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BACK: Students in PC dance groups: Sitting, from left: Meghan Frazier '19 (Dance Company), Rodelyn Cherry '19 (Motherland Dance), Ashley Maitland '19 (Dance Club), Courtney Formica '19 (Dance Team), Sarah Hyman '19 (Irish Dance), and Reymond Ntiamoah '19 (Motherland Dance). Standing, from left: Clare Noone '19 (Irish Dance), Katherine Martinez '20 (Ballroom Dance), Cate Scuderi '18 (Dance Club), Nicholas Ogrinc '19 (Ballroom Dance), Maria Fonts '19 (Dance Company), and Marialena Melillo '18 (Dance Team).  
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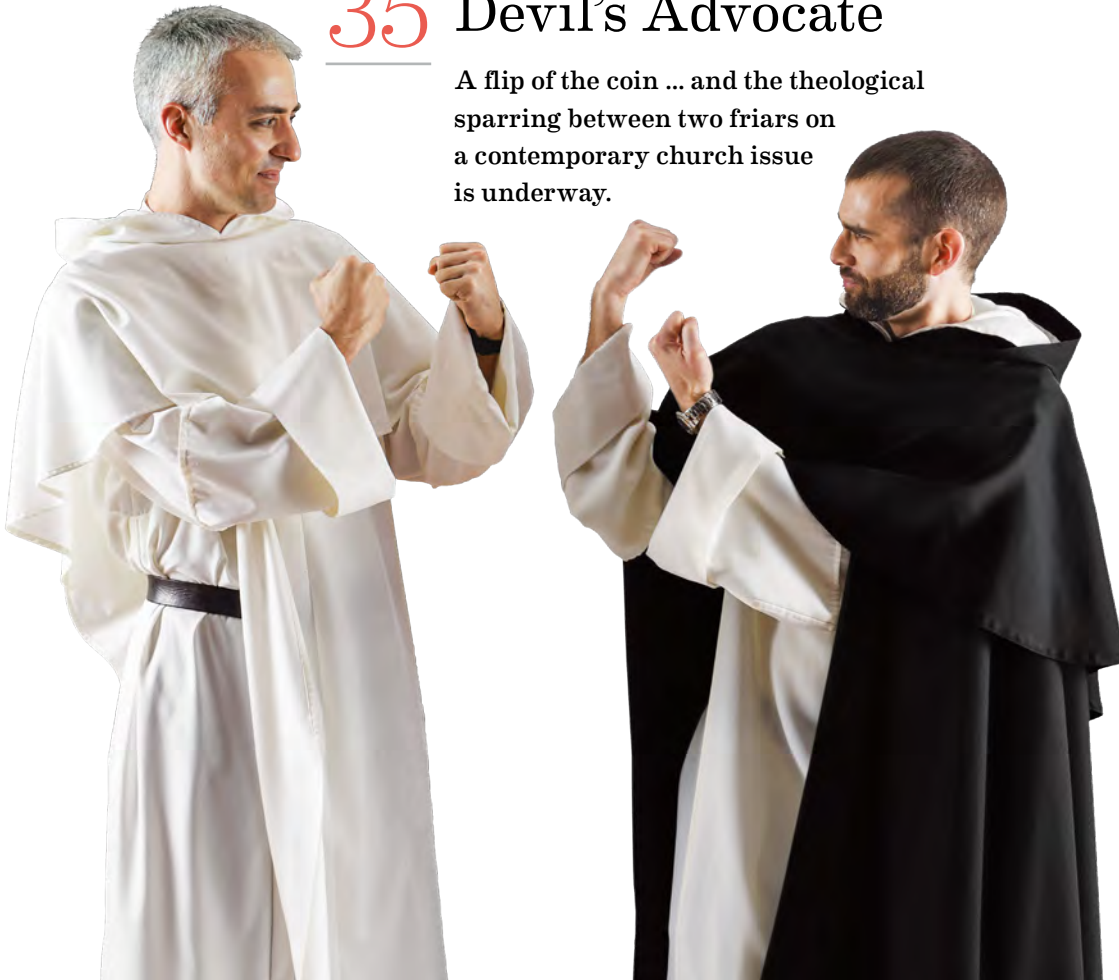
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# BUZZ

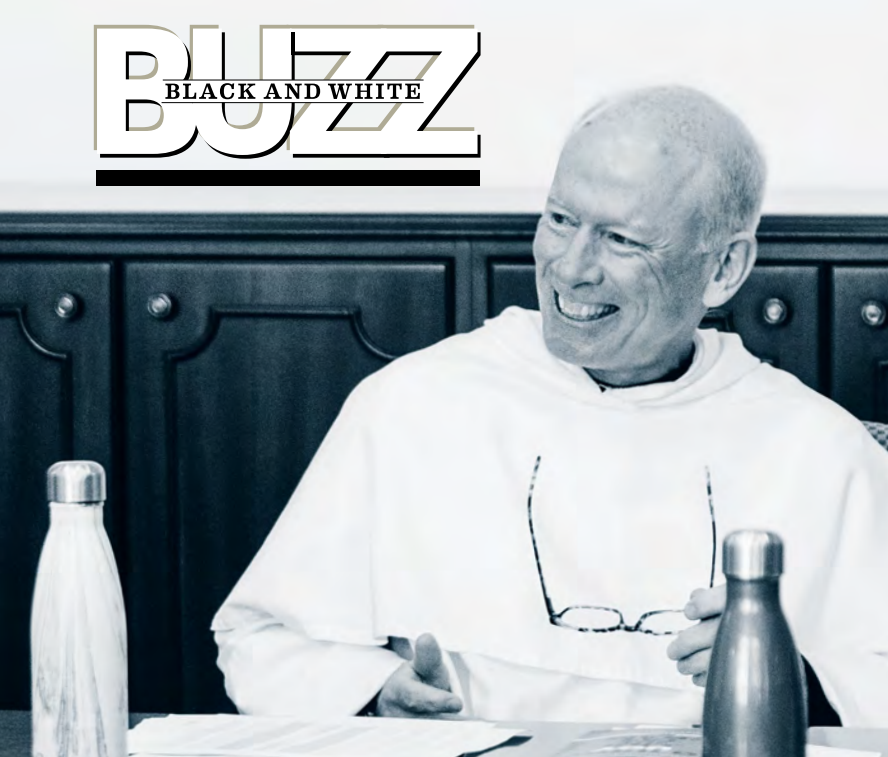
BLACK AND WHITE

## A wing and a prayer

THE “HAWKINS” FAMILY is the delight of PC photographers. For at least a decade, campus has been home to red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*) and their offspring. The National Audubon Society says hawks are widespread in Rhode Island and can be found in any terrain that provides high perches, open ground for hunting, and sufficient food, including squirrels. Most often, PC’s hawks are spotted in tree branches or seen swooping down to catch prey in their talons. For a time, a hawk family nested atop Fennell Hall. Once, a hawk memorably crashed through a window in the Aquinas Hall lounge, flew to a chair, and after a pause to recover, departed through the same window.

PHOTO BY CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G





## Time for a breather

After 13 years as College president, Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 will have a well-deserved break. Father Shanley will begin a six-month sabbatical on July 1, 2018, to “travel, read, pray, see friends I haven’t seen, and maybe write something philosophical.” In his absence, Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, executive vice president and treasurer, will be acting president.

This break punctuates a period of remarkable progress. In the last year, in addition to marking PC’s centennial, Father Shanley led the College through a successful \$185 million fundraising campaign, an extensive reaccreditation process and a visit by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and guided the progression of a new Strategic Plan that will be discussed by trustees in June. Before beginning his sabbatical, Father Shanley scheduled trips to personally thank alumni groups in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Naples, Fla., West Palm Beach, Fla., Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.



A portion of the mural in the lobby of The Center at Moore Hall

## Moore Hall rebirth

Moore Hall, which once housed classrooms for the Development of Western Civilization Program, reopened in November 2017 with a new look and purpose. The Center at Moore Hall is devoted to the College’s diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, and was renovated to contain collaboration rooms, an active learning classroom, a café and kitchen, a lounge, a dance studio, and two murals created by Philadelphia artist Betsy Casañas. The project architect was Gerald J. Sullivan '86.



## THOMSON TRIBUTE

A walkway between Phillips Memorial Library and Harkins Hall has been named Thomson Way in memory of Rev. Paul van K. Thomson '86Hon., the beloved professor who was the first director of the Liberal Arts Honors Program and helped to establish the Development of Western Civilization Program. The walkway passes by the Ruane Center for the Humanities, headquarters for both the honors program and DWC. The naming came at the request of Dr. Charles J. Goetz '61 & '12Hon., and his wife, Judith Condon Goetz. Goetz — the Joseph M. Hartfield Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Virginia — said Father Thomson showed him that “being a university professor can be one of the very best jobs in the world.”

PHOTOS/THIS PAGE: FATHER SHANLEY; JUSTIN JAMES MUIR. MURAL: CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G. THOMSON WAY: STEW MILNE.



## Dot Marcello

RAYMOND DINING HALL

BY MICHAEL HAGAN '15

### When did you start in your current role at the front register?

About seven years ago, but I've worked at the dining hall since 1998. I was happy to come out to the front — you hear so many stories. I tell the kids, "If you wouldn't tell your parents, don't tell me. But if you want good advice, I'll gladly try to give it to you." I try to advise kids — especially the freshmen. I try to be cheerful. I'm me. I get up in the morning, and I'm smiling.

### Do you find that homesick students gravitate to you?

A lot of the freshmen will say to me, "You're like my grandmother." A lot of them have never been away from home before, so it's good they think of me like that.

### Are you excited to see alumni when they come back to campus?

I love alumni weekend. I get to see how much everyone has changed and matured, and hear about their jobs and families. One student came back a few years after graduating, and I called him by name. He answered, "How do you remember me?" I said, "I'd never forget you."

### Do you sometimes do a double-take when alumni come back?

One student I knew became a priest. But then he came in for an alumni weekend, and he was married and has two children.

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### Are there any subjects you see the students studying here that you'd like to learn more about?

Probably Civ. Some people leave books behind that I start reading. I don't know why so many students don't like Civ — it seems fun. But I guess it's hard to see that when you're in the middle of it.

### How do you hope that students remember you when they leave PC?

I'd hope they say that Dot is a good person who always did her best to help and advise them. I went to the mall once and a girl said to me, "I know you." I said, "I'm Dot from PC," and she was so excited to see me. Things like that are nice. You do your best, you know? ☺



Left: Student teacher Gabrielle Randall '19 works with students in a guided reading circle at the Dundonald Primary School in Belfast. Below: Student teacher Mairéad Roche '19 admires the Friars' hockey T-shirt one of her Dundonald students tries on during a visit by the team in November 2017. PC was in Belfast for a tournament.



## Student teachers embrace distinct Belfast experience

**T**he College's Department of Elementary/Special Education marked the fourth year of a unique international study and teaching program for education majors in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in fall 2017.

Belfast is the second international location of an initiative that began for PC student teachers in Florence, Italy, in 2012. The study and teaching abroad program allows students to earn 15 credits for academic coursework, fulfill a semester's teaching practicum requirement, and immerse themselves in the life and culture of another country.

Approximately 110 students have participated in the Belfast and Florence programs in the first six years. They are among a distinct national cohort of undergraduates who study and teach abroad for a semester in their junior year. PC is one of the few U.S. higher-education institutions that offers such a program. While international student-teaching figures are scarce, the 2017 Open Doors Report produced by International Educational Exchange noted that just 3.4% of all study abroad students were education majors during academic year 2015-16.

Last fall, five students participated in the Belfast program. Student teachers took courses at Stranmillis University College and taught and observed fourth- and fifth-graders at Dundonald Primary School. The students lived in residence facilities at Stranmillis. Their semester was highlighted by a visit and school assembly with the Friars' men's hockey team, which played in a Belfast tournament in November. Also taking part in the visit were

College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 and Adrian G. Beaulieu, dean of the Center for International Studies.

Dr. Laura Boynton Hauerwas, associate professor of education and supervisor of the international student-teaching program, said the Belfast experience is balanced and packed with value. PC teachers have an intense, student-centered practicum, take academically rigorous courses, and have a "cosmopolitan" living experience being in a city with a large population of international students.

"The international experience translates to their teaching. It helps in the job search and sets them apart," said Hauerwas, who started the international study and teaching program with Dr. Lynne B. Ryan, professor of education, with assistance from Beaulieu.

Teaching in a foreign country brings a wealth of experiences and benefits, emphasized Hauerwas. Students are frequently exposed to different languages, teaching practices, and classroom environments. They become more independent, adaptive, and confident, and develop their critical-thinking skills.

"The students seemed to really enjoy my presence every day, and it made me realize that this is what I was meant to do," said one of the Belfast teachers, Samantha Guildford '19 (West Palm Beach, Fla.). "Studying in Northern Ireland was an amazing experience, and I will take everything I have learned and incorporate that into my classroom in America." ❖



LISTEN UP!

## PC PODCAST

Are you listening to the Providence College Podcast? Now in its second year, the podcast features interviews and looks into the lives of interesting members of the Friar family — students, Dominicans, faculty, staff, and alumni. Find new episodes every Monday on Apple Podcasts, SoundCloud, Stitcher, Google Play, YouTube, and at [news.providence.edu/video/podcasts](https://news.providence.edu/video/podcasts). If you want to catch up, here are some suggestions:

### ▶ Bob Driscoll

Associate Vice President and Athletics Director



### ▶ Dr. Sylvia Maxfield

Dean of the Providence College School of Business



### ▶ Phionna-Cayola Claude '18

President of Student Congress



### Applications streak continues

The College received a record number of applications for the new incoming class for the fourth consecutive year. Applications for the Class of 2022 totaled 11,414 — an increase of 1.5 percent over last year.



### PC ranked as a 'best value' school

*Kiplinger* rated Providence College among its “300 Best College Values” rankings for 2018. PC placed #261 in the rankings, which weigh affordability and academic quality.

The Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies



### School of Business rated among best

The Providence College School of Business continues to hold its place among the best undergraduate business programs in the country. The online publication *Poets & Quants for Undergrads* placed PCSB at #63 among only 82 schools that made the ranking. *Poets & Quants* uses a comprehensive methodology that measures equally admission standards, academic excellence, and employment outcomes. In addition, the PCSB's MBA Program jumped from 166 to 118 in the *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of part-time graduate business programs for 2019.



Gabriela Short '18, left, and Aura Rexach '20 coordinated a fundraiser for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico on the lawn of the Smith Center for the Arts.

### PC reaches out to hurricane victims

**P**rovidence College lent a hand to those impacted when Hurricane Maria struck the Caribbean in September 2017. Students from Puerto Rico coordinated an online fundraiser, a benefit concert on the Smith Center for the Arts lawn, a grilled cheese run, and T-shirt sales that brought in more than \$10,000 for relief efforts, said one of the organizers, Gabriela Short '18 (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico). Of PC's 29 students from Puerto Rico, 15 received more than \$63,500 in grants from the Angel Fund, which helps students who experience unexpected financial hardship to continue their PC educations. The Office of Admission also waived application fees for prospective students from Puerto Rico as well as those from other communities affected by disaster on a case-by-case basis. 🇵🇷



# PC NEWS

Dr. Thomas F. Strasser does some final analysis on the engravings in the Asphendou Cave in Crete in summer 2017.



## Strasser discovers oldest-known art in Greece

**DR. THOMAS F. STRASSER**, professor of art history and an expert in Greek archaeology, discovered the first Palaeolithic (Ice Age) art ever found in Greece in summer 2016. Strasser recently announced his findings about the Asphendou Cave on the island of Crete, where he has conducted research for more than 20 years. The research was published in *The Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

Carved into the cave's floor is a jumble of engravings that had eluded dating, even though they were discovered and published more than 45 years ago. By comparing the first, and partially obscured, depictions of animals to recent fossil discoveries, Strasser noticed they portrayed a deer that went extinct more than 12,000 years ago. Modern photogrammetry and fossil evidence now date the first layer of this discovery to the last Ice Age.

"This discovery ... deepens the history of art in Greece by many thousands of years," said Strasser. "These are like an eyewitness account of Ice Age Crete."



## \$125,000 NSF award funds study of rats in urban areas

**Dr. Jonathan Richardson**, assistant professor of biology, received a \$125,310 award from the National Science Foundation to study the movement of rats in cities. As an NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research fellow, he is among a select group of non-tenured faculty members chosen to

develop their research through extended collaborative visits to premier academic research centers. His was the only project funded at a primarily undergraduate institution. Richardson and a PC student will spend the summers of 2018 and 2019 at Fordham University in New York City conducting research on his project, "Comparative Cityscape Genomics of Rats in Four Major Cities." Using genetic data, they will compare the movement of rats in New York, Vancouver, New Orleans, and Salvador, Brazil, providing insights that officials will use to reduce urban rat populations and lower potential disease risks for people.

## Sharing of research at heart of Israel fellowship

**Dr. Mary O'Keeffe**, associate professor of psychology, was one of 25 U.S. professors selected for the Jewish National Fund and Media Watch International's 2017 Inaugural Winter Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel. The fellows spent 12 days traveling throughout Israel to establish collaborations among themselves and Israeli academics and to share and develop their own research projects. O'Keeffe and her cohorts interacted with Israelis from all walks of life and immersed themselves in local culture and society.

## Coveted fellowship awarded for book project



An award of more than \$50,000 from the American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship will support a project by **Dr. Sharon Ann Murphy**, professor of history. The prestigious ACLS fellowship — the funding rate for the most recent cycle was just 6.5% of

submissions — will allow Murphy to take a sabbatical beginning this fall to work on her book, *Banking on Slavery in the Antebellum South*.

Murphy received additional support for her project from two other funding sources. She was given an American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant of \$3,000 to aid travel and photo reproduction services of key collections at the APS Library in Philadelphia. She also was named a recipient of a 2018 Hugh L. McColl Library Fund Research Fellowship in order to conduct a 10-day visit to the Wilson Library's Special Collections at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Journal article merits Stanley Jackson Prize

**Dr. Todd M. Olszewski**, assistant professor of health policy and management, earned the 13th annual Stanley Jackson Prize for an article he wrote in the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. The prize, named for the journal's late editor, recognizes the best paper to appear in the journal in the previous three years. The article, "The Causal Conundrum: The Diet-Heart Debates and the Management of Uncertainty in American Medicine," examined how medical professionals have debated the causal link between diet and coronary artery disease since the 1950s. ¶

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# Scholar Power

**DR. EDWARD SZADO**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

**HIGHEST DEGREE:** Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst

**EXPERTISE:** risk management, derivatives, sustainable and responsible investing, and alternative investments

**NEWSWORTHY:** Szado, a chartered financial analyst and pro-bono director of research at the Institute for Global Asset and Risk Management, is a former options trader. He has consulted extensively with industry and government, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the Options Industry Council, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute, and the Chartered Alternative Investment Analysts Association. In 2017, he was awarded three grants from the Chicago Board Options Exchange to do research on volatility investing and the use of derivatives in mutual funds.

**QUOTABLE:** “I enjoy bringing my industry experience into the classroom and challenging students with real-life projects. I feel that extending learning beyond the limitations of textbooks gives my students a fuller understanding of the investing landscape.”

**HOBBIES:** Restoring vintage cars and motorcycles, playing bass and guitar, cooking, and making sculpture and furniture

**YEARS AT PC:** 4

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“I ENJOY BRINGING MY INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE INTO THE CLASSROOM AND CHALLENGING STUDENTS WITH REAL-LIFE PROJECTS.”



Sarah Mealey '17, foreground, and Peter Saunders '17, right, pause while sampling aquatic life and checking water quality during an outdoor lab in Warren, R.I., with Dr. Jonathan L. Richardson, left, and his Wildlife Biology and Conservation course.

# FIELD DAY

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR



Indoor laboratories equipped with technology are essential to scientific research. But when it comes to natural history — the study and observation of animals and plants in their habitats — nothing beats being outdoors. From a freshwater pond in Warren, R.I., to flowering rain gardens on PC's 105-acre campus, students are engaging in authentic field research, guided by professors who understand the importance of learning beyond the lab and lecture hall.





The bioswale, or rain garden, surrounding the outdoor classroom near the Science Complex provides a variety of plants for students to analyze in a new interdisciplinary course, Field Botany: Observing Nature. Clockwise, from top left: Jordan Saunders '18 sketches in a field notebook with Lynn M. Curtis, assistant professor of art; Dr. Maia F. Bailey, associate professor of biology, accompanies students near the bioswale; Emily McQuaid '19 works on a sketch; and Bailey instructs Sandra-Kelly Atkinson '18, left, and Allison Andrade '20.



# Natural Learning

IN A FRESHWATER POND IN WARREN, as water lapped at their waders, students studying Wildlife Biology and Conservation with Dr. Jonathan L. Richardson took samples of aquatic organisms and water quality. They also trapped and released small mammals around the pond to estimate the number of species, their abundance, and how they're distributed in habitats.

"Every Thursday we were outside in the field getting our hands dirty," said Richardson, an assistant professor of biology who joined the faculty in 2014. "I am a firm believer that you can't learn much just by reading a textbook and listening in a classroom."

Students in another Richardson course, Freshwater Biology, ventured out in boats to sample water chemistry and animal communities at Georgiaville Pond in Smithfield and the West River in Providence. They studied alewife populations on the Monument River near Cape Cod and visited a fish hatchery in Connecticut.

"I wanted a lab that wasn't a standard lab. I wanted to do something different," said Richardson. "I've had a handful of students that spend a lot of time outdoors and love that component, but for the majority, there definitely was some getting comfortable with the idea of doing something outside. I was convinced at least two students had never been on a hiking trail before."

"That is part of what I find important. It's the last chance I'll have to expose them to things they'll never be exposed to again. Even if they're initially uncomfortable in a foreign environment, it's a huge win."

Other professors bring students outdoors, too. Dr. Maia F. Bailey, associate professor of biology, and Lynn M. Curtis, assistant professor of art, teamed up during the Fall 2017 semester to teach Field Botany: Observing Nature. Bailey,

who joined the faculty in 2007, was a biology major and fine arts minor in college. Curtis, who has taught at PC since 1998, is an avid gardener and the daughter of a microbiologist and a bacteriologist, and often teaches biology majors in her art classes.

During the weekly lab, students used the outdoor science classroom, adjacent to the Science Complex, to observe and draw plants growing in a bioswale, or rain garden. Curtis miniaturized an artist's kit for each of them, complete with a field notebook, pencils, pens, watercolors, brushes, and erasers. Bailey sketched alongside them.

"Drawing is a mindfulness activity, a slowing down, observing, getting your own personal feel for the organism," Bailey said. "Students don't get a lot of that."

The class took field trips to the Nature Lab at the Rhode Island School of Design and to the Botanical Center at Roger Williams Park, both in Providence.

"More and more students do not have a personal relationship with nature, which makes it hard to teach biology," Bailey said. "Students may have personal relationships with pets, or have a parent who gardens, but are unfamiliar with nature. If we want students to be conservationists, if we want them to

be less anxious, if we want them to be good scientists, they need that relationship, and that personal, aesthetic experience."

At first, the professors had to discourage the students from photographing the plants with their phones, then sketching them from photos on the screen.

"Even though we have photography, and photography does some things really well, drawing is a process that involves more than your eyes," said Curtis. "Observations register differently when you draw. You have a physical, three-dimensional understanding of the subject."

Curtis showed students Charles Darwin's field sketches as examples.

"I love working with science professors who study real physical things in the world, particularly the visible, natural world," said Curtis.

"We hope to whet students' curiosity and appetite for asking questions about the world," said Bailey. "We need to reclaim natural history as part of our formal teaching." ❖

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— DR. MAIA F. BAILEY

From left: Marcie Mai '18, Simran Madhani '18, and Phionna-Cayola Claude '18 lead the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, Friars Club, and Student Congress, respectively.



# F O L

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*For the first time in Providence College's 100-year history, the leaders of three top student organizations — Student Congress, Friars Club, and Board of Multicultural Student Affairs — are women of color.*

# LOW

THE LEADERS 

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR



## PHIONNA-CAYOLA CLAUDE '18

STUDENT CONGRESS IS IN ITS 68TH YEAR, but this marks the first time that its executive president, whether male or female, has been a student of color.

“It’s something to be acknowledged, especially since the institution has been around for 100 years,” Claude said. “But I’m more than just that. I would be cheating myself if that was all I was defined as. Student Congress has an all-female executive board. How do we create a legacy that’s bigger than us? That’s the journey I want to be proud of in May.”

Claude, a psychology major and French minor from Dedham, Mass., is fluent in Haitian-Creole. Her parents are natives of Haiti. Her brother, a Boston College graduate, convinced her

to apply to PC, which he had visited during his own college search.

Claude is employed by the Office of Residence Life as head resident director for the Davis and Bedford residence halls, supervising a staff of seven resident assistants.

One of her passions is spoken word, a style of poetry that mimics rap in its rhythmic delivery. She writes verse to relieve stress, and during her first year at PC, founded Believers of Words, a

spoken word club that performs at campus events.

Leadership is not new to Claude, who’s been class president since seventh grade. She didn’t plan to become involved in student government at PC, but she happened to walk through Slavin Center when elections were taking place her first year and decided to run for president. She was elected president again as a sophomore and vice president of Student Congress as a junior.

“Being outgoing helps,” Claude said. “It’s personal interactions. It’s something I love to work on — being flexible and able to adjust to social situations and environments. I place myself in different groups to be able to understand their needs. There are so many humans around us. There is so much to learn from them. Start a conversation. Exchange words.”

“I’ve been growing as a leader,” Claude said. “I haven’t perfected it yet.”

## SIMRAN MADHANI '18

MADHANI IS PRESIDENT OF FRIARS CLUB, the College’s premier service organization and one of its oldest clubs, dating to 1928. She is the first president of color in club history. Friars Club elected its first female president in 1988, more than 15 years after PC became co-educational. The last female president was elected in 2008.

“I think being a woman president of Friars Club, as well as a Muslim president of a Christian service organization, has given me the platform to show the accepting nature of students in the club,” Madhani said. “It’s definitely significant in terms of where the school started. One hundred years later, there are four women heads of campus clubs,” including Elizabeth Jancsy '18 (Marblehead, Mass.), president of the Board of Programmers.

Friars Club has worked to have its membership reflect the growing diversity of the student body.



“I think we have done well, but we are always trying to do better,” Madhani said. “It’s a predominantly white school. The club is moving in the right direction, being accepting of everyone. There is room for improvement in all areas. As the population increases, we have more applicants. I hope, going forward, it is better for prospective students.”

Madhani is a health policy and management major with minors in public and community service studies and business studies. She has interned with the Senate Policy Office in the Rhode Island State House, writing and researching for the Committee on Health and Human Services. During junior year, she studied abroad in London and Kingston, Jamaica, comparing health care systems with that of the United States. She also is a student worker in PC’s Office of Institutional Advancement.

Her parents, natives of Pakistan, moved to Dallas as young adults. Her sister studies at Barnard College, and her brother is in seventh grade.

At PC, “I’ve been given the platform to be Muslim on a predominantly Catholic campus, and to be comfortable, welcomed with open arms,” said Madhani.

Those who ask about her faith have been “curious, not malicious,” she said. “I’ve been happy to have the opportunity in class to speak if I have something to add.”



## MARCIE MAI '18

THE BOARD OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS is an umbrella organization that oversees 15 cultural clubs on campus and sponsors some of the most well-attended student events. Mai served on the Events Committee as a sophomore, was vice president of the executive board as a junior, and then ran successfully for president.

She grew up in a close-knit family in Methuen, Mass. Her parents immigrated from Vietnam and spoke Vietnamese at home. Her older sister, a graduate of the University of Connecticut, is a surgical neurophysiologist. Her younger sister, studying at Ithaca College, hopes to be a physical therapist. The sisters always have been each other’s role models.

At college, “you struggle with your identity, socially, fitting in, and then knowing what you want to do for the rest of your life,” Mai said. “Culturally, it was very different here. My dad always told me growing up, ‘Marcie, you have black hair, you have to work

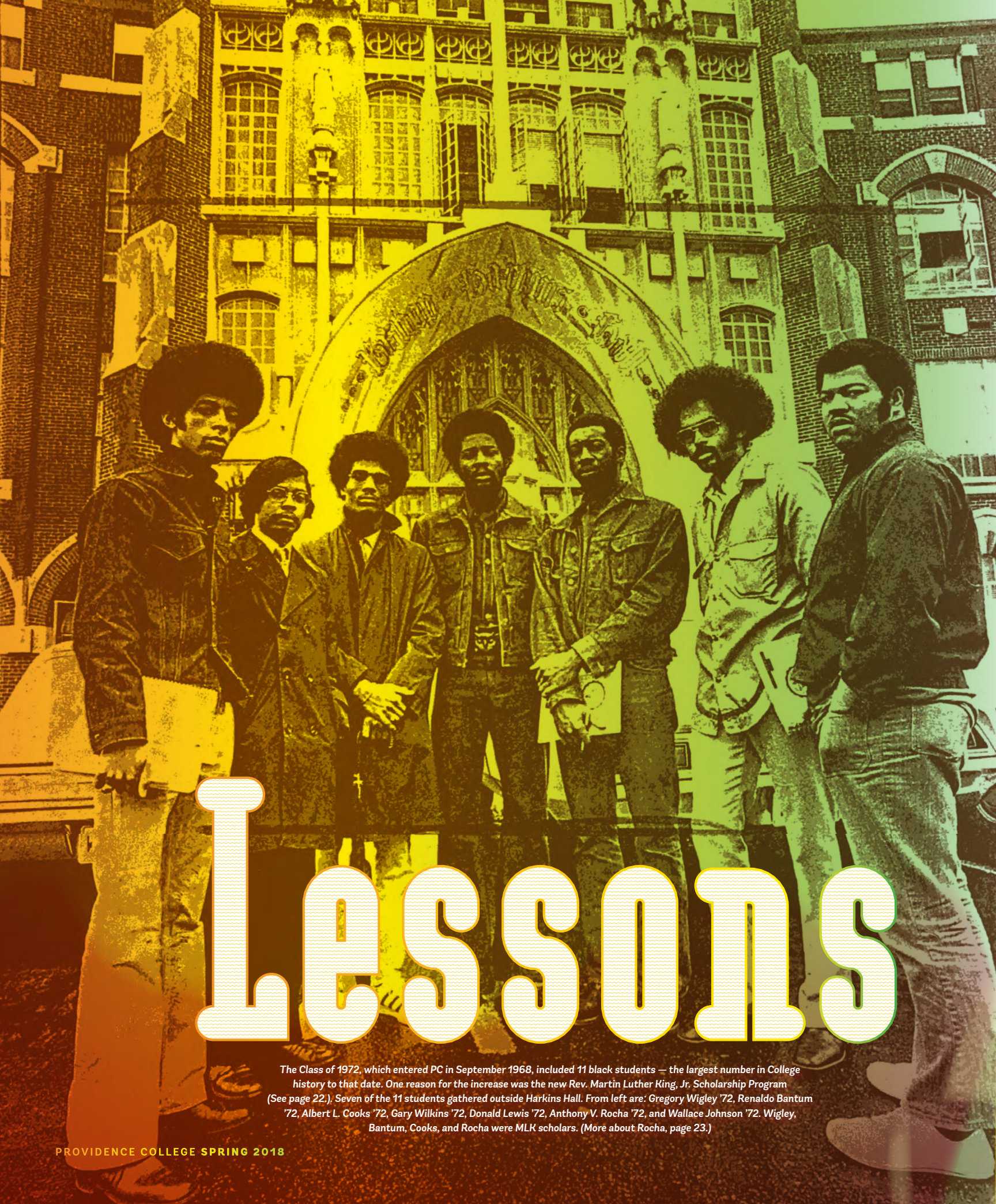
twice as hard,’ being a woman, and a minority. It has challenged me to be a better person.

“My parents came here for a different future for their children,” Mai said. “It gave me a different motivation. I am very focused on my future.”

Mai majors in both health policy and management and sociology. Through PC’s global service-learning courses, she has traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, to study Social Infrastructures in South Africa; Tijuana, Mexico, to study Global Border Crossings; and Nicaragua to study Foreign Aid. She worked as a resident assistant in McVinney Hall and was an admission ambassador.

“People always say you’re going to change in college, but nobody ever says how you’re going to feel about that,” Mai said. “In high school, I was quiet. I didn’t know myself well, but I had silent confidence. Now I know what I want. I’m not afraid to speak up.”

“I don’t think college is the best four years of your life,” Mai said. “PC helped me develop to be the person I am today, but I know this is just the beginning.” ■



# LESSONS

The Class of 1972, which entered PC in September 1968, included 11 black students — the largest number in College history to that date. One reason for the increase was the new Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program (See page 22.). Seven of the 11 students gathered outside Harkins Hall. From left are: Gregory Wigley '72, Renaldo Bantum '72, Albert L. Cooks '72, Gary Wilkins '72, Donald Lewis '72, Anthony V. Rocha '72, and Wallace Johnson '72. Wigley, Bantum, Cooks, and Rocha were MLK scholars. (More about Rocha, page 23.)



## How we study a turbulent decade

DR. MARY BELLHOUSE, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, teaches The Politics of the 1960s in America, a four-credit, four-hour course that meets once a week. Students study the civil rights movement, the war in Vietnam, and the counterculture to understand issues of race, foreign policy, and human rights in the United States today.

The course “requires students to reflect on the events of the 1960s, and to think hard about our contemporary condition,” Bellhouse said.

Each class is a combination of lecture, discussion, film (*Eyes on the Prize*, *The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution*, *Hearts and Minds*), and music (Bob Dylan’s “Oxford Town,” Nina Simone’s “Backlash Blues,” Phil Ochs’ “I’m Going to Say It Now”). Texts include *The Unfinished Journey: America Since World War II*, by William Chafe, and *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O’Brien.



Clockwise, from bottom left: In October 1965, Christopher Dodd '66 & '83Hon., later a U.S. senator from Connecticut, organized a pro-war demonstration by college students at the State House in Providence; PC students participate in the national Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam in October 1969; in a photo from the 1971 Veritas, a student's shirt demonstrates support for both peace and black power; and 1st Lt. Gerald J. Hughes '68 shares Christmas fruitcake with local children while serving as a Green Beret in Vietnam in December 1969. (See page 21.).



# of the Sixties

PHOTOS FROM THE PC ARCHIVES/STORIES BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING



Dr. Robert H. Trudeau in 1973

Bellhouse was an undergraduate student from 1965-1969. She remembers bus trips to Washington, D.C., to participate in war protests. During April and May 1968, when she was a junior at Columbia University, the campus was shut down by students protesting the university's ties to the war and its alleged racism, and teach-ins took place.

"Those events were such a big part of my college education," Bellhouse said.

PC students have been studying the Sixties since 1996, when Dr. Robert H. Trudeau introduced a special topics course, Politics and the Sixties. He continued to teach it until his retirement in 2010. Now professor *emeritus* of political science, he has written a book, *The Grateful Dead's 100 Essential Songs: The Music Never Stops*, which will be published this spring.

"If you want to understand contemporary politics, it's useful to look at what happened in the Sixties," Trudeau said.

The period we call the Sixties really began in 1964 with the arrival of the Beatles and ended with America's

withdrawal from Vietnam in 1973, Trudeau said. When the period began, Trudeau was a Peace Corps volunteer in Central America. In 1968, a year that opened with the Tet offensive in Vietnam and included the assassinations of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, he was a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Trudeau campaigned for Eugene McCarthy, the anti-war candidate, for president. But at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, where anti-war protesters and police battled in the streets, Vice President Hubert Humphrey won the nomination.

"We realized in 1968 that decisions were not being made on the basis of moral good, but on power, and on office-holders staying in office," Trudeau said. "The takeaway is about power and social movements, and speaking truth to power, and that power won, and the truth did not."

Dr. Darra Mulderry, coordinator of post-graduate fellowships at PC, teaches *Genealogy of the 1960s: A Seminar on Postwar U.S. Culture and Ideas*, a history course that is open to undergraduate and graduate students as well as those in the School of Continuing Education. Ages can range from 22 to 75, she said.

"The students at the latter end of that range lived the 1960s, and their contributions to the seminar are uniquely valuable," Mulderry said.

"Young adults still flock to study the 1960s," she said. "I think that this is

because so many feel an affinity for a time when persons their age were cultural and political change-makers."

Paul J. Plumitallo '17, a political science major who took Bellhouse's course during his junior year, said it inspired his work today. Plumitallo works for the Center for Court Innovation at Midtown Community Court in Manhattan. He helps fathers who do not have custody of their children find jobs, fix their credit problems, and learn parenting skills.

Bellhouse's course "was the most engaging and eye-opening course I took in four years at Providence," said Plumitallo. "While it taught me about history and filled my head with plenty of useful information, it also had an emotional impact. I've been motivated to understand and address the injustices that plague our society to this day." ❖



The cover of a flyer introduces the new Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Program that was established at PC in 1968.

**"THE TAKEAWAY** IS ABOUT POWER AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, AND SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER, AND THAT POWER WON, AND THE TRUTH DID NOT." -DR. ROBERT H. TRUDEAU

## Lessons of war

**THE WAR IN VIETNAM DOMINATED THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION IN THE 1960S.** Students and professors took part in anti-war protests, such as the Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam in October 1969. But, while some were protesting, others were serving — “not because we were pro-war, but because we were pro-country,” said Ronald Regan ’68.

Regan, an accountancy major, enlisted after graduation. He still recalls the day, when reviewing the list of fallen soldiers in the military newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, he saw the name of his classmate, Army Lt. Thomas Patrick Gill, III ’68, killed in action on Dec. 7, 1969.

Lt. Gill, from Pawtucket, had planned to study law, Regan said. He was one of 10 alumni who died in Vietnam. The Class of 1966 dedicated a memorial on campus to all of them.

Of the 58,220 American casualties in Vietnam, more than two-thirds — 39,361 — occurred between 1967-1969. The year 1968 was the worst of all: 16,592 deaths. It also was the year that 96 second lieutenants were commissioned through ROTC as part of their PC graduation.

Military service was a family tradition for many, including Col. Gerald F. Dillon ’68 & ’74G. (His father, James J. Dillon ’32 & ’36G, served in the Navy during World War II, and his son, Col. Ryan S. Dillon ’95, is the defense spokesman for Iraq and Syria.) At 22, Dillon commanded Charlie Company, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, in the 101st Airborne. In May 1970, during “the longest three days of my life,” he was wounded in fighting that killed 15 men.

“Our generation was raised to always respect authority,” Dillon said. “The real world is a harsh teacher. We certainly learned to become a little more circumspect, and skeptical, later on.”



Then-Capt. Gerald F. Dillon ’68 & ’74G, right, receives his second Silver Star and the Purple Heart at an awards ceremony at Camp Eagle, Vietnam, in 1970.

Dillon received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. He returned to PC to teach military science in ROTC and to earn a master’s degree in educational counseling. He is retired after a 30-year Army career. He was posted to Germany and Egypt and taught at the Army Ranger School, Naval War College, and U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

When Gerald J. Hughes ’68 was in ROTC, his younger brother, Mark, was already serving in Vietnam.

“We’re baby boomers,” Hughes said. “Most of our fathers were in World War II. We grew up with that mentality. Serving your country was the right thing to do.”

Hughes was a Green Beret who led 40 men in infantry combat. After serving, he earned an MBA from Seton Hall University and worked in corporate employee benefit consulting for 30 years. Most recently, he helped establish the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Key West, Fla. He said he has the deepest respect for all classmates who served.

“I read a thousand books after Vietnam to try to understand what it was about,” said Hughes. “Do I have an answer for the whole thing? No. But I understand it a lot more. I have to say, percentage-wise, most of us would go back to Vietnam and do it all again, even knowing what we know now. But we’d rather fight it our way this time.” ❏



## The dream endures

### REGRET.

That’s what Dr. Francis P. MacKay, associate professor of chemistry, felt when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968. MacKay regretted that he had not done more to support the civil rights leader’s struggle, through non-violent methods, to end discrimination against black people in the United States.

MacKay decided to ask fellow faculty members to contribute to a scholarship fund that would allow black students to attend PC. He invited Dr. Mark N. Rerick, professor of chemistry, to join him. When they learned that Dr. René M. Fortin ’55, professor of English, was raising funds, too, the three combined efforts.

Faculty were asked to contribute one half of 1 percent of their annual salary by payroll deduction. Not one who was asked declined.

“When we had collected enough for four scholarships, we went to the administration and asked them to match what

we had done,” said MacKay, who retired in 2001. “They more than matched it. We started with 12 scholarships and a summer bridge program. I don’t know how many programs were started by contributions from faculty, but that’s the way ours started.”

The professors also found support from Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. ’46 & ’82Hon., vice president for institutional development. Weeks before Dr. King’s assassination, Father Morris wrote a memo proposing that the College establish a scholarship program for black students in keeping with its mission to make a college education possible for first-generation students.

Father Morris became the scholarship program’s first director. In January, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the MLK Scholarship Program at PC, the College presented the first MLK Vision Awards to MacKay and, posthumously, to Dr. Rerick, Dr. Fortin, and Father Morris.

Since 1968, the College has awarded an estimated 700 MLK scholarships, including 100 to students now attending PC.

“It has persisted and it has blossomed,” said MacKay. “It’s gratifying to see.”

## Dr. King’s daughter visits campus

**DR. BERNICE A. KING**, the youngest child of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited campus in January to share her father’s message of love, non-violence, and hope for a “beloved community” in a presentation to students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

King’s visit highlighted Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation Week at PC. She was 5 when her father was assassinated. Today, she maintains his legacy as chief executive officer of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. She is a graduate of Spelman College and holds a master of divinity degree and a doctor of law degree from Emory University.

In her father’s vision of a beloved community, there is no such thing as an “absence of conflict,” but all can agree to embrace non-violence, King said.



“At the core of it is unconditional love,” King said. “It is woven into the very fabric of our religious tradition that people, all people, every person, is created in the *imago dei*, the image of God. ... When I approach anything that separates and divides us, I look at you not as an enemy, not as an adversary, not as a stranger, but I look at you through the eyes of God and treat you as a brother or sister.”

PHOTOS: MACKAY: STEW MILNE. BERNICE KING: ASHLEY MCCABE.



## First MLK scholar became a physician

WHEN ANTHONY V. ROCHA, M.D. '72 was a child growing up in Providence and said he wanted to be a physician one day, people usually responded: "That's a nice dream, but you may never get it."

Rocha didn't know any black doctors in the 1950s and 1960s. His father died when he was 13. His mother worked cleaning homes. His older brothers and sisters became role models by marrying and working to support themselves. Though he excelled at Hope High School and was accepted to colleges, there was no money for his education.

But then something unexpected happened. Providence College offered Rocha its Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship, implemented in September 1968. It would cover the cost of his tuition, dormitory, and meals for all four years.

It was a dream come true.

"PC made an incredible commitment to the black and minority students," Rocha said. "They were the only college that extended a hand like that."

A biology major, Rocha was the only student of color in his program through four years.

"I didn't see any of the other minority students until supertime," Rocha said. "But I never had a problem with any of the students. They were very endearing and very helpful. We worked as a team to get through."

Eleven black students, the largest number in College history, were among the 515 graduates in the Class of 1972. They included the first five MLK scholars: Rocha; Renaldo Bantum '72, an English major from Philadelphia; Albert L. Cooks '72, a history major from New York, N.Y.;



Gerald J. Ramos '72, an English major from Providence; and Gregory Wigley '72, a general social studies major from Providence.

After PC, Rocha graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine. He completed a three-year residency at Rhode Island Hospital, then opened an internal medicine practice in East Providence, where he has worked for more than 40 years. He often sees the grandchildren of his original patients. One day a week, he treats people dealing with opioid addiction.


Rocha is a born-again Christian. His wife, Kathleen, is a nurse who runs his office. He is the father of a son and three stepchildren.

"I could not have fulfilled my dream if PC had not extended the financial help they gave me," Rocha said. "They were pace-setters back then, and they continue to be." ❧

*PUT  
SOME  
SPRING  
IN YOUR  
STEP*

PHOTOS BY *KARIN MICHELE DAILEY*

Dance is so popular at Providence College that studio space is booked to capacity. We invited students from *Dance Company, Dance Team, Dance Club, Ballroom Dance, Irish Dance, Motherland Dance, and Step Team* to participate in a photo session with a professional photographer on a Saturday afternoon in January. Their precision, enthusiasm, and skills were breathtaking.



Lela Biggus '18 (Oak Park, Ill.) has been a member of **DANCE COMPANY**, the College's premier dance performance group, since her first year at PC. A dancer since age 3, she also plays ukulele and loves creative writing. She's a global studies major who spent a semester studying in Argentina.

Madeline Mulligan '21 (Flourtown, Pa.), inset, is one of 35 students taking part in **IRISH DANCE**. Members are shown here in their black performance outfits and soft shoes. Mulligan plans to study political science, attend law school, and become a district attorney. Irish Dance celebrates her heritage. Three of her grandparents were born in Ireland, and she spent a summer in Donegal with her family.



Lessons in waltz, foxtrot, swing, and cha-cha are benefits for **BALLROOM DANCE** members Katherine Martinez '20 (Stamford, Conn.) and Nicholas Ogrinc '19 (Lebanon, N.H.). Martinez studies biology and public and community service studies, and she spent spring break on a service-learning trip to Guatemala. Ogrinc is a double major in English and philosophy who spent a semester in Jordan.



*“IT’S SO  
FREE  
AND SO FUN.”* —NICHOLAS OGRINC '19

The dance routines and colorful dashikis of **MOTHERLAND DANCE** celebrate African culture. From left are Marvin Taveras '19 (Lynn, Mass.), a public and community service studies major; Steve Lawrence '21 (Brooklyn, N.Y.), who has not declared a major; and Alvin Johnson '21 (Pawtucket, R.I.), an accountancy major.



Jada-Iman Williams '18 (Bronx, N.Y.) is a member of **STEP TEAM**, PC's newest dance group, which features intensive, rhythmic movement using stomps and claps, and had its origins in communication among slaves. Williams is a biology major who works as a student athletic trainer at PC. She hopes to study orthopedic medicine after graduation.

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**STEP  
TEAM**

A dancer since age 3, Ashley Maitland '19 (Norwalk, Conn.), below, likes the variety of genres offered through **DANCE CLUB**, where membership frequently reaches 75. She favors hip-hop, lyrical, and contemporary but, as a member of Motherland Dance as well, enjoys routines from African culture, too. The psychology major, who belongs to the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, hopes to be a child psychiatrist.



Devon Guanci '19 rehearses a routine with Dance Company, which has approximately two-dozen members and puts on a concert each semester.

#### DANCE MINOR:

## ACADEMIC GROUNDING

PC's dance minor, offered since 2001, teaches students about the theory and practice of dance, including dance technique, composition, history, and criticism.

"It's a way for students who are passionate about dance to continue their dance education while pursuing a different major," said Dr. Wendy R. Oliver, professor of dance and chair of the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film. "It's for students who want the credential on their transcripts, who want to continue to study, and not just perform. Offering a minor is a great way to solidify people's interest in the arts and give an academic grounding to what they do already as performers."

Through the years, students who majored in such diverse majors as chemistry, biology, education, and health policy and management have minored in dance, said Oliver. She has taught at PC since 1985 and has an Ed.D. in dance education from Columbia University and a master of fine arts degree from Temple University.

The department also offers a Children's Dance course to prepare teachers. Students teach a six-week unit on creative movement and dance to children in Providence public and parochial schools. Many who take part are education majors and dance minors.



Being upside down while performing an aerial is nothing new to Kathryn Printer '18 (Coventry, R.I.), a four-year member of **DANCE TEAM**. The team, part of PC athletics, revs up the crowd at home men's and women's basketball games and tournaments. A psychology major, Printer mentors middle school students at San Miguel School in Providence and is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

A cheerleader with blonde hair, wearing a black leotard with "PROVIDENCE" written on the back, is performing an aerial in a gymnasium. She is upside down, with her legs extended upwards and her arms holding silver pom-poms. The gymnasium has a wooden floor, a ballet barre, and large windows in the background. Sunlight streams in from the windows, creating shadows on the floor.

*“I’M A  
HUGE  
FRIARS  
FAN.”*

—KATHRYN PRINTER '18

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MAGAZINE](http://NEWS.PROVIDENCE.EDU/MAGAZINE)



# NEXT STEPS

## Dance is a lifetime passion.

Some alumni dance professionally, start their own dance schools, or simply find a way to practice their art around careers and families. Here's a look at four graduates who have found unusual ways to pursue their love of dance.



### Tammy Colucci '92

Tammy Colucci '92 is an award-winning dance company director, choreographer, and instructor. She is based in New York City and travels the country with her company, New York Dance Jamz.

Colucci's choreography credits on Broadway include *Broadway's Easter Bonnet Competition Starring Liza Minelli*, *A Tribute to Chita Rivera*, and *Broadway Bares*. She is the three-time winner of the Hawaii State Theatre Council's Award for Excellence in choreography and direction. She traveled to China to direct and choreograph a Broadway-style revue, *The America Dream*.

In New York, Colucci has been an instructor at Rosie's Broadway Kids, Broadway Dance Center, and Broadway Classrooms. On television, she has worked with Rosie O'Donnell on *The View* and Rachael Ray on *The Rachael Ray Show*. She also works privately with young actors in preparation for musical theatre and college auditions.

Colucci majored in humanities at PC and is the mother of twins.



### Shane Farrell '08

Dance is a full-time job for Shane Farrell '08, a member of Island Moving Co., a classically trained, professional ballet company in Newport. The company performs at Rosecliff Mansion throughout the year and on national and international tours, including one to Kazakhstan in 2016 and 2017.

Farrell was a member of the Rhode Island State Ballet while studying at PC, where he majored in marketing and minored in Spanish. He undertook an independent study with Dr. Wendy R. Oliver, professor of dance, and choreographed a routine for PC's Dance Company.

Farrell began dancing at age 7. He teaches ballet three nights a week at schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

"I'm making my living as a ballet dancer. Not many people can say that," said Farrell. "I'm proud to be able to do something I am so passionate about."



### Lauren M. Spagnuolo '13

Lauren M. Spagnuolo '13 combined her love of dance with teaching — and published her research in an academic journal.

Spagnuolo studied for a master's degree in the Independent School Teaching Residency program through the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. For two years, she was a teaching fellow at Northfield

Mount Hermon School, a boarding school for high school students in western Massachusetts. She was a dorm parent and adviser, taught a variety of dance classes, and choreographed for the school's intermediate and advanced dance companies.

While teaching Advanced Ballet, Spagnuolo supplemented instruction in technique with coursework on anatomy. Her efforts to connect the anatomy lessons to the technique classes became the subject of her research thesis, which was published in an academic journal, *Research in Dance Education*.

Spagnuolo was a humanities major and dance minor at PC and president of Dance Company.



### Grantis Peranda '13

In color guard, performers interpret music through dance and the synchronized spinning of flags, sabers, and mock rifles. Grantis Peranda '13 fell in love with color guard as a middle school student in California. Today he is a color guard instructor and coach for a high school team in Cupertino while working in information technology and studying for an MBA at Santa Clara University.

Peranda majored in health policy and management at PC, performed with Dance Company, and was the first man to complete the dance minor. His goal was to apply what he learned about dance history and technique to color guard. This spring, he will compete at the Color Guard World Championships in Ohio.

"Color guard is just really exciting with its emotional performances and tricks," said Peranda. "I love the intensity of it. It's an amazing spectacle." ❖



## Gallos' gift establishes global health fellowships

BY DEBBIE HAZIAN

**With a strong desire to provide opportunities** for Providence College students in a field that brought him international acclaim, Robert C. Gallo, M.D. '59 & '74Hon. and his wife, Mary Jane Gallo, have made a leadership gift to create the Gallo Global Health Fellowship Program.

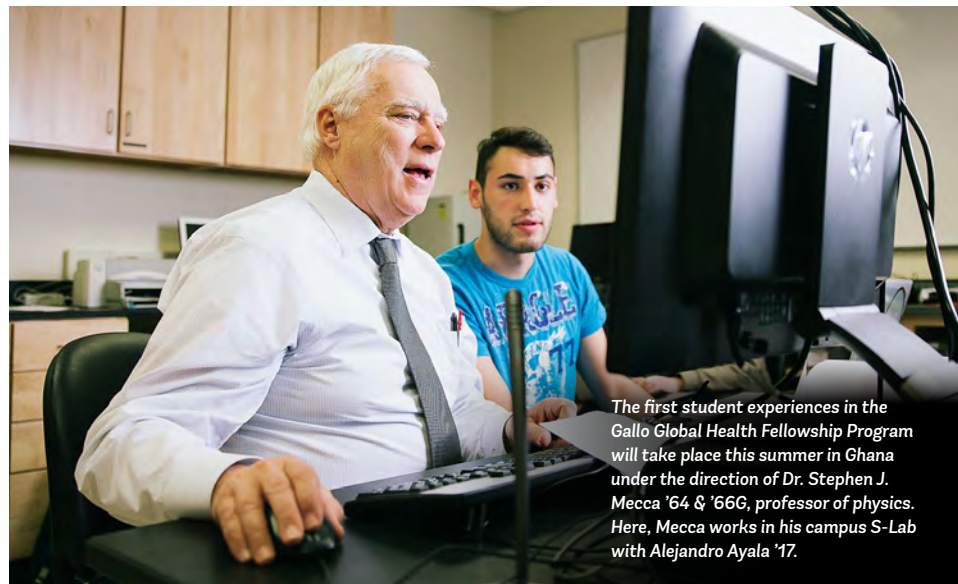
The endowed fund will provide annual health-related summer internships for students from multiple academic disciplines in clinics in the United States and abroad. The fund will provide a stipend and cover travel costs and other expenses.

Gallo is the co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. He also is The Homer & Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professor in Medicine and is the co-founder and director of the Global Virus Network. Gallo became world famous in 1984 when he

co-discovered HIV as the cause of AIDS. Prior to that, he was the first to identify a human retrovirus and the only known human leukemia virus — HTLV — one of few known viruses shown to cause a human cancer.

“These fellowships will enable students to see firsthand and identify problems they have only read and heard about,” said Gallo. “The transformative experience is obvious, and by helping the poor, it ties into the College’s mission.”

Gallo said he was inspired to make the gift after hearing a proposal for a fellowship program in global health during a visit to campus in March 2017 to participate in a centennial panel discussion. The gift was made during *Our Moment: The Next Century Campaign for Providence College* that ended on June 30, 2017, and raised a record \$185 million.



The first student experiences in the Gallo Global Health Fellowship Program will take place this summer in Ghana under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics. Here, Mecca works in his campus S-Lab with Alejandro Ayala '17.

The fellowships will launch this summer with a pilot program in Ghana under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G, professor of physics. Students will work in community clinics and at a refuge for people living with AIDS.

Each year, the program is expected to support the work of students in clinical locations worldwide, including Institute of Human Virology clinics in Baltimore, Haiti, and several African nations.

“This combines students’ academic and career interests with a service component,” said Dr. Charles R. Toth, associate professor of biology and department chair, who also will chair the fellowship program. “It’s a win-win for our students while honoring Dr. Gallo’s legacy.” Toth added that he was extremely grateful to the Gallos for their gift. ■

## Leadership gifts support academics, student-athletes

AS THE COLLEGE EMBARKS ON ITS SECOND CENTURY, the drive to continue the momentum of the record-setting *Our Moment* comprehensive campaign is paramount. Highlighted here are two recent, impactful gifts that support academic excellence and the student-athlete experience.



### Trust to aid graduate counseling students

**Dr. John V. Monsour '69** (left) made several planned gifts to the College totaling more than \$2 million, including a \$500,000 charitable remainder trust to create the Dr. John V. Monsour Endowment for Counseling Education at Providence College.

The endowment will provide scholarships for students studying for master's degrees in counseling through PC's School of Professional Studies.

"On behalf of the faculty and students in the Graduate Program in Counseling, I want to extend our deepest thanks to Dr. Monsour," said Dr. Brian McCadden, dean of the School of Professional Studies and associate professor of education. "His thoughtful generosity will allow us to provide educational opportunities for students who otherwise would not be able to enter into this profession. The demand for mental health counselors is growing, and Dr. Monsour's gift will allow us to provide this critical, mission-oriented service to the community."

Monsour majored in history at PC and later earned a doctorate in psychology. With his late wife, Dr. Kay M. Keith, he founded and ran the Samaritan Counseling Center in Tampa, Fla. Following her death from cancer in 2008, Monsour moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he provided counseling services in Inupiat Eskimo villages, working alongside his second wife, Dr. Betty Buchan Monsour, until her death from cancer in 2016.

His gift to PC honors their legacy — "two really great, smart, accomplished women." It also challenges his classmates to give to the College to commemorate their 50th reunion in 2019. Monsour resides in St. George, Utah.



Chieyia "CC" Clark '18 of the volleyball team, left, meets Mark S. Mandell, Esq. and Yvette M. Boisclair, Esq. '84 at the 2016 Mandell-Boisclair Student-Athlete Career Night. A leadership gift from the couple will support future career nights.

### A multitude of benefits envisioned for student-athletes

A \$350,000 gift from **Yvette M. Boisclair, Esq. '84** and her husband, **Mark S. Mandell, Esq.**, will enhance the student-athlete experience at PC in a multitude of ways.

The couple's gift established the Mandell-Boisclair Leadership Academy, which makes it possible for student-athletes to attend workshops to become confident leaders on their teams and in the classroom. It also expands the Mandell-Boisclair Student-Athlete Career Night, which the couple established in 2008. Held every other year, the career night allows juniors and seniors to hear alumni speakers and network with professionals in education, finance, health-care policy, law, marketing, medicine, sports administration, and other fields.

The gift also established an endowed women's volleyball scholarship and provides internship and study-abroad opportunities for student-athletes.

"Yvette and Mark's gift reinforces our commitment to creating and maintaining a student-centered department by offering a suite of programs and services to promote personal growth and leadership skills," said Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., associate vice president and athletics director. "I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to them for their generosity."

Boisclair studied English in the Liberal Arts Honors Program at PC and earned a law degree from Suffolk University. Boisclair and Mandell are partners in the Providence law firm Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair. ❧

John C. "Charlie" Clancy  
in a mechanical room in  
the Ruane Center for the  
Humanities



## Behind the scenes with a Friar soul mate

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

**John C. "Charlie" Clancy** spends so much time at Providence College, you'd think he was an undergraduate. He sure has the enthusiasm of one.

A building mechanic with Physical Plant since 2002, Clancy fell in love with PC and its Dominican community as a child and has remained close to both. His uncle, Rev. Charles B. Quirk, O.P. '30, a longtime economics professor and department chair for whom the College's Quirk Institute of Industrial Relations is named, often visited the Clancy home in Riverside, R.I., for dinner. His warmth and devotion to God made young Charlie, one of nine children, think fondly of the religious order.

"I just love the Dominicans. Their dedication to the educational mission here is special," he said, adding that PC and the Dominicans are respected throughout the region.

Largely because of Father Quirk's charisma and his excitement over PC's nationally prominent basketball team, it wasn't long before Clancy began cheering on the Friars in Alumni Hall. He became a season ticket-holder in 1972 and estimates he's attended 90 percent of Friars' home games.

When not attending athletics contests or making repairs in campus buildings, Clancy can be found working out in the Concannon Fitness Center or chatting

with colleagues about the College's progress and the need to provide support. He is in his third year as co-chair of the Faculty and Staff Giving Committee. With the help of his leadership, the committee has worked to raise more than \$250,000 each of the last three fiscal years, and participation has increased from 34% to more than 50% of the faculty and staff on campus.

Clancy, who has three children, including John P. Clancy '06 and Kelley P. Clancy '12 & '14G, is thrilled with the educational and physical improvements PC has made. He attributes its increasing national profile to Dominican leadership. He said the shift began under the late Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. '63, president from 1994-2005, whose emphasis on the arts and infrastructure made the College more competitive.

The momentum has continued under current College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 and Executive Vice President and Treasurer Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, said Clancy, who worked in the pressroom and in maintenance at Providence Gravure for 27 years before joining PC. There's a revised core curriculum, a School of Business, a building devoted to the humanities, and the Friars won NCAA championships in women's cross country and men's hockey and a BIG EAST title in men's basketball in the last five years.

"This place is vibrant," he exclaimed. "The kids want to be here. Everything is heading in the right direction. Dominicans do things the right way." ❧

PHOTO: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

A photograph of two men in white Dominican friar habits standing in a chapel. The man on the left is Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P., and the man on the right is Rev. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P. They are both smiling. The chapel has high ceilings, wooden beams, and large Gothic-style windows with intricate tracery. A wooden balcony with a railing is visible above them. In the background, there is a wooden table with chairs and a bookshelf. A blue door with a decorative window is on the right. The overall atmosphere is warm and scholarly.

# Devil's Advocate:

## THE DEVIL'S IN THE DETAILS

REV. DOMINIC VERNER, O.P. AND REV. BONAVENTURE CHAPMAN, O.P. have been debating tough questions at “Devil’s Advocate,” a campus forum loosely modeled after Oxford University’s Oxford Union debates. The two assistant chaplains introduce the week’s topic, then flip a coin to decide who will be devil’s advocate and who will be *fidei defensor* (defender of the faith.) The two friars then debate the Catholic position for 10 minutes before they take questions from the audience.

“It’s spiritually edifying for students to see a friar they know is committed to the faith actually challenging the truth,” said Father Dominic. “The process reveals the beauty and resilience of the truth.” He added that St. Thomas Aquinas was considered a master of this question-based medieval scholastic approach to theology. Turn the page to read Father Dominic’s summary of a contemporary topic the two Dominicans tackled.

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Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P., left, and Rev. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P. in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, formerly Aquinas Chapel

# Faith

WHY WOULD FAITH BE REQUIRED FOR SALVATION? IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT TO ASK, IF GOD TRULY DESIRES THAT ALL BE SAVED. WHY WOULD BELIEF MATTER?

BY REV. DOMINIC VERNER, O.P.

First, you have to understand the Catholic idea of salvation. The heaven which we hope for is not a paradise of earthly delights. The Catholic conception of heaven is nothing short of union with God, and the essence of heaven's joy is sharing in God's own infinite joy through that union.

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**Sure, but God loves everyone. He can just pour out His joy into whomever He wants. Why would faith be required on our part?**

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Because God's joy isn't something that can just be packaged and delivered apart from Himself. God is His joy. Maybe that's too abstract. Think of it this way: How is it possible to share another's joy? If your best friend gets her dream job and calls to share the good news, you rejoice with her, right? Her joy becomes yours. But if some stranger misdials your phone and shares that he got a promotion, your reaction is different. You share your friend's joy because you love her. The love between you acts as a highway for joy; it unites you. Your friend becomes another self; her joy is your joy.



Rev. Dominic Verner, O.P.



# AND *Salvation*

So, love unites us to God so that we can share His joy, but why would faith be necessary?

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To love, you must have faith! Narrowly speaking, faith means belief. To have faith in God would be to believe that He exists. It's hard to love someone if you don't believe they exist! More broadly, faith means not just belief, but also loving trust. This broader meaning of faith is required, because how can you really love someone if you don't trust them?

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I'll grant that faith and love are necessary for the kind of intimacy you're talking about, but if faith is necessary for salvation, then it seems like many people really don't have a fair shot at heaven. What about those who never hear the Gospel?

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Those who, through no fault of their own, don't know Christ can still be saved through Christ by what the Church calls implicit faith. Some might not know Christ explicitly, but His grace can be at work in their souls, giving them a general loving trust in God and His plan of salvation, such that if they were to discover who He was, they would believe explicitly. A graced union with God can be present, but in a mysterious way only known to God! There is hope, but also an urgent need to share the Good News: God loves you so much that He died for you. What a reason to love Him in return! ❖

## Hockey, basketball up NCAA streaks to 5

**T**he men's hockey and basketball teams continued their remarkable streak of NCAA Tournament appearances in 2018, qualifying for berths for the fifth straight season.

PC is just one of three NCAA Division I programs all-time — joining Michigan and Michigan State — to send its hockey and basketball teams to the NCAA tourney in the same season for five consecutive years.

► **Men's hockey**, a top-10 team virtually all season, posted its fifth straight 20-win season under seventh-year coach Nate Leaman, finishing 24-12-4, including 13-7-4 in regular-season Hockey East action. In the post-season, PC advanced to the conference's championship game by defeating Maine, 2-0, in a best-of-three quarterfinal series, then edging Northeastern, 3-2, in a semifinal game. Boston University topped the Friars, 2-0, in the championship.

Playing in the NCAA East

Regional, the Friars blanked Clarkson, 1-0, in a first-round game and advanced to their eighth NCAA quarterfinal appearance in program history. PC fell to Notre Dame, 2-1, on a goal with 27 seconds remaining. The Friars, who won the 2015 NCAA Championship, are 6-4 in NCAA tourney play during Leaman's tenure.

Forward Erik Foley '19 (Mansfield, Mass.) and defenseman Jacob Bryson '20 (London, Ontario) were named Hockey East first-team all-stars, while goaltender Hayden Hawkey '19 (Parker, Colo.) was a second-team pick. Captain Brian Pinho '20 (North Andover, Mass.) was chosen the league's best defensive forward.

► **Men's basketball** made a strong late-season push to finish with a 21-14 record, including 10-8 in the BIG EAST. PC beat three



Kyrton Cartwright '18 squeezes past the Texas A&M defense in the NCAAAs.

top-five teams this season. Coach Ed Cooley's team played three consecutive overtime games in the conference tournament, defeating Creighton and Xavier, before falling to No. 2/3 Villanova in the title contest, 76-66.

Selected for an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament, the Friars were seeded No. 10 in their region and were topped by seventh-seeded Texas A&M, 73-69, in the opening round.

Point guard Kyrton Cartwright '18 (Compton, Calif.), one of three senior starters, earned BIG EAST honorable mention honors

Kasper Björkqvist '20 scores the lone goal in PC's 1-0 win over Clarkson in their NCAA first-round game.



at season's end. Named to the conference's all-rookie team was center Nate Watson '21 (Arlington, Va.).

► **In other post-season highlights**, Millie Paladino '18 (Morgantown, W. Va.) placed sixth in the mile (4:34.93) at the NCAA Women's Indoor Track & Field Championship to earn first team All-America recognition. **The women's ice hockey team** qualified for the Hockey East Tournament, being edged by Connecticut, 2-1, in a best-of-three quarterfinal series. PC, ranked as high as No. 7 nationally, finished 17-13-7. ❏





**DREW BROWN '16:  
WITH US ALWAYS**

DREW BROWN '16, the inspiration behind the Friars' 2015 NCAA hockey championship, died from cancer at the age of 25 on Nov. 11, 2017. Diagnosed in 2014, after his junior season, Brown returned from his native Michigan — where he was receiving treatments — to be with the Friars during their 2015 playoff run. He served as a student assistant coach in 2015-2016, while finishing his PC degree.

**Bullish on charity**

Basketball legend **Kris Dunn '16** is making his mark in Chicago, where he plays for the Bulls. Dunn bought Christmas gifts for 25 children, while also donating 400 security cameras to help ensure the safety of South Side residents.

**Another Friar joins pro soccer circuit**

The Houston Dynamo selected men's soccer star **Mac Steeves '18** in the MLS second round on Jan. 19. Steeves is the eighth former Friar to be drafted by an MLS team, including Atlanta United FC's **Julian Gressel '17**, the 2017 MLS Rookie of the Year.

**Two Olympics, two medals for goalie**

Goaltender **Genevieve Lacasse '12** added an Olympic silver medal to her collection as a member of the Canadian team in the 2018 PyeongChang games. Lacasse, who won a gold as a member of the 2014 Canadian team, made 44 saves as Canada beat the U.S., 2-1, in group play on Feb. 14.

**Playing 'keeps' with coaching award**

Coach **Ray Treacy '82** is such a towering figure in cross country that a coach of the year award is named for him. Not only that, but he won that honor — the Ray Treacy Northeast Women's Coach of the Year Award — for guiding the 2017 Friars to the NCAA Northeast Regional team title and the BIG EAST Championship.

**Burke '87 adds media award to trophy case**

Accolades keep coming in for basketball broadcaster and College trustee **Doris Burke '87, '92G, & '05Hon.** The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced in February that she will receive the 2018 Curt Gowdy Media Award for "efforts (that) have made a significant contribution to the game." ESPN/ABC's Burke is the first woman ever assigned a full-time NBA broadcast analyst's role.



PHOTOS: DREW BROWN: DAVID SILVERMAN; DORIS BURKE: STEW MILNE; CLARKE AWARD: MICHAEL TOLLESTRUP.



**LEARYS HONORED WITH PENNY CLARKE AWARD**

The athletics department honored trustee Bill Leary '60 & '10Hon. and his wife, Emily Leary, on Jan. 27 with the 2018 Penny Clarke Award, recognizing their transformational impact on the Friar women's and men's hockey programs. The Clarke Family — Cortlandt '67, daughters Sara and Becky, and the late Mrs. Clarke — is a longtime supporter of the men's hockey program. From left are Emily Leary; Sara Clarke; Cortlandt Clarke; Becky Clarke; Bill Leary; PC Coach Nate Leaman; College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80; Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., athletics director; and Kyle Murphy '13, associate athletics director. ❧



## ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND



From left, Vicki Movsessian '94, Lisa Brown-Miller '88, Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00, and Laurie Baker '00 point to their images on a Wheaties box at the FriarCon event during Alumni & Family Weekend.

## Olympic gold medalists share memories, moments of glory

Twenty years after they captured the first Olympic gold medal for the United States in women's ice hockey, four Friars reunited as honored guests for Alumni & Family Weekend, Feb. 9-11.

Lisa Brown-Miller '88, Vicki Movsessian '94, Sara DeCosta-Hayes '00, and Laurie Baker '00 returned to campus to take part in several weekend events, including a Saturday morning discussion facilitated by Bob Deraney, PC's coach since 1999. The four women were teammates in Nagano, Japan, when women's ice hockey debuted as an Olympic sport in 1998 and the U.S. won

gold. Three other Friars were members of that 20-player squad: Cammi Granato '93 & '12Hon., Chris Bailey '92, and Alana Blahoski '96.

Granato sent a video greeting that was played at the start of the discussion. The audience in the Peterson Recreation Center also watched highlights of Team USA's victory against Canada in the final round.

"Although it was 20 years ago that we won, watching videos like that gives me goosebumps and brings tears to my eyes," said Brown-Miller, who traveled to PC from her home in Michigan.

At 31, Brown-Miller was one of the oldest members of the Olympic team. Growing up near Detroit, she had few opportunities to play women's hockey. She decided to attend PC without being certain she could make the team. She credited the coach, John Marchetti '71, with creating a family atmosphere that welcomed her.

At the Olympics, Brown-Miller kept a notebook of her experiences. The team's success "came down to chemistry," she said. "It was by far the best team I've played on, the most selfless, the epitome of team."

Movsessian said the key to the gold-medal run was respect.

"It's hard to find 20 people who can maintain respect for each other as teammates," she said. "That's what we did at the moment. We ... wanted so badly to do well for each other and collectively win. We would do anything for each other."

In contrast to Brown-Miller, Movsessian played hockey with boys and girls all the time while growing up in Massachusetts. Since 2003, she has founded two girls' youth hockey leagues, including one with DeCosta-Hayes, the Rhode Island Sting.

DeCosta-Hayes, a Rhode Island native who was the starting goaltender for the Toll Gate High boys' team in high school before starring at PC, said she most remembered "complete chaos" when the U.S. defeated Canada for the gold medal.

Later, as they lined up at the blue line and the National Anthem played, "we all just reached down and held onto each other tight," said DeCosta-Hayes. "It was such an emotional time to be joined hand-in-hand with teammates. A moment you'll never forget." ❖

## ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND

# All Friared Up

More than 1,700 alumni, students, and their families and friends participated in an event-packed Alumni & Family Weekend on Feb. 9-11. The weekend featured FriarCon, a superhero-themed evening of activities, games, food, a concert, and more. Other events included a discussion with four Friars who played on the 1998 Winter Olympics gold-medal U.S. women's ice hockey team (See opposite page.), athletics contests, Dinner with the Dominicans, an Olympic Village skating and social event, and an alumni a cappella concert.



- 1) Students get into the FriarCon theme.
- 2) Janelle Ortega '17 sings with other members of Anaclastic at the alumni a cappella concert.
- 3) Karen Monti Flynn '80 & '15P, president of the National Alumni Association, left, listens as Marcie Mai '18, president of the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, center, speaks during the "Wonder Women of PC" panel. At right is Phionna-Cayola Claude '18, Student Congress president.
- 4) At Dinner with the Dominicans, Sarah Heavren '21, left, and her mother, Susan Heavren '84, are greeted by College Chaplain Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., third from left, and Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61, an associate chaplain of the PC National Alumni Association.

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The PC touring group listens to a local guide outside the cloisture of the Church of San Lorenzo in Florence during the "Dominican Destinations" trip to Florence and Rome in fall 2017.

## Friar Explorations Alumni Travel Program [alumni.providence.edu/travel-with-pc/](http://alumni.providence.edu/travel-with-pc/)

### Four exciting trips on the horizon

If you are thinking about traveling in the near future but aren't settled on where, PC's Friar Explorations Alumni Travel Program might have the answer. Four trips, including three to Europe, are planned in 2018 and 2019.

The travel program is a fun way to connect with alumni, family, and friends, and trips offer unique learning opportunities for "beyond the classroom" experiences. Upcoming destinations follow:

#### • **La Belle France River Cruise**

OCT. 24–NOV. 1, 2018

This trip down the Seine on the luxurious Lueftner Cruise ship will be hosted by Jim Hagan '58 and Joe Brum '68.

#### • **Cuba**

FEB. 10–18, 2019

The journey to this beautiful Caribbean destination will be based in Havana but will branch out to other parts of the island.

#### • **Swiss Alps (including Fribourg)**

JUNE 19–27, 2019

With special appeal to alumni who once studied there, this excursion to Switzerland will be highlighted by a memorable visit to Fribourg in honor of the 40th anniversary of this foundational study abroad location.

#### • **Ireland (including Westport)**

OCT. 15–23, 2019

The west coast of Ireland, including the historic town of Westport, will be a featured destination on this trip to one of the most colorful countries in Europe.

For more information on these trips, go to the web page listed above or contact **Sarah Firetto '03** at **401-865-1909** or **[sfirtetto@providence.edu](mailto:sfirtetto@providence.edu)**.



Far left: From left, College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 with trustees and Reflecting Forward co-chairs Andre E. Owens '85, center, and Duane M. Bouligny '94 at the opening ceremony for The Center at Moore Hall.

Left: master of ceremonies Mallory Davis '81, left, greets Dr. Irene Rodriguez-Martin '79 at the alumni dinner.

## 'Reflecting Forward' examines multiculturalism, diversity at PC

More than 200 alumni, students, faculty, administrators, and staff attended Reflecting Forward: A Celebration of Multiculturalism and Diversity on Nov. 3-5. Participants included a strong turnout of FOLD members, or Friars of the Last Decade who have graduated since 2008.

The College organized the weekend under the leadership of two trustees who suggested the celebration: Duane M. Bouligny '94, an investment banker with Wells Fargo & Co. in San Francisco, and Andre E. Owens '85, a lawyer with WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. Their goal was to draw alumni of color and alumni who identify with diverse backgrounds to campus, demonstrate the College's progress in diversity and inclusion, and engage them in discussion about what more needs to be done.

One of the weekend's highlights was a formal opening and blessing of The Center at Moore Hall, the newly renovated building dedicated to the College's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Other events included a luncheon celebrating PC's Multicultural Scholarship Program, a dinner for

alumni, spiritual reflections in St. Dominic Chapel, and panels on aspects of College life.

The College population has become more diverse since Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 became president in 2005, guests were informed at Saturday's opening ceremonies. Students of color make up 17 percent of the population today compared to 7.5 percent in 2005, while the percentage of faculty of color increased during that period from 4 percent to nearly 17 percent.

But "there is still a lot of work to be done at Providence College. We are not where we need to be," said Father Shanley in his greetings.

The opening program included the College Leadership Panel, a discussion featuring administrators and Phionna-Cayola Claude '18 (Dedham, Mass.), president of Student Congress. Panelists answered questions in several areas, including PC's mission in respect to diversity, the admission of students of color, the strategic plan, and engaging students of other faiths.

Approximately 150 students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, and friends of PC gathered for a luncheon celebrating

the Multicultural Scholarship Program and its student scholars. Keynote speaker Dr. James P. Huguley '99, assistant professor at the Center on Race and Social Problems at the University of Pittsburgh, discussed "More Than Survival: Thriving Students of Color at Predominantly White Colleges and Universities." Huguley examined reasons for disparities among races nationally in areas including college graduation rates and family average net worth, with blacks and Latinos lagging sharply behind whites in both.

Another highlight that attracted approximately 150 was the alumni dinner on Saturday night. Sharing reflections on their experiences and the campus climate as undergraduates were Dr. Irene Rodriguez-Martin '79, associate dean of graduate enrollment and student services at Smith College School of Social Work; Paige Clausius-Parks '03, assistant director of literacy nonprofit Books are Wings in Pawtucket, R.I.; and Osvaldo "O.J." Marti '07, head of school for Middle School 2 at Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy in Rhode Island. ❧

# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s/1960s

'55

**Armando E. Batastini, Jr. '55** of Providence, R.I., had the Ward 5 recreation center in Providence named in his honor for his many contributions to the ward and the neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Mt. Pleasant. He is a longtime member of the Ward 5 community and serves as chair of the ward's Democratic Committee. Batastini also served as a state representative for District 8 in Providence from 1976-1992, coached St. Pius CYO basketball teams for more than 60 years, and is a founder and former board member of Elmhurst Little League. He spent 36 years as a student support specialist for the Providence School Department. He is married to **Mary E. Batastini '92G**.

'61

**Edward A. Iannuccilli, M.D. '61** of Bristol, R.I., wrote his third book, *My Story Continues: From Neighborhood to Junior High School* (Dr. Ed, 2017). *My Story Continues* conveys stories and memories in essay form from Iannuccilli's teen years growing up in Providence's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. It is a sequel to *Growing Up Italian: Grandfather's Fig Tree and Other Stories* (Barking Cat Books, 2008) and *What Ever Happened to Sunday Dinner?* (CreateSpace, 2013). A retired gastroenterologist, he is a member of PC's Providence President's Council.

'62

**James L. Casale, Ph.D. '62** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., wrote his second book on parenting, *Family Pledge: Raising Life-Long Learners and Good Citizens* (Casale Consulting, 2017).

His first book was *Wise Up and Be the Solution: How to Create a Culture of Learning at Home and Make Your Child a Success in School* (Skyhorse Publishing, 2013). He also has written a family cookbook, *Mangia Bene: Casale Family Recipes & Memories from Our House to Yours* (CreateSpace, 2016), dedicated to his parents. He is president and CEO of Casale Consulting.

**Alexander J. Foley, Jr. '62** of Moraga, Calif., wrote his first novel, *Caleb's Watch* (2017), which documents the experience of Zach Rivers, whose nostalgic trip back to southern Maine led to his unexpected involvement in an unsolved, historic murder. *Caleb's Watch* is available on Amazon and Kindle Fire. Foley is retired from his work in strategic accounts with Sun Microsystems, Inc.

**Edmund M. Houlihan '62** of Ridgewood, N.J., was honored by the Ridgewood Public Library for his role as a charter member and moderator of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Discussion Group since 2010. As an FPA member, he has inspired the American public to learn and spread global awareness and understanding of foreign policy issues such as peace in the Middle East, China's economy, and climate change. Houlihan, who is a retired U.S. Navy Reserve commander and a Vietnam War veteran, is the retired capitalized chief operating officer of Cairns and Brother, a plastic goods manufacturing company.

'64

**David R. Colburn '64 & '65G** of Gainesville, Fla., was interviewed about his service in Vietnam in a "Florida Voices: Vietnam Veterans" segment on WUFT-FM in Gainesville. He served in the U.S. Army in 1966 and 1967, earning the rank of captain. Colburn, who was a member of PC's ROTC Program as an undergraduate, is the director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the

## WWII VETERAN, 99, SALUTED AT FRIARS' GAME



**Ralph A. Paparella '40** of Riverside, R.I., waves his cap to the sellout crowd at the Dunkin' Donuts Center as he is honored for his military service during the PC-DePaul men's basketball game on Alumni & Family Weekend in February. Paparella, who played three seasons for PC and is believed to be the oldest

living basketball Friar, worked in air transport command during World War II. An aircraft identification instructor, he taught pilots how to identify friendly and enemy planes.

After the war, he remained active in veterans affairs, including the VFW and the Italian American War Veterans of the United States. Paparella taught physical education in the East Providence school system. He was joined at the game by several family members. He turns 100 years old in June.

**Read more:** [news.providence.edu/magazine](https://news.providence.edu/magazine)

## A TRIBUTE TO A RED SOX IDOL



When the Boston Red Sox honored Vietnam War veterans at Fenway Park last summer, **Daniel M. Walsh, III '64** of Springfield, Mass., was overjoyed to wear his Red Sox shirt emblazoned with the number 9 to the ceremony. That was the uniform number of his baseball idol, Red Sox legend Ted Williams.

The two had more than love for baseball in common; both saw combat action as U.S. Marines. Walsh, who has four children who graduated from PC, earned the Bronze Star with Combat "V" and the Purple Heart for courageous action in Vietnam. **Read more:** [news.providence.edu/magazine](http://news.providence.edu/magazine)

Top: Daniel M. Walsh, III '64, right, takes in the scene on the field at Fenway Park with his son, Bennett W. Walsh '92.

University of Florida. He served as provost and senior vice president at the University of Florida from 1999-2005 and has been a member of the university's history faculty since 1972. He served as chairman of the Department of History from 1981-1989 and vice provost and dean of the International Center at Florida from 1997-1999. Colburn's teaching and research have focused on politics, race, and ethnicity in 20th century America. He was named teacher of the year on three occasions and has authored or edited 14 books, including, most recently, *From Yellow Dog Democrats to Red State Republicans* (2007) and *Florida's Megatrends* with Lance deHaven-Smith (2010).

### '68 (50th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Dr. Joseph Mancini, Jr. '68** of Frederick, Md., a certified clinical hypnotherapist, wrote *Ending the Endless Conflict: Healing Narratives from Past-Life Regressions to the Civil War* (Two Suns Press, 2017). Besides demonstrating the transformative power of past-life regression, the book outlines how the polarized and stereotyped thinking of the Civil War continues to this day. Mancini had been a university professor of American literature and writing for 17 years and a clinical social worker for 20 years. He also is an executive coach and a business trainer.

**Pasquale "Pat" J. Monti, Jr. '68** of The Villages, Fla., was one of 12 inductees to the 2017 class of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Hall of Fame. He starred in football, basketball, and baseball at Barrington High School and was the state's Schoolboy Athlete of the Year for 1963-64.

## 1970s

### '70

**Geoffrey B. Gneuhs '70** of New York City, a figurative and representational artist, exhibited his paintings in two venues. "When I Was Hungry ... (Matthew 25: 35)" appeared in *A New World*, an exhibition of art exploring Dorothy Day's vision of social justice, at the Sheen Center in New York City. His New York cityscape paintings were shown during the *Sound & Image* exhibition, sponsored by the Federation of Modern Painters & Sculptors, at the Westbeth Gallery in Greenwich Village. Gneuhs was chaplain to Dorothy Day and officiated at her funeral in December 1980. His portrait of Ms. Day is the official image of her canonization cause underway at the Vatican, and he is a member of the executive committee promoting the canonization.

### '71

**Vasilios "Bill" J. Kalogredis, Esq. '71** of West Chester, Pa., presented to residents and fellows at Temple University's Chief Resident Leadership Development Retreat. He discussed considerations in "Understanding and Negotiating Physician Employment Contracts and Agreements." Kalogredis is a partner with Lamb McErlane PC and chair of its Health Law Department. He has practiced health law for more than 40 years.

### '73 (45th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Dr. Mitchell E. Kusy, Jr. '73** of Minneapolis, Minn., and Palm Springs, Calif., a corporate psychologist and an organization development consultant, wrote his sixth book, *Why I Don't Work Here Anymore: A Leader's Guide to Offset the Financial and Emotional Costs of Toxic Employees* (CRC Press/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017). The book on toxic behaviors in the workplace resulted from a three-year research study Kusy conducted with more than 400 participants. A 2005 Fulbright Scholar in organization development, he is a full professor in the Graduate School of Leadership & Change at Antioch University, which has campuses throughout the United States.

### '75

**Alan R. Jolly '75** of Carmel, Ind., received The Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He earned an MBA from Notre Dame in 2003. The award recognizes a graduate business alumnus who has demonstrated achievement in business and a commitment to Mendoza. Jolly has served as president of the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis; been a member of the John Cardinal O'Hara Society — a recognition society for annual donors to the College of Business — since its inception; and was a member and former chair of the Mendoza Graduate Alumni Board. He is the vice president of Conduent, a digital interactions company. He and his wife, Michaela, have twin daughters and a granddaughter.

**Robert J. Potter, Jr. '75** of Winchester, Mass., was named CEO at SentryOne, a software products provider based in Charlotte, N.C. He previously served on the operating team of Alpine Investors, where he acquired

and managed small software as a service (SaaS) companies. His executive-level areas of expertise include business intelligence, analytics, and data management.

'76

**David A. Griswold '76** of Bethesda, Md., was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C., after attending Wesley Theological Seminary. He is one of a newly revived cohort of vocational deacons and is serving at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, focusing on community outreach. Deacon David served for 30 years on the staffs of the late U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., and his son, former U.S. Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I. He was chief of staff from 1989-1999 for John Chafee and from 1999-2007 for Lincoln Chafee.

**Andrew Kopon, Jr., J.D. '76** of Glenview, Ill., was elected president of the International Association of Defense Counsel for 2017-2018. It is an invitation-only, global legal organization for attorneys who represent

corporate and insurance interests. The IADC has about 2,500 members from six continents and 51 countries and territories. Kopon is a founding member of Kopon Airdo, LLC in Chicago where his trial practice focuses on complex civil litigation matters.

'77

**Rosanne J. Thomas '77** of Boston, Mass., has written her first book, *Excuse Me: The Survival Guide to Modern Business Etiquette* (AMACOM, 2017.) It was named to *Success* magazine's 2017 list of "Best Books to Make You Successful." Written for recent graduates and employees of all generations, the book addresses the challenges of blending different cultures, genders, backgrounds, and beliefs to create an inclusive, productive, successful workplace for all.

'78 (40th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Thomas J. Martin III '78** of North Providence, R.I., coached the La Salle Academy girls' tennis team to the Rhode Island Division I Championship for the fourth consecutive year in 2017. He has led the

Rams to eight state championships in his 31 years as head coach. Martin joined the La Salle faculty in 1989 as a history/social studies teacher and has served as vice principal of student life since 2008. He was named the 2017-18 Distinguished Lasallian Educator at La Salle. Located less than a mile from PC, La Salle is a coeducational, Catholic school for students in middle school through high school and is run by the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

'79

**Theodore J. Audet '79** of Jamestown, R.I., was promoted to chief operating officer and executive vice president of Quality Beverage L.P., one of New England's largest distributors of Anheuser-Busch products. He joined Quality in 1988 and most recently was vice president of finance.

**Mary Pat (Larkin) Caputo '79** of Madison, Conn., received the Archdiocese of Hartford's St. John Neumann Award, presented to individuals who give their time and talent to support the mission of Catholic education. She is a school board member at St. Matthew School in Forestville, where she serves the parish as a trustee and Eucharistic minister. Caputo also is a member of the advisory council for Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic girls' school in Hamden. She is past president of the PC National Alumni Association Council.

**Marta V. Martinez '79** of Warwick, R.I., received a Woman of Achievement Award from YWCA Rhode Island at the organization's 13th annual awards ceremony, which recognizes women in industry, culture, and public service. She is the executive director of Rhode Island Latino Arts and the founder of the Latino History Project of R.I. Martinez also was appointed artist-in-residence with Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. Among her responsibilities, she will advise Trinity Rep as it develops theater-based programs by and for the Latino community of R.I. Martinez is a member of PC's Community Advisory Committee. She is married to **J. Patrick Youngs, III '78**.

Photo courtesy of Chatham Anglers



**HE'S #1 IN  
CAPE COD  
BASEBALL  
LEAGUE  
HISTORY**

After 36 years, **John Schiffner '77** exited the Cape Cod Baseball League stage last summer, recording more wins as a manager than anyone else in the league's 132-year history.

As the skipper of the Chatham Anglers for the last 25 years of that journey, Schiffner won more than 500 games. The one-time Friar third baseman managed or coached 39 first-round major league draft picks, and more than 125 of his Chatham players reached the majors.

"It was the greatest experience in my life," said Schiffner, who joined the University of Maine staff as assistant coach last fall.

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## ADVOCATES FOR HOMELESS PRESENTED HUMANITARIAN AWARD



**Steve Caldeira '81** and his wife, Jane, of Potomac, Md., were honored as the 2017 Father Horace McKenna Humanitarians of the Year by So Others Might Eat (SOME). The interfaith non-profit organization provides food, clothing, healthcare, and services to 7,500 homeless men, women, and children in Washington, D.C.

Caldeira has served on SOME's Corporate Advisory Board since 2012. In 2015, he chaired the organization's annual fundraising Harvest Gala, which raised \$1.2 million. Jane and he frequently support and visit entities that house and feed homeless families and offer activities for children. President and CEO of the Household & Commercial Products Association, he is a member of PC's National Board of Overseers. **Read more:** [news.providence.edu/magazine](http://news.providence.edu/magazine)

Top: Jane and Steve Caldeira '81, at center, are joined at the ceremony by family members, from left, Neil and Kathy Agate, Steve's brother-in-law and sister-in-law; son Alexander Caldeira; Patricia Agate, Steve's mother-in-law; and daughter Madeleine Caldeira. (Photo courtesy of Steve Caldeira '81)

leading the banking and investment teams, as well as overseeing the bank's community engagement. Bank of America has 40 financial centers, 119 ATMs, four Merrill Lynch offices, and two U.S. Trust locations in the Hartford region. Gianni, currently a member of the bank's government relations and public policy team, was previously the bank's Northeast regional executive for local community relations. He began working in the banking industry in Hartford in 1989.

**Susan A. (Burns) Windle, CPA '82** of East Greenwich, R.I., was promoted to partner at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP of Providence, an accounting and business advisory firm, where she has worked since 1984. Leader of Sansiveri's Health Care Specialty Group, she provides advisory, tax planning, and tax compliance services for corporate, partnership, and high net worth individual tax clients.

### '83 (35th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Steven M. Fludder '83** of Hull, Mass., was appointed CEO of NEC Energy Solutions, a Massachusetts-based global leader in the energy storage industry. A veteran of more than 30 years in the power, energy, and infrastructure markets, he most recently served as CEO of alpha-En Corporation. He also was a corporate officer at GE, where he worked for 27 years. He is married to **Elizabeth M. (O'Leary) Fludder '80**.

### '84

**George D. Mason '84** of Little Compton, R.I., was chosen deputy administrator of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court's Medical Advisory Board. The board provides guidance, treatment standards, and policy formulation for the workers' compensation system. He assists the day-to-day operations of the board, which approves and maintains preferred provider networks for employers and insurers while ensuring injured workers receive appropriate care, as well as providing impartial medical examiners when injury and treatment issues are in dispute. Mason formerly served as chief of staff to R.I. Senate Majority Leader **Daniel P. Connors '98** and as a senior policy advisor in the Senate. Since 1997, he has taught a capstone class as an adjunct faculty member in PC's Business Studies Program.

## 1980s

### '80

**Charles H. DeBevoise, Esq. '80** of Dover, Mass., was named to the list of 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He is an attorney with Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., of Boston with specialty in finance, corporate, and real estate law. DeBevoise holds an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, meaning he is considered preeminent in his field by peers.

**Jill Milvae Krieger '80** of South Windsor, Conn., was appointed superintendent of schools for Connecticut Regional District 19, based in Storrs, where she started her career as a school social worker. Region 19 serves approximately 1,250 students and includes a regional high school that has an

agriculture education program; the Depot Campus, which focuses on the Big Picture Learning approach; the PM Panthers alternative education program; and the STAAR program at the University of Connecticut campus for special education students ages 18-21. She previously served as principal of Manchester High School for three years.

### '82

**Stephen G. Dambruch '82** of Newport, R.I., was appointed interim United States attorney for Rhode Island by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He had been serving as acting U.S. attorney. A career prosecutor, Dambruch has been an assistant U.S. attorney, a first assistant U.S. attorney, and prosecuted cases with the R.I. Department of the Attorney General for more than 15 years.

**Joseph R. Gianni '82** of West Hartford, Conn., was chosen as the new president for Bank of America in the Hartford region,



**James P. Tully '84** of Simsbury, Conn., the owner and CEO of Seasons Media, announced the premier of a new magazine, *Seasons of New Haven*. His media company now comprises six *Seasons* magazines throughout Connecticut, several social media accounts, and a television show, *Seasons Magazines Up Close*.

**'85**

**Danica A. (Dayian) Iacoi, Esq. '85** of East Greenwich, R.I., was appointed chief legal counsel to Rhode Island Speaker of the House Nicholas Mattiello. She had served as the general counsel for the R.I. Department of Public Safety since 2011 and is a former special assistant attorney general. She is married to **James A. Iacoi, Esq. '84**.

**Patricia "Trish" A. (Oliveira) Rose '85** of Atkinson, N.H., was named executive vice president of retail and mortgage banking at Camden National Bank in Maine. She leads a team of more than 400 employees and directs strategies in retail and mortgage banking, including effective management of the institution's 60 banking centers. She previously served as head of strategic onboarding and orientation at Citizens Bank. She is married to **Donald F. Rose '85**.

**Thomas F. Smith, III '85** of Alexandria, Va., was named president for customer development and sales operations of Nestlé Waters North America, a non-alcoholic beverage company that provides a portfolio of bottled waters for healthy hydration. Formerly the chief integration officer for Nestlé Business Excellence in North America, he began his career with Nestlé in 1985 and has held numerous senior executive positions within the Nestlé organization. He is married to **Jennifer Alcaez Smith '85**.

**'86**

Siblings **Daniel P. Deegan '86** and **Kathleen A. Deegan Dickson '88** of Sea Cliff, N.Y., and Glen Cove, N.Y., respectively, were named 2017 New York Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Daniel and Kathleen are partners at the 65-lawyer firm Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP, in Uniondale.

## FIRST-TIME RED CROSS VOLUNTEER ASSISTS HURRICANE-RAVAGED ISLAND



During the prolific 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, **Traci Gwozdz '86** of Greenwich, Conn., was compelled to do more than donate to relief efforts.

The mother of five and the wife of **David A. Gwozdz '86** fast-tracked through training as a first-time Red Cross volunteer and flew to St. Croix to help shelter evacuees after Hurricane Irma struck. She soon learned that St. Croix was in the

direct path of Hurricane Maria, another Category 5 storm. As pounding rain and 150-mph winds raged through the night, Gwozdz remained in the shelter to care for frightened islanders.

"This experience absolutely changed me," she said.

**Read more:** [news.providence.edu/magazine](http://news.providence.edu/magazine)

Top: Traci Gwozdz '86, fourth from left, with other Red Cross volunteers on St. Croix (Photo courtesy of Traci Gwozdz '86)

Daniel, who has been named a Super Lawyer every year since 2010, heads up the law firm's Industrial Development Agency, Municipal Incentives, and Government Relations practice groups. He also recently was named to the board of the Long Island Association and the board of directors of the Hofstra University Center for Entrepreneurship. Kathleen, who has been chosen one of Long Island's 50 Most Influential Women three times by *Long Island Business News*, practices primarily in real estate development matters, specializing in land use and zoning law.

**Robert J. Reilly '86** of Hingham, Mass., chief investment officer at Sandy Cove Advisors, earned his Certified Investment Management Analyst designation. To earn the designation, he completed a series of exams and advanced investment management consulting course work at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Sandy Cove Advisors is a registered investment advisory firm specializing in wealth management, estate planning, and personal CFO services.

Reilly is a member of the PC School of Business Advisory Council and the College's Boston President's Council. He is married to **Nicole L. Reilly '88 SCE**.

**David V. Ring '86** of Richmond, Va., was named executive vice president and Commercial Banking Group executive of Union Bank & Trust, which operates 141 offices and approximately 175 ATMs in Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Ring previously served as executive vice president and executive managing director of Huntington National Bank in Ohio. He is married to **Anne C. (D'Andrea) Ring '86**.

**'87**

**Mary Jo Iozzio, Ph.D. '87G** of Boston, Mass., professor of moral theology at Boston College, co-edited *Sex and Gender: Christian Ethical Reflections* (Georgetown University Press, 2017). Intended for teachers and students of Christian ethics, the book is a collection of essays covering some of the most important analyses in recent decades. Topics

## RETIREMENT INVESTMENT EXECUTIVE ENTERS METLIFE HALL OF FAME



**Warren C. Howe, III '87** realized “an honor I never thought I’d have” when he was inducted into the MetLife Institutional Business Hall of Fame. He joined an elite group of just 20 individuals. The hall of fame consists of MetLife’s Group Insurance and Retirement Business

segments and recognizes individuals who perform at an extraordinary and sustained level.

Howe, who joined MetLife in 2005, is the insurance giant’s national sales director and head of institutional stable value investment sales. He heads up sales and client relationship management for MetLife’s \$60 billion stable value business. His father is **Warren C. Howe, Jr. '60**. His oldest son, **Warren C. Howe, IV**, graduated from PC in 2017. **Read more:** [news.providence.edu/magazine](http://news.providence.edu/magazine)

Top: With Warren C. Howe, III '87, second from left, at the ceremony are, from left, Robin Lenna, executive vice president of MetLife; Warren’s wife, Patricia; their son, Brendan; and Tom Schuster, MetLife vice president. (Photo courtesy of Warren C. Howe, III '87)

include same-sex message, sexual minorities and biblical interpretation, human trafficking, and moral discernment. She also co-edited *Engaging Disability*, a thematic issue of the *Journal of Moral Theology* (Vol. 6, S.I. 2; 2017) that invites Catholic theological ethicists to consider disability through the *imago Dei* and a liberation lens. Iozzio, who taught at Barry University in Florida for 20 years, has taught at BC since 2013.

### '88 (30th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Rick DeLello '88** of Lansdale, Pa., was elected to the Board of Supervisors for Worcester Township, which is located in Montgomery County and has a population of approximately 10,000. He was elected to a six-year term on the three-member board and was subsequently elected chair. The board has responsibility for the general governance of the township, including ensuring sound fiscal management and the health, safety, and welfare of citizens. DeLello is vice president of Informed Systems, Inc. in Blue Bell.

**Kathleen M. Burns Kingsbury '88** of Waitsfield, Vt., a wealth psychology expert, wrote her fifth book, *Breaking Money Silence: How to Shatter Money Taboos, Talk Openly about Finances, and Live a Richer Life* (Praeger, 2017). The book offers a new outlook on how consumers understand, communicate, and plan their use of money. Kingsbury is the founder of KBK Wealth Connection in Vermont and teaches Psychology in Financial Planning at the McCallum Graduate School of Business at Bentley University.

### '89

**Gregory S. Christenson '89** of Lafayette, Colo., was appointed executive vice president and CFO of Amplify Snack Brands, Inc., a leading marketer and manufacturer of healthy snack food products in Austin, Texas, in September 2017. He helped sell Amplify to the Hershey Company earlier this year. He previously served as CFO of WhiteWaveFoods, now DanoneWave. Christenson is a member of the PC School of Business Advisory Council. He is married to **Eileen M. (Harkins) Christenson '90**.

## RIDE THE RAILS WITH A CROSS-COUNTRY EXPLORER



Inspired by her experience exploring Europe by train while studying abroad at PC, **Lisa Bates '88** of Sandwich, Mass., traveled more than 21,000 miles on Amtrak across

the United States with her family and wrote a guidebook to help others plan similar trips.

*Beyond the Rails – USA Cross-Country Train Travel* provides tips including how to use Amtrak’s USARail Pass, what to pack, and even what food to bring. She also reviewed destinations within easy reach of more than 20 Amtrak stations. The book (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017) is available at Amazon.com.

Bates discussed her book at Alumni & Family Weekend in February and was interviewed on the Providence College Podcast.

**Listen at:** [prov.ly/bates-podcast](http://prov.ly/bates-podcast)

**Teresa A. Lavoie, J.D. '89** of Minneapolis, Minn., was named a 2017 Attorney of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer* for notable achievements during the past year. A principal at Fish & Richardson, a global patent, intellectual property litigation, and commercial litigation law firm, she chairs Fish’s EMPOWER women’s initiative and is a member of its compensation committee. Lavoie is an adjunct professor of biotechnology patent law at the University of Minnesota Law School.

**Kurt Sylvia '89** of Jupiter, Fla., was named to *Forbes'* Top 250 Wealth Advisors list for 2017. He is among a group that collectively

manages \$672 billion in client assets. Sylvia is managing director and a financial advisor with JPMorgan Chase Company in Palm Beach Gardens. Among other honors, he was selected to *Barron's* Top 1,200 Financial Advisors list annually from 2014-2017.

## 1990s

### '90

Six members of the Class of 1990 ventured to Charleston, S.C., to celebrate their 50th birthdays together. Taking part in the getaway were **Christine Stanton '90** (Milton, Mass.), **Trish DeSantis Simmons '90** (Columbia, S.C.), **Maureen O'Brien Molloy '90** (Franklin, Mass.), **Maribeth McKay Grandpre '90** (Northborough, Mass.), **Tara Pyne Kennelly '90** (Milford, Mass.), and **Anne Disciullo Jarvis '90** (Brookline, Mass.). "It took us 27 years to finally put it together," said Stanton, who added the classmates get together every Christmas, taking turns hosting at each other's homes.

**Thomas Olohan, J.D. '90**, an FBI supervisory special agent in the Washington, D.C., field office, received three awards in 2017 for meritorious service. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions presented him with an "Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security." Olohan shared an Anti-Defamation League SHIELD Award for his role in an investigation that resulted in a prosecution. ADL is one of the nation's most respected civil rights and human relations organizations. Also, he was honored with the Intelligence Integration Unit Citation Award presented by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for an undisclosed case. Olohan's father and six siblings all graduated from PC.

**Jeanne M. Benincasa Thorpe '90** of Melrose, Mass., is the emergency preparedness director for the Plymouth County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition. She has served as an emergency management planner, emergency preparedness specialist, crisis manager, and as a continued operations specialist for several agencies including the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security advisory

councils, and Department of Health and Human Services. Benincasa Thorpe wrote "The Ambulance Task Force Mutual Aid Plan" and "The Statewide Mass Casualty Plan" that were operationalized during the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and recognized by the governor for saving multiple lives. She is a graduate of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Executive Leadership Program at the Naval Post-Graduate School, while earning Executive Leader Distinction from DHS' Federal Emergency Management Institute. She is married to **Douglas M. Thorpe '90**.

**Ellen A. Zoppo-Sassu '90** of Bristol, Conn., was sworn in as mayor of Bristol, a suburb of Hartford with a population of approximately 60,000. A lifelong Bristol resident and a Democrat, she defeated the Republican incumbent in the November 2017 election. Zoppo-Sassu served on Bristol's City Council for eight years before running for mayor and was the director of communications for the Connecticut Pharmacists Association at the time of her election. Her husband, Peter Sassu, and she have three children.

### '91

**Charles B. "C.B." Tuite '91** of Northborough, Mass., was promoted from senior vice president for sales and marketing to chief sales officer with OrthoLite, the largest provider of branded OEM insoles. He is leading the company's growth strategy as it expands globally and oversees existing brand partnership support throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

### '92

**Peter M. Gabriel '92** of Old Greenwich, Conn., was promoted to head of Webster Private Bank, a division of Webster Bank that serves the banking, lending, investment management, planning, and fiduciary needs of high-net-worth clients and charitable entities. Before joining Webster, he served as senior vice president and wealth adviser in the Greenwich office of The Private Bank at Wells Fargo.

**Michel J. Hurley, Jr., J.D. '92** of White Plains, N.Y., was named the first managing partner ever at Cassin & Cassin LLP, a law

firm specializing in real estate, real estate finance, trusts, and estates. He joined the firm, which has offices in New York City, Dallas, and Los Angeles, in 1992. Hurley is responsible for overseeing operations, driving business development, and managing external relations. He is married to **Megan M. Anderson '92**.

**Tricia Zawacki King, Ph.D. '92** of Atlanta, Ga., was promoted to full professor with tenure in the Department of Psychology and the Neuroscience Institute at Georgia State University, where she has taught since 2002. She recently was appointed as a fellow of the American Psychological Association and serves as chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Society of Clinical Neuropsychology. King holds a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology from the University of Florida. She has two children with her husband, Bruce King.

**Christopher M. Tarrant '92** of West Roxbury, Mass., was chosen the 2017 recipient of the Middlesex County (Mass.) Assistant District Attorney Award by the county's bar association. The award recognizes his hard work and determination in making a positive impact in the commonwealth. Tarrant joined the Middlesex DA's office in 2007. He has held leadership roles in the Special Investigations Unit and the Lowell regional office overseeing prosecutions in Superior Court.

**Colleen A. Whelan '92** of Warwick, R.I., director of advancement services in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Providence College, was awarded the exclusive Salesforce MVP designation by Salesforce.com, Inc., a cloud computing company based in San Francisco. She was a founding officer of the international higher education advisory council of Salesforce.org in 2014 and remains a council member. Whelan was recognized for her exceptional contributions, including extensive Salesforce expertise, leadership, responsiveness, and advocacy. She was praised by company officials for "always jumping in to help others" in the Salesforce community, including handling inquiries, contributing to blogs, suggesting ideas, and sharing best practices.



### '93 (25th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Matthew J. McPhillips '93** of Boerne, Texas, was promoted to chief division counsel for the FBI's San Antonio Division, which covers south Texas. He previously served as associate division counsel in Kansas City, Mo. In San Antonio, he is the chief legal and ethics officer, leading and advising another attorney and six professional staff members and paralegals in a variety of investigative and administrative operations, including ethics, compliance, and legal policy. McPhillips has worked for the FBI for 21 years.

**Paul D. Roche, Jr. '93** of Glenview, Ill., was named president of Luxor, a market leader in designing and manufacturing innovative workspace products including standing desks, tables, and computer workstations. He joined Luxor after serving as chief operating officer for Network Services, an international distribution business.

### '94

**Siobhan M. (Evans) Fallon '94** of Abu Dhabi, The United Arab Emirates, had her second book, *The Confusion of Languages*, published by Putnam/Penguin in 2017. *The Confusion of Languages* is about two women who follow their soldier-husbands to the U.S. Embassy in Jordan. Fallon's work centers on jealousy, the unpredictable path of friendship, and the secrets kept in marriage, all set within the U.S. expatriate community of the Middle East during the rise of the Arab Spring. She is also the award-winning author of *You Know When the Men Are Gone* (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012).

### '95

**Amy J. (Turo) McKenna '95** of Mystic, Conn., an English teacher at Fitch High School, was chosen Teacher of the Year for the Groton School District for 2017-18. McKenna, who is teaching junior and senior English courses, along with a writing intervention course, began teaching at Fitch as an intern in 1997. She taught there for several years before working at other area schools and returned to Fitch five years ago.

**Kerri Murray '95** of Santa Barbara, Calif., serves as the president of international disas-

## RESEARCH FELLOW TALKS RELIGION AND PEACE WITH STUDENTS

**Gladys A. Ganiel '99** visited campus in the fall to talk with political science students about her work in Northern Ireland as a research fellow at the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, based at Queen's University Belfast. She is coordinator of the master of arts program and teaches Religion and Peace Building, a course about how religion contributes to both violence and peace.

At PC, Ganiel was a member of the 1995 NCAA Championship cross country team and won the 1999 Walter Byers Award, presented to the top female student-athlete in the United States. Married with a son, she continues to run. In September 2017, she completed the Berlin Marathon in 2:37:55, a personal best at age 40.



Photo: Justin James Muir

ter relief charity ShelterBox USA, which provides emergency shelter and life-saving supplies to people who have lost their homes in natural disasters or in conflict situations. The global organization has responded to hundreds of disasters in nearly 100 countries. In February 2018, she was invited to a reception with Her Royal Highness, Camilla The Duchess of Cornwall, in London. The duchess has served as the patron president of ShelterBox since 2007. Murray is also board president of Girls Rock, a nonprofit that empowers girls through music education.

### '98 (20th Reunion — June 1-3, 1998)

**Hon. Christine E. (Harding) Mayle '98** of Perrysburg, Ohio, was elected by her judicial colleagues to serve as presiding judge of the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Sixth District. The court sits directly below the Ohio Supreme Court in Toledo and hears appeals from all the trial courts in northwest Ohio. Currently the youngest elected appellate judge in the state, Mayle was elected to the bench in November 2016 after serving as an attorney in private practice in New York City and Ohio for more than 15 years.

**Matthew S. Ulricksen '98 & '00G** of Narragansett, R.I., was appointed as a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor of political science at the Community College of Rhode Island. As CCRI's only full-time political science faculty member, he is responsible for developing and implementing the political science curriculum for the entire community college system.

### '99

**U.S. Army Lt. Col. Christopher D. L'Heureux '99** of Woonsocket, R.I., is serving as the commander of the 2d Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, based in Vilseck, Germany. His squadron was one of four multinational NATO Battle Groups deployed as a deterrence force in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. While in Poland, L'Heureux commanded 1,100 soldiers from the U.S., United Kingdom, and Romania. From July 2015 to June 2017, he served as one of 11 Army liaisons to the U.S. House of Representatives. His responsibilities included escorting members of Congress on fact-finding trips in the U.S. and around the world.

## 2000s

'00

**John P. McKinnon '00G** of Little Compton, R.I., was appointed principal of Harris Elementary School in Woonsocket. He was an educator for 28 years in the Tiverton School Department. He started his career as an elementary physical education teacher and coached the high school football, basketball, and softball teams. McKinnon worked his way to the position of assistant principal of the high school while volunteering for local youth programs and raising his five children.

'01

**Dean J. Cashman '01** of Lebanon, N.H., completed a two-year course of study at the New England School for Financial Studies at the Center for Executive Education at Babson College. He is vice president, regional relationship manager, and commercial lender at Lake Sunapee Bank in Hanover.

**Laura E. (Catalano) Grassi '01** of Mahwah, N.J., was named director of business development at Portfolio Evaluations, Inc., an institutional investment and retirement consulting firm in Warren, N.J. She oversees the firm's efforts in securing new business opportunities within existing and new market segments. Grassi previously served as the regional director of sales at Pentegra Retirement Services.

'03 (15th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)

**Megan R. Gaffney '03** of Newark, Del., was featured in an article on interlibrary loan management services in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. She holds the rank of associate librarian at the University of Delaware library, where she is coordinator of Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services. Gaffney, who has worked at the university since 2007, earned an M.S. degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois in 2007 and an M.A. in Spanish literature from the University of Delaware in 2017.

**Kimberly (Easton) McLaughlin '03** of Hingham, Mass., joined WilmerHale, a leading, full-service international law firm, as a

client development manager. She is based in the Boston office. She previously worked as a senior marketing manager at the law firm Fish & Richardson.

'04

**Benjamin L. Rackliffe, J.D. '04** of Barrington, R.I., was promoted to partner at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC in Providence. He joined the firm in April 2011. Rackliffe is a member of the firm's Corporate & Business and Nonprofit Organizations teams. He concentrates his practice in the areas of closely held businesses and tax-exempt organizations, and he is considered a leading authority in the areas of corporate and regulatory compliance. For several years, Rackliffe was named a Rhode Island Rising Star by Thomson Reuters, a distinction that recognizes the top 2.5 percent of R.I. lawyers under the age of 40 or those in practice for 10 years or less. He teaches an undergraduate course in the PC School of Business called Legal Environment for Business I.

**Louise K. (Boyce) Seitsinger '04G** of West Warwick, R.I., was appointed assistant superintendent for the North Providence School District. Previously the principal of Tiogue Elementary School in Coventry, she was awarded Rhode Island and National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year distinction in 2015. Seitsinger has more than 25 years' experience in teaching and administration in Rhode Island.

'05

**Stephanie A. (Barkus) Capistrone '05** of Melrose, Mass., was elected as a partner of global law firm Deckert LLP. A financial services associate in the Boston office, she advises U.S.-registered investment companies and their investment advisers on a wide variety of regulatory, compliance, and corporate matters.

**Daniel W. Capron, Ph.D. '05** of Slidell, La., was named the Nina Bell Suggs Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he has taught since 2015. The honor is given annually to the junior professor with the most outstanding early career accomplishment and professional promise. He is director of the Anxiety and

Trauma Research Program at Southern Mississippi. Capron is the co-investigator of a four-year, \$1.99 million U.S. Department of Defense grant project dedicated to investigating a one-session suicide prevention program in the National Guard.

**Caitlin (McFeely) Derderian '05 and Rory Derderian '05** of Brooklyn, N.Y., were married on Sept. 23, 2017, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague, N.Y., with the reception at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Friars from the classes of 1977, 2005, 2009, and 2011 helped the couple celebrate. Caitlin is the associate director of development at Mount Sinai Health System in New York, working primarily to raise funds for children's health. Rory is working in New York City as a consultant assisting companies in the travel industry.

**Malisa C. Iannino Frakes '05** and her husband, Michael, of Mansfield, Mass., welcomed a son, Charles Iannino Frakes, on Feb. 19, 2017. Malisa is a nurse in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

'06

**Brian T. Burns '06 and Katelin J. (Fitzpatrick) Burns '07** of New York, N.Y., welcomed their first child, Shane Patrick Burns, on July 6, 2017. Brian earned his J.D. degree from Fordham Law School and practices law at Smith Villazor LLP in New York City. Katelin earned her Ph.D. from Fordham Graduate School of Education and works as a school psychologist in Rockland County, N.Y.

**Thomas J. Casano '06** of East Northport, N.Y., launched a digital marketing agency, Sure Oak, that has grown to eight full-time employees. The agency specializes in SEO (search engine optimization) to help businesses acquire organic search traffic online. He also launched a podcast by the same name: [sureoak.com/podcasts](http://sureoak.com/podcasts)

**Donna M. Coderre '06G** of Woonsocket, R.I., the principal of Leo A. Savoie Elementary School in Woonsocket for the past five



years, was one of 62 peers from around the country to be named a 2017 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She is credited with numerous advancements at Savoie. These include instilling an understanding of the challenges facing families living in poverty and enhancing rapport with families in these circumstances, and establishing and navigating a multi-step process that led to a significant increase in reading proficiency — from 25 percent to as much as 45 percent — in some grade-level cohorts.

**Sara (Schlachter) Fogarty '06** of Bainbridge Island, Wash., married U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Colin Fogarty, Esq. on Jan. 13, 2018, in Key West, Fla. She earned an M.A. in literature from Texas State University in 2012. Fogarty works in real estate marketing for Redfin in Seattle.

**Abigail A. Long '06** of East Burke, Vt., was selected executive director of the Kingdom Trail Association, a nonprofit organization hosting 100-plus miles of year-round mountain biking and nordic trails in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Kingdom Trails provides a safe, inspiring non-motorized trail system to elevate the region's economic, social, cultural, and environmental vitality. She most recently worked as the executive director of the Leadville Trail 100 Legacy Foundation in Colorado.

**Caitlin E. Read '06** of Riverdale, N.Y., was appointed dean of enrollment management at Purchase College/State University of New York. She oversees the admissions and the student financial services operations, ensuring an effective and collaborative approach to recruitment across the college. Read previously served as the executive director of admission and enrollment operations at Manhattan College.

**'07**

**Jennifer M. (Ferro) Belanger '07** of Portland, Maine, was promoted to director for YouthBuild Bayside at Learning Works in Portland. She formerly was assistant director for afterschool programming. YouthBuild is a U.S. Department of Labor-funded alterna-

tive education and career development program for people ages 16 to 24. She manages a staff of seven to help young adults who have dropped out of school advance in education, earn certification in construction or the culinary arts, or gain employment.

**Tristan L. Botelho '07** of New Haven, Conn., graduated with his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management in June 2017 and joined the faculty of the Yale University School of Management as an assistant professor in July 2017.

**Robert Desrosiers '07G** of North Smithfield, R.I., has returned to the Woonsocket school system as the principal of Bernon Heights Elementary School. He served in Woonsocket from 1994-2014 — including as a principal at three schools — before becoming principal at an elementary school in West Warwick for three years. He also has been an adjunct faculty member in physical education at the Community College of Rhode Island since 1997.

**Tim Fogarty, Esq. '07** of Narragansett, R.I., graduated *cum laude* from the Roger Williams University School of Law and has joined The Washington Trust Company as a wealth management officer.

**Laura P. (Cancellieri) Hiatt '07** moved to Doha, Qatar, with her husband, Christopher. She has been named associate director of academic services for Georgetown University in Qatar where she oversees undergraduate tutoring and mentoring programs, accessibility for students with disabilities, and the Writing Center.

**Mallory J. Tenore Tarpley '07** of Austin, Texas, was named assistant director of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas at the University of Texas in Austin. She previously was the executive director of media nonprofit *Images & Voices of Hope* and managing editor of Poynter.org, a world-renowned media news site. Tarpley and her husband, Troy Tarpley, became parents of their second child, Tucker, on Sept. 6, 2017. Tucker joins his sister, Madelyn, who is 2.

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

**FOLD '08**

**Peter L. Boggeman '08** of Charleston, S.C., married Katie Altmann at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis, Mo., on April 22, 2017. He is a senior account manager with The Brandon Agency in Charleston and a member of the PC Young Alumni Leadership Council.

**Becky (Smith) Cocito '08 and Vincent J. Cocito '08** of Maplewood, N.J., became parents of their first child, James Vincent Cocito, on Sept. 19, 2017. Vin leads a customer success team at Veeva Systems, a software provider to the life sciences industry, and is co-founder and vice president for operations at Inspiren, a healthcare technology start-up based in New York City. Becky is working as a social worker and activist in the HIV and substance use fields in the New York City area and in New Jersey.

**Michael G. King '08 & '09G and Emma (Pietrantonio) King '08** reside in Danielson, Conn., raising their 2-year-old son, Miles Patrick. Michael is a certified public accountant with the tax, accounting, and business advisory firm Restivo Monacelli LLP in Providence. He is also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Danielson Council #2883. Emma recently rejoined the staff of U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney, D-Conn. (2nd District), as deputy district director.

**Todd M. Koolakian '08** of Sacramento, Calif., was named to the 2017 *Sacramento Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list, which recognizes professionals under the age of 40 who excel in their workplaces and communities. He is the director of philanthropy at Sacramento Children's Home, where he has worked since 2014. The home provides care, support, and resources to some of the city's most vulnerable children and families.

**Karen A. Tarasevich '08G** of Wakefield, R.I., was selected as the 2018 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year by the R.I. School Superintendents' Association. Superintendent of schools in West Warwick since 2013, she is credited with leading an increase in the

district's graduation rate by 19 percent over four years. Tarasevich was the principal of West Warwick High School before becoming superintendent. A former English teacher, she is vice president of the R.I. School Superintendents' Association. She is married to **Paul Tarasevich '16G**.

#### **FOLD '09**

**Lizzie (Reilly) Hopkins '09 and Michael T. Hopkins, Jr. '10** of Brooklyn, N.Y., were married on Sept. 30, 2017. The wedding took place at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Glen Ridge, N.J., and was celebrated by **Rev. Matthew R. Dooley '88**. The couple met at an alumni event in New York City in 2011. Six alumni were part of the wedding party: **Annmarie Granstrand '09, Mollie Quinn '09, Cara Mitchell '09, Bethany Graber '09, Sean Hopkins '07, and Gerard Caulfield '10**. Lizzie is the director of social work at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School and has served on the PC National Alumni Association Council and as a class agent. Mike is a group health insurance supervisor for the Nassau County Comptroller's Office. He is vice president of the Long Island Alumni Club and the founder of the PC men's basketball blog PCBB1917.com.

**Nora S. Yousif, CFP '09** of Boston, Mass., a vice president and financial advisor with RBC Wealth Management, was recognized in *Boston Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 listing for 2017. The honor highlights young professionals under 40 who make a significant impact in their workplaces and communities in Greater Boston. Among other accomplishments, Yousif was honored for extraordinary service to clients in their investments and financial planning; facilitating community education through the "Women, Wine and Wall Street" events she started and hosts; presentations on investments and personal finances to more than 50 organizations and companies; and for her financial education outreach in the media, including NBC News, *Forbes*, CNBC.com, and Boston radio stations.

#### **FOLD '12**

**Kathleen R. (Mulligan) Amaral '12 & '14G and Todd Amaral '18G** of Bristol, R.I., were married on June 2, 2017, at Blithe-

wold Mansion in Bristol. Kathleen is an administrative assistant in the PC School of Continuing Education, while Todd is pursuing his MBA degree at PC.

**Shannon I. Kelly '12** of New York City will take on a greater role as the development manager of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation following the retirement of Grayson's vice president of development and the Safety Net Foundation's executive director. She has worked for both foundations since 2013. The foundations are affiliations of The Jockey Club, the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds. Kelly reports to **James L. Gagliano '87**, club president and chief operating officer.

#### **FOLD '13**

##### **(5th Reunion — June 1-3, 2018)**

**Catherine "Katie" Ferris '13** of New York City graduated from the American Express Leadership Academy. Nominated by her employer, American Ballet Theatre, she participated in a five-day seminar on leadership and skills training with 71 other emerging leaders from around the nation. The academy trains current- and next-generation nonprofit leaders to successfully assume executive leadership positions in the nonprofit sector. Ferris is the director of the Children's Division at the American Ballet Theatre Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School. She is president of the Providence College Club of New York, a 2013 class ambassador, and class gift chair for Reunion Weekend 2018.

**Guillermo A. Ronquillo '13** of Central Falls, R.I., works as a disease intervention specialist in the Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services at the Rhode Island Department of Health. He conducts research and provides support primarily in the areas of STD prevention and in HIV prevention, surveillance, and the HIV Return to Care program that identifies HIV positive individuals who may have fallen out of care. He is preparing to take the LSAT in June 2018, with a goal of attaining a joint J.D./MPH degree.

#### **FOLD '14**

**Ryan P. Fink '14 and Emily J. (Zalis) Fink '15** of Fleetwood, N.Y., were married on Aug. 18, 2017, at Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head, N.J. Ryan is a development associate at Fordham Preparatory School in Bronx, N.Y. Emily is completing her master's degree in social work at Fordham University and doing field work with Westchester Jewish Community Services.

**Elizabeth Northup '14G** of Cranston, R.I., was appointed assistant principal of Woonsocket Middle School at Villa Nova, which has an enrollment of approximately 640 students. She had been serving as "aspiring principal" at Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School in Providence. Northup is a graduate of the Center for Leadership and Equity's Principal Residency Network.

#### **FOLD '15**

**Peter J. Burke, Jr. '15SCE** of Barnstable, Mass., was sworn in as fire chief of the Hyannis Fire-Rescue Department. He previously served as deputy fire chief in Barnstable, after working as a firefighter and emergency medical technician in Seekonk. Burke is an instructor at Cape Cod Community College and with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

**Jermoh V. Kamara '15** of Worcester, Mass., is scheduled to graduate in May 2018 from the master's program in public/global health at New York Medical College. She is the founder and president of HVK Children's Foundation. Named after her late aunt, Hawah V. Kamara, the foundation facilitates the public health and education needs of the people of Liberia, particularly women, children, and families.

#### **FOLD '16**

**Abigail R. Norberg '16** of Savannah, Ga., is employed as an historical interpreter at Telfair Museums in Savannah. She gives guided tours of the museum facilities and conducts research. Telfair Museums, which opened in 1886, is the oldest public art museum in the South and encompasses the Jepson Center for the Arts, Owens-Thomas House and Slave Quarters, and Telfair Academy. ❧



# IN MEMORIAM

**Rev. John Barnabas Davis, O.P. '61**, a former philosophy professor at PC and a Dominican priest for 51 years, died Nov. 16, 2017. Father Davis joined the College's faculty as an assistant professor of philosophy in 1980 and left in 1993, when he was reassigned to New Jersey. He then taught at Caldwell College for 11 years. Throughout his priestly life, while frequently teaching, he served in Dominican priories and parishes in Washington, D.C., New Jersey, Michigan, and New York.

**Arthur T. Gately Jr., '49**, who was honored twice for his dedication to the alumni community, died Nov. 28, 2017. Mr. Gately was a longtime member of the Mal Brown Club, the Greater Providence chapter of the National Alumni Association, and served on the NAA Council from 1999-2002. He received the NAA's Faithful Friar Award in 1994 and the Mal Brown Award from that club in 2001. He was a retired senior vice president of administration for Swank Inc., where he worked 54 years.

**Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan '45 & '99Hon.**, who for many years served the pastoral needs of the Atlanta Alumni Club while participating as a member, died Jan. 9, 2018. A priest for 69 years, Msgr. Kiernan annually celebrated a Mass and hosted a reception for alumni in the Atlanta area, always expressing his pride for his *alma*

*mater*. A scholarship to assist Atlanta-area students in attending PC was established in his name. Msgr. Kiernan retired as pastor of All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody in 2010 after 25 years. He was considered a pivotal figure in the expansion of Catholicism in north Georgia and ministered to groups and professionals in law enforcement in the state.

**Ernie "Pop" Lewis '87**, a co-captain and three-point-shot wizard for PC's 1987 NCAA Final Four basketball team, died Jan. 10, 2018. Mr. Lewis played in 102 games and averaged 7.5 points and 2.9 rebounds as a Friar. During the 1986-87 season capped by the magical run to New Orleans, he averaged 11.8 points and 4.2 rebounds. He recorded one of the most memorable shots in PC history when his three-pointer from the corner with less than three seconds left gave the Friars an 82-79 win over 11th-ranked Georgetown on Jan. 28, 1987.

**Kevin M. Murray**, a legendary figure in Rhode Island lacrosse and a former head coach at PC, died Feb. 3, 2018. Mr. Murray coached the Friars from 1988-1995, leading the team to 43 victories. He was the head coach at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick at the time of his death and led the Hawks to five state championships. Mr. Murray was an elementary school teacher in Woonsocket for the past 17 years.

**Robert F. Reilly '42 & '92Hon.**, a leading College benefactor and volunteer throughout his lifetime and a member of the PC Athletics Hall of Fame, died Dec. 25, 2017. Mr. Reilly was a Platinum Torchbearer (lifetime giving of \$1 million or more) member of the 1917 Society. His generosity created the Reilly Art Gallery in the Smith Center for the Arts. In 1987, he established the Mary C. Reilly Scholarship Fund in memory of his first wife to assist PC female student-athletes. He was one of the first lay persons appointed to the PC Corporation before it was reorganized into the Board of Trustees and served multiple terms.

Mr. Reilly also served on the College's Finance Committee in the 1970s and 1980s, was national chairman of the Providence 2000 campaign that raised \$70.4 million in the 1990s, and was a founding member of the Providence College Club of New York. His contributions to the College were recognized with the Personal Achievement Award from the National Alumni Association. He was inducted into the PC Athletics Hall of Fame in baseball and basketball. He spent 25 years with Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. (now PVH Corp), a Fortune 500 clothing manufacturer and retailer, rising to CFO, and ended his career as the CEO and chair of TJFC, another clothing manufacturer and retailer. He was married to Mary Anne Sommers Reilly '02Hon., a magazine executive who was a founder and publisher/editor of *Child* magazine. ❧

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## THE LAST WORD

# Disputed Questions and a question of dispute

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

**T**HE MEDIEVAL PRACTICE OF DISPUTED QUESTIONS, or *disputatio*, was the equivalent of a jousting tournament of the mind — far less deadly and injury-ridden, but just as exciting and invigorating.

In most universities, when a Master was disputing, all of the other lectures in the school were typically abrogated so that other scholars (called the bachelors) and specifically, the students of the Master, could attend. The Master would give a brief introductory lecture on the topic. And then, with no particular order to subject or query, the other Masters, the bachelors, and the students could begin to debate the issue.

The primary Master acted more as a respondent to the various questions asked. The entire morning would be a hodge-podge of point and counterpoint and would end when the last objection had been raised. It was only on the next day of the *disputatio* that the Master could make sense of all that had happened in the previous exercise. He would synthesize the basic objections to his thesis, present his own refutations to those objections, and then determine his final stance on the subject by drawing truth from the various fonts of the deliberative arguments.

It was in these final acts of determination that the Master would present, usually in writing, what we now call Disputed Questions.

In the Providence College classroom, we have taken this medieval mind-joust and flipped it into a question of dispute. For many in academia, there is a reluctance to enter into hearty engagement and challenge — that the classroom should be a place of comfort. But, we know that in our pursuit of truth, it is necessary, at times, to do more than just “agree to disagree.” We have to be willing to challenge our preconceptions and be open to the possibility that our singular vantage point may be wrong. At the same time, we have to be disposed to speak the truth in the face of adversity or confrontation.

Thus, in the PC classroom, it is not uncommon for a Dominican or lay professor to engage his or her students with a multitude of perspectives or opinions on a matter — and then, one by one, the class as a whole may “unpack” which theories work and which ones do not. We learn how to dispute with each other, not simply to argue, but to arrive at a greater truth than what we could possess on our own. We learn that in our Disputed Questions with each other we can find that ultimate *Veritas* that is beyond dispute. ❖

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