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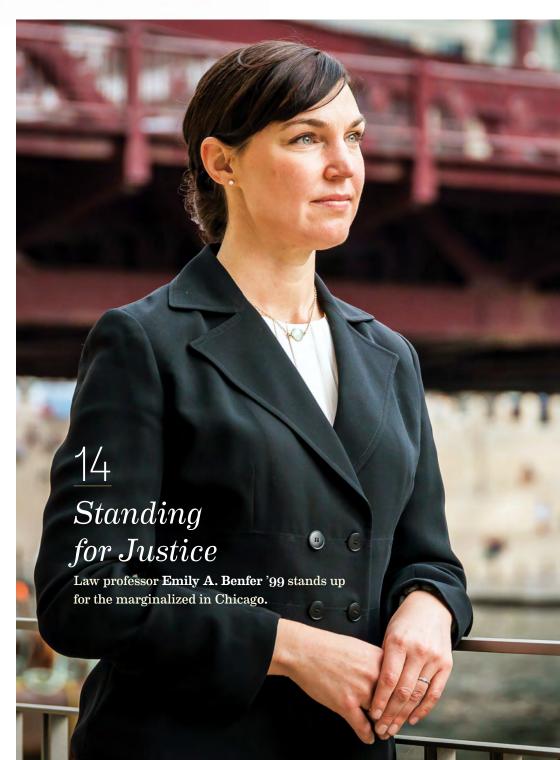


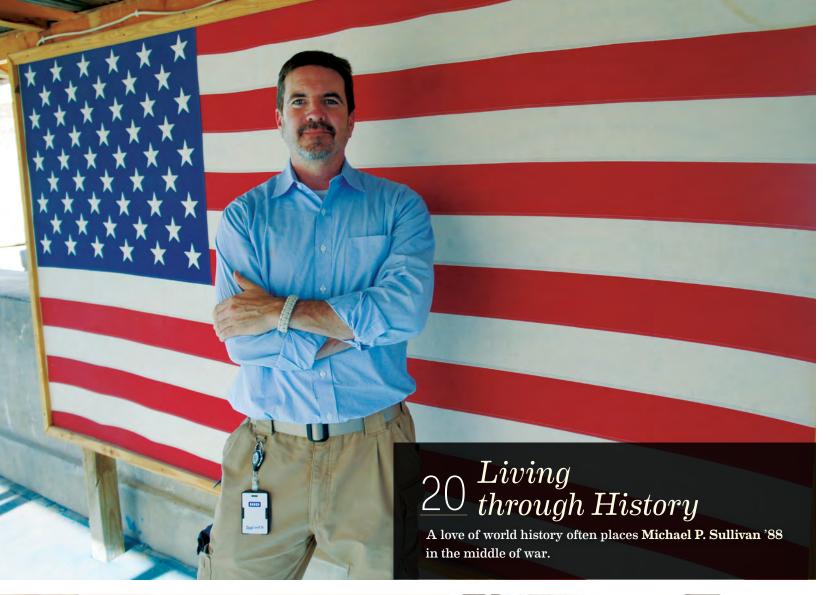


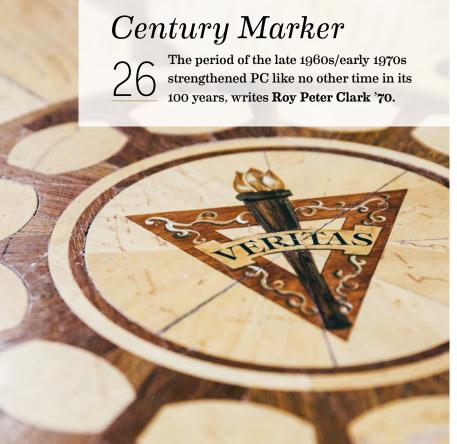
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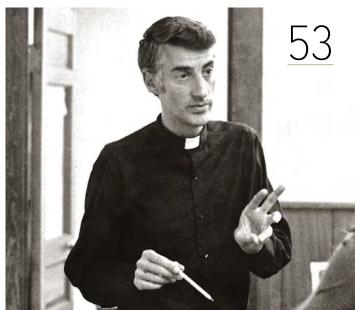
# Smooth Sailing

Whether it's 25 or 85 degrees, **PC's sailors** are on the water.



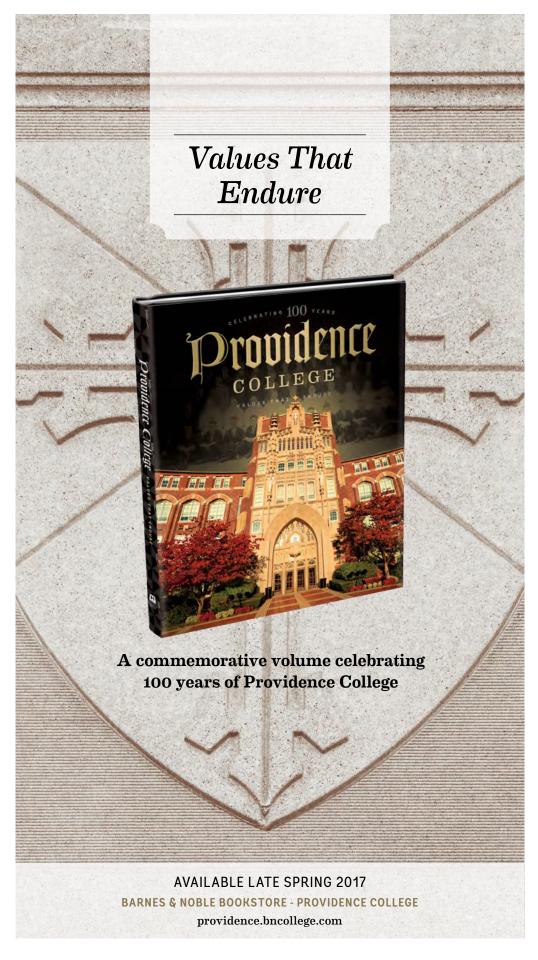






Forever Remembered

Alumni chaplain Rev. John S. Peterson, O.P. '57 touched lives simply but profoundly.



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IVING NEVER TASTED SO GOOD! At A Night in Black & White in April 2016, Matthew Pavia '15 bid \$2,000 for the right to create a sandwich to be sold for a year in the Alumni Hall Food Court. The Pavia, which debuted in September, is a breaded chicken sandwich on a ciabatta roll with buffalo sauce, mozzarella cheese, bacon, and lettuce. Pavia's donation benefitted the Angel Fund, which helps students with unexpected financial need. He is an associate at Bain Capital in Boston.

RAP ARTIST DRAKE created a social media stir in November when he appeared at a Toronto Raptors' NBA game with a T-shirt idolizing Friar basketball great and ESPN basketball analyst Doris Burke '87, '92G, & '05Hon. The shirt with her

image proclaimed her as his "Woman Crush

Every Day," and Drake even invited Burke to dinner. In response, the College created T-shirts with Burke's image and describing Drake as the "Friar Crush Everyday."

> The shirts were given away at Burke's talk on Alumni & Family Weekend in February. Here, she joins College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

THE 2016-17 FRIARS' MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM enjoyed a lineage dating back to the program's last NCAA Final Four appearance in 1987. The sons of Billy Donovan '87 and Ryan Ford '89 held positions with the Friars - Bryan Donovan '20 as a guard and Drew Ford '20 as a manager. And, in this Friar-crazed place, it's no surprise their mothers are alums as well Christine D'Auria Donovan '86 and Pamela Ford '90.

WE INVITE YOU to meet an addition to the Department of Athletics' mascot staff — Huxley, named after the avenue that split the campus

for decades and so dubbed after a fan vote on Twitter. Huxley joins Friar Dom at athletics contests and other

campus events and first appeared at PC's men's basketball game against St. John's on Jan. 25. Huxley revives the Dalmatian mascot tradition that waned for a few years but which dates to 1935.





THE CASE AWARD INSIGNIA on the inside front cover recognizes Providence College Magazine as a Bronze Award recipient in the District 1 Excellence Awards Competition of CASE — the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The winning Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 issues were judged on design, photography, writing, and overall magazine. District 1 encompasses colleges and universities in New England and northeast Canada. Review the winning issues: news.providence.edu/magazine-archive/ ■

# PC CENTENNIAL NEWS



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE commissioned Oakleaf Cakes Bake Shop in Boston to construct an edible replica of Harkins Hall for the centennial celebration during St. Dominic Weekend in October.

The 800-serving cake, including buttercream filling, used the following ingredients:

**∠** 852 EGGS

₹ 77.5 LBS BUTTER

**∠ 158** LBS SUGAR

∠ 84 LBS FLOUR



WATCH THE CAKE'S CONSTRUCTION: NEWS.PROVIDENCE.EDU/HARKINS-HALL-CAKE \(^1\)

## **OVERHEARD**

"Faith, while deeply personal, is never private. Our interior convictions ... have social, public implications. Our religion is not confined to the sanctuary of the parish or the *bimah* of the synagogue, but spills out to the public square."

— Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York; keynote address, *Theological Exchange Between Catholics and Jews*; Nov. 3, 2016 "Thomas Jefferson preferred his own version of Jesus. Like many of us, he felt uncomfortable with certain parts of Jesus' life. ... He wanted a Jesus he could tame, but you can't tame Jesus. You can't put him in a box. Humanity and divinity are both part of the story. Omit one or the other, scissor out the uncomfortable parts, and it's not Jesus we're talking about anymore, it's our own creation."

— Rev. James Martin, S.J., editor at large, *America* magazine; Centennial Presidential Speaker Series; Nov. 15, 2016

President Lyndon B. Johnson was "a great storyteller ... except more than half of the stories weren't true." Johnson gave two accounts of the death of his great-grandfather, at the Alamo and at the Battle of San Jacinto, but the man died peacefully in his sleep. "Sometimes a false statement can reveal more about the character and longing of a person than the flat-out truth."

— Doris Kearns Goodwin, historian and author; keynote address, Liberal Arts Honors Program Symposium: "Truth and the Liberal Arts;" Oct. 21, 2016

## CENTENNIAL

ON SOCIAL MEDIA







In faith, this @PC Alumni hopes that @providencecol blesses future learners for 100 more years.

#friar4life

Dee Gambardella '99 @literacychef Aug. 31, 2016



Happy birthday to my
Alma Mater @providencecol.
It was a life-shaping
experience that I will
treasure forever.

#foreverafriar #PC100

Martha McCahill Sprague '06 @ladylight518 Sept. 1, 2016



Our state is lucky to be home to a premier Catholic institution like @providencecol. But PC is so much more, it's part of the fabric of RI.

R.I. Gov. Gina Raimondo @GinaRaimondo Feb. 14, 2017 PC Charter Day



@pccnyalumni: Last night was a true testament to Providence College, our Friar Family, and the values that will forever connect us.

#pc100 #gofriars

Oct. 2, 2016





HISTORY LIVES ON

A NEW CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT that is permanently located in the Harkins Hall second-floor rotunda has a special alumni link. Architect Gerald J. Sullivan '86 designed the wooden display cases that house the exhibit's four panels. Each panel repre-

sents 25 years in the College's history. The back cover of this magazine reflects a portion

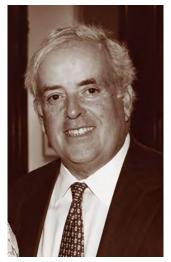
of one of the panels. Read the story behind the exhibit and follow the continual unfolding of our 100 years in written, visual, and video form on the centennial website: **centennial.providence.edu** 



## Providence's Promise

The event that best reflected PC's spirit and history this centennial year may well have been the Celebration of the Century during St. Dominic Weekend in October. The evening featured the premiere of *The Promise of Providence*, a 45-minute film commemorating the College's first 100 years. Co-produced by former NBC *Today* show correspondent Mike Leonard '70 & '00Hon. and PC parent Mary Kay Wall, the film conveys the transformational impact of PC. Wall reminded the audience that, as the late national alumni chaplain, Rev. John S. Peterson, O.P. '57, said in the film, the College's history is "all part of God's divine Providence."





# Liberal arts ethos strengthens National Board of Overseers' resolve

E. JAMES MULCAHY '66 (left) remembers walking into one of his first classes at Providence College at 17 years

old, meeting a "tough-customer" Dominican priest-professor, and realizing, "You're on your own now."

By the time he graduated four years later, "I found out who I was. My liberal arts education ... translated to a career. I went out into a cold world with my head up and ready to go."

That scenario remains etched in Mulcahy's mind and is commonly shared by fellow members of the College's

National Board of Overseers who, informed by their College experience and career success, work to enhance the quality of PC's liberal arts education for today's and

future undergraduates. Mulcahy, who majored in economics and is a retired managing director at Morgan Stanley, is a charter member and board chair.

"People on the board have taken their degrees from PC and gone on to all walks of life," pointed out NBO member Kathleen M. Edge, Esq. '81, who runs a law firm in Virginia Beach, Va.

Edge, who named several peers as examples, is a classic liberal arts profile. She entered PC with an interest in political science and was the first four-year female ROTC scholarship recipient. After settling into college, she decided political science and ROTC were not for her and that she felt drawn to major in humanities. Edge was a member of the Liberal Arts

Honors Program, served as an academic tutor, and played in the school band, which later became the Pep Band.

The NBO, established in 2010, is firmly advancing PC's liberal arts mission and picking up momentum as one of the College's top engagement councils. Comprised of 31 professionals — 30 are alumni and the other is a PC parent — the board is a resource to the president, other senior administrators, and the Board of Trustees in critical areas, including admission, curriculum, strategic planning, and philanthropy.

The board interacts with the College's top officials, and in fact, 12 former NBO members now serve as PC trustees —

nearly one-third of the body. By having access to "inside" information, members are better able to assist PC in its growth and development. Membership is expanding

–E. JAMES MULCAHY '66, NBO CHAIR growth and Membersh

"My liberal arts education ...

translated to a career."

nationally, and recently, the board named its first vice chairs, James Augur, Jr. '87 and Meghan M. (Conroy) Lyon '89.

As the College begins the process of updating its Strategic Plan — a post-centennial document that will communicate a 10-year vision — the NBO will play a significant consulting role and welcomes that opportunity, said Augur and Lyon.

"This, as well as other projects, provides NBO members with the opportunity to not only engage the school's administration but also give important feedback for the betterment of PC," they said in a joint response. "The future is bright for Providence College, and to the extent the NBO plays a small role in its success ... this is a source of pride for all of the board members."



## **Business School of the Future**

THE ARTHUR F. AND PATRICIA RYAN CENTER FOR BUSINESS STUDIES, which opened Jan. 17, is a "big-league" home for the Providence College School of Business in the view of its dean, Dr. Sylvia Maxfield. A distinct facility of learning, teaching, collaboration, and community, the Ryan Center features a two-story atrium, a finance lab, nine classrooms, a 125-seat auditorium, study and collaboration spaces, and a café. In this view of the Palmisano Atrium, the finance lab — with a study/collaboration area on top — is seen at rear. Formerly Dore Hall, the Ryan Center underscores the PCSB's commitment to "a business education that's deeply integrated with the liberal arts," says Maxfield. ■



# PC NEWS



# Applications streak continues

THE COLLEGE RECEIVED a record number of applications for the incoming class for the third consecutive year. The total of 11,243 applications for the Class of 2021 surpassed the previous high of 10,801 set for the Class of 2020 last year. There was a surge of applications particularly in the Mid-Atlantic region, where the growth over last year was 16.9%.



# Record numbers studying abroad

continues to rise significantly at PC. This academic year, 361 students are studying in 27 countries. The figure represents an increase of 50 students

STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPATION

over the previous high of 311 set last academic year

(2015-16). Since
the College began
implementing
changes in 2011
in several areas,
including financial
aid and academic
credit, the percentage of juniors
who study abroad has risen

from 16.5% to 39.6%.

"It wasn't
just Southern companies
that benefited from slavery;
many Northern institutions also
benefited directly or indirectly."

 Dr. Sharon Ann Murphy, professor of history, on her research on insurance companies that sold policies on slaves, in The New York Times





## \$100,000 for 100

IN HONOR OF ITS CENTENNIAL, the College will donate \$100,000 to the Diocese of Providence to provide financial aid to help children from throughout the diocese to attend elementary and secondary schools. The gift will be paired with a service component involving PC students, faculty, and staff. The announcement by College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 came during a ceremony at St. Pius V School, across from campus. Offering remarks were Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., bishop of Providence, and other diocesan officials.

"We envision a world with devices that operate as efficiently as animals."

 Dr. John H. "Jack" Costello, professor of biology, on how his jellyfish propulsion research could affect vehicle design, in The Providence Journal

Real news fit to print

"[Nate] Parker's
indictment of America's racist
past is powerful in part because it draws
upon so much of American history, but its
greatest strength is also its greatest weakness."

 Dr. Patrick H. Breen, associate professor of history and author of The Land Shall Be Deluged in Blood:
 A New History of the Nat Turner Revolt, on the film The Birth of a Nation, in

 Deadline Hollywood



# Tops in college rankings

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT named Providence College number one in "Regional Universities — North" in its Best Colleges rankings for 2017. The distinction was based on 15 indicators of academic success, including graduation and first-year student retention rates, alumni giving, faculty resources, and student selectivity. Meanwhile, USA Today College included PC on its list of the 10 best Roman Catholic colleges in the United States. Schools were selected for inclusion because they are rooted in the Catholic faith while valuing "diversity and open dialogue."









FOUR AFTERNOONS A WEEK, in the hours before sunset, the Providence College sailing team practices the techniques of jibing and tacking on the waters of the Providence River.

The team's 40 members include experienced sailors such as Ian Maccini '18 (Jamestown, R.I.), who learned to sail as a boy, and newcomers like Kerry Wheeler '17 (Fredericksburg, Va.), who never sailed until she joined. The head coach, Dr. Timothy J. Maynard, a retired Navy officer, and the

associate head coach, Tricia Sellon, a competitive sailor, shout directions from a motorboat as a dozen FJ dinghies — a skipper and a crew mem-

ber aboard each one — follow a course marked by orange buoys, struggling to harness the fickle and elusive wind.

"The weather changes a lot," said Maccini. "In March, it's 25 degrees

Maccini. "In March, it's 25 degrees and snowing and really cold. In September, it's beautiful and 85 degrees, and you're in shorts."

The race team competes in the New England Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association and travels in the fall to such schools as Harvard University on the Charles River, Connecticut

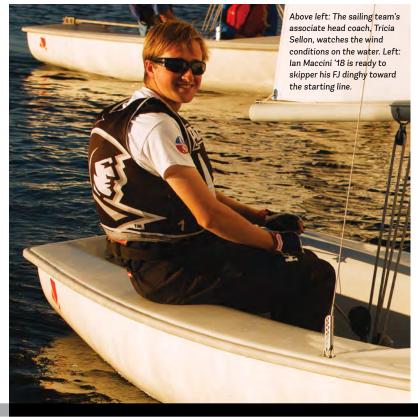
College on the Thames River, and the University of Vermont on Lake Champlain. Every October, the team welcomes 15 other New England colleges to the PC Invitational Sailing Regatta at its home base, the Rhode Island Yacht Club in Cranston.

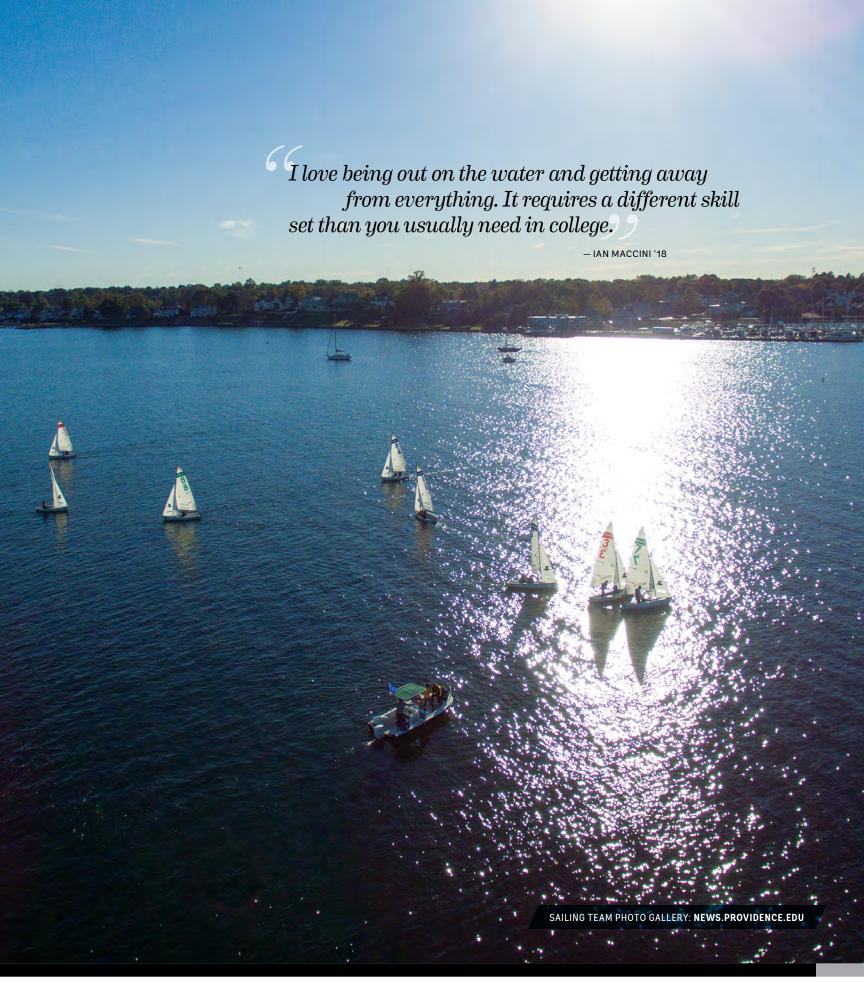
The sailing team, a PC tradition since 1951, benefits from a strong alumni base that provides financial and instructional support. Alumni will join the team at its annual fundraising banquet on April 29 at the New York Yacht Club in Newport.

Early spring brings an eagerness to get back on the water — and less than ideal conditions. When a boat capsizes, students, wearing dry suits as protection from the cold, have about five minutes to right it.

"It's terrifying — and it's definitely my favorite thing," said Wheeler. "When you do go over, it's a great bonding experience with whoever you're with. I've had some crazy capsizes, but they've always resulted in better friendships and a lot of laughter." ■











MILY A. BENFER '99, who majored in English at Providence College, spent a summer studying fiction writing at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Today, one of her favorite

books is *Horton Hears a Who!* — Dr. Seuss' story about an elephant with sensitive ears who hears the cries of a tiny civilization. She uses it as an example when teaching her students at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Lawyers need large ears, too, Benfer said. "We have a special responsibility. When we hear about injustice, we can't fail to speak up. We must stand when others are inclined to sit," she said.

Benfer, a clinical professor of law, is the founding director of the law school's Health Justice Project, where she demonstrates exactly what advocacy means. In 2016, she led students on a mission to change an outdated federal lead paint regulation that was endangering children living in government-subsidized housing in Chicago and across the United States.

The Health Justice Project is "raising the next generation of socially-conscious attorneys and advocates" to help low-income people, single parents, children, and people experiencing disabilities, said Benfer. "We're seeing the results in the community. We put law students in the driver's seat and serve as their guide. It's fulfilling to watch a student grow as both a professional and a person while improving another person's life."

Benfer's path to advocacy began when she was a child growing up near Chicago. She learned about PC from a high school admissions counselor who knew she wanted to study outside the Midwest. On her first visit to campus, she was impressed by the sense of community. Friars Club members who led her tour were laughing and high-fiving each other.

"They were so excited about the school. They were having the time of their lives," said Benfer. "Freshman year, I became a Friars Club member myself, so then I was the one who couldn't help giving the high-fives. The College lived up to that every year that I was here, and there is the same sense of community today — a feeling of unity."

Living in Providence furthered Benfer's interest in travel. She spent her junior year at the University of Cambridge in England. After graduation, she entered the Peace Corps, volunteering for two years in Zimbabwe, Belize, and Thailand.

"I was looking to expand my understanding of the world," said Benfer. "The service ethos at the College inspired me. One theme that continues to surface is the common humanity that runs through all of us. Providence College does a really beautiful job of instilling that in students. I encountered humanity in an international setting, in a way that surpasses language."

Benfer returned from the Peace Corps inspired to become an international human rights lawyer. Her family had relocated to Connecticut, so while applying to law school, she worked as a paralegal and law clerk at the New Haven Legal Assistance Association. The nonprofit provides legal help to people who cannot afford it. She remembers a life-changing experience while working there.

"I met a caregiver, an elderly woman, blind, using a walker, caring for two children," said Benfer. "The apartment smelled of mold, with peeling paint everywhere. I went to open a window to let in some fresh air, and the woman, who could barely walk, just about tackled me. 'Don't touch the windows! Do you see those holes?' There were bullet holes in her window shades. 'We will be target practice.' This family was living in extreme poverty and horrific conditions, blocks from Yale University, arguably one of the richest institutions in the world. My focus shifted to poverty and health in the United States."

Benfer entered Indiana University School of Law, grad-

uating in 2005. After law school, she was awarded a prestigious Equal Justice Works legal fellowship and spent two years advocating on behalf of children and families through the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless in the District of Columbia. She also was a teaching fellow at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she earned a master of law degree and served as a legislative lawyer in the successful campaign to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act in 2008.

Those hands-on experiences taught her that law could be a barrier when not equally applied.



"When we hear about injustice, we can't fail to SPEAK UP. We must stand when others are inclined to sit."

- EMILY A. BENFER '99



"For many of the clients I'd been meeting in my legal career, I was getting there too late," said Benfer. "I was reacting to injustice rather than preventing injustice from happening. While I was helping people who were homeless, I was realizing that I could have deferred their evictions, and the consequences, if I had met them earlier in the process."

In June 2010, Loyola's law school invited Benfer to join the faculty of the law and medical schools in launching the Health Justice Project. Benfer supervises law students, medical residents, and master's degree candidates in public health, medicine, and social work as they collaborate to identify social and legal issues affecting patients at the Erie Family Health Center, a clinic serving 60,000 low-income patients in Chicago.

One issue arose in 2016 when the health center reported high lead levels in children as old as 10 living in government-funded housing. The families received federal vouchers to rent apartments, which did not undergo lead hazard inspection ahead of time.

"It's very rare for a 10-year-old to develop lead poisoning at such high levels," said Benfer. "One mother we represented

told us she had been calling housing officials each time she received blood test results, asking if she could move to a new apartment. Each time, she was told that her children's lead levels did not constitute an emergency that would warrant a move."

It seemed impossible, but the housing officials were correct. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's lead paint regulations for subsidized housing were based on standards set by the Centers for Disease Control in the 1990s. The HUD limits had never been updated, even as the CDC changed its recommendations. As a result, a child living in federally-assisted housing in Chicago, or in any of the 3.2 million similar households across America, would have to have lead levels four times higher than the CDC standard before intervention would be required.

"The families were forced to choose between lead poisoning and homelessness," said Benfer. "The federal regulations set a child up for lifelong failure."

From her experience in Washington, Benfer knew that lead poisoning is a disability under the Americans with Disabilities

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Act and that the Administrative Procedure Act allows any citizen to petition a federal agency for rulemaking — the process agencies use to implement their regulations. The Health Justice Project, joined by a coalition of more than 30 scientists, medical providers, public health experts, nonprofits, and tenant groups, filed a petition for rulemaking with HUD, asking for amendments to the "Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures" regulations.

Benfer also worked closely with U.S. Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., and U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., who sponsored the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2016. *The New York Times* published an op-ed article by Benfer in March 2016 headlined "Blame HUD for America's Lead Epidemic." Erie Family Health Center gave Benfer its 2016 Health Innovator Award, which she called "one of the most meaningful recognitions I've ever received. I revere them."



At the National Lead Summit in December 2016, HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced that HUD would publish a rule aligning its regulations with CDC standards. He said the change would not have been possible without the advocates from Chicago.

"Students learned that a case doesn't end because a law is unfavorable," said Benfer. "In less than a year, they used their advocacy skills to effect change."

The Health Justice Project now is responding to concerns about lead poisoning among 1,200 residents in a public housing complex in East Chicago, Ind., that was built on the site of a lead smelting plant. In 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency learned about high lead levels there, but residents weren't informed until the summer of 2016, Benfer said.

Benfer married in 2008. Her husband, Dr. John McHugh, teaches health policy management at Columbia University.

They have two children, Quinlan, 4, and Claire, 2.

"They make this work a lot more personal," said Benfer. "Your child is my child. There couldn't be a stronger motivation to make the world a better place."

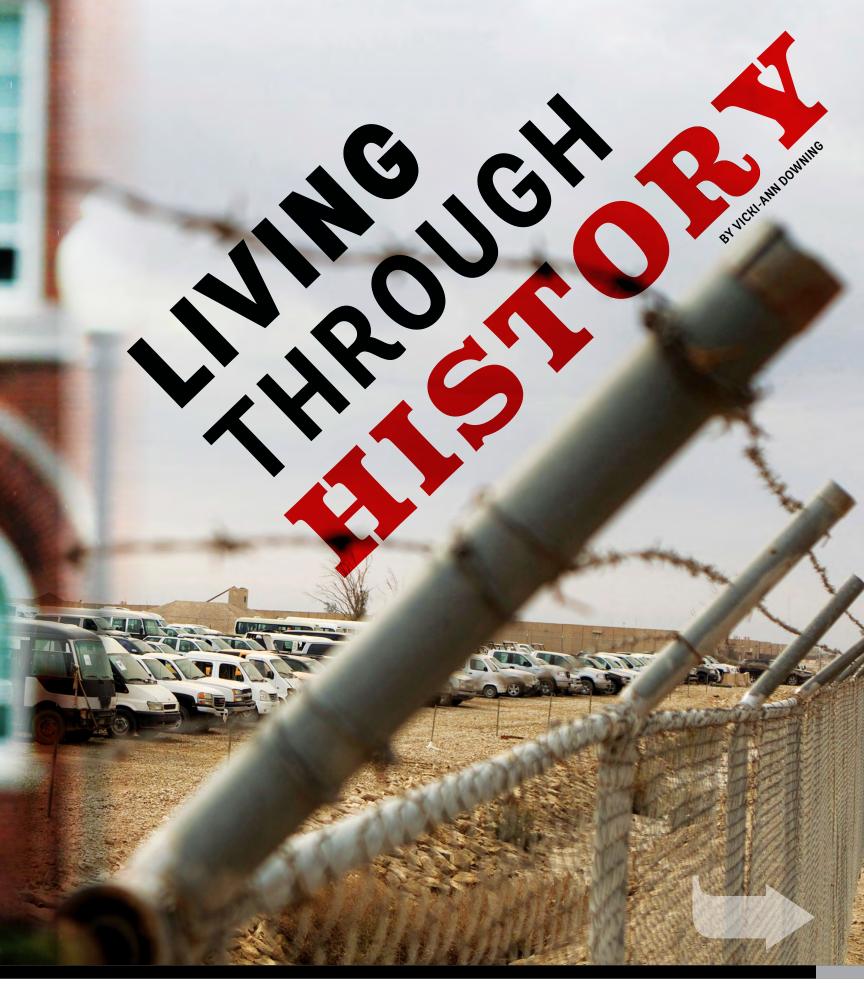
"I always come back to one client, one of the first I met during my internship in Washington after my first year in law school," said Benfer. "She was a single mother with two kids, the ages my kids are now. The roof of her apartment literally caved in. She reported it to her landlord, and he responded by evicting her. It was clearly a retaliatory eviction, and illegal.

"I was helping an attorney on the case. I took the kids down the hall to get paper and crayons. The little girl drew me a picture of a rainbow. She whispered in my ear that I was her best friend. On the way back down the hallway she took my hand. And then, in a voice older than her years, she said, 'Are you really going to help us?'

"Her voice and that rainbow and that little hand
— the answer to that question always has to be
'yes." ■









ISTORY IS ALL AROUND, if you know where to look for it.

Michael P. Sullivan '88 graduated from Providence College with a degree in history, then backpacked through Europe.

He brought along a classmate, William M. Frates '88, and a book, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*, Rebecca West's account of her travels through Yugoslavia before World War II. On a rambling walk through Bosnia Herzegovina, then one of six Yugoslav republics, Sullivan was captivated by the romanticism. He felt he had traveled back in time.

It was an appealing prospect for a history major. At PC, Sullivan ran for the varsity track team. He studied Russian and Spanish. In WDOM's studio in the basement of St. Joseph Hall, he hosted a political talk show with Kevin M. O'Shea '89. He put his artistic talents to work as graphics editor and political cartoonist for *The Cowl*. The Development of Western Civilization Program introduced him to philosophy, ethics, and decision-making.

Bosnia charmed him. People spoke about the 1389 triumph of the Ottoman Empire over the Serbs as if it happened yesterday. As Peter Maas wrote in his book, *Love Thy Neighbor*, only running water and the hum of the refrigerator reminded you it was the present century, Sullivan said. You felt you were 500 years in the past, sitting in a dark hovel, drinking Turkish coffee or plum brandy, listening to stringed instruments, hearing the hypnotic language.

It was the beginning of a lifelong interest in foreign countries.

Since May 2014, Sullivan has worked to defend human rights in the midst of violent conflicts on the edges of Eastern Europe. It is not his first time in a war zone. Sullivan served as rule of law director with the U.S. State Department in Afghanistan from 2010-2013. He worked on language used in the new Iraqi constitution in Baghdad in 2005. When war

flared in Kosovo, he traveled there as a human rights reporter. He's joined eight State Department delegations to monitor democratic elections in Bosnia, Serbia, Ukraine, Kosovo, and Belarus.

"You get used to being in a place where there's a need and where you can be of assistance," said Sullivan. "Once you get involved, it's really difficult to stay away for too long. Part of traveling and working in war zones is that you live through



history. I've always had a strong sense of where I was, and a sense of wonder about what it was like there in the past."

He brings top credentials to the mission. Sullivan earned a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in 2000 and then studied international comparative law at Northeastern University Law School, where he interned at the oldest law firm in Thailand and at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston. Through the U.S. State Department's Antiterrorism Assistance Program, he has lectured foreign military intelligence officials and defense policymakers on ways to apply human rights in times of crisis.

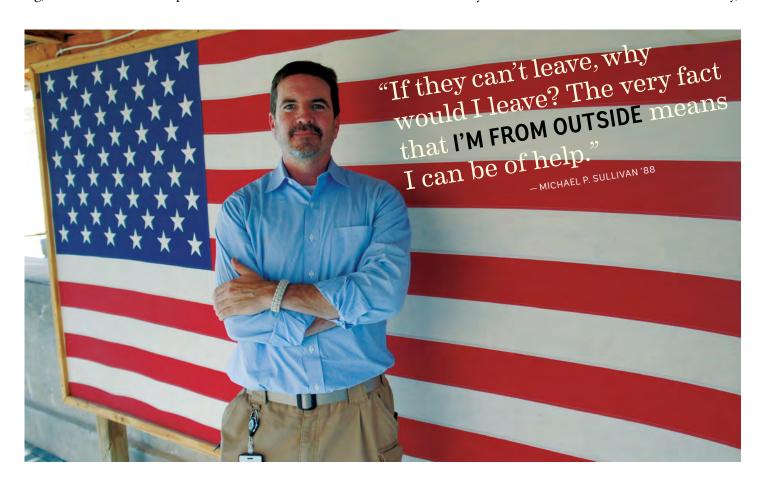
Humanitarian workers usually point to a life-altering moment that prompted them to leave the sidelines and enter the

action. For Sullivan, it occurred when he was 12 years old, at home in Needham, Mass., watching the NBC miniseries *Holocaust*. Years later, he was similarly moved by the ABC documentary *Ceausescu's Orphans*, about conditions in Romanian orphanages. He decided he needed to find a way to be involved.

"I had no real plan, but opportunities have a way of appearing," Sullivan said. "I'm in a position now where I can tell a

from work, flew to Croatia, traveled inland to Bosnia, and hiked four hours to the Nobody's Children refugee camp, where he presented himself as a volunteer. The camp was set up in railway cars on bombed-out tracks. Sullivan was sorting foreign aid donations when he heard the live radio broadcast of the signing agreement ending the conflict.

In 1998, while studying at Tufts and working as a researcher at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University,



good story as to how I planned all this out. But the more I think about it, the more I realize that you have a big-picture idea of what you want to do, and things seem to fall into place if you remain aware."

Bosnia was at war in 1995 when Sullivan discovered a New Hampshire-based charity, Nobody's Children, which helps children left homeless by conflict. He took time off Sullivan attended a lecture by Physicians for Human Rights, an organization that monitors breaches of medical neutrality around the world. When the lecture ended, he approached the presenters and offered to spend his winter break working for them in Kosovo as a human rights reporter.

It was an unusual vacation. Sullivan arrived in Kosovo in January 1999 for a one-month stay just as the Serbian

leader, Slobodan Milosevic, declared Physicians for Human Rights *persona non-grata*. Monitors discovered the bodies of 45 ethnic Albanians in the village of Racak, a massacre that became the turning point of the war, prompting NATO intervention.

A local Kosovar doctor was Sullivan's driver and translator. He was given a satellite phone — "You needed to be up on a

mountain to get reception, which would draw too much attention, so I never took it out of the box" — registered with the local police, and stayed out of sight as much as he could, conducting interviews in backrooms of cafés where government security personnel rarely ventured.

"It was a very dark time there, very intense," said Sullivan. "The Serb military police were heavily armed and wore balaclavas on the streets. People were really shaken and waiting for what seemed like an imminent attack."

In 2005, he spent an intense five months in Baghdad working with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs on drafting the Iraqi constitution.

"In Baghdad, you were always in danger," said Sullivan. "There were explosions all the time, and if you were on the roads, it was a constant concern."

When he traveled, it was in a convoy of mud-splattered cars that looked ordinary but had heavy-plated armor underneath. The vehicles drove in different directions, but their drivers were in constant contact by microphone. The goal was to create the illusion that there was no security around them, when in fact they were protected on all sides by heavily-armed SUVs.

"You'd be sitting in the back seat and the drivers would start providing grid coordinates and code names of the streets," said Sullivan. "They were keeping you in a bubble. The cars didn't really look like they were together, but if another vehicle seemed like it was coming up too fast and could be a threat, a car in your group might slowly move and get in the way. We moved that way for quite a while."

"There's a certain level of stress you get used to," Sullivan said.

Sullivan spent three years in Afghanistan with the State

Department as rule of law director for Regional Command South in Kandahar. His job was to lead a team working with the legal system — courts, prosecutors, judges, police, and prisons — to help it conform with international law and support the population.

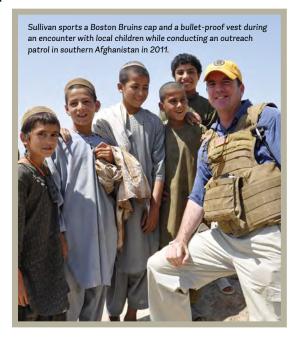
He lived in storage containers on military bases. The security situation was similar to the scene in the movie *Zero Dark Thirty,* where an informant is waved through a gate, exits his car, then refuses to remove his hands from his pockets as guards become increasingly panicked, Sullivan said. Most of the time nothing would

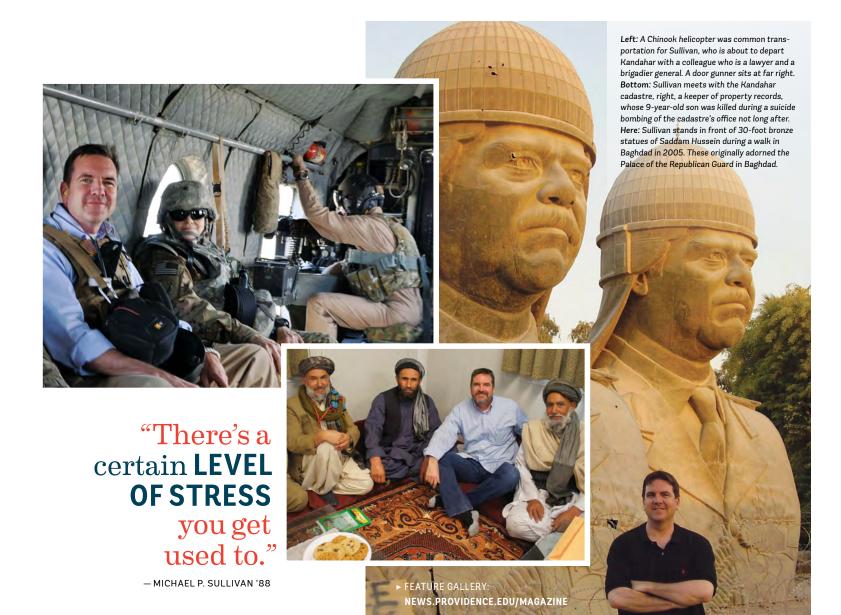
happen, but the soldiers were always prepared.

He always left the base accompanied by a platoon-size Personal Security Detachment.

"They would have everything timed down to the last minute as to how you were to proceed out the gate, where you were going, what route you were taking, what support there was going to be along the way, and what the latest was on IED implants, because vehicles were hitting IEDs all the time," Sullivan said.

In 2011, Ghulam Haider Hamidi, the reform-minded mayor of Kandahar city, was killed by a suicide bomber. Hamidi had previously worked as an accountant in northern Virginia. Friends and family had urged him to leave Afghanistan for the United States, but he would not.





Sullivan did not think about leaving, either.

"If they can't leave, why would I leave? The very fact that I'm from outside means I can be of help. I'm their conduit — their imperfect conduit — to government services and military assistance."

When he completed his service in Afghanistan in 2013, Sullivan received several honors from the State Department, including the Superior Honor Award. At his 25th PC reunion, he was presented the Personal Achievement Award from the Providence College National Alumni Association. He edited two volumes on human rights law and humanitarian law for the American Bar Association while awaiting his next opportunity.

In his experience, war zones "are not so different from here, except things are blowing up," said Sullivan. "Obviously, at times of shelling, there's a crisis, but when it slows, life quickly gets back to normal. It's not too long after a shelling where you're having to figure out what you're going to be eating for dinner and if there's a TV show on you want to watch. Life does go on."

Sullivan is working on peace and security issues in Eastern Europe. It's an area of relative calm, but one that saw some of the worst tragedies of World War II. The Auschwitz concentration camp is four hours away. He walks regularly amid reminders of contributions to international law at the Nuremburg trials and through the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

None of this is lost on him.

"This part of the world bleeds history," Sullivan said. ■



5) Roy Peter Clark '70 listens during a Liberal Arts Honors Program colloquium in 1970. 6) Students listen to a speaker on Moratorium Day in 1969 when a national day of reflection on the Vietnam War was observed.



# What a difference a half-century makes

BY DR. ROY PETER CLARK '70

S A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1970,
I had the privilege of witnessing
the 50th anniversary of Providence
College and attending the celebration
of its centennial. What a difference a
half-century makes. If you prefer the way the College is now,
as I do, you can thank the classes of '68, '69, '70, '71, and '72.

The student activism of those years resulted in reforms that enhanced PC's vitality and academic standing: restructuring the Corporation, reform of the curriculum, and, most important, co-education.

I remember a debate in 1970 in which I argued for coeducation, while a member of the College administration insisted that "women lack the intellectual rigor of men." I have put that phrase in quotes because I remember it so well. Let's say, for the record, that I was right and he was wrong.

I've heard President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 tell a group of alumni that if admissions were based on academic

merit alone, the student body of PC would be weighted even more toward women than the 58% now represented.

The Class of 1970 was the only class in PC's history that did not complete its final year. After four students were shot and killed at Kent State University in May 1970 during a protest of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, administrators of several colleges, anticipating student strikes, called off the last month of the school year.

Most students went home early, only to return in June for a graduation ceremony. I had a girlfriend in town, Karen Major, and wanted to hang around as long as possible. Students from PC, Brown, and the Rhode Island School of Design planned social action. There were voter registration drives. Small teams met with business groups to make a case against the war. Especially active was a classmate named Robert McIntyre '70, a math major and Liberal Arts Honors Program student, who would go on to become the longtime director of Citizens for Tax Justice.

Top: Roy Peter Clark '70, center, and housemates Bob Frederick '70, left, and Fred Day '70 celebrate their last day at their apartment on River Avenue in 1970. Missing is another roommate, Bob Donovan '70. (Photo courtesy of Roy Peter Clark '70)

Bob would marry his girlfriend from RISD. I would marry Karen Major. I was salutatorian at PC and earned the honor of class orator at graduation, where I spoke on what it meant to be a "man of peace in a time of war," but my greatest achievement was winning Karen's attention, affection, and then her hand.

The first women to attend PC as full-time undergraduate students joined the College in 1971. From 1966 to 1970, if you desired the company of women at the College, it meant high school girls studying in the library, or students bused in for mixers, or the few young women who worked on campus.

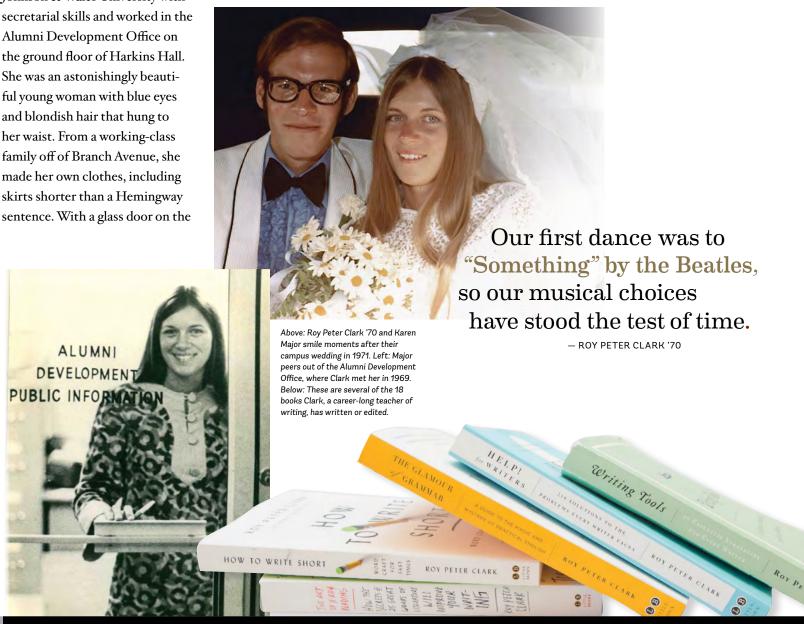
Karen fell into that last category. She graduated from

Johnson & Wales University with secretarial skills and worked in the Alumni Development Office on the ground floor of Harkins Hall. She was an astonishingly beautiful young woman with blue eyes and blondish hair that hung to her waist. From a working-class family off of Branch Avenue, she made her own clothes, including skirts shorter than a Hemingway

office, she was on display and attracted the constant attention of hundreds of young men trudging to class — and the occasional Dominican friar.

I had a secret advantage. I had a student job in the Alumni Office, helping to produce the weekly calendar of events, and my supervisor, Kay Morin, was a friend of Karen's family. Our first date was a concert in Alumni Hall by Canned Heat, a group that played at Woodstock.

A year after my graduation, 1971, we were married by Rev. John Cunningham, O.P. '50 on a hot August afternoon in Guzman Chapel. Ray Sickinger '71, a student who would become — and remains — a PC history professor, sang a Simon



& Garfunkel hit, "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Our first dance was to "Something" by the Beatles, so our musical choices have stood the test of time.

The motto of PC is "Veritas," and, truth be told, the College was not a very good place in 1966 for many students to learn. The social atmosphere was repressive. The required philosophy and theology courses offered watered-down Thomas Aquinas to Rhode Island's future professionals. That was a significant mission, but not for me.

There were havens of excellence, and I took advantage of them. The Honors Program and the English Department included teachers who have become PC legends: Rev. Paul van K. Thomson, Rodney Delasanta '53, Rene Fortin '55, Father Cunningham, Rev. Thomas Coskren, O.P. '55, Richard Grace '62, Brian Barbour, and John Hennedy, just to name the teachers who worked most closely with me.

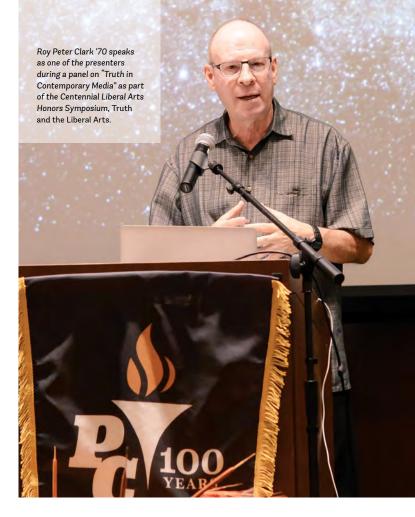
For the Honors Program, the College nurtured us like orchids in a hot house. Each week we read a classic book and wrote a 1,000-word essay on that work: from Homer to Freud. About 15 of us would meet in a tiny room in the bowels of Alumni Hall. We wore ties, drank coffee, munched on cookies, and worked with not one, but two expert scholars.

Our tiny team of brainiacs included the likes of Lindsay Waters '69, now an influential editor at Harvard University Press, and Austin Sarat '69 & '08Hon., one of the most popular professors in the history of Amherst College. I remain in touch with both of them.

Karen and I have been married for 45 years. One year ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was holding the house telephone on which her doctor was confirming the diagnosis of cancer when her cell phone rang. It was her sister from Rhode Island delivering the news that their mother had died. One phone in her right hand. One phone in her left. What's your definition of a bad day?

Two surgeries, three months of chemotherapy, and 37 doses of radiation have left her free of any signs of cancer, with an optimistic prognosis, and an astonishing head full of the curliest hair you have ever seen. We call it her million-dollar perm.

Because of Karen's treatments, neither of us could travel for most of a year. We could not even attend the funeral of her mom. But the year passed, and we both gained strength and confidence in her recovery.



Last fall, PC asked if I could return for an Honors Program symposium panel discussion on "Truth in Contemporary Media," one of the centennial events.

It was a memorable and emotional trip. We would finally get to visit the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery to pray and cry and laugh over the grave of my wonderful mother-in-law, Jeannette Major, grandmother to our three daughters. I would get a chance, on a blustery October day, to walk parts of the campus, to sit in the lounge where I first read *Hamlet*, and to visit that spot on the ground floor of Harkins Hall where I first looked through the glass door of the Alumni Development Office and was dazzled by the woman I would marry.

Roy Peter Clark, Ph.D. '70 recently retired as senior scholar from The Poynter Institute school of journalism in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he taught writing to generations of students throughout the world for almost four decades. He is the author or editor of 18 books, including Writing Tools: Fifty Essential Strategies for Every Writer (Little, Brown and Company, 2006). He has been selected to receive an honorary degree and will give the Commencement Address at PC's Ninety-Ninth Commencement Exercises on May 21, 2017.











Men's basketball, hockey storm into NCAAs again

men's basketball and ice hockey teams, which both qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the fourth consecutive year in 2017.

Coach Ed Cooley's basketball Friars used a

late-season six-game win streak to secure third place in the BIG EAST Conference and earn an at-large berth in the NCAAs. Likewise, the Nate Leaman-led hockey team turned its season around by winning nine consecutive Hockey East games, finishing fifth in the league, and receiving an at-large NCAA bid.

PC is just one of four Division I programs all-time to send its basketball and hockey teams to the NCAAs for four straight years, joining Boston College, Michigan, and Michigan State.

The basketball team played an NCAA First Four Tournament game against the University of Southern California and fell, 75-71. The Friars, who regrouped this season after losing NBA draft picks Kris Dunn '16 and Ben Bentil '17 from last year's team, finished with a 20-13 record, including 10-8 in the BIG EAST.

Two Friars, guard Kyron Cartwright '18 (Compton, Calif.) and forward Rodney Bullock '17 (Hampton, Va.), were selected to the All-BIG EAST Second Team. Cartwright also was chosen the conference's Most Improved Player and the USBWA

District I Player of the Year. Meanwhile, Cooley, who has a 123-80 record in six seasons at PC, was chosen NABC District 5 Coach of the Year.

Men's hockey, with nine first-year student-athletes, surged in the second half of the season to gain one of 16 spots in the NCAAs. Ranked No. 13 in the nation, PC fell to No. 2 Harvard, 3-0, in the NCAA East Regional semifinals at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence. The Friars posted a 22-12-5 record, going 12-7-3 in Hockey East. At season's end, defenseman Jake Walman '18 (Toronto, Ontario, Canada) was chosen a Hockey East First Team All-Star for the second consecutive season. He also signed an entry-level contract with the NHL's St. Louis Blues, ending his career with the Friars.

The winter season also was highlighted by milestones in women's indoor track and women's ice hockey. In track, where Ray Treacy '82 is the coach, Millie Paladino '18 (Morgantown, W.Va.) and Brianna Ilarda '18 (Perth, Australia) captured First Team All-America accolades with seventh-place performances in the mile and 5,000-meter run, respectively, in the NCAA Championship.

Women's ice hockey coach Bob Deraney was chosen Hockey East Coach of the Year for the third time in 17 seasons, leading PC to 17 wins. One of his student-athletes, defender Whitney Dove '20 (Bruxelles, Manitoba, Canada), was named Hockey East Rookie of the Year. ■

# AROUND FRIARTOWN



**Feaster blazes a trail** *The New York Times*and *Boston Globe* both
published feature

stories about Theresa Feaster '14 & '16G, coordinator of hockey operations for the Friar men's team. Feaster was named to Nate Leaman's staff in October, making her one of the first two women (along with Boston University's Brittany Miller) to take a full-time job on a Division I men's hockey coaching staff. The daughter of longtime NHL executive Jay Feaster, she started working with Leaman and his assistants as a volunteer during her junior year. Feaster, who earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in history from PC, brings expertise in video coaching techniques and statistical analysis to the Friar coaching staff, which also includes two full-time assistant coaches.



# Gressel drafted in MLS first round

Picking up where he left off as one of the all-time great Friar soccer players, Julian Gressel '17 (Neustadt an der Aisch, Germany) worked his way

into the opening day starting lineup for Major League Soccer's Atlanta United FC. Atlanta selected Gressel, a First Team All-American who served as captain of Coach Craig Stewart's outstanding 2016 team, with the eighth overall pick in January's MLS draft. He is the highest Friar among seven all-time to be selected in the MLS draft.

### Coaching award named for Treacy

Recognizing his immeasurable contributions to the sport, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches
Association has named one of its regional coach of the year awards for Ray Treacy '82, the Friar men's and women's track and cross country coach since 1984. The award bearing Treacy's name will honor the Northeast region's women's coach of the year. He guided the Friar women's cross country team to a BIG EAST Championship in 2016, and his 1995 and 2013 teams won NCAA championships.

# Three fall teams qualify for NCAA competition

The Friar men's soccer team, ranked 10th in the nation in the final 2016 poll, led the way during an outstanding fall season for PC athletics teams. After winning the BIG EAST regular season championship, the Friars advanced to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinal round where they lost a 1-0 doubleovertime game to North Carolina. The Friar men's and women's cross country teams likewise qualified for NCAA competition, the women finishing 13th in the championship race, the men 24th. The women's team won the BIG EAST Championship in 2016, while the men finished second to Georgetown.

Thanks to the outstanding performances of all the fall teams, PC finished 23rd (first among institutions that do not have football teams) in the Learfield Directors' Cup fall standings, which compare the competitive success of Division I athletics programs in NCAA championships. ■



## 1992 BIG EAST baseball champs saluted

THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS **HONORED THE 1992 BIG EAST** champion PC baseball team with a 25th anniversary celebration in January. All baseball alumni were invited to the occasion, and more than 50 former players and four former coaches attended. The celebration began with a reception at The Vig restaurant in downtown Providence. The 1992 championship team was acknowledged during a ceremony at halftime of the PC-Creighton men's basketball game at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The daylong tribute ended with a team dinner at Fleming's in downtown Providence. The 1992 Friars, coached by Paul Kostacopoulos '87, who is the head coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, won the school's first BIG EAST title in baseball and finished with a 29-23 record.

Baseball alumni celebrating the silver anniversary of the 1992 PC baseball team's BIG EAST Championship at a reception are, from left, Mark Tomey '94, Bob O'Toole '96, former head coach Paul Kostacopoulos '87, Jon Mason '96, Scott Palmieri '97, Mike Lyons '94, and Ryan Ricciardi '97.



# **Our Moment**



# Luce scholarships to enhance opportunities for women in STEM disciplines

IGHT WOMEN WHO MAJOR
IN CHEMISTRY, applied
physics, mathematics, or
computer science will be eligible for
full-tuition scholarships for their
senior year thanks to a \$288,538 grant
from the Clare Boothe Luce Program
of the Henry Luce Foundation.

The award is significant because of the competitive nature of Henry Luce Foundation awards and the foundation's well-known history of recognizing top institutions in the physical sciences, said Andrea Keefe '03, director of corporate and foundation relations.

"This is a huge accomplishment and a most deserved award formally recognizing the strengths of our physical science programs and tremendous work with our students," said Keefe.

Clare Boothe Luce Scholars will be selected based on academic merit, commitment to the sciences, and interest in pursuing an advanced degree or a career within their field. In addition to the scholarship, they will receive a \$4,000 stipend to conduct summer research and will be awarded academic credit for research with a faculty mentor during the academic year.

Scholars also will serve as role models by mentoring or tutoring other women in the sciences and will receive \$500 to develop programming to encourage the success of those students. The scholars will complete a service component, either through the proposed support program or in partnership with an organization such as the Providence After School Alliance.

The College will award two scholarships each year beginning with the 2017-18 academic year and ending in 2020-21. The first Luce scholars to be selected are Emma Burgess '18 (Huntsville, Ala.), an applied physics major, and Bianca Saliba '18 (Johnston, R.I.), a chemistry major.

PC will contribute \$155,366 to help finance the scholarships, the summer research experience, and the programming proposed by the scholars to broaden the support of women in STEM — the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The award to PC was part of a \$7 million award from the Clare Boothe Luce Program to 23 colleges and universities, including Xavier University, Johns Hopkins University, Smith College, the University of Detroit Mercy, Dartmouth College, Kenyon College, Macalester College, Texas A&M University, and the University of Dayton. Some awards will provide five-year professorships for women just starting teaching careers, while others will support undergraduate research.



n 2007, a gift from M. Joseph Canavan '65 & '89P and his wife,
MaryBeth, allowed Providence College to open the Canavan Sports
Medicine Center, a 4,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility in
Alumni Hall that serves more than 300 student-athletes.

Now, a second major gift from the Canavans will expand sports medicine options for student-athletes. It will help them to benefit from the latest in technology, including compression-boot systems to aid recovery from workouts, sleep monitoring software that also measures hydration, new manual therapy techniques, and a portable X-ray machine.

"This transformative gift will help Providence College student-athletes to be on the cutting edge of all areas of sports medicine," said Steven R. Napolillo '98, senior executive associate athletic director for external relations. "We'll be able to give our student-athletes top-notch athletic training services, sports psychology, and first-class facilities for rehabilitation. The gift will allow the highest level of care so that student-athletes can be successful in competition and in the classroom."

In addition to enhancing the Canavan Sports Medicine Center, the gift will help outfit the athletics innovation lab that will be built as part of the new Ruane Friar Development Center. The lab will include relaxation pods, sleep pods, and technology to assess body composition and monitor blood-oxygen levels during exercise. (The Ruane Friar Development Center also will include a men's basketball practice

facility, a new Friar Athletics Hall of Fame, and an expanded home for the Center for Career Education and Professional Development.)

"When Steve Napolillo approached me last year saying that Joe and MaryBeth were looking to make a long-term commitment to our sports medicine program, I was excited at the possibilities this would bring for our student-athletes," said John P. Rock, senior associate athletic director for sports medicine.

So far, the new Canavan gift has made possible the purchase of 10 NormaTec compression-boot systems that student-athletes can wear while on the road to flush lactic acid from their muscles. A software system was purchased that allows staff to monitor the sleep patterns and hydration levels of student-athletes, since research has shown a correlation between sleep and performance, Rock said. With the gift, staff also have been trained in Positional Release Therapy, a specialized technique to treat soft-tissue injuries in the body.

"The cutting-edge machines will really help our student-athletes be successful," said Canavan, a long-time men's basketball season-ticket holder who travels to BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments. "Providence College and PC athletics have been a huge part of our lives. Coach (Ed) Cooley, his staff, and the players are like a part of our family."

Canavan, who is president and CEO of Canavan Corporation, is an emeritus member of the PC Board of Trustees. He has been involved in the medical diagnostics field for 30 years and is founder and former president of Diagnostic Medical Laboratory, Inc. and Vision Medical Imaging, Inc.





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#### Former student honors Dr. McCaffrey with fund

Dr. Stephen L. Jackson '09G (left), a grateful student of the late Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey '73G, '83Ph.D., & '87G, has endowed the Donna T. McCaffrey Scholarship for deserving

students who major in history, psychology, or theology, and who model the spirit of "justice, but not without mercy," a central tenet of Dr. McCaffrey.

Jackson, a retired nuclear power plant systems analyst, said Dr. McCaffrey inspired him as professor for three of his history courses. She also wrote his letters of recommendation for the graduate program in history at PC and the doctoral program in humanities at Salve Regina University, which he completed

Preference for the scholarship will be given to students who live in Rhode Island or New London County, Conn., and who are the children of veterans or active members of the military.

Dr. McCaffrey spent more than 40 years at PC, teaching history to undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students.



#### Lecture series encourages students to consider science careers

Dr. Teresa Lavoie '89 (left) has honored her mother, the late Anna E. (Gillis) Lavoie, by establishing the annual Anna E. Lavoie Memorial Lecture Series at the College. The goal of the series is to encourage students to consider careers in

the sciences by providing an opportunity for them to interact with distinguished scientists and other professionals.

The first Lavoie lecture, "Could That Be Medicine?" was presented in March by Dr. W. Eddie Martucci '04, co-founder and CEO of Akili Interactive Labs and vice president of PureTech Health.

Lavoie, who studied chemistry at PC, received a master's degree and a doctorate in chemistry from Princeton University and a doctor of law degree from the University of Minnesota. She is a principal in the law firm of Fish & Richardson.



#### Gift targets ethics in business

The Ethics in Business Education Program within the School of Business was established with a generous gift from Michael T. Smith '65, a former member of the PC Board of Trustees, and his wife, Jane E. Smith. The new program supports student learning in ethics that builds on the Development

of Western Civilization Program. It also supports faculty development in ethics and student co-curricular activities in ethics, including case competitions.

In fact, the first Michael Smith Ethics Case Competition was held in the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies in February. Approximately 75 PC business students examined issues involving self-driving vehicles, applied ethical decision-making skills and knowledge, and recommended a course of action. Four-member teams competed for the opportunity to share a first prize of \$2,000, a second prize of \$1,000, and the possibility of participating in a national collegiate case competition. Above is the winning team of, from left, Matthew Gould '19, Allison Post '19, Mitchell Pitkin '19, and Michael Cruz '19.

## Why We Give

#### BY REBECCA KEISTER

RETIRED U.S. ARMY COL. NOEL J. DOYLE, JR. '58 AND HIS WIFE. CAROLYN, are committed to paying forward the good fortune that educational opportunity afforded them as they chartered a course for themselves and their family.

Last fall, the Doyles made a gift to the College's School of Continuing Education to establish the Military Ser-

vice Scholarship Fund for student-veterans. The fund will benefit SCE students who are honorably discharged military veterans, or their dependents, and will supplement costs not covered by Veterans Affairs education benefits. Preference will be given to student-veterans who have served in Afghanistan, Iraq, or other Middle East combat zones during the last 20 years.

The Doyles also have decided to include Providence College in their estate plans, designating a portion of their finances to enhance the scholarship fund.

Doyle, a first-generation college student, said he had been thinking for some time about making a significant gift to his alma mater.

"The College provided me the opportunity to be the first in my family to go to college, and I want to help provide others the opportunity to achieve whatever goals they want to achieve after life in the service," said Doyle, who attended PC as a member of the ROTC. "It is an honor for me to recognize the contributions of our student-veterans who have given so much to ensure the continued security of our great nation."

Inspired to pursue a military career after his initial twoyear commitment, Doyle served 30 years in the U.S. Army including two tours in Vietnam. He retired in 1989. His career accomplishments included graduating from the Army's For-

> eign Area Program, with a concentration in Eastern Europe, and serving as the U.S. Army attaché in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

> In explaining his family's desire to establish a scholarship fund for SCE student-veterans, Doyle said the global situation has changed dramatically over the last several decades.

> "In the early years of my service, there was less turmoil in the world than we are experiencing today, and military personnel had more time for family, education, training, and travel," said Doyle, who worked for the CIA after retiring from the Army. "Today, our young servicemen often find themselves

facing back-to-back overseas tours of duty that can disrupt their life plans."

The parents of three children and the grandparents of four, the Doyles live in Leesburg, Va. Doyle returned to PC for his 55th reunion in 2013, and his wife and he journeyed overseas with the College's Friar Explorations alumni travel program in 2015. ■











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he PC in Hollywood program
was founded in 2012 by
Todd Slater '97, an independent
film producer and partner at
Blue Fox Entertainment, to introduce
Providence College students to employment possibilities in the entertainment
industry. In January, for the sixth

consecutive year, 11 students spent three days in Hollywood touring sets and networking with alumni, including studio executives, writers, producers, actors, directors, creative advertisers, and agents.

The students were accompanied by Patricia A. Goff 'o8G, assistant vice

president of integrated learning in the Office of Student Affairs; Rev. Kenneth R. Gumbert, O.P., professor of film studies in theatre arts; and Shannon Gamache Scurry, major gifts officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

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1) Gabrielle Vega '17 takes a selfie with Gabrielle Mancini '17 during a tour of Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City organized by Bridget McMeel '96, a partner in Andrews McMeel Universal Entertainment.
2) At Walt Disney Studios in Burbank are, from left, Peter West '18, Jennifer Dorn '18, Gabrielle Vega '17, Blaine Payer '18, Gabrielle Mancini '17, Brian Kennedy '17, Michelle Cruz '17, and Michael Meeks '18. A tour and lunch were arranged by actor Terry Gatens '88 and his wife, television executive Kary McHoul.
3) Todd Slater '97, partner at Blue Fox Entertainment,

- Todd Slater '97, partner at Blue Fox Entertainment left, discusses careers with Joseph Aiello '17 and Michelle Cruz '17.
- Michelle Cruz '17.

  4) Bridget McMeel '96, of Andrews McMeel Universal Entertainment, with Rev. Kenneth R. Gumbert, O.P., professor of film studies in theatre arts, on the set of Sony Pictures Studios.
- 50 Blaine Payer '18 at Sony Pictures Studios.6) Charlie Jennings '04, an agent for motion picture talent at Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles, shares
- talent at Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles, shares insights from his work with the world's leading entertainment and sports agency.



# REGIONAL ALUMNI CLUBS

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#### GREATER CHICAGO

President: Caitlin Cahalan '04 caitlincahalan@gmail.com

More than 100 alums, current students, family, friends, and supporters turned out to cheer on the men's basketball team against DePaul in January. Several representatives from PC made the trip to Chicago for this annual outing to show their support, including Father Quigley (Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60, associate national alumni chaplain). The Chicago club will host a community service day this spring. Watch for details. The club is always looking for new members. Contact Caitlin Cahalan '04 or check out @chitown\_friars on Instagram for more information.

#### **NEW YORK**

President: Katie Ferris '13 katie.ferris523@gmail.com

The Providence College Club of New York began 2017 by hosting the New York Student and Alumni Networking Night. More than 100 Friars came together to share career stories and advice. The event took place at Empire Wealth Strategies, the space donated by **Greg Winsper** '86. The club welcomed alumni and Friar fans of all ages to watch the PC basketball team on multiple occasions at Jack Demsey's, our official game watch location. Watches were held for the Friar Days: Cheer contest against Marquette in February, the PC vs. St. John's matchup at Madison Square Garden to end the regular season, and during BIG EAST Tournament week. Demsey's again proved to be an ideal spot to celebrate, cheer, and reconnect with each other.

In March, PCCNY hosted a St. Patrick's Day reception at Session 73 following the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Alumni, friends, and PC families marched down Fifth Avenue with a College banner and were led by

a color guard comprised of PC Army ROTC Patriot Battalion alumni. Upcoming events include a joint Friar Days: Serve project with St. Joseph's Church in April and our annual trip to the U.S. Open at Arthur Ashe Stadium in late summer. If you are interested in getting involved with the club or attending an event, contact Katie Ferris '13.

#### CHARLOTTE, N.C.

President: Peter Bergen '60 bergen@carolina.rr.com

Led by Peter Bergen '60, John Kennally '80, Al Tinson '64, and Mathilde "Til" Levesque '85, the Charlotte Area Alumni Club continues to spread the news of Friar happenings in North Carolina. The group participated in Friar Days: Cheer in late February and hosted its fourth annual Mass and Reception on March 12. Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61, associate national alumni chaplain, celebrated the Mass. To learn more about the club, contact Bergen.

#### SOUTH COAST, MASS.

President: Deb Perry Ozug '79

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The club hosted more than 250 members of the Fall River Girls CYO Basketball League and the Westport Girls Basketball League this past season at two PC women's basketball games. Players and their families enjoyed time on campus, playing time in Mullaney Gym, autographs, pictures, posters, and an ice cream social. In November, we joined the Rhode Island clubs and the New London/ Washington County Club to host a men's ice hockey reception. On Feb. 25, the South Coast Club co-hosted Friar Days: Cheer with the Greater Providence (Mal Brown) Alumni Chapter, the Newport Club, and the New London/Washington County Club. If you are

interested in getting involved with South Coast, email **Deb Perry Ozug** '79.

#### HARTFORD

President: Jane Dillon Cerosky '83

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The Hartford Club continues to drive momentum in our region with events that spur alumni to celebrate our Friar heritage. We had a successful networking event for students, with more than 70 alumni and guests. Our pre-hockey game reception at Black Bear Saloon on Feb. 8 and our Friar Days: Cheer game watch at Tomato Joe's on Feb. 25 were great fun. Our next event is a family Mass followed by brunch at Mill on the River in South Windsor. Hope to see you there!



From left,
Tyler Sims '08,
Bilal Dixon '12, and
Emily Tuczinski '08
show their Friar
spirit at the New
Jersey alumni club's
Friar Days: Cheer
game watch.

#### **NEW JERSEY**

President: Jennifer A. Palombo '88

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The Alumni Club of New Jersey had great turnouts for both Friar Days: Cheer locations at the Dublin Pub in Morristown and at Black Bear in Hoboken in February. Father Matt Dooley '88 is scheduled to lead our group for Friar Days: Serve at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside in April. Save the date: We will be hosting our 2nd annual "Summer at the Shore" party at the Monmouth Beach Bath & Tennis Club on July 15. Also, John '86 and Amy McCarthy will welcome the Class of 2021 and local alumni at their home on June 15.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

President: Scott Tashjian '10

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Christmas came early for the "Nor Cal Friars" as more than 35 alumni and friends turned out for the annual party held at the home of **Katie Breen '08**. A special appearance by Santa had guests leave with PC swag for under their tree. In February, two game watches were held with fellow northern California BIG EAST alumni groups from Butler and Marquette. In April, a Friar Days: Serve day is planned at the SF-Marin Food Bank. To get in touch about opportunities, reach out to **Scott Tashjian** '10.

#### **BOSTON**

President: Mark McGwin '81

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The Greater Boston Area Club engaged alumni of all ages throughout the winter months, including a strong contingent of volunteers at the community service project at the Greater Boston Food Bank. More than 200 alums celebrated the holiday season at the Christmas Party, followed by more than 70 attendees at the February Friar Days: Cheer game watch at Central Wharf. Thanks to alumni volunteers Mo Maruping, '12, Kelli O'Donohue '11, Carolyn Molloy '06, Joe Neidermeyer '12, and Jacqueline Luciano '16 for their assistance with these events. We look forward to our annual community cleanup on April 29 and the Friars at Fenway Red Sox game on June 9. Other events in the planning stages include a club Mass, a harbor cruise, and a networking night.

#### GREATER PROVIDENCE (MAL BROWN CLUB)

President: Bernard Manchester '04

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The club hosted another successful Christmas party at the Providence G Ballroom in December with more than 100 alumni in attendance. We are in the midst of our fundraising campaign for the Mal Brown Scholarship, which benefits a local student with financial need. The scholarship drive was fortified by the club's 50/50 raffle at PC's BIG EAST men's basketball home games.

In January, the club hosted its annual Student and Alumni Networking Night on campus. The Mal Brown awards presentation was held in February. The award recipients were Robert S. Penney '89, '18P, & '19P and Melinda Penney '88, '18P, & '19P. The Dr. William A. McDonnell Award was given to Michael A. Lee '79, '83G, & '20P.

Stay tuned for our spring event in May in the new Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies on campus. ■

### **● PC 100 ADRENALINE**

The PC 100 Bash and 20th A Cappella Anniversary Concert during Alumni & Family Weekend in February and the yearlong #PC100 get-togethers planned and hosted by alumni are two of the more prominent ways alumni have celebrated this centennial year.



Right: Anaclastic, PC's all-female a cappella group, performs at the PC 100 Bash and concert.
Left: The Lynch family of Westerly, R.I., stops for a memento of the evening. From left are Matthew '21, Philip '17, Danica '13, Michael '83, Gina '81, and Andrew Lynch '10.





The #PC100 spirit is when you make everyone in Brad's part of your #PC100 party during Alumni & Family Weekend. Eileen Fowler '86 coordinated this gathering.





Celebrating #PC100 and 27 years of friendship in Philly are, from left, Cindy Gulino Wyman '93, Lisa Walsh Cline '93, Kay Daniels Mulcahy '93, Lynn Flaherty Sanville '93, Kristen Kirwan Trapp '93, and Tracey Taylor '93.

MORE #PC100 PARTIES: CENTENNIAL.PROVIDENCE.EDU/PC100-PARTIES/

## Friar Explorations journeying to Italy in October

TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE and 800 years of the Dominican Order, alumni and friends of Providence College are invited to join the Friar Explorations alumni travel program on a nine-night visit to Florence and Rome from Oct. 7-16, 2017.

Rev. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., vice president for mission and ministry, will lead the pilgrimage, which will include a visit to Santa Sabina, a basilica and world headquarters for the Order of Preachers in Rome, and to Santa Maria Novella in Florence, where a pharmacy established in the early 13th century by Dominican friars is still in operation.

For the itinerary and more information, contact prov.ahitravel.com or Sarah Firetto '03, associate director for alumni relations, sfiretto@ providence.edu, 401.865.1909. ■



Thirty alumni and friends took part in the Friar Explorations trip to Portugal last October. Here the group stands outside the Church of Saint Mary of Belem in Lisbon. The next alumni trip is to Italy this October.

## **CLASS NOTES**

## 1940s/50s

(Memorial Tribute) The late John F. McBurney, Jr., Esq. '48 and the late Lionel J. Jenkins '58 were among 14 prominent, deceased Rhode Islanders to be inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. Dating as far back as Roger Williams in the 1600s, the hall of fame now consists of 757 Rhode Islanders who have "brought credit to the state, brought Rhode Island into prominence, and contributed to the history and heritage of the state." Mr. McBurney, who lived in Pawtucket, was a World War II hero who received the Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honour. An All-America baseball player at PC, he was a state senator and a prominent trial attorney. Mr. Jenkins, who played basketball at PC and lived in Smithfield, was a champion of civil rights. He was a regional director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and a member of the Housing Board in Smithfield.

## 1950s

#### '57 (60th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

John P. Collins '57 of Shrewsbury, Mass., was presented the prestigious "Louie" award, The Society Award, by the International Thomas Merton Society at the Thomas Merton Centenary Conference in Louisville, Ky. The award, a bronze bust of Father Merton, is given biannually to an ITMS member whose distinguished service has furthered the goals of the society. He also received the Cardinal Wright Award from Bishop Robert J. Mc-Manus of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester for his years of service in bringing Father Merton's message to the diocese and beyond. Collins wrote a monthly column for the Worcester Catholic Free Press, led an ITMS chapter in Shrewsbury, and founded the ITMS chapter at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Shirley, the society's only chapter located in a prison. He has written more than 120 columns and more than

two-dozen scholarly articles on Merton's life and thought, most of them since retiring as superintendent of schools in Shrewsbury and professor of education at the College of the Holy Cross.

## 1960s

#### '61

Richard J. Panagrossi '61 of Branford, Conn., was appointed by Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy to serve as a labor arbitrator on the Connecticut State Mediation and Arbitration Board. He worked as a labor representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 40 years.

#### '66

Kevin C. Phelan '66 & '15 Hon. of Wellesley, Mass., received the 2016 James Landauer/ John White Award from The Counselors of Real Estate® professional association. Cochairman of Colliers International since 2010, he was chosen by his peers for his leadership in the real estate field and contributions to the community. He leads Colliers' Capital Markets group, which is one of the most successful in the country and comprises 14 professionals. Phelan serves on numerous boards and committees in Greater Boston, including Crossroads, the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of PC's Board of Trustees and the School of Business Advisory Board, and he is co-chair of the \$140-million Our Moment: The Next Century Campaign for Providence College.

#### '67 (50th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Sam D'Ambruoso '67** of Middlebury, Conn., a landscape and portrait painter with his own studio, completed his 31st annual Art Instruction Workshop series in Italy. For more than 20 years, he has been teaching landscape and portrait painting while his wife, Mary Ann, simultaneously conducts

regional cooking classes in Amalfi, Tuscany, and Sicily. D'Ambruoso's paintings of the Connecticut River are now in the State of Connecticut's permanent art collection at the governor's residence in Hartford.

## 1970s

#### **'7**0

Kevin M. O'Connell, Esq. '70 of Severna Park, Md., is the author of Beyond Derrynane: A Novel of Eighteenth Century Europe (The Gortcullinane Press, 2016). The first of a contemplated series of four works of historical fiction, *Derrynane* — and the books to follow, which together will constitute The Derrynane Saga — dramatizes the roles played by a small number of expatriate Irish Catholics of the fallen "Gaelic Aristocracy" at the courts of Catholic Europe, as well as relating their complex lives at home in Protestant Ascendancyruled Ireland. A Washington, D.C., attorney who holds Irish and American citizenship, he is senior counsel at Cameron LLPO'Connells, where he practices international businesstransactional law, primarily involving directinvestment matters, throughout Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

#### 71

(Memorial Tribute) The legacy of **the late Timothy R. Auch '71**, formerly of Raywick,
Ky., was honored with the presentation of
the first Tim Auch Spirit of Enterprise Awards
to four students at Marion County High
School in Kentucky. The four were among
24 juniors who took part in a two-day intensive study of the American Private Enterprise
System sponsored by the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and
Environment. Mr. Auch, who died in August
2014, was an executive with three companies,
the founder of Serenity Farms in Raywick,
and a pioneer in the state's alpaca industry.
He was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel



#### FRIARTOWN ALL THE WAY



The Aug. 7, 2016, wedding of **Jacqueleen N. DeSisto '10 & '14G** and **Joshua A. Mazick '13** was Providence College-themed from the moment in May 2015 when Joshua proposed to Jacquie outside of St. Dominic Chapel. Fifteen months later, the couple returned there to be married on a Sunday — the day before the feast of St. Dominic. More than 25 alumni attended, including the bride's father, **Michael DeSisto '76**; her brother, **Jeffrey DeSisto '13**; the groom's mother, **Lynn Mazick '88**; and his grandfather, **Ralph Tomei '63**. They reside in Barrington, R.I. Jacquie is a senior research analyst at Brown University, and Joshua is a senior business analyst at FM Global.

Pictured are, front row from left: Matthew DeBlois '13, Jeffrey Seseske'10, Nicole Amaral '10, Jacquie DeSisto '10 & '14G, Joshua Mazick '13, Matthew Tomei '00, and John Tomei '91. Second row: Ryan Paranal '13, Kerry McCrossen '16, Taylor Conti Camp '09, Elizabeth Roscillo '11, Mary Reagan '15, Kaitlin Searfoss '11, Lynn Mazick '88, Ralph Tomei '63, Amy Goggin '93 & '13G, Sister Carolyn Sullivan, O.P. '02G, Beth Mullen '90, and Patty Lambrou '88 & '93G. Rear row: LiseMarie Curda '10, Jeffrey DeSisto '13, Marc DeSisto '77, Anne Chambers '77, Michael DeSisto '76, and Jeffrey Goggin '84.

by Gov. Steve Beshear before his death. His family established the spirit award to honor youths who exhibit Mr. Auch's spirit of enterprise. Mr. Auch's grand-uncle was the late **Rev. Frederick C. Hickey, O.P.**, a chemistry professor for whom Hickey Hall in the PC Sciences Complex is named.

#### '72 (45th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

Raymond J. Sheehan, Esq. '72 of Woodbridge, Va., wrote his first book, *The Original Sins: America's Fight Against Corruption in the Era of Manifest Destiny* (Xulon Press, 2016). The book tells stories about public-sector corruption in the late 18th through early 20th centuries — then-major scandals and events

that forced Congress to enact anti-corruption/ ethics legislation. The retired director of the Office of Ethics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sheehan also plays guitar and sings with the quartet Wicked Olde. The Americana musical combo released its first CD, *Hannigan's Mountain*, in 2016.

Charles J. "Chuck" Wielgus, Jr. '72 of Colorado Springs, Colo., announced his retirement as executive director of USA Swimming, effective Aug. 31, 2017. Executive director since 1997, he is credited with taking the sport's governing body to unparalleled heights within the Olympic movement. Highlights of his term include the U.S. Olympic Swim

Team achieving an average of 31 medals during the past five Olympic Games; establishment of the USA Swimming Foundation, which Wielgus has served as CEO since its inception in 2004; and doubling the membership of the organization to more than 400,000 members. Wielgus also was awarded a 2016 honorary doctorate by the U.S. Sports Academy for his lifetime of service to the world of sport.

#### '73

Thomas W. Boyce, Jr., Esq. '73 of Waterford, Conn., was named to the 2016 Super Lawyers list, a nationally accredited rating service of lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. A partner with Halloran & Sage LLP, headquartered in Hartford, he manages the newly established New London office. He is a trial attorney who primarily defends members of the local medical community in malpractice cases.

#### 774

Kenneth P. Binder'74 of Lexington, Mass., was named chair of the board of directors of Sacred Heart School in Kingston. He joined the board in 2012, served the past two years as vice chair, and chaired the board's Advancement Subcommittee. Sacred Heart is a private, Catholic, co-educational school that serves approximately 725 students in preschool through grade 12 from 35 communities throughout southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. He is a major gifts officer at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

Anthony V. Riccio '74 of Westbrook, Conn., had his book of photographs published by the State University of New York Press this spring. From Italy to Boston's North End—The Photographs of Anthony V. Riccio 1972-1982 visually tells the story of immigration from small-village life in southern Italy (1972-1974) to daily life in Boston's North End (1978-1982). He is the collections management supervisor at Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library, the flagship and largest in Yale's library system.

#### '77 (40th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Paul F. Caranci** '77 of North Providence, R.I., wrote a book on corruption in his town

government, Wired: A Shocking True Story of Political Corruption and the FBI Informant Who Risked Everything to Expose It (Stillwater River Publications, 2017). It chronicles his 40 years in government service, culminating with 17 months of undercover work with the FBI to expose a vast political corruption ring in North Providence. At the conclusion of the investigations and legal processes, six current or former town officials pled guilty to political crimes and misconduct, a seventh was found guilty at trial, and three other people caught up in the scandals also pled guilty. A third-generation resident of North Providence, Caranci served as Rhode Island's deputy secretary of state from 2007 until 2015 and served on the Town Council from 1994-2010. A history buff, he has six other published books to his credit.

#### **'78**

Mary Ann Mozzone '78 & '88G of Taunton, Mass., was appointed director of the Providence College Graduate School of Counseling after serving as interim director for 10 months. After retiring in 2013 following a 35-year career as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in the Bridgewater-Raynham School District, she became a special lecturer in the PC graduate school counseling program and continues to teach. "I feel so very blessed to be back with the PC family. I believe my success in my career was based on the foundation I received from Providence College," she says.

## 1980s

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**James M. Long, Jr. '80** of Odessa, Fla., was promoted to vice president and general manager of Sypris Electronics, LLC in Tampa, where he previously served as vice president of operations. The company is a subsidiary of Sypris Solutions, Inc., a provider of outsourced services and specialty products, including a wide range of manufacturing, engineering, and other technical services.

**Anne M. Thomas '80** of Hampden, Mass., was named president and CEO of Glenmeadow in Longmeadow. Glenmeadow is a continuing care retirement community that serves the residents who live there as well as

those in the surrounding community. She has more than 25 years of experience working with seniors and most recently served as vice president of residential health at JGS Lifecare in Longmeadow.

#### '81

**Stephen J. Caldeira '81** of Potomac, Md., was named president and CEO of the Consumer Specialty Products Association in Washington, D.C. He will lead the implementation of the 101-year-old organization's new strategic plan on behalf of the world's largest household and institutional chemical product manufacturers. He was previously the president and CEO of the International Franchise Association.

#### '82 (35th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

Lisa L. Bonnardi Keefe, R.N. '82 of Natick, Mass., and Tanya C. Smith Sullivan '96 of Medfield, Mass., jointly presented "Assessing Student Emotional Vital Signs During Urgent Care Triage" at the 2016 New England College Health Association Annual Conference in Newport, R.I. They work at Wellesley College Health Services. Keefe is the nurse clinical coordinator of health services, and Sullivan is a family nurse practitioner and the associate director of health services. Sullivan is married to Brian F.X. Sullivan '96.

Paul F. Mercurio '82 of New York City, a headlining comedian, returned to his Rhode Island roots with three shows at the Comedy Connection in East Providence, R.I. A graduate of Georgetown Law School and a former Wall Street mergers and acquisitions lawyer, he has made multiple appearances and works on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, does commentary for *CBS Sunday Morning*, and hosts a podcast called "Two Chairs and a Microphone." Mercurio is an Emmy and a Peabody award winner for *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and can be seen opposite Golden Globe winner Liev Schreiber in the upcoming film, *The Bleeder*.

#### '83

Mary Catherine (Arnold) Clifford, J.D. '83 of Setauket, N.Y., joined the faculty of Farmingdale State College as a lecturer of business law in the Department of Business

Management. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the Colorado Bar Association. Her areas of research include the impact of constitutional law in business.

Claire C. (Banisch) Flaherty '83 of Warwick, R.I., was elected a trustee and the treasurer of the board of trustees of Saint Elizabeth Community, an organization dedicated to providing exceptional, compassionate care for seniors in a variety of settings. She is the executive director of VOWS, Inc., the Volunteers of Warwick Schools. She is married to Robert E. Flaherty, Esq. '70.

#### **'84**

Michael F. Connolly, Esq. '84 of Milton, Mass., joined the Boston office of Rubin and Rudman LLP as a partner and co-chair of the Litigation Department. A litigator with extensive trial experience, he is leading the effort to develop a business litigation practice that assists clients with a broad range of commercial litigation needs. Connolly joins Rubin and Rudman after 27 years at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., in Boston. He is a member of the Providence College Boston President's Council.

#### '86

Jeffrey C. Carter '86 of Washington, D.C., was named executive director of Physicians for Social Responsibility, based in Washington. PSR works to reduce the health risks and threats to human survival posed by nuclear weapons, climate change, and toxic degradation of the environment. Carter also was elected vice president of the Committee for Education Funding, a Washington-based coalition of educational associations, institutions, and other organizations that advocates for greater federal investment in education.

Carolyn R. Bledsoe Holmes '86 of Athens, Ga., was elected president of the Association of Medical Illustrators. A Certified Medical Illustrator and a fellow of the AMI, she has volunteered with the association since 1990 and has served on several committees and at regional and national meetings. She holds a B.A. in biology from PC and an M.S. in medical illustration from the Medical College of Georgia.



Anne C. (D'Andrea) Ring '86 and her husband, David V. Ring'86, of Columbus, Ohio, shared recent career news. Anne was appointed director of marketing and communications at Equity, a national, full-service, commercial real estate company in Hilliard, Ohio. She is responsible for creating and implementing strategic marketing plans and overall communications strategy. She previously served as director of communications and development at the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester in White Plains, N.Y. David was named executive vice president of Middle Market Banking, Not-for-Profit Banking, and Huntington Business Credit at The Huntington National Bank. He is responsible for the bank's eight-state Midwest footprint, as well as offices in Nashville, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and New York. He joins Huntington from First Niagara Financial Group, where he was managing director of Enterprise Banking.

#### '87 (30th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

Timothy E. Crafts '87 of Smithtown, N.Y., former chief of the Smithtown Fire Department, assisted with a childbirth miracle. After hearing the alarm for a maternity call, he recognized the address as being close to his home and drove to the scene to help before an ambulance arrived. Crafts and another member of the department assisted with the delivery of a healthy baby boy. A few minutes later, the ambulance arrived and transported the mother and baby to Stony Brook University Hospital. "In over 28 years in the fire service, this was the first time I assisted in a delivery. It was an amazing experience. With the daily adversity we face fighting fires and emergencies, a happy occasion such as this is a special moment to relish," he said. Crafts is an area vice president for Olympus Corporation of the Americas.

**Carmen A. DelGuercio '87** of Cockeysville, Md., was appointed president and CEO of the Maryland Food Bank, the largest charitable food provider in the state and the first food bank on the East Coast. He leads the entire operation of the food bank, with an annual budget of \$78 million and a 37-year history of feeding the hungry in Maryland. In addition to a strong record of volunteer leadership in the nonprofit sector, he has had

#### **TEAM SPIRIT AT CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL**



Administrators and staff at Manchester High School in Connecticut display their Providence College pride during a recent Spirit Week. From left are Amanda Behmer'07, speech and language pathologist; Cathy Williamson'89, school psychologist; Laura

**Garrahan '80**, mathematics teacher; **Jill Krieger '80**, principal; and **Gina Carrese '09**, world language teacher. The quintet has served Manchester High a combined 26 years, led by Garrahan, who's taught for 15 years. Krieger is in her third year as principal at Manchester, which has an enrollment of approximately 1,600 students.

a 29-year career in the banking industry, including several leadership roles at M&T Bank. He is the husband of **Alicia M.** (Kunisch) **DelGuercio '87**.

#### '88

**Eric Ziady '88** was named chief financial officer of the American Athletic Conference in Providence. He was previously director of intercollegiate athletics and recreation services at the University of Delaware, overseeing 21 athletic programs.

#### **'29**

Christopher R. Daly '89 of Hingham, Mass., was appointed to the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council, an affiliate of the National Park Service. The council was created by Congress to represent the communities that have islands and lands within the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Daly, who was on the sailing team at PC, is the global marketing manager of Eurotainer US, Inc.

Robert W. Wolfenden'89G of Coopersburg, Pa., was named director of major gifts at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem. He previously worked at Lehigh University as assistant vice president for alumni relations and annual giving. He is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

### 1990s

#### '90

**Peter Thompson '90** of Chicago, Ill.,was named chief commercial officer of Inner-Workings (NASDAQ: INWK), a leading global marketing execution firm that serves Fortune 1000 brands and is based in Chicago. He leads the company's global sales and marketing efforts. Thompson, a member of the PC Board of Trustees, formerly served as CEO of Perkins Investment Management.

#### **'91**

Scott S. De Rossi, D.M.D. '91 of Evans, Ga., was chosen dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina. He previously served as the chair of the Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences Department at Augusta University's Dental College of Georgia, where he held appointments at Augusta University and the Medical College of Georgia. He also is an adjunct professor of oral medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine. "It's amazing how much my Providence College education prepared me for both professional and personal success," he said.

**Richard P. Diegnan, Jr., Esq. '91** of Mendham, N.J., was named senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Internap Corporation, a global internet infrastructure company. He is responsible for all legal, regulatory, and compliance matters.

**David Higgins '91** of Atlanta, Ga., a member of Ponder, Higgins, Jowers & Associates in Atlanta, a wealth management team within the Private Banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch, was recognized in *Barron's* annual "America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors: 2016 State-by-State List" for the eighth consecutive year. A certified private wealth adviser, he has been with Merrill Lynch since 1993, is a member of its Circle of Champions, and serves on the Merrill Lynch Advisory Council to Management.

Katherine M. O'Brien '91 of Trumbull, Conn., was named to *Lawdragon's* 2016 list of "100 Legal Consultants and Strategists." She is senior vice president of public relations at Jaffe, the legal industry's full-service marketing, branding, and PR agency, based in Washington, D.C. She said her Providence College education provided a strong foundation for future success, and in particular, the opportunity to study abroad at the University of Salamanca in Spain during her junior year offered her a unique perspective of the U.S. role in the global community. She is married to **Kevin M. O'Brien '88**.

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

**George F. Bailey '92** of Arlington, Va., joined Lockton Companies as senior vice president in the Washington, D.C., office. The company is the world's largest privately held, independent insurance broker. He has nearly 25 years of experience in the areas of employee benefits and risk management. He was previously at Mercer for 16 years.

Kristin J. DeAngelis '92 of Jersey City, N.J., and her husband, Matt Schmidt, launched 107 Bowers Gallery & ArtSpace in Jersey City. It is an art gallery and art space that "embraces the creative journey, encouraging participation in the arts through advocacy, education, and outreach ... a place for artists to connect with one another and the community," said Kristin, who is both owner and curator.

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Amy B. Goggin'93 & '13G of Cumberland, R.I., was appointed clerk of the Cumberland School Committee and appointed to the board's achievement subcommittee. Goggin, who was elected to the committee in November 2016, also serves as the committee's liaison to North Cumberland Middle School and Community School. She is the digital services coordinator in the Division of Marketing and Communications at Providence College. She is married to Jeffrey J. Goggin'84.

Justin Teague '93 of Hingham, Mass., was recently named CEO and board member of SmartBear Software, a high-growth software quality tools company in Somerville. He oversees more than 350 people across several global locations. He was previously chief operating officer at Bullhorn, Inc., a CRM company located in Boston which employed more than 10 PC alumni while he was there. He is married to Jean M. (Sullivan) Teague '93.

Paul G. Tremblay '93 of Stoughton, Mass., received the Massachusetts Center for the Book's 2016 Fiction Award for his horror novel, A Head Full of Ghosts (William Morrow; 2015). The center recognizes Massachusetts literary works that are written by state residents. Tremblay's story focuses on a family's struggles with their 14-year-old daughter's/sister's mental illness and is written from the perspective of an 8-year-old. A teacher and coach at St. Sebastian's School in Needham Heights, Tremblay is married to Lisa A. (Carroll) Tremblay '93.

'94

Hollie B. Lussier, Esq. '94 of North Kingstown, R.I., was named executive vice president, chief risk officer, and general counsel at Bristol County Savings Bank, headquartered in Taunton, Mass. She is responsible for implementing an enterprise risk management strategy, handling all legal matters for the bank, and providing counsel on strategic initiatives. She has extensive experience in financial services and was previously general counsel with AAA Southern New England/AAA Southern New England Bank as well as senior counsel and senior vice president with Citizens Financial Group.

**David G. Richards '94** of Little Silver, N.J., joined Medley Management, Inc. in New York, a leading credit-focused asset management firm, as managing director and portfolio manager of the Sierra Total Return Fund. He was previously a portfolio manager with Pine River Capital Management, L.P. He served as a member of the board of directors at American Capital LTD, including its executive, audit, and strategic review committees.

**'9**F

**Deborah M. Griffin, LNHA '95SCE** of Somerset, Mass., was elected to a two-year term as chairperson of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Health Care Association. She is the administrator of the Hattie Ide Chaffee Home in East Providence, R.I. Last fall, she was chosen by her peers as the recipient of the 2016 Rhode Island Health Care Association Administrator of the Year award. She is a licensed nursing home administrator in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Braden C. "Brady" Kramer '95 of Philadelphia, Pa., married Paula Mita on Sept. 10, 2016, in Philadelphia. A former coordinator of corporate travel programs in San Diego, Calif., he was named athletics director at Archbishop John Carroll High School in Philadelphia last year. The athletics program is composed of 55 teams, including varsity, junior varsity, 9th grade, and junior varsity 'B' teams. More than 600 students participate in at least one sport. A former ice hockey player with the Friars, Kramer said, "My career in hockey at Providence and professionally has given me a great platform to reach out to kids and help them in a manner that far transcends sports."

**Dr. Jim Mello '95** of Steubenville, Ohio, executive director for institutional effectiveness at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and his son, Franciscan University studentathlete James Mello of the Class of 2019, co-presented at the inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity at York St. John University in the United Kingdom. Their presentation shared how the vision and mission of Franciscan University are experienced through intercollegiate athletics.

**Dr. Kristen E. Stringfellow '95G** of Coventry, R.I., the superintendent of schools in South Kingstown since 2009, was named the 2017 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year by the R.I. School Superintendents' Association. She was selected for her outstanding achievement in school district leadership, dedication to the education of children, commitment to the community, and service to the superintendents' association. She previously served as assistant superintendent of the Scituate School District. She is an adjunct professor in the PC Graduate Education Program and has taught the School Finance course since 2007.

#### '96

Eileen Madda Sethna, J.D. '96 of Chicago, Ill., chaired the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Ball in November 2016. As a result of the fundraising efforts, the Women's Board was able to present a check for \$1,018,000 to benefit the children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities who call Misericordia home. The Heart of Mercy Ball total represented the single-biggest collection in the history of Misericordia's Women's Board. Sethna is the Banking Practice Group leader and principal attorney with Chuhak & Tecson, P.C. in Chicago.

**Scott M. Tucker '96** of Marlborough, Mass., was promoted from principal to managing director of The Onstott Group, a 30-year-old retained executive search firm based in Wellesley. He joined Onstott in 2010.

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

Christy Polacko Durant '97 of Wilton, N.Y., was promoted from senior living consultant to community manager of the Summit at Saratoga, an independent senior-living community for adults 55 and over in Saratoga Springs. She supervises the day-to-day property management, including hiring and training new staff. She also is responsible for leasing the facility's 110 apartments and oversees the community's marketing activities.

Marta E. (Makuc) Starczewski '97 of Great Barrington, Mass., and her husband, Gabriel Starczewski, became parents to a fifth child, Monica Mary Starczewski, who was born on July 5, 2016. Her siblings are Andrew, age 10; Bernadette 8; Timothy 5; and Bridget 3.

#### '98

Joseph E. Fournier, J.D., MHA '98 of Ann Arbor, Mich., was appointed to the management committee of Intermountain Healthcare as its new vice president and chief people officer. Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based health system with 22 hospitals, 185 clinics, a Medical Group, and a health plan, Select Health. With more than \$6.7 billion in annual revenues and more than 39,000 caregivers, Intermountain is widely recognized as a national leader in transforming healthcare through high quality and sustainable costs. He was chief human resources officer for the University of Michigan Health System most recently. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Heather R. (Phillips) Lemieux '98 of Brookfield, Mass., was appointed town manager of Lunenburg, a community of approximately 11,000 citizens in Worcester County. She had been serving as town administrator of Barre, a smaller community in central Massachusetts, since 2012.

Frank W. Mills, Jr. '98 of Washington, D.C., was named co-head of school of the Chelsea School in Hyattsville, Md. Chelsea serves students with language-based learning disabilities in a rigorous, college-preparatory program. Mills started teaching English at Chelsea in 2005 and has served as upper school coordinator and director of education. He says he tries to incorporate the values he developed at PC in his career and personal life, as well as a Thomistic perspective "that helps shape my views on education."

#### '99

Joseph "Jay" Arcata, III '99 of West Hartford, Conn., received recognition by two legal sources. He was named to the 2016 Super Lawyers list, a nationally accredited rating service of lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He also was selected to the Connecticut Law Tribune's "New Leaders in the Law" Class of 2016. He was recognized in four areas: development of the law, advocacy/community contributions, service to

the bar, and peer/public recognition. A partner at Halloran & Sage LLP in Hartford, he is a member of the firm's Litigation, Insurance, and Corporate Business & Transactions practice groups and chairs the Cybersecurity & Data Privacy practice groups. His practice centers on commercial litigation, insurance coverage, cyber security, and professional liability.

Jodie L. (Zdrok) Boduch '99 & 'ooG of Northampton, Mass., has signed a two-book publishing agreement with Macmillan/Tor Teen for a young adult historical fantasy called *SPECTACLE*. It is scheduled to be published in 2018, with a second novel anticipated in 2019. "I'm putting my history degree to good use!" said Boduch, who is the director of marketing and communications at The MacDuffie School in Granby.

**Dr. Daniel A. Dentino '99G** of Wheeling, W.Va., was named Wheeling Jesuit University's vice president of student services. He oversees all aspects of campus life and supervises the departments of residence life, student activities, athletics, campus ministry, performing arts, global services, and career services, as well as the university's health center and campus security. He was previously vice president for student life at the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kan. Dentino and his wife, **Mary (Helgeson) Dentino '04G**, are the proud parents of three children.

Jonathan P. Miller'99 of Rutland, Mass., was one of four PC graduates recognized as a "40 Under 40" honoree for 2016 by the Worcester Business Journal. He is the chief information and compliance officer at YOU, Inc. (Youth Opportunities Upheld) in Worcester. In his six-plus years there, he has developed systems and practices to streamline operations and improve efficiencies, and in the past two years, his efforts have resulted in a 60 percent reduction in agency write-offs. Miller also is the secretary and a coach in the Rutland Little League.

**Tara B. (Lenhart) Rego '99** of North Attleboro, Mass., opened Little Scholars Preschool in Rumford, R.I. The school, now in its second year, has 30 children, three teachers,

and an assistant. She continues to work as a kindergarten special-education teacher at M.V. Cunningham School in Pawtucket, R.I.

## 2000s

#### **'00**

Jodie L. (Salzano) Driscoll 'oo of Monroe, Conn., joined the law firm of Murtha Cullina LLP and is counsel in the firm's business and finance department. She assists clients in the areas of commercial real estate and banking, as well as affordable housing and municipal law. She was formerly with Berchem, Moses & Devlin, LLP in Milford. In 2015, Driscoll was recognized by the Connecticut Law Tribune as one of its "New Leaders of the Law."

Gwendolyn C. (Lascelles) Fernald 'oo of York, Maine, and her husband, Jason Fernald, became parents of a third child, Levi John, who was born on Oct. 6, 2015. He joins older sisters Chloe, age 9, and Kaia, 6.

**Karen M. (Witiw) Rueda '00** of Philadelphia, Pa., and her husband, Oscar Rueda, welcomed a third son, Nicolas Francisco Rueda, in May 2016. He joins big brothers Martin and Sebastian Rueda. Karen has launched her own business as a freelance writer specializing in nonprofit communications.

Danielle M. (Sasson) Thomas '00 of Orlando, Fla., graduated from the University of Central Florida with a doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree with an emphasis in educational leadership. She is the director of Professional Development and Community Engagement at Footsteps<sub>2</sub>Brilliance, an early learning technology company dedicated to helping children becoming proficient readers by third grade.

**Kerry (Leonard) Trotter '00** of Highwood, Ill., has been working as the director of communications for Northwestern University's School of Communication since September 2015. The school houses the institution's world-renowned theatre and film departments. She previously worked as a freelance writer and staff reporter for various news sources. She received her master's degree

from Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism in 2008.

#### **'01**

Jamie M. (Donoghue) Bellenoit 'or of West Hartford, Conn., was selected as the new executive director at Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc., of Manchester. She was selected as the clinic's third executive director in its history and is proud to be the first woman in the role. She oversees an outpatient behavioral health clinic for children and adolescents that serves more than 600 families annually, as well as the Intensive Outpatient Program and Intensive In-Home Clinical Services. The agency also has a licensed special-education school for children in grades K-8. She previously worked in executive-level positions with non-profits in Connecticut. Bellenoit and her husband, Dan, have three boys, Jack (5), CJ (4), and Finn (3).

Michael V. DeCastro 'oɪ of Lausanne, Switzerland, was appointed planning and coordination manager for the 2020 Summer Olympics Games in Tokyo, Japan, by the International Olympic Committee. He previously served the IOC as a project coordinator within the Games Coordination Unit of the Olympic Games Department and assisted with the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Rocco DiRico '01** of Reading, Mass., was named director of government and community relations at Tufts University. He works to build, cultivate, and maintain relationships with Tufts' host communities of Medford, Somerville, and Boston. The office also manages the logistics of the Tufts Community

Appeal campaign, the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund grant program, and the Community Audit program. He previously served as deputy state director for U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass. He is married to **Christine L. Malone '01**.

**Donna M. Pennacchia, Ed.D. 'orG** of Cranston, R.I., was named assistant principal of Johnston High School. She was previously a math teacher and chair of the math department at Scituate High School. She was named Scituate's Teacher of the Year in 2013.

#### '02 (15th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

**Thomas Bezigian, Jr., J.D. '02** of Syracuse, N.Y., joined Scolaro, Fetter, Grizanti, McGough & King, P.C. as an attorney in Syracuse. He works in the firm's Estate Planning & Wealth Preservation and Business & Tax Practice groups. He was previously a vice president in the trust department of a private bank in Boston.

Michael A. Grande '02 of Orange, Conn., was named to the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is the managing director at TBNG Consulting, an IT consulting company with offices in Connecticut and Rhode Island, and is also the co-founder and managing partner of Zentific, a next-generation cyber security startup in Milford. He currently serves as the chairman of the board of directors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

#### '03

**Julie A. Holstrom '03** of Shrewsbury, Mass., was one of four PC graduates recognized as a "40 Under 40" honoree for 2016 by

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

## WHAT'S NEW(S) WITH YOU?

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

the Worcester Business Journal. A senior project manager with the Worcester Business Development Corporation, she has overseen several major economic development projects in Worcester. These include the redevelopment of a former newspaper facility and the cleanup of a former manufacturing facility. She is married to Jonathan R. DeFusco'03.

Kham Inthirath'o3 of Northbridge, Mass., was one of four PC graduates recognized as a "40 Under 40" honoree for 2016 by the Worcester Business Journal. He is the founder and president of Envision Digital Group in Worcester, a company which helps businesses create marketing plans. His team focuses on clients' online presence in order to humanize the digital experience for customers. Inthirath also was appointed to the board of directors of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. He is a business counselor for the chamber, a member of the marketing committee of Discover Central Massachusetts, and an ambassador for Real Men Making Strides in Worcester, which supports the American Cancer Society. He is married to Melissa A. Laganelli '03.

**Jeffrey P. Matrullo'03** of Cromwell, Conn., was named a "2016 New Leader in the Law" by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*. He practices real estate law at the Hartford office of McCarter & English, LLP. He is an elected member of the Cromwell Board of Education. He is married to **Danielle C. Budion'03**.

**Brendan W. McGair '03** of Cranston, R.I., was recognized as the 2016 Media Award recipient by the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He is a sportswriter and columnist who covers the Pawtucket Red Sox and college and high school sports for *The Call* of Woonsocket and *The Times* of Pawtucket.

**Colin Murray, CFP, CLU '03** of Edgewood, R.I., accepted a position as vice president with Santander Investment Services, the wealth management division of Santander Bank, in Providence. He previously worked as a financial consultant with Citizens Wealth Management, a subsidiary of Citizens Bank.

#### '04

Allyson L. Chesebro, M.D. '04 of Boston, Mass., completed her diagnostic radiology fellowships in breast imaging and in oncologic imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through Harvard Medical School. She is a staff radiologist, specializing in breast imaging, at Boston Medical Center and an assistant professor of radiology at Boston University School of Medicine.

Kenneth A. Duva 'o4G of North Kingstown, R.I., was appointed superintendent of schools in Jamestown, where he had been serving as the district's director of student services. He said his chief areas of focus will be educational policy, supervision, and curriculum development. He has spent 16 years in various educational positions in Rhode Island. Duva will graduate from the doctoral program at Johnson & Wales University this May.

Deborah C. Plytynski Livingston '04 of Wilder, Ky., joined the Mayfield Education & Research Foundation in Cincinnati, Ohio, as development director. The foundation works to advance the care of patients with brain and spine disorders. She oversees continued expansion of the foundation's commitment to neuroscience research, injury prevention, neurological health, and the education and training of neurosurgeons. Livingston previously served as the executive director of development for the Purdue School of Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Karen T. Venditto '04** of Boston, Mass., coordinator of the Best Buddies chapter at Wellesley Middle School, led a group of more than 50 students, teachers, and family members participating in the Best Buddies 5K Gobbler Road Race. Their team took the award for top fundraising chapter for the second straight year, raising more than \$7,000 in that time. Funds benefit the Best Buddies organization, which supports people with intellectual and development disabilities. Venditto is a speech language pathologist at the school.

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**Chris Facey '05** of Milton, Mass., is the owner of the freight shipping company FreightSavvy, based in Boston, and has started a blog about shipping at www. freightsavvy.com/blog.

#### '06

Abigail A. Long '06 of Leadville, Colo., was named executive director of the Leadville Trail 100 Legacy Foundation, a charitable trust created to aid the needs of the Leadville and Lake County communities. She has worked in the nonprofit sector for more than eight years, drawing from the education she gained through the Feinstein Institute for Public Service at PC. She also serves on several community boards including the Mineral Belt Trail System, Lake County Community Fund, and as chair of the Lake County Democrats.

Martha E. McCahill Sprague '06 of Gorham, Maine, passed her exam to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is a social worker at Spring Harbor Hospital, a non-profit psychiatric hospital affiliated with Maine Behavioral Healthcare, where she works with PC grad Lillian J. Shields '11. Sprague and her husband, Christopher, have a 2-year-old daughter, Monica.

Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. '06 & '08G of Silver Spring, Md., made his solemn vows with the Franciscans (Order of Friars Minor Conventual) on Aug. 15, 2016, at The Shrine of Saint Anthony in Ellicott City, Md. This makes Friar Manny a full member of the Franciscan Order, living for the rest of his life in obedience, without anything of his own, and in chastity. He is currently finishing his theological studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled in 2018. He is studying at CUA with three PC classmates: Rev. John D. "Jack" Dickinson '06, Anthony Federico '06, and Elise Italiano '06.

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

#### **∳FOLD '07**

(10th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

Samantha K. Harvey '07 and Paul F. Porter'07 of Randolph, Mass., were married on May 14, 2016, at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church in North Falmouth, Mass. Many alumnijoined them to celebrate the occasion, including the Hon. William C. Leary '60 & '10 Hon. Samantha is a research librarian at Babson College, and Paul is a licensed captain and the purchasing manager at Falmouth Marine and the Falmouth-Edgartown Ferry.

Susan M. (Lusher) Macione, CPA '07 of Waterford, Conn., was named a partner with Austin & Macione CPAs LLC (formerly James Austin, CPA) in Gales Ferry. She began her career at Deloitte & Touche, LLP.

**Dominic Spinelli '07** of Boston, Mass., was named a 2017 "Super Lawyers Rising Star" by the Super Lawyers rating service. He is an associate with Peabody & Arnold LLP, based in Boston. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage.

Brittany L. Stalsburg, Ph.D. '07 of East Haven, Conn., co-authored a book, 52 Reasons To Vote For Hillary (Prospecta Press, 2016), with Bernard Whitman. The book is a guide and reintroduction to Hillary Clinton's career and life history and was intended to help voters understand why Clinton was the best candidate for the presidency in 2016. A communications strategist, Stalsburg is the owner of BLS Research & Consulting. A political science and women's studies double major at PC, she says, "This book was the culmination of the journey I began in Howley Hall."

#### **∳FOLD** '08

Amanda M. Baer '08 of North Grafton, Mass., was one of four PC graduates recognized as a "40 Under 40" honoree for 2016 by the Worcester Business Journal. An associate attorney at Mirick O'Connell Attorneys at Law in Westborough, she represents employers in state and federal court and before administrative industries. She serves on the board of the YWCA of Central Massachusetts.

Lauren M. (Miano) Crowley '08 and Christopher M. Crowley, Esq. '08 of Tolland, Conn., are the parents of their first child, Hadley Rose Crowley, who was born on July 22, 2016. "We are having so much fun with her," exclaimed Lauren. Lauren works as a real estate agent, and Christopher is a real-estate attorney in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

**Sister Mary Veronica Keller, O.P. 'o8G** of Dumfries, Va., was named principal of Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries, in the Arlington, Va., diocese. She is a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tenn. She has more than 15 years of teaching experience and was the principal of St. Pius V School in Providence for five years until 2016.

**Shaun M. Najarian '08** of Shelton, Conn., earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine at its 125th commencement in June 2016. He is continuing his medical training in internal medicine at Hackensack University Medical Center Palisades in North Bergen, N.J.

Michael J. Springer'08 of Daytona Beach,

Fla., is WFTV's Volusia County reporter in Orlando. He joined the ABC affiliate in 2016 and previously worked at ABC affiliate KOAT in Albuquerque, N.M. He began his reporting career as a multi-media journalist at WCTV, the CBS/Fox affiliate in Tallahassee.

#### **∳FOLD** '09

Morgan B. (McCallin) Pater '09 and Christopher J. Pater '10 of Jersey City, N.J., were married on July 29, 2016, at Maritime Parc in Jersey City. Morgan is a doctoral student in criminal justice at Rutgers University. Chris recently was promoted from associate to vice president of accounting at a hedge fund in New York City.

Anne E. Rondoni Tavernier, J.D. '09 of Minneapolis, Minn., earned her juris doctor degree from the University of St. Thomas Law School and has joined Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. as an associate in its Minneapolis office, working in its Intellectual Property, Litigation, and Trade Secrets groups. She litigates patent, trademark, and copyright suits, as well as anti-counterfeiting actions.

#### **∳FOLD** '10

**Joseph P. Carnevale, IV Esq. '10** of Providence, R.I., has joined the Providence office

#### HELPING GENTLEMEN REACH THEIR POTENTIAL



A Martin Luther King Scholarship to PC provided an escape route to **Kenneth Chabert '10**, who spent his teen years balancing survival in his Bronx neighborhood with his desire for an education.

Now, Chabert has founded the Gentlemen's Retreat, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide boys from urban communities with tools for self-sufficiency in high school, college, and beyond. In October, Chabert led a retreat in Rhode Island for 16 Bronx teenagers. They attended workshops, activities, and lectures by business leaders and educators, including Friars'

men's basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley — the first step in a two-year program emphasizing emotional and conversational intelligence through storytelling.

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of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP as an associate. He has served as a judicial law clerk for the Appellate Division of the Workers' Compensation Court and as an associate at Heald & LeBoeuf, Ltd., where he represented clients in general contract disputes throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Deacon Dennis P. McCarthy '10G of Jamaica Plain, Mass., is serving as a deacon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church, an affiliate of the Eastern Catholic Church, in Worcester. He is enrolled in an advanced theology certificate program at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He expects to be ordained to the priesthood this spring.

#### **FOLD '11**

Marissa D. Barrera '11 of Washington, D.C., joined the U.S. Senate Budget Committee as a health policy analyst, working for ranking member Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. She conducts health policy and legislative research for the committee and Sanders, as part of his larger health team. One current priority is tracking efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. She previously worked for the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Katelyn C. (Churchill) McLaughlin'11 and Joseph K. McLaughlin'11 of Mansfield, Mass., were married on June 11, 2016, at The Flying Bridge in Falmouth. Approximately 25 PC alumni attended. They met at McPhail's in their senior year. Katie is a math teacher at North Attleboro High School, and Joe works at State Street Bank.

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#### (5th Reunion — June 2-4, 2017)

Skye (Hawkins) Mendes '12 and Anthony J. Mendes '12G of West Warwick, R.I., were married on July 2, 2016, in Burrillville, R.I. They met while working in PC's Office of Academic Services when Skye was a tutor and Anthony was a graduate assistant. Currently, Skye is the assistant director of the Academic Enhancement Center at the University of Rhode Island, and Anthony is the academic coordinator for student-athletes in the OAS.

#### ₹FOLD '13

Justine L. (Rivet) Cote '13SCE of North Smithfield, R.I., was named manager of prevention for the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. In this role, she hopes to educate and add programs for brain injury awareness for schools and the community. She has worked extensively with the Autism Project and as a substitute teacher.

Kyle P. Murphy '13 & '16G of Providence, R.I., was promoted to associate athletic director for men's and women's ice hockey/Schneider Arena in the PC Department of Athletics. He spent the last two years as PC's coordinator of men's ice hockey operations. In his new position, he oversees and manages all facets of the men's and women's ice hockey programs and is responsible for the overall operation and strategic vision of Schneider Arena. Murphy played hockey for the Friars for two seasons and was a captain with the 2012-13 team.

#### **FOLD** '15

**David A. Gagnon'15** of Manchester, N.H., was sworn in as a police officer in Derry by Police Chief Edward Garone.

#### ₹FOLD '16

**Michael T. Barry, Jr. '16G** of Franklin, Mass., produced a film, *The Universal Soldier*:

Vietnam, which was named Best Feature (films over 40 minutes) at the fifth annual Nyack (N.Y.) Film Festival in August 2016. He used archival footage and interviews to tell the story of a war that continues to trouble American, South Vietnamese, and North Vietnamese soldiers. Barry hosted a screening and discussion on campus in February 2017.

Francisco J. Oller Garcia'16 of San Juan, Puerto Rico, a graduate student at the University of Tampa, was named to the board of trustees of The PMD Foundation, dedicated to those affected by Prelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease, a rare central nervous system disorder. The foundation serves those affected by PMD, supporting programs of education, research, service, and advocacy. Garcia, who is afflicted with PMD, volunteered to serve as foundation secretary and wrote an article about his journey with PMD for the foundation newsletter.

Stephen C. Graziano '16 of Mendham, N.J., is a new associate at Colliers International Group Inc., a global commercial brokerage firm in Parsippany. He specializes in office tenant and landlord representation. He previously performed property demolition and pre-construction preparation for Harrington Construction. ■

#### THREE CHEERS FOR PC ALUMNI



Jennifer Pinto '15 had a great view of Super Bowl LI in Houston as a New England Patriots cheerleader. Pinto, who was a health policy and management major and a member of the PC Dance Team, is studying to become a nurse practitioner at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.

She's not the only Patriots cheerleader to

pursue a healthcare career after leaving Providence College. **Brianna Muñoz** '12, a double major in biology and chemistry and a dance minor, was a cheerleader as a senior. After graduating with a doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2016, she entered a combined pediatric dentistry residency/master of public health program at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

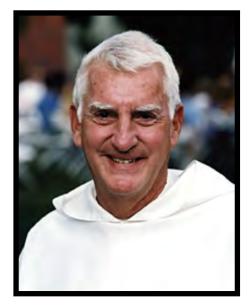
## REV. JOHN S. PETERSON, O.P. '57; ALUMNI CHAPLAIN EMBODIED PC

EV. JOHN S. PETERSON, O.P. '57, the national alumni chaplain who served Providence College in multiple capacities for 47 years, died on Jan. 11, 2017, at the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas on campus. He was 81.

One of the most revered Dominicans in the College's 100-year history, Father Peterson served as the national chaplain of the National Alumni Association for the last 10½ years of his life. He endeared himself to legions of graduates, directing a chaplaincy team that included Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61 and Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P. '60.

A member of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, Father Peterson was a priest for 54 years. He entered the Dominican Order in 1955 and was ordained on June 14, 1962, at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C. He was the brother of the late Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. '51, the College's ninth president, who served from 1971-1985.

Father Peterson began service at PC in 1964 as assistant bursar/assistant



treasurer and as an instructor in theology, which he taught for more than 20 years. Among his contributions, he was the founder of the Office of Student Financial Aid and served as College treasurer and assistant dean of admission, a role in which he coordinated the Alumni/ae Admission Associates Program for many years.

In addition to the bursar's, treasurer's, financial aid, and admission offices, he worked as a dean in the School of Continuing Education. He served as the

director of the work-study program and the pre-ecclesiastical program, and as the moderator of the Figure Skating Club.

Indeed, Father Peterson's reach was seen and felt across campus. His last responsibility likely was his dearest. As the spiritual leader of the alumni association, his ministerial efforts were unequaled, according to alumni and colleagues.

"If you had to put a face on PC and the Dominican community, you couldn't find a better one than Father John Peterson," said College historian Dr. Richard J. Grace '62, professor emeritus of history.

A native of Newark, N.J., Father
Peterson grew up in a Dominican-run
parish. He attended St. Antoninus Parish
School and St. Benedict's Preparatory
School in Newark. He attended PC from
1953-1955 as a pre-ecclesiastical student
and studied at St. Stephen Priory in
Dover, Mass., from 1956-1959, receiving
a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He
then studied theology at the Dominican
House of Studies in Washington, D.C.,
receiving the S.T.B. degree.

## IN MEMORIAM

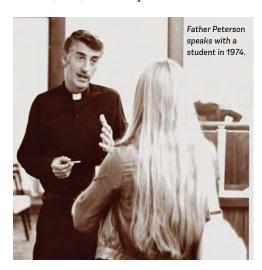
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After his ordination in 1962, Father Peterson served at St. Rose Priory and Church in Springfield, Ky., and taught religion in the parish school. He returned to PC in 1964, spending all but five of the following 52 years here.

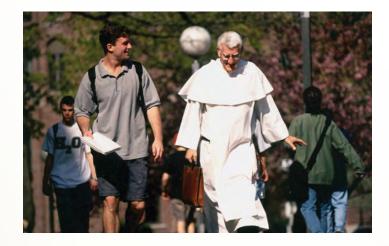
The son of the late William J. and Mathilda (Collins) Peterson, he was pre-deceased by his two older brothers, Dr. William G. Peterson and Thomas. He is survived by his Dominican brothers and by nieces and nephews.

Father Peterson's life was celebrated at a Mass of Christian Burial on Jan. 18 in St. Dominic Chapel on campus. The principal celebrant was Very Rev. Kenneth R. Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corporation. Committal followed in the Dominican Friars' Cemetery on campus.

Donations in his memory may be made to Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918, for the Fr. John S. Peterson, O.P., Scholarship Fund.



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### 'SOMEONE WHO TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES'

Alumni shared their memories of Father Peterson on Facebook and Twitter:

"Fr. John was the reason I fell in love with PC."



"Amazing how God so eloquently crammed a ten-foot-tall man into a 5'10" frame. A beautiful man who is now the perfect angel."

JOHN MARINATTO '79

"Thank you for all your support of our women's soccer team, your stories, your calming words during troubling times, and of course for driving to NJ to marry my husband and I back in 1994!"

TYNA KILBOURNE '88

"We have truly lost a saint."

Maria Brown '70

"Fr. John was a gentle, kind man who loved the College and took great care of the students. We learned to be better people through his example."

DAN MCCORMACK '85

"Such a good man. A privilege to work with him and call him my friend."

CHRIS LYDON '83

"From loaning my family his car when mine broke down near PC 20-plus years after graduating, to his support when I lost my dad 2 years ago, he was always willing to help in any way he could."

KAREN RUST HURLEY '74

"Someone who touched so many lives, dried so many tears, warmed so many hearts, and extended the hand of friendship to all in need of encouragement, consolation, and hope in their lives."

CYNTHIA RAWSON '80

"We have spent hundreds of hours chatting, as I look back. I am so blessed to have received his wisdom, encouragement to reach for my dreams, and unwavering support through any dilemma."

JENNY SLOM WILAND '08

"Fr. Peterson made sure that everyone he met knew their worth. To quote him, 'thank you for all that you [did] and all that you are.' RIP."



Paul J. Austin '63, a longtime alumni volunteer and supporter of the College, died on Feb. 26, 2017. A member of the Greater Providence Chapter of the National Alumni Association, the Mal Brown Club, he received its Mal Brown Award for service and dedication to PC in 2013. Mr. Austin was an avid fan of the Friars' men's hockey and basketball teams, regularly attended alumni and College functions, including participation in career nights, and served where asked, including on the Annual Fund Committee.

Richard A. "Dick" Ernst '61, who played hockey and tennis at PC and coached the men's tennis team from 1970-1975, died on Sept. 19, 2016. When he graduated from PC, he was presented the Mal Brown Award for sportsmanship, courage, and honor in intercollegiate

sports. Mr. Ernst was a high school teacher and coach in Rhode Island for more than half a century.

Rev. Norman Francis Haddad, O.P. '54 & 'O1Hon., a former member of the PC Board of Trustees, died on Oct. 6, 2016. Father Haddad entered the Dominican Order in its Province of St. Joseph immediately after his graduation from PC. He served as prior provincial of the province from 1997-2002, during which time he was a PC trustee, and was honored with a doctor of divinity degree from the College at its 83rd Commencement Exercises in 2001.

Gordon H. "Gordie" Holmes '61, the reserve player whose half-court basket in overtime against Notre Dame in February 1956 helped launch PC to national prominence in basketball, died on Jan. 13, 2017. He played for the Friars during the 1955-56 and 1956-57 seasons. He went on to a 35-year career in teaching and coaching, retiring from the Huntington Beach (Calif.) School Department.

Douglas J. Sullivan '74, a devoted leader and volunteer with the College's Black Alumni Committee and a former member of the PC National Alumni Association Council, died on Nov. 17, 2016. A political science major, he remained close to his *alma mater* over the decades. In addition to his volunteer service, he regularly attended College events including African-American alumni reunions, multicultural programs, and homecoming activities. Mr. Sullivan was honored for his dedication to the College with the Faithful Friar Award from the NAA in 2004.

### REV. ADRIAN G. DABASH, O.P. '62 & '63G; RETIRED PROFESSOR OF ART, FORMER CHAPLAIN



Rev. Adrian George Dabash, O.P. '62 & '63G, a retired professor of art who taught at PC for more than 35 years, died on Jan. 27, 2017. A Dominican priest for 46 years and a member of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas on campus, he

immersed himself in the life of the College for decades.

Father Dabash joined the ordinary faculty as an instructor of art in 1974 and advanced to the rank of professor, retiring in 2010. He taught sculpture and drawing classes and was an extremely talented artist himself. He created interior designs and liturgical appointments for sacred and secular spaces, on campus and elsewhere. He was active in the local and regional art scene, and he shared his passion in correctional and mental health facilities.

Father Dabash served the College for several years as assistant chaplain and from 1972-1982 as chaplain. He also was the moderator of several student clubs.

A Brooklyn, N.Y., native, he studied in the pre-ecclesiastical program at PC from 1957-1959. He continued his studies from 1960-1963 at St. Stephen Priory in Dover, Mass., where he attained bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy. Father Dabash then studied from 1963-1966 at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., receiving a pontifical bachelor's degree in theology.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 31 in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas Priory. Burial was in the Dominican Friars' Cemetery on campus.

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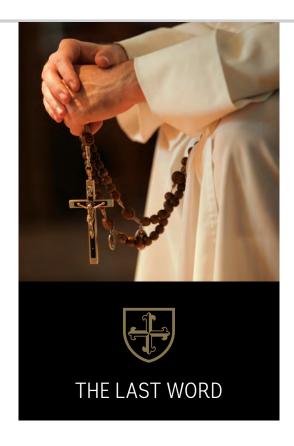
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## This Glorious Place

BY REV. KENNETH SICARD, O.P. '78 & '82G

"WHAT WILL BECOME OF YOU? A CENTURY OF
EVIDENCE SUGGESTS A PERSON OF GREAT CHARACTER,
INTELLECTUAL DEPTH, AND CREATIVE WISDOM."

- MIKE LEONARD '70 & '00HON.

Toward the end of his stirring Providence College centennial film, *The Promise of Providence*, alumni filmmaker Mike Leonard spoke directly to our students, his words describing the essential, enduring nature of PC as we simultaneously look back and look forward at this milestone anniversary.

For 100 years, the women and men of Providence College have led communities, built businesses, and raised families. They have shared God's gifts through lives of remarkable generosity, service, and evangelism — modeling the examples of the Dominicans, the professors, and the PC friends who became part of their lives forever. Our common experiences unite us, and our shared ideals, in many ways, define us.

The theme of our year-long centennial celebration is "Values That Endure." It is our common values — steady and true since 1917 — that give depth and meaning to the "great character, intellectual depth, and creative wisdom" that generations of graduates exemplify. Those values, rooted in our Catholic and Dominican traditions, and amplified in our classrooms and our community, will endure — and so will Providence College, as a place of untold value and relevance, for generations to come.

God has smiled upon Providence College throughout its history. He has provided blessings beyond measure, and we pray for His continued grace as we begin our second century, grateful to be part of this community and looking forward to a future that we may rightfully believe will be as brilliant as our glorious past.



Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G is the executive vice president and treasurer at PC.

