '80Hon.  
in Mullaney Gym in Alumni Hall  
in June 2016

**Lenny Wilkens** '60 & '80Hon., the man who would become Providence College's first basketball superstar, arrived quietly on campus in the fall of 1956, nine months after Alumni Hall opened with a gymnasium built with basketball in mind.

No one expected much from the slim, left-handed guard who stood just over 6 feet tall. His athletic career was made possible because someone decided to help — a distinction he has never forgotten.

When Wilkens was about to graduate from Boys High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., his parish priest, Rev. Thomas Mannion, wrote to PC's athletic director, Rev. Aloysius Begley, O.P. '31, asking that Wilkens be considered for a scholarship. PC's head coach, Joe Mullaney '65Hon. & '98Hon., met Wilkens in New York. But the invitation to play for the Friars didn't come until after Mullaney's father watched Wilkens play in a summer tournament on Long Island.

From the time he arrived on campus, Wilkens made his mark. His freshman team won all 26 games and easily defeated the varsity. When he was a sophomore, the Friars went 18-6. His junior year brought PC's first 20-win season and its first invitation to the NIT, the National Invitation Tournament, at Madison Square Garden in New York City. One of a dozen teams selected for the premier college event, the Friars made it to the semifinal round, the equivalent of the NCAA Final Four.

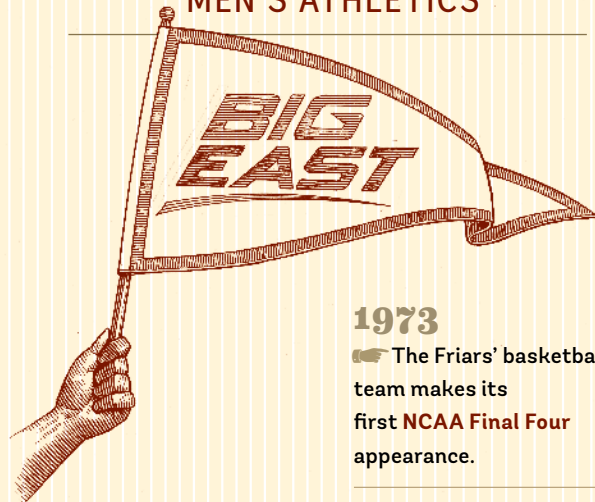
As senior co-captain in January 1960, with 20th-ranked St. Joseph's leading the Friars by 3 with just over a minute to play, Wilkens stole the ball on three consecutive possessions and scored twice in a 64-63 win that pushed PC into the Top 20 for the first time. In the NIT that year, the Friars made it all the way to the final. Wilkens was the tournament MVP despite their loss. He then became the first Friar selected for the East-West All-Star Game, featuring the best college seniors in

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 - LENNY WILKENS '60  
 & '80HON.

Wilkens, fourth from  
 bottom, with his  
 undefeated freshman  
 team in 1956-1957

## TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE: MEN'S ATHLETICS



**1973**

☛ The Friars' basketball team makes its first **NCAA Final Four** appearance.

**1979**

☛ PC is one of seven founding schools in the **BIG EAST** Conference, an intercollegiate athletics league conceived by **Dave Gavitt '89Hon.**, Friars' basketball coaching legend.

**2015**

The ice hockey team defeats Boston University, 4-3, for the College's first **NCAA Championship** in a men's team sport.

**1920**

☛ PC's baseball team loses to Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass., 10-6, in the College's **first official athletic competition**.

**1961**

☛ Led by **Jim Hadnot '62** and **Johnny Egan '61**, PC defeats St. Louis, 62-59, to win its first **NIT Championship** in basketball.

the country. With his team down by a point, Wilkens stole the ball, sank the winning shot for the East, and was named tournament co-MVP.

How different were professional sports then? Wilkens was a first-round draft pick, selected sixth overall by the Saint Louis Hawks, then one of only eight NBA teams. He learned about his selection when the PC athletic office called to tell him. Since he'd never seen a professional basketball game before, he asked a visiting scout for the New York Knicks to get him some tickets.

Wilkens studied the Hawks as they played the Boston Celtics in the playoffs at Boston Garden.

“I thought I was as good as the Hawks’ guards,” said Wilkens. “I decided to sign with them. You’re young and you’re confident. You say, ‘I think I can do this.’”

He sure could. Wilkens is the only person inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame three times — as a player in 1989, as a coach in 1998, and as an assistant coach of the 1992 Olympic gold-medal “Dream Team” in 2010. He won another gold medal as head coach in 1996. He coached the Seattle SuperSonics (including former Friar guard Joe Hassett ’77) to the NBA title in 1979.

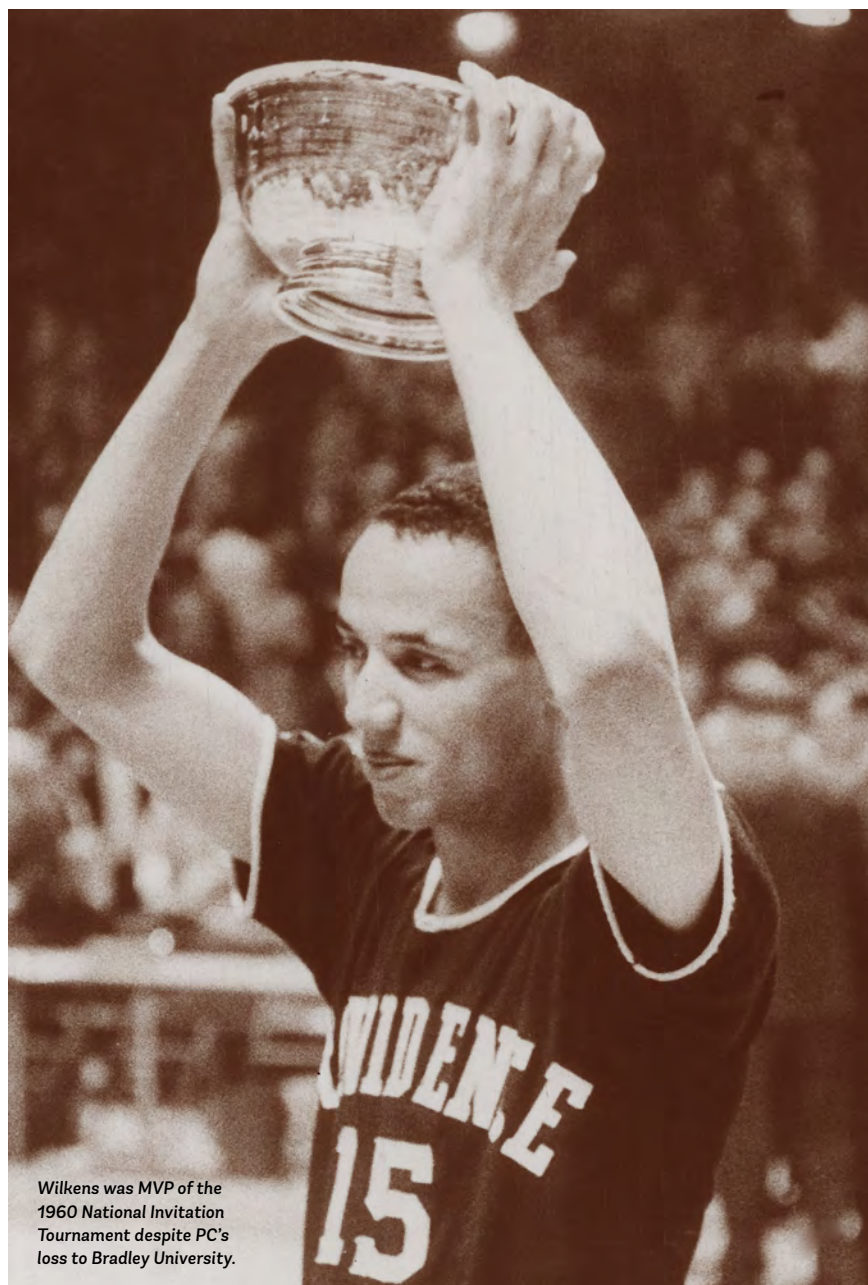
In 1995, Wilkens broke Red Auerbach’s record of 938 career wins as a professional coach and established his own — 1,332 — which stood until Don Nelson broke it in 2010. The NBA named Wilkens to its list of the 50 greatest players of all time and the top 10 coaches of all time. He was a 13-time all-star as a player and a coach in a career that lasted more than 40 years.

His impact extends beyond basketball. The Lenny Wilkens Foundation, which he established in 1971 with his wife, Marilyn, has raised nearly \$8 million to support organizations that help needy children in the Pacific Northwest. Its main beneficiary is the Odessa Brown Clinic, which provides medical and dental care for children in Seattle. Each July, the foundation hosts its major fundraiser, a Celebrity Weekend that draws 700 people for a dinner, auction, and golf tournament. Wilkens’ Friar teammates, Johnny Egan ’61 and Tim Moynahan ’61, regularly attend.

Wilkens never misses an opportunity to talk to the youngsters served by the clinic.

“I want the kids to see me and to know they can be successful,” he said.

Wilkens met Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Birmingham, Ala. He met Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu during a visit to South Africa. He’s chatted with Jimmy Carter and both Presidents Bush. He hosted a reception for Barack Obama in his lakefront home in Seattle. He even met a tiny Stephen



Wilkens was MVP of the 1960 National Invitation Tournament despite PC’s loss to Bradley University.

Curry when coaching his father, Dell Curry, with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Wilkens is known for his self-effacing manner and his generosity — traits that do not win basketball games. There is a fire inside him, and he will tell you that it comes from his mother, Henrietta. She was a white, Irish-Catholic woman left to raise five children on her own when his father, Leonard Randolph Wilkens Sr., who was black and worked as a chauffeur, died of complications of a bleeding ulcer.

Wilkens was 5 years old then, the oldest son.

“I remember a nun holding me at the wake and saying, ‘You’re the man of the family now,’” said Wilkens. ➡

“When my mother would take us shopping, we were the color of the rainbow,” he said. “People would look. She would turn around and ask them what they were looking at.”

Her courage was fueled by her faith, Wilkens said.

“My mother was what we call a daily communicant,” he said. “She went to Mass every day. She prayed every novena. She prayed more than anybody I knew. She would tell me, ‘You have to be accountable. Let honesty and integrity define your character.’”

Because of his mother, Wilkens was an altar server at Holy Rosary Church in the days of the Latin Mass, and the parish priest, Father Mannion, looked out for him.

“Whenever I got angry about things, Father Mannion would say, ‘Who promised you? Did someone promise you it was going to be easy?’” Wilkens remembered. “He’s right, no one promises you anything. You want it to be better, you have to speak up.”

Growing up in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Wilkens played stickball, kickball, and baseball, and cheered for Jackie Robinson and the Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Basketball was secondary.

He was good enough to make the high school team as a freshman, but since he wasn’t going to get much playing time, he quit to work in a grocery store to support his family. He played CYO ball instead and sharpened his skills on the Brooklyn playgrounds, where competition was fierce.

His friend Tommy Davis, a high school All-American in baseball and basketball who later played with the Los Angeles Dodgers, convinced him to try out for the high school basketball team again as a senior. This time, Wilkens made the starting five.

“I think there are people in the world that influence you,” Wilkens said. “In my life, I got to see people who were all about helping people, about trying to make it better.”

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One of them was Ralph A. Pari '50. Wilkens met Pari, a Friars fan, in the Alumni Hall cafeteria after a game, and Pari invited Wilkens to join him in Smithfield, R.I., for dinner with his wife, Violet. It was the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

“They treated me like a son,” said Wilkens.

Studying economics at PC, he wanted his professors to know he was a serious student.

“Most of my professors would tell you I wasn’t afraid to question them on whatever they were teaching,” Wilkens said.



At commencement in 1960, Wilkens, in his ROTC uniform, with his mother, Henrietta, and brothers (Wilkens family photo)

He remembers the Dominicans who taught and supported him: Rev. Cornelius P. Forster, O.P.; Rev. Thomas H. McBrien, O.P.; Rev. Raymond B. St. George, O.P. '50; and Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. '46 & '82. Hon. Wilkens visited Father Morris regularly until his death last year. In 1962, when Wilkens married in New York, six Dominicans were at his wedding.

Wilkens was one of the few black students on campus then. For a time, he had a white girlfriend. Her father did not approve of their relationship. One day Wilkens was called to meet with the dean of students. His girlfriend's parish priest was there and told Wilkens that their association was inappropriate.

"When he was done, I just looked at him and said, 'You are supposed to be a man of God. I'm shocked. We're just friends,'" said Wilkens. "And I got up and walked out."



Above: Wilkens dressed with flair as an NBA coach in the 1970s. Top right: In 1972, Wilkens, recently traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers, returns to play in a sold-out Seattle Coliseum where fans display a banner, "This is Lenny's Country." Bottom right: Wilkens visits young men in Brownsville, N.Y., as part of his work with the Lenny Wilkens Foundation.

When Wilkens arrived in St. Louis to play basketball, blacks were not allowed to eat in certain downtown restaurants. There were only a few black players on every NBA team. He got some hate mail, and when he bought a house in the suburbs, "For Sale" signs went up.

"Some came down when they realized we weren't going to set fire to the place," said Wilkens.

Sports has done a lot to improve the racial climate in the country, he said. Black athletes have broken barriers.

"I always feel people have to get to know you," said Wilkens. "I can feel. I can think. I've had experiences that are the same as your experiences." ➡



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Lenny and Marilyn Wilkens with their seven grandchildren (Wilkins family photo)

Coaching was a challenge. Wilkens learned by observing “guys who were very good.” He invited Marv Harshman, coach at the University of Washington, to a practice. Harshman told him, “You have to show them, and you can’t be nice about it, either.”

Wilkens also drew on his military service. He served 18 months of active duty in the Army as an executive officer to a military commander and was in charge of training troops. ROTC was required during his freshman and sophomore years at PC, but he chose to continue the program through graduation.

“Once I was coach, I didn’t eat or hang out with the guys anymore,” said Wilkens.

“You had to set a precedent and let the players know that this is the way it’s going to be.”

One day in 1971, two women in Seattle — “movers and shakers in the community,” Wilkens said — “got my wife to convince me to have lunch with them.”

The women ran the Odessa Brown Clinic, which provided free health care for children. A pediatrician saw patients several days a week on a volunteer basis. Wilkens was impressed. He established his foundation soon after. It benefits the clinic and other organizations, including Make A Wish, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Center for Children and Youth Justice.

Today, Seattle is his home for good. Its climate suits him — he doesn’t like hot weather. Though he sometimes works out on a treadmill, his exercise room has become a playroom for his seven grandchildren. His daughters, Leesha and Jamee, live nearby with their families, but son Randy and his family are in Atlanta, and when Wilkens and his wife travel, it is to see them.

The grandchildren “are lots of fun. They’re active,” said Wilkens.

“Randy has our only grandson. He plays soccer and basketball. He’s 7. When I watch games, he’ll come and sit on my lap.” ■

The NBA was a different world in 1960.

“The temptations were always there, but there were only eight teams,” said Wilkens. “There were not that many opportunities to play. You had better take advantage.”

Salaries were low, and players were expected to work during the off-season. Some teams offered medical insurance, others did not. The per-diem rate for travel was just \$8. Players were reluctant to serve in the Players Association, fearing they would be traded.

Wilkens stepped up and became player representative for the Hawks. In 1964, he was part of a group that threatened to strike the NBA All-Star Game in Boston — which would have meant a loss of national television coverage for the league. The owners gave in and agreed to have a pension in place for players. Later, as president of the Coaches Association for 17 years, Wilkens helped negotiate a pension for coaches, too.

“Trying to make things better,” he said.

When the Hawks were sold to Atlanta, Wilkens was traded to Seattle. In 1968, after just a season, he was asked to be player-coach.

“I said, ‘You’re crazy,’” said Wilkens. “They said, ‘You run the team on the floor anyway.’”





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# For love of the game

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTO BY JASON EVANS



Olympian Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00 in Schneider Arena with her daughter, Kiley, who inspired her to establish a hockey league for girls ages 5 to 19 in Rhode Island

## Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00

suffered the most serious injury of her career at the worst imaginable time — during her final tryout for the 1998 Olympics women's ice hockey team.

She was 20 years old and had just finished her first year at Providence College. She was playing goalie in a game in Lake Placid, N.Y., that was tied and went to a shootout, with each team taking turns sending a player to take a penalty shot. Sliding into a split to make a save, she felt pain. Her hamstring had torn completely from the bone, taking a chunk of bone with it.

She never left the net, and she never gave up a goal, either, though the shootout went 12 rounds. To stand again after every save, she had to reach down and use her hands to lift her leg.

She attended the selection ceremony on crutches — but she made the team.

Why didn't she say she was hurt?

"It was the dream I had my whole, entire life," she said. "It was the sacrifice you make at that level. For it to be right there in front of me ... I wasn't going to give up."

DeCosta-Hayes is one of the greatest goalies in PC history, having allowed just 177 goals with 2,324 saves in 85 games. She holds two Olympic medals — a gold from the 1998 Games in Nagano, Japan, where women's ice hockey debuted, and a silver from the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2009, with her Olympic teammate Vicki Movsessian Lamoriello '94, she founded a statewide hockey league, the Rhode Island Sting, for girls ages 5 to 19.

And she isn't yet 40 years old.

DeCosta-Hayes loves hockey so much that she still plays forward once a week with her husband, Mark D. Hayes '91, in the "Old Men's Hockey League" at Lynch Arena in Pawtucket. She's loved it since she was 5 years old and joined a boys' team in the Warwick Junior Hockey Association. Players took turns being goalie. DeCosta-Hayes took her turn and never left.

"The guys were so protective of me," she said. "The first game, every time anybody would even look at me, they would react. They got so many penalties the coach had to call a meeting in the locker room and tell them I could take care of myself. It was like I had 20 brothers."

In 1996, she became the first girl to play in a high school hockey championship game in Rhode Island when her school, Toll Gate High School in Warwick, made it to the finals against the perennial champion, Mount Saint Charles Academy. Toll Gate lost the series, two games to one, but DeCosta-Hayes became the first goalie in 18 years to shut out Mount Saint Charles in a title series game.

Playing hockey for PC was the realization of a childhood dream for DeCosta-Hayes, whose parents brought her to Schneider Arena to watch games. One of her brothers, Matthew DeCosta '98, played hockey for the Friars, too.

“As far as women’s hockey goes, PC was it,” said DeCosta-Hayes. “Legends came out of here. It definitely was a dream of mine. It worked out great.”

DeCosta-Hayes finished her freshman year and took her sophomore year off to train for the Olympics. Six countries competed in the debut of Olympic women’s ice hockey in 1998 in Nagano — the U.S., Canada, Finland, Sweden, China, and Japan. DeCosta-Hayes had three wins, one of them a shutout, with a 1.59 goals-against average and a .875 save percentage, as she helped lead the U.S. to the gold medal.

She returned to PC and graduated on time with a degree in social science — with concentrations in sociology and psychology — by taking extra courses in the summer and every semester.

During her second Olympics in 2002, she made 26 saves in the team’s 2-1 loss to Canada, as the U.S. won the silver medal.

“It was amazing, to have the opportunity to represent your country like that,” said DeCosta-Hayes. “One of my first memories is watching the Olympics’ opening ceremonies on TV with my parents. My parents were able to come to Japan. It seems like everybody came. Rhode Island is probably the best state you can be from for support.”

DeCosta-Hayes’ three children play hockey. Her husband coaches their 9-year-old twin sons, Cameron and Connor, in



Goalie Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00 makes one of her 26 saves in the 2002 Olympics' gold-medal game against Canada. (Photo by Robert Laberge/Getty ImagesSport)

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the Warwick league. DeCosta-Hayes and Lamoriello founded the Rhode Island Sting in part because both have 11-year-old daughters, Kiley and Mary, who play.

The Sting, based at Schneider Arena, competes in the New England Girls Hockey League.

Bob Deraney, PC’s women’s ice hockey coach, said the Sting has helped make Schneider Arena a haven for women’s hockey. DeCosta-Hayes and Lamoriello are “revered,” he said.

Kim DeSousa of Cumberland, the mother of 12-year-old Sara DeSousa, a Sting player, said DeCosta-Hayes is a mentor and role model.



“She is everything you expect an Olympian would be,” said DeSousa. “When you’re doing well, she makes sure you know it. If someone is doing something not in the best interest of the team, she talks to them about it. When she’s on the ice, you can feel her presence there.”

“She has always loved the sport and understood the responsibility she has (as a two-time Olympian),” said Deraney. “She embraces being a role model and helping girls dream, and empowering them. She has the same competitiveness in coaching as in playing.”

DeCosta-Hayes, who was a volunteer coach with Deraney in 2002-2003, said she loves to see girls gain confidence through their play. She introduced her children to hockey at 5. Sometimes it took longer to get them dressed than they would spend on the ice, but “you don’t want to force it,” she said.

Last winter, she donned her Olympic gear, skated onto the frozen retention pond behind her house in Warwick, and let her boys and their friends take shots on her — for the fun of it.

“I hope my kids have an opportunity to play at a higher level,” said DeCosta-Hayes. “Now it’s about letting them have fun and develop a passion for it.

“I would love if they were a Friar.” ■



Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00 volunteers each summer at the hockey camp run by Bob Deraney, PC's head coach of women's ice hockey. (Photo by Jason Evans)

## TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE: WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

**1971**

☛ **Helen Bert** is named the first women's athletics administrator and develops a program that establishes 12 Division I sports before retiring in 1988.



**1973**

☛ **The Lady Friars** defeat Southeastern Massachusetts University, 44-41, in the first College women's intercollegiate basketball game.

**1995**

☛ The cross country team captures the College's **first NCAA Championship** in a team sport.

**1998**

☛ Two undergraduates and five alumni help the USA Women's Ice Hockey Team win **the first gold medal** in the sport in the Olympics.



**2013**

☛ **Coach Ray Treacy '82** guides the cross country team to a second NCAA Championship.

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## Our Moment

### Anonymous \$1 million donation makes student research, internships possible

**Thanks to a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor,** four students conducted research with faculty mentors during the summer and five students received stipends to intern with nonprofits.

The *Veritas* Research Fund was established with a \$600,000 commitment and will annually support students in research with faculty, as well as stipends for faculty mentors. The *Veritas* Distinguished Internships were established with a \$300,000 pledge and will provide annual stipends for students who intern at nonprofits. The remaining \$100,000 will be directed to the PC Fund, which supports student financial aid and other College priorities.

The first *Veritas* research scholars were **Meagan Creamer '17** (Syracuse, N.Y.), an elementary special education major, who researched the effectiveness of student teaching in Italian schools; **Joan Miller '18** (Oakdale, Calif.), a music performance and art history double major, who researched the compositions of Igor Stravinsky; **Blaine Payer '18** (Fall River, Mass.), a philosophy major, who researched how zombie and vampire movies reflect socio-economic conditions; and **Kimberly Pena Maida '17** (Marlborough, Mass.), a global studies major, who researched the Safe Driving Coalition campaign in Massachusetts. They received \$4,000 stipends.

“Not only does this donation allow the College to expand the number of meaningful research experiences it can provide students, it ensures these opportunities will be available in perpetuity,” said Dr. Jennifer L. Van Reet, associate professor of psychology and chair of the Undergraduate Research Committee.

The first *Veritas* interns, who also received \$4,000 stipends, were **Michael DeCapua '17** (Wayside, N.J.), a biology and psychology double

major, who interned at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence; **Sara Hammond '17** (Boston, Mass.), a biology and health policy and management double major, who interned at Boston Children’s Hospital; **Elizabeth Longo '17** (New York, N.Y.), a public and community service studies and global studies double major, who interned at Indego Africa in New York City; **Vania Pereira '17** (Honolulu, Hawaii), a global studies major, who interned with the Hawaii Institute for Human Rights; and **Giancarlo Rivera '18** (Westfield, N.J.), a health policy and management major, who interned at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, N.J.

Patti Goff, assistant vice president for learning and administration, said students who intern at nonprofits gain professional experience while contributing to a cause. But unpaid internships can make it difficult for students to commit for a summer.

“Without *Veritas* funding, the students would likely have to decline the internship opportunity, which would have been a loss for both the student and the nonprofit,” said Goff. ■



*Kimberly Pena Maida '17, left, conferring with Dr. Trina Vithayathil, assistant professor of global studies, researched a Safe Driving Coalition campaign in Massachusetts this past summer with her Veritas Research Fund grant.*



## A great-uncle's estate gift will help renovate science complex

**A project to renovate the Providence College Science Complex** received a \$1 million boost from the estate of a Texas man whose great-niece is studying psychology at PC. The gift will establish the Lucille and Leo Caiafa, Jr. Center for Psychological Sciences, which will be part of the expanded and renovated science complex.

The Caiafa gift is the first major donation to the science project, which began in June and will take four years to complete. It will include renovations to Albertus Magnus Hall, which opened in 1948 as the third building on campus; Hickey Hall, a laboratory building that opened in 1962; and Sowa Hall, a faculty office building that opened in 1989.

A 37,000-square-foot addition to Albertus Magnus will serve as the new main entrance to the complex. When completed, the complex will have 61,885 feet of updated laboratory space; three new technology-rich classrooms, one with 48 seats and two with 26 seats; a rooftop observatory that will double as an outdoor classroom; a computer modeling and computational lab; a microscopy suite; and a student commons area to encourage collaboration and conversation.

Leo Caiafa, Jr. was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then ran an automotive shop in Amarillo, Texas, for more than 40 years until his death in 2013. His great-niece, Julianne Szemko '19 (Ronkonkoma, N.Y.), is a student in the Liberal Arts Honors Program. After visiting PC and hearing plans for the science complex, Julianne's grandmother, Christina SanFilippo, who is Mr. Caiafa's sister, decided to donate a portion of the estate designated for institutions of higher education.

Julianne's mother, Angela SanFilippo Szemko, said Julianne looks forward to taking classes in the renovated science complex one day and using its laboratories. The psychology department will have teaching labs for health data collection, child development studies, neuropsychology, experimental cognitive psychology, and experimental social psychology.

"It is a wonderful testament to the legacy of my uncle and aunt to be able to leave this money to an institution that's been there almost 100 years and has hundreds of years ahead of it," Szemko said. ■



# 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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## Campaign exceeds fundraising goal

**Our Moment: The Next Century Campaign for Providence College**, which launched in 2011 as the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the College's 100-year history, exceeded its \$140 million goal in March 2016, more than a year ahead of schedule.

The campaign, which raised more than \$160 million as of Oct. 1, will continue until June 30, 2017, the end of the centennial year, said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

The campaign supports student financial aid and scholarships, academic programs and facilities, the Catholic and Dominican mission, and the Annual Fund, which addresses areas of greatest need. The campaign co-chairs are Hon. William C. Leary '60 & '10Hon. and Kevin C. Phelan '66 & '15Hon.

"The ultimate story of the campaign will be its everlasting impact on Providence College and those students who choose it as a pathway to achieving their dreams and becoming what God meant for them to be," said Father Shanley.



## Great Room dedicated to Fiondella '64 & '16Hon.

At a ceremony during the recent **St. Dominic Weekend**, the Great Room in the Ruane Center for the Humanities was named for Robert W. Fiondella, Esq. '64 & '16Hon., a civic leader, philanthropist, and retired chair of

The Phoenix Companies, Inc., in recognition of his gift to Providence College in memory of his father.

The donation, through the Fiondella Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, also established the Fiondella Lecture and Student Award Fund. The annual lecture will explore the intersection of the humanities and business, with the first planned for the spring in the Fiondella Great Room. The first Fiondella Student Achievement Award, honoring achievements in the Development of Western Civilization Program and excellence in business and the humanities, will be presented at that time.



## Gift establishes Jane Lunin Perel Poetry and Fiction Series

The **Jane Lunin Perel Poetry and Fiction Series** has been established through a gift from Morton L. Perel, D.D.S., M.Sc.D. to honor the four decades of teaching at Providence College by his wife, Jane Lunin Perel '15Hon., professor emerita of English and of women's studies.

The Perel gift includes annual contributions to support at least one reading each academic year. The reading will feature a distinguished poet or author of fiction who is selected by the English department faculty. The contribution includes a planned gift that will establish an endowment to support the program in perpetuity.

Perel was one of PC's first female faculty members and helped establish the Women's Studies Program. She directed the Poetry and Fiction Series at PC for 40 years. ■



## Why We Give

**Santander Bank believes** that supporting higher education is an important way to give back to the communities it serves. Since 2010, its **Santander Universities** program has donated \$750,000 to help more than 400 Providence College students travel and study abroad.

“Studying abroad is an enriching experience that gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of their host country and expand their perspective of the world,” said Jeff Greenler, director of brand media and sponsorships at Santander Bank. “We are happy that our support has helped so many Providence College students participate in international study programs that will prepare them to be future leaders in our global economy.”

Thanks to Santander, PC’s Center for International Studies offers Study Abroad Scholarships, in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000, to pay for travel, visa acquisition, inoculations, and daily living expenses during a student’s semester or year abroad. The scholarships are available to students with financial need, first-generation college students, those with physical or learning disabilities, international students, and non-traditional students.

The Center for International Studies also awards Student Global Service-Learning Grants, in amounts up to \$3,000,

to support shorter study-abroad trips, such as those that occur as part of an academic course or summer study.

The relationship with Santander began with a three-year agreement in 2010 that was renewed for seven years in 2013.

“The Santander grants have made a two-fold enhancement to our education abroad initiatives,” said Adrian G. Beaulieu, dean of the Center for International Studies. “First, they have made it possible to support students to study abroad who might not have been able to do so otherwise. Second, the grants have enabled many more PC faculty-led programs in which students are engaged in civic projects abroad that aim to enhance the quality of life for host-country residents in ways that are respectful of their culture and way of life.”



Dave O'Connor '14 studied and served abroad with the help of scholarship and grant aid from Santander Universities during his undergraduate days.

Santander Bank’s parent company, Madrid-based Banco Santander, has invested more than \$1.3 billion around the world in collaboration with colleges, universities, and research centers since 1996 through its Santander Universities program with more than 1,100 partnerships globally. Each year, it supports more than 1,100 philanthropic agreements, 22,000 scholarships, and 4,100 university projects to promote academics, research, study abroad, and internship and job placement. ■

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From left: Mary Pat Larkin Caputo '79, Sarah Caputo '12, and Gene Caputo at commencement in 2012.

## Good times prompt volunteer commitment

BY LIZ F. KAY

**M**ary Pat Larkin Caputo '79 treasures her memories of Providence College — as does her daughter, Sarah Caputo '12.

They both attended PC, majored in social science, and work in marketing today.

The positive experiences shared by Caputo and her daughter — as well as Caputo's sisters and cousins — led her to get involved with the National Alumni Association (NAA) nearly 10 years ago. Now, Caputo is serving a one-year term as president of the NAA Council.

The New Jersey native originally planned to study nursing, but a relative suggested she check out PC. She visited with her parents, and they all fell in love with Friartown.

"There was just something about it that changed my plans," Caputo said.

She is happy with her decision. "I met the friends I hoped I would meet. I had amazing roommates," she said. "I had great opportunities."

Her parents were thrilled, too, especially after Caputo's two younger sisters, Ann T. Smith '81 and Elizabeth A. Larkin '85, followed her to Providence.

Her parents would say "it was a gift to them that PC was there for their daughters," she said.

Caputo, the director of marketing and publications at Southern Connecticut State University, has appreciated the gift of PC as a parent herself.

"It was really thrilling (Sarah) decided to go to Providence College," Caputo said.

Sarah Caputo was a cheerleader at PC, and Caputo and her husband, Gene, would often travel two hours each way from their home in Cheshire, Conn., to attend games.

As NAA president, Caputo enjoys helping PC celebrate its 100th anniversary — it's a chance for alumni to reflect on how the College has touched them, she said. Caputo and fellow Council members feel that many alumni in the middle stages of their lives and careers are in this "reflective" state and would be particularly willing to engage more with PC this year.

"I'm just really proud to see what this school has accomplished," she said. "I think we've positioned ourselves for great years ahead."

"It's hard to articulate how special the place is," Caputo said. "All (Sarah) has to say is 'Forever a Friar,' and we just smile." ■

### 2016-17 National Alumni Association Council

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Kelli O'Donohue '11 accepts the Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Award during Reunion Weekend 2016. With her are, from left, Kelley Garland '16, who was the president of the senior class; College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80; and Charles T. Alagero '78 & '17P, then president of the National Alumni Association Council. (Photo by Lauren M. Tkacs)

## Friar family convenes at Reunion 2016

During Reunion Weekend 2016 in June, the National Alumni Association honored 13 graduates for their personal achievements, volunteer work, and contributions to the community.

More than 2,000 alumni — led by 456 members of the Class of 2011 attending their fifth-year celebration — and their guests attended reunion. The weekend featured *A Man with Standards*, performed by John O'Hurley '76 & '06 Hon., who was celebrating his reunion year, as well as hard-hat tours of the Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, which will become the new home for the School of Business.

Other highlights included a remembrance of the late Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., and '87G, assistant professor of history, and the Golden Friar Mass, pin blessing, and dinner. ■

See Reunion 2016 photos at [prov.ly/Reunion-2016-photos](http://prov.ly/Reunion-2016-photos).

### This year's award recipients:

#### Faithful Friar Award

James P. Carty '61  
 William J. Christie '61 & '11Hon.  
 Jack Flynn '61  
 Maryanne Doherty Knott '76 & '11P  
 Maura '86 and Michael '86 Chapey

#### Personal Achievement Award

Jim Mulcahy '66, '93P, & '96P  
 Robert J. Palmisano '66 & '89P  
 Patrick J. Canning '81

#### Exemplary Citizenship Award

Richard A. Gagné '66

#### Bishop Harkins Award

Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P. '71

#### Service to Education Award

David E. Roach '71 & '02P

#### Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Award

Kelli O'Donohue '11

## SAVE THE DATE — SPECIAL EVENTS

### OCT. 28-30, 2016

New Student Family Weekend, Providence College

### NOV. 9, 2016

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

### JAN. 7, 2017

Frozen Fenway: PC vs. BC Men's Ice Hockey, Fenway Park, Boston, Mass

### FEB. 10-12, 2017

Alumni & Family Weekend, Providence College

► For event updates: [providence.edu/alumni](http://providence.edu/alumni)

### FEB. 11, 2017

Men's Basketball Jersey Retirement Ceremony, Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R.I.

### FEB. 14, 2017

PC Charter Day Celebration, Providence College

### APRIL 8, 2017

Admission Family Day, Providence College

### MAY 11, 2017

Spring Vision Cup Golf Tournament, The Stanwich Club, Greenwich, Conn.

### MAY 19, 2017

Legacy Dinner, Providence College

### MAY 19-21, 2017

Commencement Weekend, Providence College and Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence

### JUNE 2-4, 2017

Reunion Weekend 2017 (class years ending in '2 and '7), Providence College

### JUNE 6, 2017

Hannoush Jewelers Friar Golf Classic, Warwick Country Club, Warwick, R.I.



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## **BUFFALO, N.Y.**

**Co-Presidents: Jim Fregeau '86**

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**Dennis Burns '85, '18P, & '20P**

[dennis@chesapeakeorthgroup.com](mailto:dennis@chesapeakeorthgroup.com)

The new Buffalo Club's first get-together was in January for the Friars Days gathering and men's basketball game watch featuring PC and Villanova. Alumni in class years from 1976 to 2012 rooted on the Friars. In August, we welcomed nine members of the Class of 2020 from the Rochester/Buffalo area at the home of **Dennis '85 and Donnamarie Burns '18P & '20P**. We look forward to welcoming all western New York Friars to future events. Check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/BufaloPCClub](https://facebook.com/BufaloPCClub).

## **NEW JERSEY**

**President: Jen Palombo '88**

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**John '86 and Amy McCarthy** welcomed more than 75 Class of 2020 students, their families, and alumni for a reception at their home in Summit in June. The club brought the Friar spirit to the Jersey shore in July when more than 75 Friars came together for a reception at the Monmouth Beach Bath and Tennis Club. Save the date of Sunday, Nov. 20, for the 2nd annual Mass and Brunch at the Canoebrook Country Club. Follow us on Instagram: [@pcnjalumniclub](https://instagram.com/pcnjalumniclub).

## **SOUTH COAST, MASS.**

**President: Deb Perry Ozug '79**

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In July, the club welcomed the incoming Class of 2020 Friars and reconnected with classmates and old friends at our annual

Summer Reception. Held at the Waypoint Event Center in New Bedford, the program included remarks and the presentation of the Father Hogan and Donnelly Family memorial scholarships. Past and current recipients were present. Special thanks to **Bill Synott '69** for his ongoing work on the Hogan Scholarship and to the Donnelly family.

## **NEW YORK**

**President: Katie Ferris '13**

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The club hosted its annual Networking Event in June at the Time Warner Center. The evening featured remarks by Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, dean of the PC School of Business, and the opportunity for current students to network with alumni. Students participated in a Networking 101 session led by **Kaitlin Elliott '12** of Morgan Stanley, **Ryan Loiter '08** of Capital One, and **Emily Moschet '08**, who works at Google. We thank **Keith Coccozza '89** for providing space at the Time Warner Center.

In August, the club held a meet-up at Jack Demsey's, giving alumni the chance to catch up with fellow Friars. The summer ended with a night of tennis at the U.S. Open. The event, organized by **Gregory McCabe '01**, offered Friar fans the opportunity to mingle with classmates and friends. We kicked off fall with a successful Friar Days welcome, chaired by **Shannon Kelly '12**. Upcoming events include a fall service opportunity, game watches at Jack Demsey's, and our Christmas Party at Stout on Dec. 2.

## **BOSTON**

**President: Mark McGwin '81**

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The club held its annual Networking Event in June, featuring Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta, dean of the PC School of Arts & Sciences.

Enjoying the Boston cruise are, from left, Sarah Gothers '14, Kelsey O'Hare '14, Jack McShane '15, Patrick Nigro '15, and Mike Weber '16.



More than 100 alumni and students attended the event at Brown Brothers Harriman. The club also hosted the annual Friars at Fenway and Harbor Cruise events over the summer.

Plans are under way for the Fall Business Breakfast, the annual community service project at the Greater Boston Food Bank, and our Christmas Party at Market Restaurant & Lounge on Dec. 2.

## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**President: Mike McCarthy '64**

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For the eighth consecutive year, the club will participate in the Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11, 2017. We will gather at St. Ann's Church parking lot, corner of 3rd St. South and 9th Ave. South, at 10 a.m. This year, in addition to our convertible, we have reserved two covered six-passenger golf carts for those who want to participate while staying out of the sun.

Keep an eye out for additional information regarding the Naples Mass and Reception to be held in spring 2017.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**President: Scott Tashjian '10**

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Club members and friends gathered for a networking reception at Rosa Mexicano on the Embarcadero to kick off fall. Upcoming events include basketball game watches and the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 3, hosted by **Katie Breen '08**. For more information and to get involved with planning chapter activities, contact Scott Tashjian '10. ■

## N.Y. leader Catrambone '05 leaves an impressive ledger

The alumni community extends profound gratitude to **George Catrambone '05**, whose term as president of the PC Club of New York ended on June 30, 2016, after four years of distinguished service. George engaged hundreds of alumni, fueling and sustaining the Friar spirit clubwide through regular social programming like men's basketball game watches and networking and community service opportunities.

Under George's leadership, the New York club hosted the Friar Fall Kickoff each September. The event for alumni new to the area not only provided a warm welcome but also inspired the College to establish Friar Days, the three annual events designed to engage all alumni nationwide and abroad. George also was an integral member of the New York Scholarship Committee and will continue to contribute to the College as part of the new School of Business Wall Street initiative.

We offer our best wishes for continued success to the club's new president, **Katie Ferris '13**. Katie has been a dedicated volunteer leader in the area since her graduation.



George Catrambone '05 and Katie Ferris '13

### Two other presidents named

The Southern California Club is pleased to welcome **Meagan Cooper '00** as its new president. As **John Hannen, Jr. '78** passes the baton, we thank him for his enthusiasm and leadership.

**Jane Dillon Cerosky '83** has been elected president of the Hartford Club. We are excited to have Jane on board to help guide the club through engagement opportunities for alumni. ■

## Club Christmas Parties

### FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 2016

**Greater Boston**  
Market Restaurant & Lounge  
21 Broad St., Boston, Mass. 02109

**Greater Providence**  
Providence G Ballroom  
100 Dorrance St.  
Providence, R.I. 02903

**New York**  
Stout NYC  
133 West 33rd St.  
New York, N.Y. 10003

► **For more:**  
[prov.ly/christmasparties2016](http://prov.ly/christmasparties2016)

### SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2016

**Northern California**  
Home of Katie Breen '08

### SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 2016

**New Haven**  
Brazi's Italian Restaurant  
201 Food Terminal Plaza  
New Haven, Conn. 06511

### SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 2016

**Capital Area**  
The University Club of  
Washington, D.C.  
1135 16th Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

'60

**James F. Ryan '60** of Branford, Conn., received the Notre Dame of West Haven, Conn., Knight of Honor Award. The award is presented annually to graduates of the University of Notre Dame who have achieved career success and remained involved in university activities. A retired IBM executive, Ryan is a member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors.

'67 (50th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Raymond J. Lagueux '67** of Lewiston, Maine, was inducted into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame on Franco-American Day at the State House. A retired marketing and sales executive, Lagueux has advanced the Franco-American heritage for decades. Among his contributions, he taught the first French language program at the University of Maine at Farmington; taught classes for Lewiston Adult Education; was the local coordinator of the *Forum Francophone des Affaires*; and, for 11 years, served on the board of the Gendron Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston, including time as chair and interim executive director.

**John M. Minicucci, II '67** of Naugatuck, Conn., was honored by the Naugatuck Parent School Council for coaching boys' basketball and volunteering for more than 40 years. He received the 2015-16 Raymond K. Foley Award, presented for outstanding service and dedication to the children of Naugatuck. Minicucci began coaching in the town in 1967 as an assistant coach with the Naugatuck High School boys' varsity team and the coach

of the junior varsity team. He was instrumental in starting a Friday night basketball league and coached in the league for 15 years. He also coached in Waterbury's Pearl Street Basketball League and returned as a volunteer coach for the Naugatuck High varsity team.

'69

**Francis M. McNeice '69** of Falmouth, Mass., retired as information technology (IT) manager for Royal Philips Electronics Healthcare Systems, capping a 41-year IT career. He joined Hewlett Packard (HP) in 1974 as a computer programmer and advanced to various leadership positions in IT and in business process management. During his time with HP, the company pioneered the use of diagnostic ultrasound testing. Philips acquired HP's Medical Product Group in 2001, and McNeice remained with the company until his retirement, working at its office in Andover, Mass.

## 1970s

'70

**Geoffrey B. Gneuchs '70** of New York, N.Y., contributed an essay, "Dorothy Day's Spiritual Sources: A Journey in Faith," to the volume *Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present, and Future* (Solidarity Hall Press, 2016). His most recent book is *Saint Thomas Aquinas: A Biography for Young Readers* (New Priory Press, 2014).

**William A. MacDonnell, D.D.S. '70** of West Hartford, Conn., was presented the 2016 Hartford Dental Society Professional Achievement Award. A dentist-

anesthesiologist who maintains a mobile anesthesia/sedation practice, he has worked with more than 200 Connecticut dentists who care for patients throughout the state. MacDonnell has served as a member of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine clinical faculty since 1978. He is a member of the Tufts School of Dental Medicine clinical faculty and is a past president of the Connecticut State Dental Association and the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists.

'71

**Vasilios "Bill" J. Kalogredis '71** of West Chester, Pa., joined Lamb McErlane PC, a full-service law firm in West Chester, as the chairman of its newly formed Health Law Department. He has practiced health law for more than 40 years, exclusively representing physicians, dentists, group practices, and other health care professionals and entities.

'72 (45th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Peter Gobis '72** of Cranston, R.I., a sports writer for the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle* in Massachusetts, was selected Sports Columnist of the Year by the New England Newspaper Association for his portrayal of men's ice hockey official Chip MacDonald, an ECAC veteran who has worked the NCAA Division I Frozen Four and the Beanpot Tournament, as well as the Friendship Cup in Ireland. He has worked at the *Sun Chronicle* for four decades, covering a gamut of youth, high school, college, and professional sports, including PC men's and women's basketball, and the New England Patriots and the New England Revolution pro football and soccer teams.

## ATTORNEY'S CHALLENGE MERITS SUPREME COURT'S ATTENTION



When his employer faced a tax audit, **Richard J. O'Connor, Esq. '75**, corporate tax director at Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. in Columbia, Md., had no idea his strategy to challenge it would result in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling affecting 42 states.

The 5-4 decision in *Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland v. Wynne* declared unconstitutional a long-latent law that allowed the state to double-tax interstate businesses. The ruling ensures that other states cannot adopt a similar statute.

O'Connor developed and managed the case — including the theory around the tax law's constitutionality — which to date is the most significant state tax law case decided by the Supreme Court. He credits a political science class he took at PC with Dr. Neil T. Romans with sparking his interest in constitutional law. **Read more: [magazine.providence.edu](http://magazine.providence.edu)**

'75

**Michael S. Griffin '75** of Rocky Hill, Conn., was appointed superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He previously served as the schools superintendent for the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., since 2011. His career in Catholic school education includes more than 25 years at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, where he served as the president, principal, vice principal, and as a religion teacher.

**Peter B. Keenan, C.P.A. '75 & '83G** of Greenville, R.I., was named controller for the State of Rhode Island, overseeing the state Office of Accounts and Control. He served as the associate controller for more than 10 years and as the CFO of the state Department of Children, Youth and Families before that. He is the husband of **Holly-Anne Keenan '04G**.

'76

**Andrew Kopon, Jr., J.D. '76** of Glenview, Ill., was voted the president-elect of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and will begin serving as president in July 2017. The IADC is a global, legal organization of attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests. Kopon is a founding member of Kopon Airdo, LLC in Chicago, a practice that focuses on complex civil litigation matters. He has been recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* and *Leading Lawyers Network* for multiple years.

'77

**Michael M. Woody '77 & '83G** of Cumberland, R.I., wrote a book on how the United States should preserve its place in world manufacturing, *American Dragon: Winning the Global Manufacturing War Using the Universal Principles of Fewer, Faster, and Finer* (Lulu Publishing Services, 2016). He is the president of International Marketing

Advantages, Inc. in Cranston. He is a member of PC's Providence President's Council and the chair of the Liberal Arts Honors Program Leadership Council. He is the husband of **Joanne Speroni-Woody '76 & '80G**.

'78

**Francis P. Fortin '78** of Alexandria, Va., was named the executive director of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM), based in Alexandria. He is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the SGIM, which is a national professional society of physicians in general internal medicine. He previously served for 17 years as the chief digital strategist and communications director of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

**Thomas H. Seaver, Jr. '78 & '98G** of Woonsocket, R.I., retired as head baseball coach at Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket. His retirement in June 2016 capped a 37-year coaching career in baseball, including the last 24 as head coach at Mount St. Charles, where his teams won three state Division II championships and five divisional titles. He is a history teacher at the academy.

'79

**Ken Kraetzer '79** of White Plains, N.Y., is leading a committee dedicated to advancing the Chaplains Hill site at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The committee is proposing to add a plaque honoring Protestant chaplains who died in military service between 1946 and 1999, including the Korean and Vietnam wars; construct a monument to honor chaplains who have died in service since 9-11, with additional space for future recognition; and build a pathway to facilitate access. Chaplains Hill is in Section 2 of the cemetery and honors three PC alumni on the Catholic Chaplains Monument: **Rev. Valmore G. Savignac '32**, **Rev. Anthony E. Czubak '32**, and **Rev. Leo P. Craig, O.P. '35**.



**Marta V. Martínez '79** of Warwick, R.I., was one of four honorees chosen as award recipients as part of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities' 2016 Celebration of the Humanities. The executive director of the Rhode Island Latino Arts organization and the founder of the Latino History Project of R.I., she was presented the Public Humanities Scholar Award for her work in documenting the history of the burgeoning Latino community in the state. Martínez is a member of the College's Community Advisory Committee. She is the wife of **J. Patrick Youngs, III '78**.

## 1980s

'81

**Thomas P. Stauffer '81** of Ellington, Conn., accepted a position as an executive long-term care specialist with ACADIA Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a central nervous system research start-up based in San Diego, Calif. He previously worked for 26 years at Novartis, most recently as a key account manager with a focus on long-term care.

'82 (35th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Kathie J. Andrade '82** of Barrington, R.I., was promoted to CEO of Retail Financial Services at TIAA, a Fortune 100 provider of financial services in the academic, research, medical, cultural, and government fields. She leads a retail organization dedicated to helping customers by matching their needs to financial solutions like checking and savings, mortgages, life insurance, education savings, and retirement. She is based in Providence and New York City.

**Rosemary Connolly, J.D. '82** of West Roxbury, Mass., was confirmed by the Governor's Council to serve as a justice on the Massachusetts Superior Court. Nominated by Gov. Charlie Baker, she has 30 years of litigation experience. She is one of 82 Superior Court justices statewide. She most

## POPE NAMES ARCHBISHOP CARDONE TO HIGHEST POST IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



**Most Rev. Christopher Cardone, O.P. '80 & '01 Hon.**, who has served in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific for nearly three decades, was appointed the metropolitan archbishop of Honiara by Pope Francis in June. He was installed as archbishop during a colorful ceremony in September. Honiara, located on the island of Guadalcanal, is the capital of the Solomon Islands. With the appointment, Archbishop Cardone becomes the major prelate for the entire country. The native Long Islander had served as the bishop of the Diocese of Auki on Malaita Island since 2004. The Solomons are composed of approximately 1,200 islands, about 400 of which are inhabited, and some 70 languages are spoken nationwide.

recently served in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts for six years and was chief of its Civil Division, both practicing and managing its 21 assistant U.S. Attorneys.

**Robert M. Ferrieri, J.D. '82** of Johnston, R.I., was sworn in as the new chief judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court by Gov. Gina M. Raimondo. He has served on the bench of the compensation court since 2008. The court has one chief judge and nine associate judges. Ferrieri previously was a partner at Lombardi & Ferrieri, P.C. He is an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University and at the Community College of R.I.

'83

**John F. McCarthy, Jr. '83** of Attleboro, Mass., was appointed interim chief financial officer at KVH Industries, Inc., of Middletown, R.I. KVH provides in-motion satellite TV and communications systems for vessels, vehicles, and aircraft, and is a provider of news, music, and entertainment content to maritime, retail, leisure, and other industries. McCarthy most recently served as a partner at Ernst & Young LLP, where he worked for

32 years and specialized in the audit practice. He is a member of PC's Boston President's Council.

**Major Gen. Patricia A. Rose '83**, U.S. Air Force Reserve, of Coupeville, Wash., was honored for her advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) military personnel and their families at the inaugural American Military Partner Association West Coast Gala in San Diego, Calif. The event celebrated the five-year anniversary of the end of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the recent end to the military's ban on open service by transgender people. The highest-ranking openly LGBT service member in the U.S. military, Rose serves as the mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, in Washington, D.C.

**John Vasconcellos '83** of New Bedford, Mass., was chosen the new president of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, a public charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of residents through response to critical community issues.



He formerly held administrative leadership positions with the Southeast and Boston regions of the Trustees of Reservations, the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

'84

**Brenda J. Clement, J.D. '84** of Pawtucket, R.I., was appointed the director of HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University and is based in Providence. HousingWorks RI conducts research and analyzes data to inform public policy on housing. She previously worked as the executive director of the Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island, a statewide affordable housing advocacy organization.

'86

**Philip J. Tally '86** of South Kingstown, R.I., is serving a three-year term as president of the National Church Goods Association, which represents 175 companies. He has been a member of the association for 29 years, including the past eight as a member of its board of directors. He is the sales manager of Tally's Church Supply, a family-owned and -operated enterprise since 1879.

'87 (30th Reunion – June 2-4, 2017)

**Pamela S. Fath LaBreche '87 & '00G** of Cumberland, R.I., joined Navigant Credit Union as assistant vice president/relationship manager on the credit union's commercial lending team. Previously employed at Citizens Bank, she worked in banking in the area of commercial lending for the last nine years. She also has more than 15 years of experience as a product manager in the aerospace and defense industries, specializing in thermal products and seals.

**J. Douglas Moran '87** of West Chester, Pa., a senior financial advisor for Merrill Lynch with offices in Wayne, Pa., and Newport Beach, Calif., was named by *Barron's* magazine to its 2016 list of America's Top

1,200 Advisors for the second consecutive year. He has worked at Merrill Lynch for nearly 20 years. He is the husband of **Maryellen Moran '86**, who has been employed at Merrill Lynch for 20 years.

'88

**Gregory R. Faulkner, Esq. '88** of Rocky Hill, Conn., was elected to the Managing Committee of Robinson & Cole, LLP, an America Law 200 firm where he is a partner and chair of the Construction Group. A local, national, and international counsel in all aspects of construction law, he also has an active higher-education practice. Faulkner is a longtime member of the commercial and construction panel of neutrals for the American Arbitration Association and the American Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2011.

'89

**Kristen N. Levesque '89** of Portland, Maine, earned the Accredited in Public Relations (APR) accreditation, signifying a public relations practitioner's commitment to ongoing professional development and ethical practices. A board member of the Maine Public Relations Council, she is the principal of Kristen Levesque PR & Marketing in Portland. She has more than 20 years of PR and marketing experience, with a focus on strategic communications for the arts and tourism industries.

'90

**Joseph B. Goho '90 & '98G** of Lincoln, R.I., started his 18th year as the principal of North Providence High School. Under his guidance, the NPHS Class of 2015 achieved the highest graduation rate of any public high school in Rhode Island, as 98 percent received diplomas. Goho teaches in PC's School of Continuing Education's Teacher Certification Program and in the Graduate Program in Education Administration and the Providence

Alliance for Catholic Teachers (PACT) program. He is the husband of **Melissa A. Goho '99G & '14G**, who is the principal of Birchwood Middle School in North Providence.

## 1990s

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'91

**Patrick J. Dwyer '91** of Key Biscayne, Fla., the managing director/wealth management at Dwyer & Associates in Miami, was ranked No. 5 by *Forbes* on its 2016 list of America's Top Wealth Advisors. Advisors selected had a minimum of seven years' experience in the field and were chosen based on qualitative and quantitative data. Dwyer was rated Florida's top advisor in 2016 for the fourth time in eight years by *Barron's* and was ranked among *Barron's* top 100 advisors nationally for the 10th consecutive year. He is a member of the Private Banking and Investment Group of Merrill Lynch, where he has worked since 1993.

**Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq. '91** of West Greenwich, R.I., was nominated the president-elect of the Rhode Island Bar Association and will begin serving a one-year term as president on July 1, 2017. The association serves approximately 6,500 attorneys. She has been practicing law since 1994 and works as the underwriting counsel and assistant vice president of business development at the Fidelity National Title Group in Providence. The group is composed of the Chicago Title Insurance Company, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, and Fidelity National Title Insurance Company.

**Kristina M. Whiton-O'Brien, LICSW '91** of Kingston, Mass., was honored by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women as one of the Commonwealth's "Unsung Heroines of 2016." According to the commission, honorees are "incredible women" who have been nominated by local



legislators for their contributions to their community and the Commonwealth. A life-long social worker who has spent her career advocating for child welfare, mental health access, and human services, Whiton-O'Brien is the assistant director for online program advising and field education in the Boston University School of Social Work. At BU, she advises and teaches ethics to graduate students. She is a volunteer with the National Association of Social Workers and serves as first vice president for its Massachusetts chapter.

### '92 (25th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Lt. Col. Bennett W. Walsh '92, U.S. Marine Corps (retired)**, of Springfield, Mass., was sworn in as the superintendent of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker. He directs a facility that has 265 long-term care beds and 30 private rooms for veterans and that serves approximately 2,200 veterans a year through its in- and out-patient services. On Aug. 31, he was honored for his military service during a "Hats Off to Heroes" tribute by the Boston Red Sox at the team's home game against Tampa Bay. Walsh retired from the Marines in August after 24 years of active duty, including tours as an infantry platoon commander in Mogadishu, Somalia, and as a commander of combat deployments in Iraq, combat operations in Afghanistan, and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief in Japan.

### '93

**Christopher J. Cummings '93G & '98G** of Holliston, Mass., was appointed the first president of St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School in Worcester, leading a new model of governance that replaces the headmaster model. As president, he is the school's chief advancement officer, working with several constituencies, including alumni and community organizations, and building broad financial support to make Catholic education accessible to more

families. He previously served as the director of career and technical education in the Waltham Public Schools.

**Dina M. Mastellone, Esq. '93** of Franklin Park, N.J., a partner in the law firm of Genova Burns LLC in Newark, was named by *Super Lawyers* to the 2016 Top 50 Women's List in New Jersey. Candidates are nominated by peers and evaluated in 12 areas, such as major settlements, involvement in the legal community, published writings, and certifications. She also was elected chair of the Women in the Profession Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She previously served as chair-elect, vice chair, secretary, and section trustee. At Genova Burns, she is chair of the Human Resources Training & Audit Programs Group and a member of the Employment Law & Litigation Practice Group.

**David Sherry '93SCE** of Pennington, N.J., was named chief information security officer

at Princeton University. He is responsible for developing university policy and strategy in matters of information security, including data governance, risk assessment, incident response, and business continuity, as well as university-wide compliance requirements. He previously worked for seven years in a similar role at Brown University.

**Dana Smith '93** of Warwick, R.I., was chosen vice president of human resources at Peabody Properties, Inc., a full-service real estate management firm based in Braintree, Mass. He is responsible for implementing strategies for employee engagement and relations, policy, procedure, education and career path development, and hiring, among other duties. He previously served as vice president of human resources at TYCO Simplex/Grinnell.

### '94

**Nicole V. Balthazar, D.M.D. '94** of Mattapoisett, Mass., was elected chair of the

## FOR THESE EX-FRIARS, IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT BASKETBALL



Former PC women's basketball student-athletes **Dana Simonelli '99** and **Lucie Fontanella Morse '94** are sharing their love of the game in a holistic fashion with hundreds of youths in Toms River, N.J. Their elite training organization, Hoops360 LLC, is in its third year of teaching youngsters ages 5-18 the fundamentals of basketball — and life. Through clinics and through

individual, small-group, and team training, Simonelli and Fontanella Morse work on skills within a framework that emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, mental toughness, and confidence. Assisted frequently by former Friar men's standout **Jamel Thomas '99**, the pair strives to live out the organization's slogan: "Don't just PLAY the game, DEVELOP your game!"

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Cape Cod District Dental Society, an affiliate of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the American Dental Association. As chair, she leads an association of 265 dentists, hygienists, assistants, and dental office staff dedicated to improving the oral care of citizens across 25 cities and towns. Balthazar, who has a private dental practice in Sandwich, is a clinical faculty member in the New York University Lutheran Dental Medicine Program and the Cape Cod Community College Dental Hygiene Program.

**'95**

**Jennifer E. Curtis-Whipple '95** of South Weymouth, Mass., a native of and longtime educator in Weymouth, was named the city's schools superintendent and signed a three-year contract. She was hired as a kindergarten teacher in Weymouth in 1995 and has risen through the ranks, becoming principal of Academy Avenue Primary School and later, assistant superintendent. She directs a district of approximately 6,500 students in 12 schools.

**Eileen M. Danahey, C.P.A. '95SCE** of Attleboro, Mass., became the first woman in the 95-year history of St. Anne Credit Union to be appointed both president and chief executive officer. With approximately \$865 million in holdings, St. Anne has more than 3,100 members and is the largest credit union in southeastern Massachusetts. Danahey previously served as chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Metro Credit Union in Chelsea.

**Lawrence P. Filippelli, Ed.D. '95 & '00G** of Smithfield, R.I., was promoted from assistant superintendent to superintendent of the Scituate School Department. He has served Scituate schools for 17 years. He leads a district with five schools, approximately 1,400 students, and approximately 255 faculty and staff. He has taught in PC's Graduate Education Administration Program since 2011. He is married to **Stephanie A.**

**Filippelli '00SCE**, who works as the administrative coordinator in the College's Center for Teaching Excellence.

**'96**

**Melanie L. Johnson Dumas '96** of Corona del Mar, Calif., was promoted to assistant vice president for training, Life Insurance Division, at Pacific Life Insurance Company in Newport Beach. She is accountable for creating professional development opportunities and a training pipeline, and for developing and implementing training courses and curriculums. She joined Pacific Life in 2013 as the director of sales training and development.

**Christopher M. Kennedy '96G** of Florence, S.C., was named associate provost for academic affairs at Francis Marion University in Florence. A professor of history and the director of Graduate Programs, he joined the Francis Marion faculty in 2006. Previously, he taught as an adjunct professor at Providence College from 1999-2005, teaching Development of Western Civilization, School of Continuing Education, and graduate history courses. His main research interests are in early modern and modern Irish history, and the history of the British Empire. He is the husband of **Brigid Kennedy '05SCE**.

**Kara Kolomitz, Ed.D. '96G** of Natick, Mass., the vice president of student affairs and enrollment at Regis College in Weston, Mass., was one of 23 senior-level, higher-education administrators chosen nationally by the Council of Independent Colleges to participate in the 2016-17 Executive Leadership Academy. Professionals selected are vice presidents or cabinet members who may wish to consider a presidency of an independent college or university. She began her career at Regis in 2001 as director of community living and has advanced to roles as assistant dean and dean of students to vice president of student affairs and to her current position.

**Natalie G. O'Brien '96** of North Smithfield, R.I., a history teacher at North Smithfield High School since 2000, was one of three teachers nationally to earn the Teacher of the Year recognition from the American Lawyers Alliance. The non-profit organization annually honors teachers for outstanding contributions in the field of law-related education. O'Brien teaches American History and Civic Education courses, as well as Advanced Placement courses in U.S. Government and Politics. For the last nine years, her freshman-year students have won the state's "We the People" competition and competed in the national finals in Washington, D.C.

**Eileen Madda Sethna, J.D. '96** of Chicago, Ill., a principal with Chuhak & Tecson, P.C. Attorneys at Law in Chicago, was named to lead the firm's 28-attorney Banking Practice group in Chicago and New York. A bankruptcy attorney and a seasoned trial lawyer, she has been with Chuhak & Tecson for five years and serves as a special assistant attorney general for the State of Illinois.

**'97 (20th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)**

**U.S. Army Major Michael P. Manning '97 & '08Hon.** of North Kingstown, R.I., gave the keynote address at the Hingham, Mass., Memorial Day observance and the commencement address at the Theological Institute for The New Evangelization in Brighton, Mass. A 19-year Army veteran, he is the secretary of the general staff for the Rhode Island National Guard. He has served deployments in Germany, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Central America. He is the husband of **Meg T. Manning '98**.

**Lisa Manso, SPHR, SHRM-SCP '97** of North Attleboro, Mass., was elected the president of The Association for Healthcare Human Resources Administration of Rhode Island for 2016. The association is a local chapter of The American Society



for Healthcare Human Resources Administration of the American Hospital Association. She is a talent acquisition partner for Care New England, based in Providence.

'98

**Jeffrey T. Bradley '98** of Attleboro, Mass., was appointed digital and event marketing manager of Bristol County Savings Bank, a full-service financial institution founded in 1846 and based in Taunton, Mass. He is responsible for managing the bank's website, social media presence, events, and public relations. He previously worked with the Pawtucket Red Sox minor-league baseball team.

**Brian P. Corrigan, J.D. '98** of Garden City, N.Y., joined the Estate Litigation Department of Farrell Fritz, P.C. as a partner in the firm's New York City and Uniondale offices. He previously served as a partner at Holland & Knight in New York City, where he had practiced since 2001. Corrigan, who was selected to the New York Metro *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list, is the vice chair of the New York State Bar Association's Trusts and Estates Section's Committee on Legislation.

'99

**Kimberly A. Tarasiak '99 & '01G** of Douglas, Mass., was promoted from loan origination manager to associate vice president of loan origination for the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association. She is responsible for managing the underwriting and processing of mortgage and consumer loans. She has served Milford Federal since 2001.

## 2000s

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'00

**Sean P. Lenahan '00** of Wilton, Conn., joined U.S. Trust in Westport as senior vice president, institutional client advisor. He leads a team of professionals in aligning the

firm's investment offerings, banking capabilities, and philanthropic solutions with the needs of educational endowments, foundations, and other non-profit organizations. He worked for the previous nine years at Commonfund, a non-profit asset management firm in Wilton.

'01

**Michael V. DeCastro '01** of Lausanne, Switzerland, was appointed project coordinator within the Games Coordination Unit of the Olympic Games Department of the International Olympic Committee. The department is tasked with the planning and coordination of the Olympic Games, working closely with host city organizing committees. DeCastro spent much of July and August in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, working on the 2016 Summer Olympic Games and expects to be working on upcoming Olympics in Pyeongchang in 2018 and Tokyo in 2020. A New Jersey native, he worked in the finance industry for 12 years before deciding to make the switch to the sports management industry.

**Patrick M. Marr '01** of Mansfield, Mass., was elevated to chief of staff of the Rhode Island Treasury. The office works to strengthen Rhode Island's financial and economic foundation through responsible stewardship of the state's financial accounts and investments. Marr oversees all of the treasury office's programs, including management of an \$8 billion pension system, the Crime Victims Compensation program, the Unclaimed Property program, the state's 529 college savings plan, and the Office of Debt Management. He joined the treasury in 2007 and most recently served as deputy treasurer and chief operating officer. He is the husband of **Laurie-Anne Conroy '01**.

**Kyle Snyder '01** of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was promoted to chief administrative officer of Holy Spirit Health System — a Geisinger affiliate in Camp Hill. He previously served

as vice president of operations and integration. Holy Spirit Health System, a community Catholic health system sponsored by the Sisters of Christian Charity, is a member of the Geisinger Health System.

'02 (15th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Major Adam Seibel '02** of Philadelphia, Pa., graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The college awards board-selected majors intermediate-level education in military strategy and joint operations. During his year of education, Seibel took a concentration in homeland security studies. He is now the brigade operations officer for the 650th Regional Support Group in Las Vegas, Nev.

'03

**Joseph T. Brennan '03G** of Seekonk, Mass., was one of a group of "Great Educators" from around the country to be recognized in a White House ceremony by President Barack Obama to mark National Teacher Appreciation Day. Nominated by the superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Providence, Brennan has worked at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., for 39 years. He has served as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, director of guidance, and, since 2009, as principal.

**Brian J. DeSesa, J.D. '03** of Sag Harbor, N.Y., joined the law firm of The Adam Miller Group, P.C., based in Bridgehampton. He concentrates in the areas of land use, litigation, and criminal law. He began his legal career in 2006 with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and went into private practice in 2008 with a firm in Sag Harbor.

**Gregory E. Del Gaizo, J.D. '03** of San Diego, Calif., was named the newest partner at Robbins Arroyo LLP. He joined the firm, which is renowned for its shareholder rights litigation practice, in 2008. Del Gaizo leads

the firm's New Matters Practice Group. He focuses his practice on shareholder rights and antitrust litigation.

**Daniel P. Kelley '03** of Greenville, R.I., the principal of Smithfield High School since 2006, was voted the president-elect of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). He will become president on July 1, 2017. An NASSP board of directors member since 2013, he was named the 2012 Rhode Island High School Principal of the Year by the R.I. Association of School Principals.

**Kimberly T. (Easton) McLaughlin '03** of Hingham, Mass., a senior marketing manager at Fish & Richardson, was recognized for "Excellence in Marketing" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. She was one of two legal marketing executives so honored. McLaughlin joined Fish & Richardson, the nation's No. 1 patent litigation firm for 13 years, in 2004. As global marketing manager for transactional practices, she leads marketing and business development initiatives across 12 U.S. and international offices for the firm's Patent, Trademark & Copyright, and Regulatory groups.

#### '05

**Mike Raia '05** and **Kristin (Ellis) Raia '05**, of Providence, R.I., welcomed their second child, Reid Patrick, on May 30, 2016. Reid has an older sister, Maggie, who is 5 years old. Mike Raia also was named the new communications director to Rhode Island Gov. Gina M. Rai-mondo in June 2016. He previously led communications for the state Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

**Sean C. Robertson '05** of Brooklyn, N.Y., a history teacher at Harlem Academy in New York City, was chosen the 2016 New York State Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Leh-rman Institute of American History. He was nominated by three of his students at the

academy, which is a private, independent school for students from underserved communities. Robertson, who teaches American History in grades 6-8, is in his 10th year at Harlem Academy. He was recognized for using primary sources to engage students in historical inquiry.

#### '06

**Kimberly R. Ahern, Esq. '06** of Providence, R.I., a special assistant attorney general with the Rhode Island Office of the At-torney General, was named one of 13 Women of Achievement awards recipients for 2016 by YWCA Rhode Island. She serves as a prosecutor in the office's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit. Prior to joining the attorney general's staff, she was a judicial law clerk for **Hon. Maureen McKenna Gold-berg '73 & '09 Hon.** of the R.I. Supreme Court. Ahern is the wife of **Jenna Lafayette '06**.

**Katie Larsen '06** married Joe Eugenio on July 30, 2016, at Zorvino Vineyards in Sandown, N.H. Following a honeymoon in Costa Rica, they are living in South Boston, Mass. Katie is a senior project manager in revenue cycle operations at Partners Health-Care in Boston. Joe is a pediatric financial grants manager at Boston Medical Center.

### **FOLD Friars of the Last Decade**

#### **FOLD '07**

##### **(10th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)**

**Lauren Michel '07** and **Matt Harutun-ian '07**, of Cambridge, Mass., were married on Oct. 17, 2015, at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison, N.Y. The two met at the wedding of **Daniel Cullinane '07** in 2011. Lauren works in resource development events at the Massachusetts Institute of Technol-ogy, and Matt is on the public affairs team at UCB, a biopharmaceuticals company.

#### **FOLD '08**

**Elizabeth "Liz" Nuzzolese '08** of Santa Monica, Calif., a teacher and newly appoint-ed vice principal at St. Monica Catholic Elementary School, was presented the Out-standing Teacher of the Year Award by the Santa Monica Junior Chamber of Commerce and Santa Monica's mayor, Tony Vazquez. She says she is "deeply committed to Catho-lic education" and is excited about applying theory and practice together as she simulta-neously pursues a second master's degree in Catholic educational leadership through the University of Notre Dame.

#### **FOLD '09**

**Brendan Butler, J.D. '09** of West Hartford, Conn., graduated with honors from the Uni-versity of Connecticut Law School. After pass-ing the Connecticut Bar Exam, he has joined the firm of Reid & Riege, P.C. in Hartford, where he specializes in employee benefits, pension practice, and fiduciary compliance.

**Shannon Shimer '09** of Clarksville, Tenn., reports that she has moved back to the U.S. with her husband, U.S. Army Sgt. Jesse Shimer, after three years in Vicenza, Italy. They are part of the 101st Airborne/Air Assault community of Fort Campbell, Ky. "We are a short drive from Nashville and would be happy to meet up with any '09ers in the area," she writes. Email her at shannonbrwn@gmail.com.

#### **FOLD '11**

**Kathleen M. Mulhern '11** SCE of Taunton, Mass., was promoted to vice president and senior marketing officer of Bristol County Savings Bank, based in Taunton. She man-ages the bank's Marketing Department. She previously held the position of vice president – marketing. She also serves as president of the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Taunton.



## FOUR ALUMNI CELEBRATE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS



Revs. Nathan J. Ricci '12 (left) and Jorge V. Rocha '05G with Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, D.D. following their ordination. (Photo by Laura Kilgus, Rhode Island Catholic)

Four alumni, including two members of the Dominican Order, were ordained Roman Catholic priests this year. On May 21, **Rev. Athanasius Murphy, O.P. '10** (formerly Robert Murphy) and **Rev. John Sica, O.P. '10** (formerly Robert Sica) were two of 11 Dominicans from the (Eastern) Province of St. Joseph to be ordained at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The principal celebrant was **Most Rev. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P. '65**, archbishop and adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It was the largest ordination class in 45 years for the province, which has administrative oversight of PC. Father Athanasius and Father John, who were featured in the Fall 2015 issue of *Providence College Magazine*, are currently finishing licentiate degrees in theology and philosophy, respectively, in Washington.

On June 25, **Rev. Jorge V. Rocha '05G** and **Rev. Nathan J. Ricci '12** were ordained priests in the Diocese of Providence in a ceremony at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. The principal celebrant was Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., bishop of Providence and a member of the Providence College Corporation. Father Jorge, who worked in PC's Department of Athletics' media relations office from 2001-2012, is serving as a parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier Parish in East Providence. Father Nathan is pursuing a licentiate in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. He celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest in St. Dominic Chapel on campus the day after his ordination.

### **FOLD '12**

**Emilie Audette '12** of Barrington, R.I., a special education teacher at The Learning Community Charter School in Central Falls, was named a weekly recipient of the Golden Apple Award, presented by local television station NBC 10. The award honors educators who embody the spirit of teaching by making classrooms a creative and safe place to learn. Emilie was nominated by her sister, **Aimee E. Audette, Esq. '09**, who wrote: "Working in an inner-city location, most of this teacher's students come from homes where English is not their primary language. Beyond being their teacher, she acts as a support system, counselor, and mentor."

**Michael J. Bento '12G** of Bristol R.I., a math teacher at the Birchwood Middle School in North Providence, was named a weekly recipient of the Golden Apple Award, presented by local television station NBC 10. The award honors educators who embody

the spirit of teaching by making classrooms a creative and safe place to learn.

### **FOLD '13**

**Molly C. Di Peri '13** of Bohemia, N.Y., a third-grade teacher with the Success Academy Charter Schools of New York City, was named the network's 2016 Excellence Award recipient. She was selected from among 1,400 faculty members across 34 schools. The award recognizes teachers who have an exceptional ability to raise student achievement. Success Academy is the largest network of public charter schools in New York City and primarily serves students of color from low-income families. Di Peri has taught at Success Academy since June 2013. In fall 2015, before she ran the New York City Marathon, her students made a good-luck video.

### **FOLD '14**

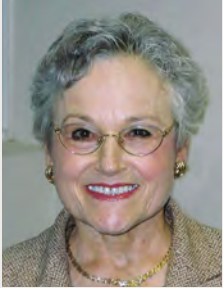
**Brooke E. Petit '14** of Denver, Colo., joined the Colorado Association of Funders as its

membership engagement and program manager. The association is a statewide network of private, community, and family foundations; corporate funders; federated funds, and workplace giving programs. She previously worked for an affiliate organization, the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. Petit and **Clare E. Brewka '09** of St. Louis, Mo., who serves as the program and information manager at The Gateway Center for Giving in St. Louis, have attended the past two FORUM of Regional Associations of Grantmakers' annual conferences together.

### **FOLD '16**

**Christina D'Adamio '16** of New York City, N.Y., has joined Rodale Wellness as a writer and social media strategist. Based in Emmaus, Pa., and New York City, Rodale identifies itself as "an independent, healthy, happy-living company" devoted to promoting health, wellness, and personal development. ■

# IN MEMORIAM



## Dr. Elaine O. Chaika; English scholar was first woman to achieve rank of professor at PC

**Dr. Elaine O. Chaika**, professor *emerita* of linguistics in English, who was renowned for her writing on language and schizophrenia, died on May 1, 2016.

Dr. Chaika was among the first group of women professors to teach at the College and was the first woman to achieve the rank of professor at PC. She began teaching at PC in January 1971 as an instructor of English 101 and was named assistant professor of linguistics later that year. She was promoted to associate professor in 1975 and to professor in 1980. She retired from the faculty in 2008.

Admired for her energy and thorough preparation as a teacher, she was an expert in linguistics and respected for her research and writing in the science of language, particularly schizophrenic speech. Her book, *Language: the Social Mirror*, which was first published in 1982 and updated several times, was a textbook used in classrooms. It was her most influential publication, said her colleague, Dr. Bruce E. Graver, professor of English and department chair.

“That work exemplifies Elaine’s approach as a teacher and

scholar: the two were one, and her achievement as both was of the first rate,” he said.

Dr. Chaika’s love for language and writing continued after her retirement. She wrote a blog until shortly before her death. She covered a range of language and non-academic topics, such as accents, grammar, and “bad English,” and dogs and their descendants. One of her greatest joys, according to colleagues and friends, was writing her first non-academic title, *Humans, Dogs, and Civilization* (BookBaby, 2015). The book combines Dr. Chaika’s experiences, observations, and research on the evolution of dogs.

Dr. Jane Lunin Perel ’15Hon., professor *emerita* of English and of women’s studies, said Dr. Chaika was a mentor to her. The late professor was “enthralled” by teaching and “totally passionate over language and the synthesis of large ideas,” said Perel, who called her “a brilliant linguist.”

Dr. Chaika was married to William Y. Chaika, Esq. ’58, who died less than three months after her passing, on July 24, 2016. She is survived by two sons, David E. “Dan” Chaika ’84 and Eric A. Chaika, and five grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Jeremy D. Chaika. ■

**Carol F. (Foley) Bedard**, a special lecturer in the School of Continuing Education (SCE) and a counselor who was honored twice by the Dominican Order, died on Aug. 29, 2016. Mrs. Bedard taught in the SCE for more than 25 years, including the Death and Dying course from 1991 to 2010. She also developed and offered a seminar for the SCE’s fire science students and the firefighter community at large in the aftermath of The Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, R.I., that killed 100 people and injured 230 others in 2003. A nurse and a hospital administrator, she counseled the local Dominican community for decades as the Friars’ health and aging needs arose. She also served on the Health Affairs Advisory Committee of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. She was awarded the Dominicans’ *Laudare* and *Benemerenti* medals for her long and distinguished service.



# IN MEMORIAM

**John B. “Slip” Barnini ’40**, a loyal benefactor and alumnus, died on Jan. 17, 2016, at 101. A three-sport athlete during his undergraduate days, Mr. Barnini frequently voiced his gratitude for the full scholarship he received to attend PC. He endowed a scholarship to help urban students in financial need and regularly provided leadership gifts to support capital projects. He etched a name for himself in the College’s early athletics lore when, during a football game against Xavier University in 1938, he left the Friars’ sideline to tackle an opponent who was racing toward a touchdown.

**Peter J. Bongiorno, C.P.A.**, an accountancy professor who taught at PC for 34 years, died on Aug. 5, 2016. Mr. Bongiorno came to the College as an assistant professor of accountancy in 1974 and retired in 2008. He served on many boards and committees, and treasured his years here. Extremely civic minded, he was a member of the Lions Club for more than 40 years and held several leadership roles, including as president.

**Hon. James E. Doyle ’60**, the longest-serving mayor in the history of the City of Pawtucket, R.I., died on Aug. 26, 2016. A lifelong Pawtucket resident and public servant for four decades, he served as mayor from 1998-2011 and is

credited with rejuvenating the city, particularly in the areas of the arts and entertainment. He also was a member of the City Council for 27 years.

**William F. Donnelly ’51**, a longtime alumni volunteer who received the National Alumni Association’s Faithful Friar Award, died on Aug. 1, 2016. Mr. Donnelly served the College and its alumni community in many ways for decades, most recently as a class ambassador in 2015-2016. A professional photographer, he was a class agent for many years, served on his class reunion committee, participated in alumni phonathons, and regularly attended Alumni & Family Weekend, reunion activities, and other College events.

**Rev. Paul J. Philibert, O.P. ’58**, a former PC theology professor who served as the Rev. Robert J. Randall Distinguished Professor of Christian Culture at PC during the 2013-14 academic year, died on April 14, 2016. A Dominican priest for 53 years, Father Philibert taught theology at PC from 1968-1973. He taught and/or served in the administration of several other schools, including Albertus Magnus College, St. Mary’s Seminary and University, and The Catholic University of America. He also served as provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres and was a prolific author on

religious topics including St. Thomas Aquinas and priestly spirituality.

**Natalie Rosen Seigle**, a retired associate professor of English who taught at PC for 16 years, died on May 11, 2016. Mrs. Seigle taught part time from 1969-1973 and became a full-time instructor in business communications, within the English department, in 1973. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1979 and to associate professor in 1984, retiring in 1985. She was the author of the widely used textbook *Dynamics in Business Communications*.

**Peter M. Weiblen**, who endeared himself professionally and personally to the College community in his work in information technology and in his battle with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), died on March 24, 2016. “Pete” began working in the Department of Information Technology as a microcomputer technical support coordinator in 1987. He was named a desktop support specialist in 2005 and remained in that position until October 2015, when he left due to his illness. Diagnosed with ALS in 2014, he took part in the College’s Ice Bucket Challenge that year, having two co-workers pour ice water over his head from a 48-quarter cooler. “This place is like a family. It’s amazing,” he said in an interview before the ALS fund-raising event. ■

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## DEATHS

John F. McKeon '38	Philip G. Sullivan, M.D. '54	Theodore W. Travis, Esq. '64	Marilyn L. Salk '77
Joseph E. Golini '39	Jeremiah H. Cannon '55	Ton Woo '64	John A. Mathews '78
John B. Barnini '40	Harold J. Higgins '55	Anthony G. D'Ordine '65	Thomas M. Nelson '78
John J. Maciel, Esq. '40	Peter P. Palmieri, Sr. '55	Edward J. Fitzgerald '65	Jana G. Schofield '78
John R. Hannan '41	Richard E. Bachman, Esq. '56	Benjamin A. Gorman, Jr. '65	Marjorie F. Kazin Boyce '80G
Achille A. Campanella '42	Joseph R. Falvey '57	Raymond H. Jarvis '66	Matthew J. Fournier '80
Joseph F. Farrell '42	John R. Hickey '57	Sister Mary Fritz, C.S.J. '67G	Jeffrey L. Asermely '81
Thomas Diruzga, Esq. '43	William Y. Chaika, Esq. '58	Richard L. Kissik '67	David W. Dugan '81
Arnold Williamson, Esq. '46	Robert P. Magner '58	Bryan V. Maguire, Esq. '67	Norman F. Loiselle, Jr. '82G
William F. Lynch, Jr., M.D. '48	Major Joseph A. McNeill, Jr. '58	John J. Nanai '67	Peter M. Lonsdale '82
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## THE LAST WORD

# Bound together by Providence

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**“DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ARE PART OF THE LIFE OF JESUS’ DISCIPLES.”**

These words from Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* stress the unbreakable bond that exists between Jews and Christians. The pope’s words were not new or revolutionary. They follow in the tradition of his predecessors, especially St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and proclaim anew the message of the Second Vatican Council’s document *Nostra Aetate*. But in 1965, in the wake of the Holocaust, what this document said was revolutionary: Christians must repudiate anti-Semitism and the centuries-long “teaching of contempt” (as the Jewish-French historian Jules Isaac called it), namely that God had abandoned the Jewish people because of the death of Jesus.

With *Nostra Aetate*, the Catholic Church did not simply recognize the Jewish roots of Christianity but affirmed the faith, beauty, and venerable tradition of living Judaism today. The 2,000-year history of Jewish-Christian relations has been fraught with tension, mistrust, discrimination, and tragic violence. It is encouraging that 50 years after *Nostra Aetate* we see a renewed relationship of collaboration, dialogue,

and friendship between Jews and Christians, transformed “from enemies to brothers,” as a recent book by John Connelly puts it.

As a Catholic and Dominican institution, Providence College is heir to this important tradition of interreligious understanding and cooperation. As we reflect on the College’s history in this centennial year, we find that PC was, in many ways, a pioneer of this interreligious friendship long before Vatican II and *Nostra Aetate*. In its earliest years, the Irish Dominicans embraced the sons of Jewish immigrants living in Smith Hill and Greater Providence. When other universities shut their doors because of discriminatory quotas, or economic barriers would have made a college education impossible, the gates of River Avenue were opened wide.

In the late 1920s, a mere decade after the College opened, the first Jewish students came to PC. The number steadily increased throughout the 1930s and into the pre-war period — an era that saw the most virulent and evil manifestation of anti-Semitism in the Western world — when the percentage of incoming freshmen who were Jewish reached double digits. Along with Dr. Jennifer Illuzzi, assistant professor of



Argentine Rabbi Abraham Skorka, a longtime friend, embraces Pope Francis after praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem in 2014. (Photo by CNS/Paul Haring)

history, I have been studying this little-known chapter of the College's history. We have been interviewing many of PC's Jewish alumni from this early period. We are learning what it was like to be Jewish at a Catholic college in those years and seeking to understand how the historical reception of non-Catholic students demonstrated the College's Catholic and Dominican mission and anticipated the ideals of *Nostra Aetate*.

Today at Providence College, students have multiple opportunities to learn about and be shaped by what is often called the "Judaean-Christian heritage." Development of Western Civilization, theology, philosophy, and history courses are just some of the places. But those of us who teach these courses are met with a challenge: "Judaean-Christian" is only meaningful when the "Judaean-" side of this heritage is permitted to speak and teach. After all, this is the only way the mutual understanding of *Nostra Aetate* can take place: through engaging, dialoguing, and confronting difference, while celebrating what is held in common.

Another opportunity comes in the bi-annual *Theological Exchange Between Catholics and Jews* lecture series under the auspices of the Department of Theology. Each year, local and national

experts speak on the historical and theological issues that have characterized the long and difficult (and now hopeful) history of Jewish-Christian relations. The lectures have been eye-opening for many, and with a large representation of the Rhode Island Jewish community regularly present, the series has afforded opportunities for engagement, discussion, and friendship among neighbors who otherwise might never have benefited from knowing each other.

As the College crosses the threshold into its next 100 years, many challenges face all of us — students, faculty, administration, and alumni — as we reflect on who we are and who we aspire to be. Digging deep into our institutional history, we learn that the College faced and dealt with questions of ethnic and religious diversity from the very beginning — and this has been part of its Catholic and Dominican identity. Those days are a long-forgotten past to most, but perhaps revisiting those days can teach us something about our present and future. ■

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