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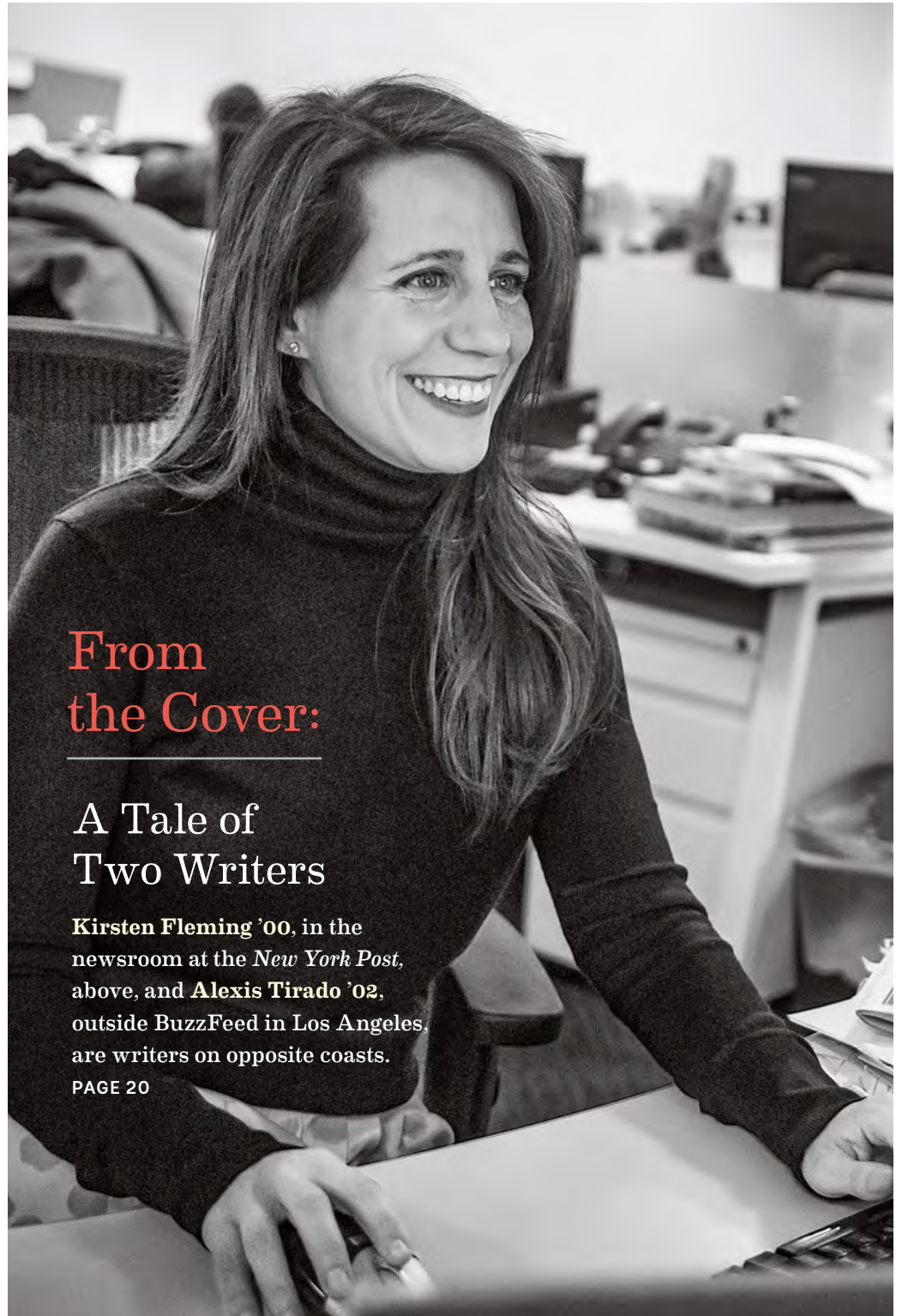
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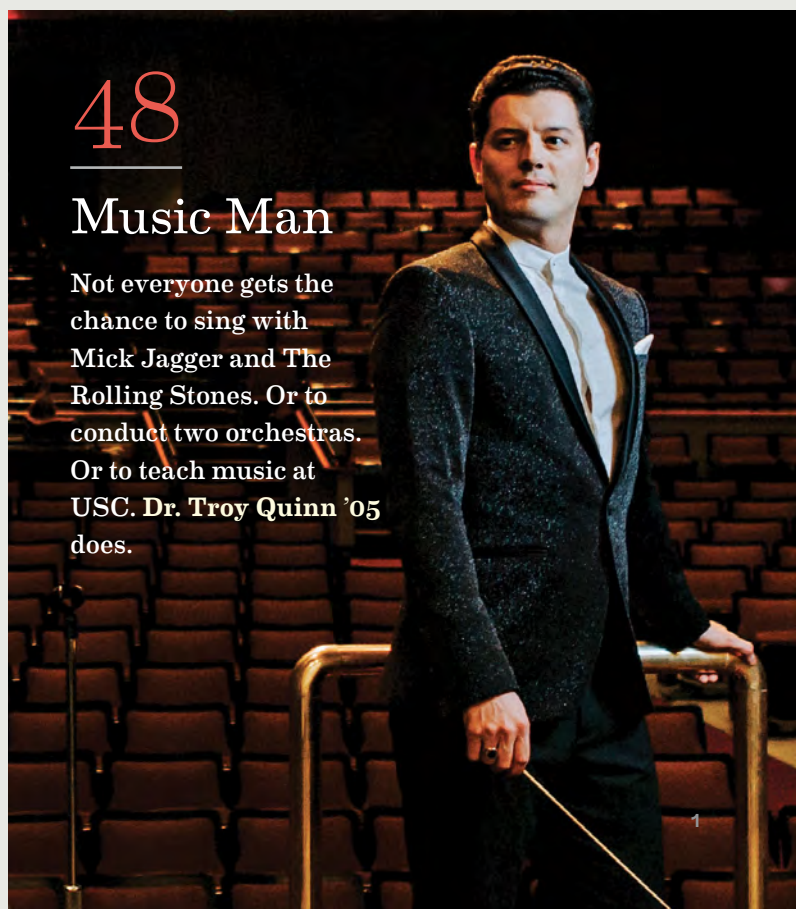
When he isn't serving egg rolls and noodles, John Chan '74 is hosting some of the finest national acts in jazz and blues, finetuning a watercolor, or playing a round of golf with the Farrelly brothers.



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# Art meets basketball

THE BASKETBALL COURTS AT FARGNOLI PARK IN PROVIDENCE, a short walk from campus, have been transformed into a public art installation thanks to a team of alumni, staff, and students. Bold and vibrant color patterns — the design of mixed-media artist Jim Drain — were painted on the resurfaced courts, which also received new hoops, nets, and bleachers. The project was a partnership between Providence College Galleries, led by director and curator Jamilee Lacy, and Friends of Friars Basketball, which keeps former players connected through charitable work.

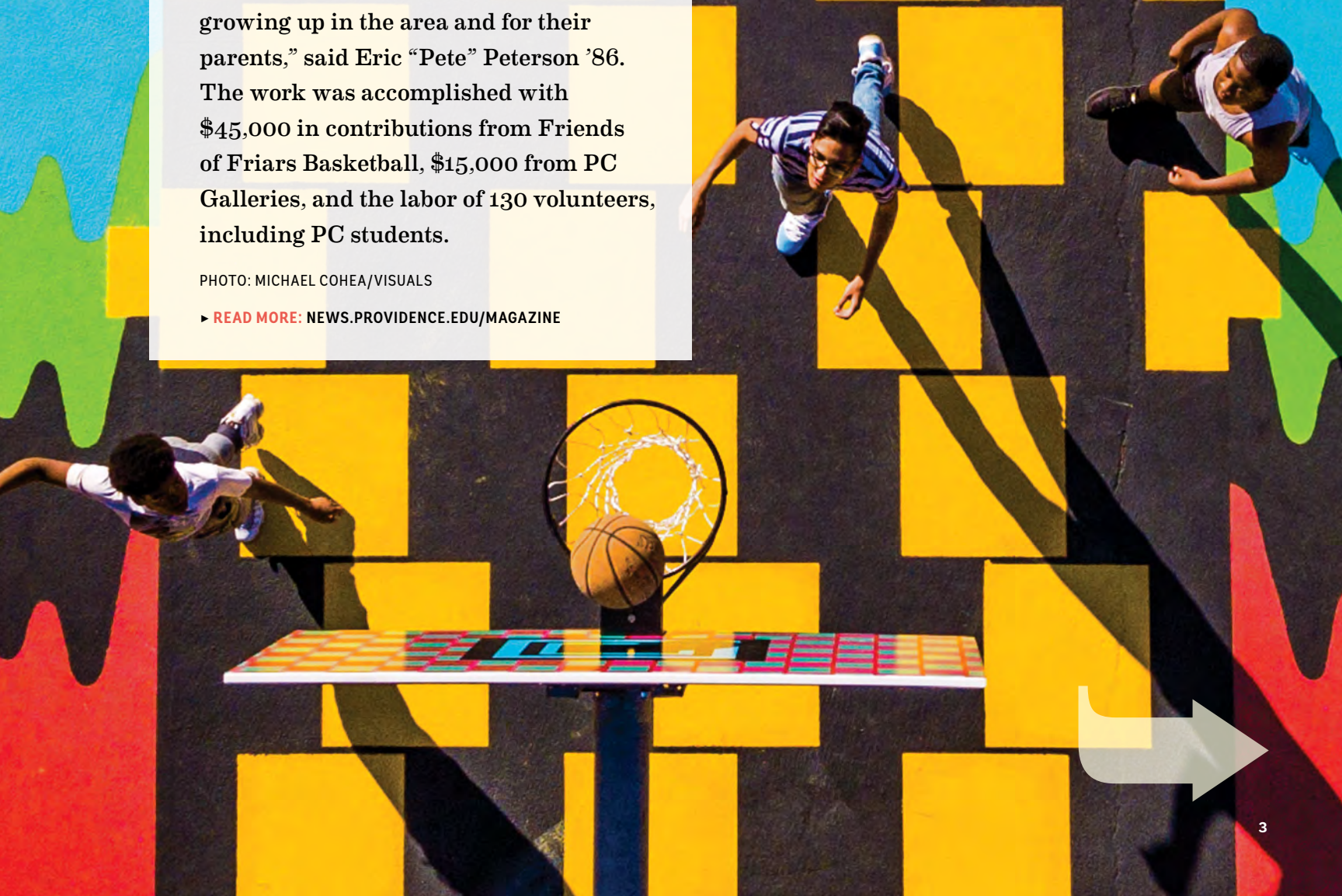
“We wanted to make the Fagnoli courts a source of pride for every child growing up in the area and for their parents,” said Eric “Pete” Peterson ’86. The work was accomplished with \$45,000 in contributions from Friends of Friars Basketball, \$15,000 from PC Galleries, and the labor of 130 volunteers, including PC students.

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## Facebook to the rescue

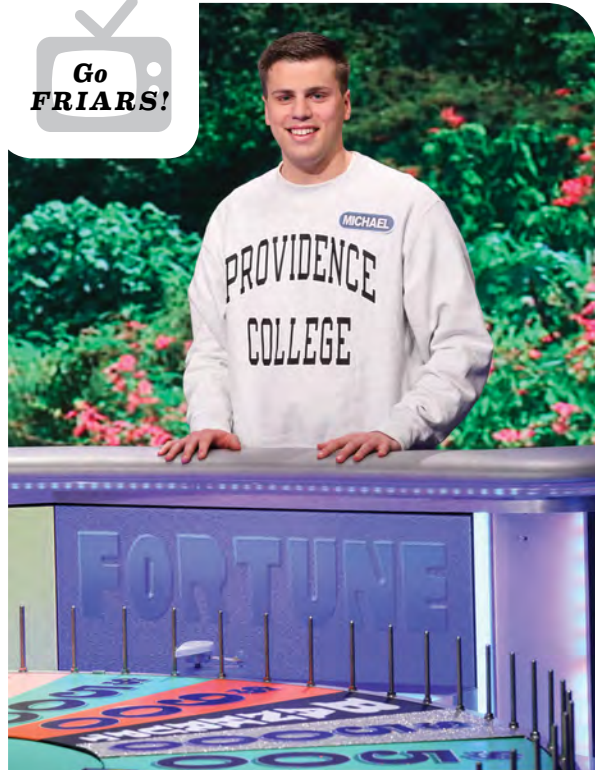
SUPPOSE YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN HANOI, VIETNAM, and you want to learn more about Providence College. Where do you turn? Phuong Pham '19 used Facebook to message other students from Vietnam who were studying at PC. She asked them to share insights about their experiences. She studied their photographs to get a sense of campus life.

"They seemed to have a lot of fun," said Pham, now a double major in finance and marketing. Pham's experience using social media has continued to grow. She was chosen to be the analyst for the 2018-19 Benjamin Family Social Media Fellows, a group of five students responsible for marketing the Providence College School of Business.

## Solving the puzzle

MICHAEL FOSS '19 (Charlton, Mass.) competed on *Wheel of Fortune's* College Week in March, bringing home more than \$8,000 in prizes. He won the first of three toss-ups, as well as a puzzle with a Western Civilization connection — Julius Caesar.

Foss said he enjoyed meeting hosts Pat Sajak and Vanna White, and going behind the scenes on a Hollywood set. "This is the coolest thing I've ever done in my life," he said. "It was surreal to be on the set." After graduation, the mathematics and Spanish double major will attend Clemson University to pursue a doctorate in mathematics.



## Paying it forward

A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS NEARLY 35 YEARS ago stuck with Dr. Eileen G. Johnson, PC visiting professor of psychology since 2007 and the mother of two PC undergraduates. Her reflection on how a decision by an admission staff member at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia shaped her life was published in *The Providence Journal*. Johnson begged the staff member to accept her late application for the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology, and the sympathetic woman agreed. It was the only program to which she was admitted. Her Hahnemann experience led to a series of opportunities — including a clinical faculty position at Brown University and meeting her future husband — and ultimately to PC. The practicing clinical neuropsychologist noted her association with the College was a factor in her children's enrollment. Johnson, second from right, is seen here with her family, from left, Carly '21, Jack '20, and husband Richard, on Slavin Center lawn.





## Deep dive in Hollywood

One of the show-stopping moments for the 13 students involved in January’s three-day PC in Hollywood program was a visit with actor, TV personality, and PC trustee **JOHN O’HURLEY ’76 & ’06HON.**, rear center. Best known for his role as J. Peterman on the NBC sitcom *Seinfeld*, O’Hurley had lunch with the students and four PC faculty and staff members, spoke about his journey into the entertainment industry, and posed for photos. He shared his philosophy of how to live and inspired the students with his message. His “J. Peterman Guide” to good living focuses on the concepts of imagination, stillness, and appreciation.

Above, PC in Hollywood participants are, front row, from left: Ariel Tavares ’20, Gerardo Davila ’20, Erica Beatey ’19, Teddy Kiritsy ’19, Manya Glassman ’19, Jackson Gany ’19, Emily Clark ’19, and Aisling Sheahan ’19. Rear: Mary M. Cairns, assistant director of alumni relations; Michaela Heinz ’19, Julia Balukonis ’20, William Burrelgh ’19, John O’Hurley ’76 & ’06Hon., Rev. Kenneth R. Gumbert, O.P., professor of film studies in theatre; Paul R. Calle ’12 & ’15G, major gifts officer; Mireya Lopez ’19, Maggie Burke ’19, and Patti Goff, assistant vice president for integrated learning and administration.

### Super producer →

**YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL** has a PC connection. Peter Bunstein ’09 was a producer for Hungry Man Productions, which made the commercial that showed how Microsoft Xbox’s adaptive controller allows children of all abilities to connect through video games.

Bunstein said he realized when he moved to California that his liberal arts education made him well-rounded and able to work and communicate with people from different places and generations. “I never really knew how educated I was until I met the rest of the world,” he said. 🍷





## Father Shanley to serve through June 2020

**Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** announced in March that his term as College president will end on June 30, 2020.

Father Shanley, who took office on July 1, 2005, informed the College community that his superior, Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corporation, “will not make me available” to serve an additional term as president. After serving his first five-year term, Father Shanley twice was re-elected to five-year terms by the Corporation and the Board of Trustees.

In a statement to the College community, the Board of Trustees said it was “deeply disappointed” in the decision. Father Shanley has enjoyed “the unwavering and nearly unanimous support of the board,” and the College “has advanced extraordinarily within the landscape of higher education.” The trustees also acknowledged that Father

Shanley has taken a vow of obedience as a Dominican Friar and that when institutions are affiliated with a religious order, “changes like this are often inevitable.”

Father Shanley has guided his *alma mater* to the cusp of sustained national prominence. His accomplishments permeate all levels of operations. The momentum is punctuated by *PC200*, the ambitious 10-year strategic plan approved by the trustees last November.

Under his leadership, the College has established the Division of Mission and Ministry and created a cabinet-level vice president position to lead it; revised the core curriculum, including revitalizing the cornerstone Development of Western Civilization Program; and amplified the commitment to diversity, including hiring PC’s first chief diversity officer, creating the position of vice president for institutional diversity, and increasing faculty and staff hires among people of color.

In addition, PC has completed a record-breaking comprehensive campaign that raised \$187 million; constructed and renovated multiple facilities and revamped the campus landscape; and experienced an increased level of athletics excellence that includes NCAA championships in men’s ice hockey and women’s cross country.

The trustees are expected to announce plans for choosing a successor this spring.

## Six to receive honorary degrees at Commencement Exercises

FOUR INDIVIDUALS with ties to the College are among six people who will receive honorary degrees at PC’s One Hundred and First Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 19, at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center in Providence.

The recipients include **Marta V. Martinez '79**, founder and executive director of Rhode Island Latino Arts; **Marifrances McGinn, J.D.**, the College’s first full-time general counsel and first female vice president, who retired in February 2019; the late **Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64 & '66G**, longtime PC professor of physics, whose degree will be awarded posthumously; and **John M. Murphy, Sr.**, founder, president, and CEO of Beara Capital, LLC, whose support to the College

includes the establishment of the Dr. Kenneth Walker '57 Family Scholarship Fund.

Also chosen to receive honorary degrees are **Steve Pemberton**, chief human resources officer for Workhuman, and **Sister Lorraine A. Lauter, O.S.U.**, executive director of Water With Blessings. Pemberton, who is a motivational speaker and human rights advocate, will present the Commencement Address.

More than 1,200 graduates will receive degrees. ❖

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## PC-Intuit partnership targets executives' critical thinking

**Providence College and its School of Business,** in collaboration with the School of Arts & Sciences, hosted executives of Intuit Inc. in a training in actionable critical thinking (ACT).

It is the second national partnership that the PCSB has established for executive training development. The business school also provides management education training to employees of CVS, the country's largest pharmacy chain.

The catalyst behind the PC-Intuit partnership was Bernard F. McKay '74, Intuit's chief public policy officer and senior vice president for global corporate affairs. He approached the deans of the schools of arts & sciences and business, Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta and Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, respectively, about the possibility

of training in critical thinking for senior executives in Intuit's corporate affairs division.

"There are many things I've carried with me from my years at PC, but none has been more significant in its impact than critical-thinking skills. It was PC's greatest life gift," said McKay, who joined Intuit in 1998. The corporate software giant is best known for flagship products TurboTax, QuickBooks, and Mint.

PC welcomed 18 senior leaders, directors, and vice presidents from across the country to two days of workshops. The training was tailored to support the executives in strategic decision making and in being clear, effective communicators when working with state and national public policymakers and legislators.

The Actionable Critical Thinking Program mirrors foundational elements of a PC liberal arts education, said Dr. Dan Horne, professor of marketing and PCSB associate dean.

"It's an interdisciplinary effort grounded in our strengths as an institution," said Horne, who coordinat-

ed the workshops with Whitney MacDougall, senior leader for special projects at Intuit. Horne recruited Dr. Raymond F. Hain and Dr. Colin Guthrie King, associate professors of philosophy, and Dr. Sharon Ann Murphy, professor of history, to develop and execute the ACT training.

Maxfield said programs like ACT showcase the quality of PC's integration of business and the liberal arts. "Externally, it is a strong reputational signal to be working with great companies. Internally, such interdisciplinary work breaks down traditional barriers and helps us understand how much we can learn from each other," she said. ❏

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Executives from Intuit Inc. and PC faculty members take a break from their critical-thinking workshops, held in the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies.



*Jim '80 and Bridget Chirico, with daughters Mackenzie, left, and Brittany, have made a \$2 million gift for the construction of a new Center for Career Education and Professional Development. Here, the family celebrates the public offering announcement of Jim's software company, Avaya, at the New York Stock Exchange.*

## A cornerstone gift for career education

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

**A \$2 million gift from Jim Chirico '80** and his wife, Bridget, will make it possible for the College to construct a new Center for Career Education and Professional Development with expanded facilities, technology, and career coaching to prepare students for life after graduation.

“The center will provide a space for students to make important connections with recruiters, organizations, alumni networks, and others, bringing them closer to their first destination after college, whether that be employment, education, service, or ministry,” said Kristine C. Goodwin, vice president for student affairs.

The new Center for Career Education and Professional Development is the cornerstone of the second phase of the Ruane Friar Development Center project, which was made possible by a lead gift from Michael A. Ruane '71 & '13Hon.

and his wife, Elizabeth. The first phase, which was dedicated in September 2018, features a two-court practice facility for the men's basketball team, enhancements to the Canavan Sports Medicine Center, and a student-athlete café.

In addition to the Center for Career Education, located in Slavin Center, the second phase will include an expanded '64 Hall and an enclosed concourse linking Alumni Hall, Slavin Center, and the Concannon Fitness Center. A \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor also has been received for the project. Preparation work will begin this summer.

Chirico is president and CEO of Avaya, a global telecommunications and collaborative technology company with 8,000 employees in 183 countries. When Chirico became

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president and CEO in October 2017, the company was just exiting from Chapter 11 restructuring. Under his leadership, Avaya was able to successfully complete the process and go public on the New York Stock Exchange in January 2018.

Chirico, a soccer player, transferred to PC at the start of his sophomore year from Eastern University in Pennsylvania. He was seeking “a small school with a big-name reputation that offered a diverse liberal arts education.” He played center fullback.

“I wasn’t the best, to be honest, but being part of a Division I team was an amazing experience,” Chirico said. “The opportunity to compete, to push yourself, to develop close-knit relationships with friends and teammates, was a valuable learning experience for me. What I learned is that to be successful, you have to conquer and force yourself to do things out of your comfort zone.”

Chirico majored in marketing at PC and accepted an entry-level position at IBM after graduation. He remained with the company for 17 years, rising to the executive level, before joining Seagate Technology in 1998. He has been with Avaya since 2008.

There were few career services offered when he graduated, Chirico noted.

“There’s an incredible amount of talent entering the workforce today, and the competition for the first job out of school is fierce,” Chirico said. “It’s important for students to have the best preparation to understand what makes them attractive to an employer, how they can be successful in their search, and the criteria to look for in their first job. Bridget and I are investing in the Center for Career Education and Professional Development to prepare students to launch their careers, and to help them find careers in which they can succeed.”

A liberal arts education is an advantage, Chirico said.

“The best part of a liberal arts education is that you have the opportunity to learn in multiple disciplines. You are not just an expert in one field,” Chirico said. “Yes, you can be an English major and work for Avaya.”

The Chiricos, who live in Chapel Hill, N.C., also own and operate Fishy Fishy Cafe in Southport. They are the parents of two daughters, Brittany and Mackenzie. ❧



# PC NEWS



Story circles, such as the one at left, were an important component of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Democracy course. Below, Quincy A. Bevely, assistant vice president for institutional diversity, guides a class discussion.



Dr. Nicholas V. Longo '96, professor of global studies and of public and community service studies, below, said the course was inspired by research for his book, "Discussing Democracy." At right, the class gathers outside the Community DID Wall in the Feinstein Academic Center. Below right, a response to the question, "How can we establish community at PC?"



Friars hold doors should be way more than just the physical action → keep the door open for opportunities to build relationships

PHOTOS/THIS PAGE: CLASS AND INSTRUCTORS; JUSTIN JAMES MUIR. DID WALL: VICKI-ANN DOWNING. OPPOSITE PAGE: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR.

## ← Course-based community wall inspires campus conversation

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING



At the Community DID Wall are, from left, Gabriella Lunati '21, Perla Castillo Calderon '20, and Sabrin Mohamednur '20.

**While politicians debated the value** of a wall along America's southern border, students in the Diversity, Inclusion, and Democracy course were creating a wall with a different purpose. Their Community DID Wall, located in the Feinstein Academic Center, invites the campus community to engage in conversation about challenging questions:

What differentiates free speech and hate speech?

How is suffering part of the human condition?

How can we establish community at PC?

To respond, "Grab some chalk and leave your opinion."

The Community DID Wall was the central project of a course taught in the fall 2018 semester by Dr. Nicholas V. Longo '96, professor of global studies and of public and community service studies, and three facilitators: Quincy A. Bevely, assistant vice president for institutional diversity, and Marvin

Taveras '19 (Lynn, Mass.) and Caroline Garcia-Then '19 (Lawrence, Mass.), undergraduate students.

Eighteen students took part, many of them leaders from student-oriented organizations, including the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs and the Office of Residence Life.

"We don't know how to talk to people and have civil conversations, especially with people we disagree with," Longo explained. "This course was about how to facilitate those conversations. The wall is a place to have a dialogue about public issues with people of different backgrounds."

Every two weeks, the class posed a new question on the wall and promoted it through an Instagram account (@pcdidwall). Students, faculty, and staff passing through Feinstein wrote their responses. In the classroom, students studied active listening, methods of dialogue, story circles, and how to ask questions.

"It was one of the most practical courses I've taken and one of the most diverse" in the makeup of the students, said Perla Castillo Calderon '20 (Providence, R.I.). "We had student leaders from almost every club and a wait list to register."

Six students are continuing the course as a research seminar this spring. They add new questions to the wall, and their research will be published in an academic journal. They are planning to add another wall to The Center at Moore Hall and are considering a mobile wall that could travel to campus events.

"Every voice is equally important," said Bevely. "It's not about agreeing. A beloved community is the beauty of different thoughts and perspectives reflected well." ❖

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Rev. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., chaplain for the women's basketball team, right, listens as coach Jim Crowley talks to his players during an early-season home game.

## Dominican chaplains have residence halls, athletics teams covered

**Dominican friars and one sister** who serve the College in a variety of teaching, administrative, and ministerial positions have expanded their support in two highly visible ways this academic year. They're now ministering as chaplains in every residence hall and to every intercollegiate athletics team.

The Office of the Chaplain, led by College Chaplain Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., worked with the Office of Residence Life and the Department of Athletics to coordinate the assignment of chaplains to all 14 residence halls and all 19 women's and men's athletics programs. More than a dozen Dominican priests, along with campus minister Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P., are offering pastoral support regularly to students and/or student-athletes in one or both outreaches.

The goal is to provide an additional resource of spiritual and personal support to students during their College experience, said Father Peter Martyr. In the residence hall ministry, chaplains have worked closely with resident assistants, who frequently are among the first people students turn to when personal needs arise, he noted.

Dominicans in both outreaches work with residence hall staff and athletics team coaches and staff to determine

how best to assist students. Some common practices have developed, including hall and room blessings, attendance at RA staff and floor meetings, and weekly office hours for hall chaplains, and attendance at games and practices, meetings with team staff, and consultations with student-athletes for the team chaplains.

"I've had conversations I wouldn't have had unless I set up office hours," said Father Peter Martyr, who is the chaplain at Aquinas Hall, where women and men who are sophomores live.

Third-year RA Colleen DaCosta '19 (Acushnet, Mass.), the head RA in Aquinas, said it is "amazing having Father Peter Martyr there and be a part of the staff dynamic." He helps the RA staff with event and program planning, in addition to meeting with students, she said. "He is so engaged and proactive."

Jill LaPoint, assistant vice president for athletics, deputy athletics director, and senior woman administrator, said the athletics department is happy that every team now has a Dominican chaplain. Before this academic year, five teams had chaplains, but student-athletes in other sports wanted the same benefit, she pointed out.

"The support, care, and encouragement they provide has been a wonderful addition to the support that student-athletes receive from our athletics department coaches and staff," said LaPoint. "There's something special about the constant presence of Dominicans. They are a confidential, reliable, and trusted resource." ❖

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## Russell Franks

### LIBRARIAN & ARCHIVIST

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

Russell Franks has served Providence College as its librarian for special and archival collections since 2008, overseeing PC's archives in Phillips Memorial Library. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island.

**WHY ARCHIVES?** I've always been interested in history. Growing up in western Pennsylvania where there is lots of pre-revolutionary history,

I loved exploring the local historical landmarks as a kid and have always been fascinated with old things.

**WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE?** Some days are routine, but you never know who's going to walk through the door. We get requests from out of the blue. Between my associate (Robin Rancourt) and I, we are always discovering all sorts of interesting tidbits and trivia-type information about the College's history. I like helping people, and when you can find something and present it to them in reasonable time, it's very satisfying. It's really a joy when a member from a family who donated

one of our special collections comes in and asks to look at the collection.

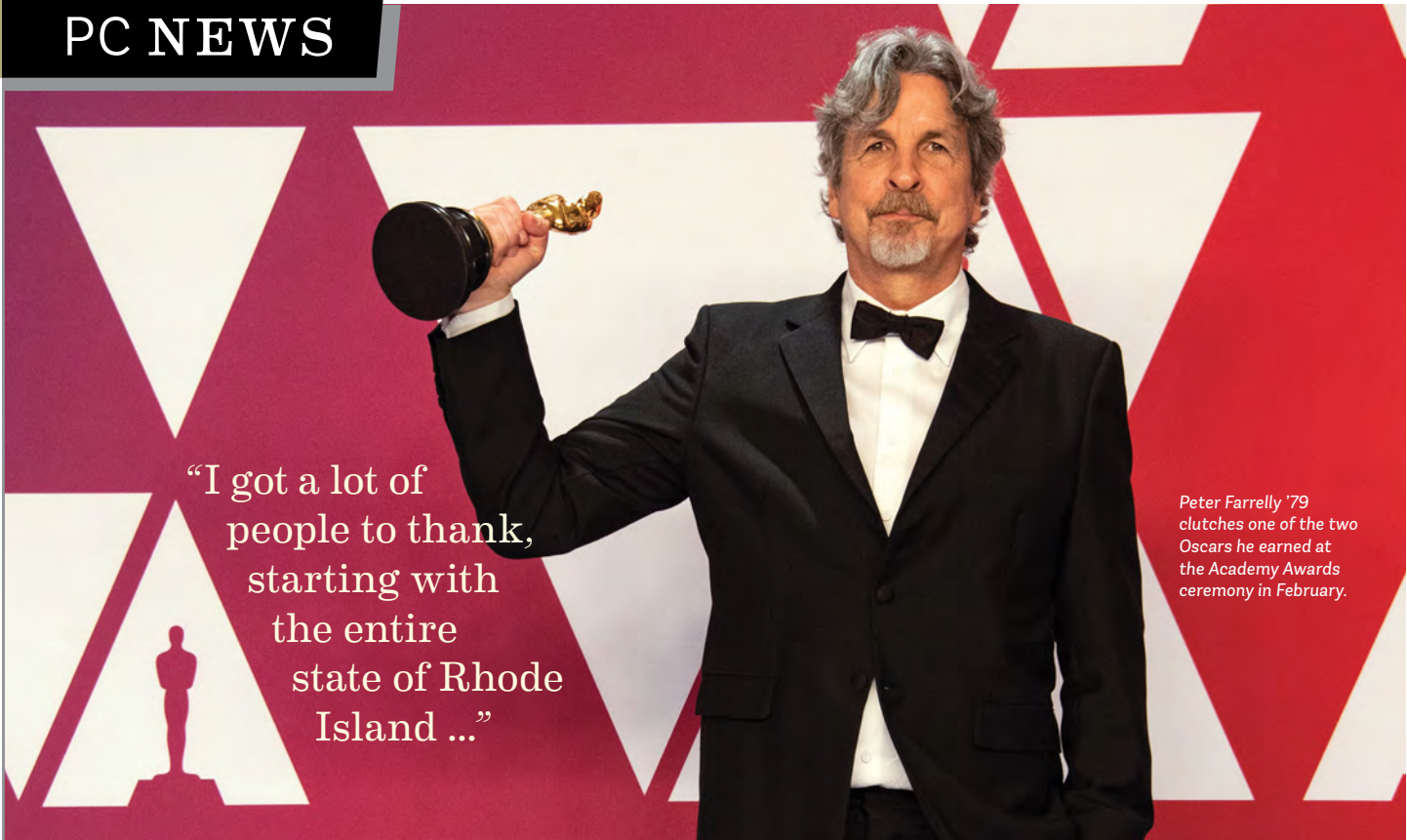
**#1 LABOR OF LOVE:** Putting together exhibits is very fulfilling. It allows my creativity to come through. One of my favorites was the centennial exhibit two years ago, when we added six exhibit cases in the library.

**FAVORITE DOCUMENTS:** We have these 18th century marriage records from the Philippines, in Spanish. They're on parchment paper. I have no idea how we got them.

Another favorite is a series of children's adventure books from the 1890s to the 1930s. They're similar to the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books. The covers are embossed with illustrations, have sharp lettering, and are nicely bound. They're bookshop window-type stuff.

**OFF THE JOB:** Prior to coming to Providence College, I worked as a helicopter pilot. I've done charter work, flew radio traffic reporters in several major cities, flew for utility companies inspecting pipelines and power lines, and have flown in the Gulf of Mexico supporting the oil platforms. I also worked out of Guam for eight years with the international tuna fishing fleets on the high seas in the Pacific. I'd fly all day, weather permitting, and be at sea up to eight months, living onboard the ship.

I love photography, especially infrared photography and employing 19th century photographic methods, such as the wet plate collodion process, to create images. 📷



“I got a lot of people to thank, starting with the entire state of Rhode Island ...”

Peter Farrelly '79 clutches one of the two Oscars he earned at the Academy Awards ceremony in February.

## Oscar wild!

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

**P**eter Farrelly '79 thanked his family and “the entire state of Rhode Island” when he took the stage at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles in February to accept two Oscars — Best Motion Picture and Best Original Screenplay — for *Green Book*, a film he directed and co-wrote.

“They say if you want to go somewhere fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together,” Farrelly said. “I got a lot of people to thank, starting with the entire state of Rhode Island — thank you very much.”

*Green Book*, set in 1962, is the story of a working-class Italian-American man, played by Viggo Mortenson, who works as the chauffeur and bodyguard for a gay, African-American pianist, played by Mahershala Ali, who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

“The whole story is about love,” Farrelly said. “It’s about loving each other despite our differences, and finding out the truth about who we are. We’re the same people.”

They were Farrelly’s first Academy Awards in a 25-year career as a writer, director, and producer. He thanked his brother and longtime collaborator, Bobby, “who got me into this business;” his wife, actress Melinda Kocsis; and their children, Robert and Apple. He also mentioned his sister, Kathryn Lee Farrelly, “who died a week before we started shooting, but never left my side.”

Farrelly grew up in Cumberland, R.I., a son of Mariann Farrelly and Robert L. Farrelly, M.D. '59, who died in 2013. He studied accountancy at PC. Following graduation, he studied writing at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and at Columbia University. He made his first film, *Dumb and Dumber*, in 1994 with his brother. He is the author of two novels, *Outside Providence* (Main Street Books, 1998) and *The Comedy Writer* (Main Street Books, 1998).

Farrelly lives and works in California, where he regularly meets PC students who visit through the PC in Hollywood program. 🍷



## PC200 strategic plan underscores national prominence, reach



**PC200, the new strategic plan** approved by the Board of Trustees in November 2018, is poised to distinguish the College as a nationally recognized, premier Catholic institution with an expanded national recruiting presence and an ever-increasing reputation for academic excellence.

Developed through an inclusive, community-based process over more than two years, *PC200* is a 10-year plan that outlines high aspirations and promises ever-stronger connections to the College's core values and history. More than 1,000 people, including the President's Senior Cabinet, faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, and members of the Dominican community, provided input.

*PC200* addresses many of the challenges facing higher-education institutions, including the need for a distinctive value proposition, careful fiscal management, and an evolving recruitment strategy that accounts for expected demographic shifts affecting the traditional college-age population. The plan's three overarching goals broadly center on the academic experience, an inclusive and diverse community, and institutional sustainment.

The *PC200* process was led by a 17-member steering committee, chaired by Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, College executive vice president and treasurer, and Dr. Sylvia Maxfield, dean of the PC School of Business. The committee's work was supported by a 20-member Future of Higher Education Research Team. ❧



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## Five Dominicans welcomed to teaching, administrative posts



THE TIES REMAIN STRONG between Providence College and the Order of Preachers.

Three Dominican friars were assigned to teach at the College in the 2018-19 academic year: **Rev. Michael Thomas**

**Davenport, O.P.**, assistant professor of physics, who has a Ph.D. in physics from Stanford University; **Rev. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P.**, assistant professor of mathematics, who has a Ph.D. in mathematics from The Ohio State University; and **Rev. Isaac Morales, O.P.**, assistant professor of theology, who has a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Duke University.

In addition, two Dominicans were named administrators. **Rev. M. James Cuddy, O.P. '98** became vice president for mission and ministry in August. From 2009-2016, Father Cuddy served as College chaplain. He spent two years as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Greenwich Village, a Dominican parish in New York City, before returning to PC.

**Rev. Thomas More Garrett, O.P.** was assigned full time as associate vice president-associate general counsel. He has provided legal services in the Office of the General Counsel since 2016.

Meanwhile, five alumni are among the 48 Dominicans studying for the priesthood at the Dominican House of Studies and St. Dominic Priory, both in Washington, D.C. They are **Brother Jordan Zajac '04**, **Brother James Mary Ritch '08**, **Brother John Mark Solitario '13G**, **Brother Joseph Graziano '14**, and **Brother Damian Marie Day '15**. **Brother Nicodemus Maria Thomas '18** is in his novitiate year at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio. ❧



## Rev. Tutu: ‘Beloved community’ requires conscious choice



Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu

REV. NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU, a human rights activist and the daughter of South African anti-apartheid leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu, spoke about the importance of individual actions in building a beloved community during the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Convocation in January.

Rev. Tutu’s keynote presentation came during the College’s second annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation Week, which featured programs to advance Rev. King’s vision of a beloved community. She spoke to approximately 650 people in Peterson Recreation Center.

Rev. Tutu, who grew up in racially segregated South Africa, told the audience she believes courageous leaders show their true characters when no one is watching.

“When we say we are on the road to a beloved community, there is something that is called for from us every day in our lives.... We are being asked to make choices that maybe nobody else notices, but we know that we are being asked to make,” she said.

Rev. King believed in the dignity of all human beings and “refused to demean and diminish those who demeaned and diminished him,” said Rev. Tutu. “How you are in the world, how you treat others, gives them either the encouragement to ask questions about what they know ... or else can help them stay entrenched in their ideas, in their lack of knowledge.”

The convocation also featured the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Vision Award to Jillian Rose ’04, director of community engagement, diversity, and research at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. A social work and health policy and management double major at PC, she is known for her advocacy for marginalized patients.

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## School of Business reaches new heights in rankings

The profile of the Providence College School of Business at the undergraduate and graduate levels continues to rise nationally.

- The school’s undergraduate business program moved up to #52, a jump of 11 spots, in the 2018 rankings published by *Poets & Quants for Undergrads*. The online publication ranks fewer than 85 business schools.
- PCSB’s MBA Program climbed again in the most recent rankings of part-time graduate business programs by *U.S. News & World Report*. It rose nine spots in the annual ranking for 2020, to 109, reflecting a leap of 57 spots in two years.



The Providence College School of Business was recognized again in recent rankings. Here, one of the school’s faculty members, Dr. Liu Wang, associate professor of finance, leads a class.

In a related highlight, PCSB announced it is launching an innovative semester abroad opportunity in spring 2020 in conjunction with PC’s Center for Global Education. The PC in Shanghai program will operate in partnership with East China Normal University. It will offer a robust portfolio of course work — taught in English — that fulfills requirements for all four business majors, as well as an English-speaking and credit-bearing internship.



Ann Manchester-Molak '75



Robert G. Driscoll, Jr.

## Pair elevated to vice president

**Two longtime senior executives** at the College were promoted to vice president and named to the President’s Senior Cabinet, announced President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. ’80.

Ann Manchester-Molak ’75 was named vice president for external affairs, marketing, and board relations. This newly created position, responsive to the objectives of the strategic plan, involves oversight of the offices of Public Affairs, Community and Government Relations, and Marketing and Communications. Manchester-Molak, who had been assistant to the president and executive vice president since 2010, will continue to serve as liaison to the Board of Trustees, the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, and several other constituencies. She began working at her *alma mater* in 1980.

Robert G. Driscoll, Jr. was appointed vice president and director of athletics. Driscoll, who previously served as associate vice president and athletics director, came to PC in 2001. He has elevated the athletics program to an unprecedented level of excellence, including NCAA championships in women’s cross country in 2013 and men’s ice hockey in 2015.

## Student research showcase celebrating 10th year

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVITY marked its 10th year on April 24 when the College’s signature research showcase was held. Sponsored by the Center for Engaged Learning, the event spotlights the best scholarly, creative, and service work students are doing on campus, in the community, and globally. It is open to students in all class years and majors.

The celebration has grown from 51 student participants its first year, 2010, to 229 students last year. The number of projects presented also has increased sharply over the first nine years, from 35 to 101. The majority of the projects involve research directly with or overseen by faculty.



Nicole Korzeniecki '18 discusses her project on ants in Rhode Island at last year’s Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity.



## Applications streak hits 5 years

The College received a record number of applications for the new incoming class for the fifth consecutive year. A total of 11,474 students applied for the Class of 2023 — an increase of 78 applicants (0.7%) over last year. ¶



## Cited by *Cosmopolitan*

YOU NEVER KNOW where you will encounter a reference to a Providence College professor's research. For example, a *Cosmopolitan* blog post cited a study by **Dr. Christopher J. Lyddy**, assistant professor of management, and colleagues at eight other higher-education institutions that showed that mindfulness can help improve focus at work. Their research was originally published in the *Journal of Management*.

Dr. James S. Waters



### Funded by NSF

**Dr. James S. Waters**, associate professor of biology, received a \$632,731 award from the National Science Foundation for collaborative research among Providence College, Salve Regina University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Vermont. The award will support study on how evolution, physiology, and the biological mechanisms controlling gene expression allow organisms to respond to stressful environments, focusing specifically on thermal and metabolic physiology in insects.

The grant also will support training, mentorship, and community engagement, including a summer coding boot camp for high school students. The grant is a subaward from the University of Vermont, and the total for all institutions over four years is more than \$4.7 million.

### Gene-editing concerns

The molecular editing tool CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) was the subject

of a talk and a written opinion piece by **Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P.**, professor of biology and of theology. Father Austriaco was one of four experts to speak on editing of the human genome at the 2018 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. An expert in health care ethics, he based his talk on human dignity and whether human genome editing protects and advances the human person.

Father Austriaco's reflection, "The Case Against CRISPR Babies," appeared in *First Things*, a publication of the non-profit Institute on Religion and Public Life. It acknowledges the major concerns about gene editing by scientists and ethicists and questions whether humans should be allowed to change the genes of future generations of persons. He also wrote an earlier piece on the same subject in *Plough Quarterly* magazine.



### Chemistry research awarded

**Dr. Maria E. Carroll**, assistant professor of chemistry, received a grant of \$55,000 from the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund. The grant supports research on iron carbonyl complexes by Carroll and three undergraduate students through ACS's Undergraduate New Investigator Grants Program.



### Prize-winning essay

An essay by **Dr. Adrian C. Weimer**, associate professor of history, received the 2018 Jane Dempsey Douglass Prize from the American Society of Church History. The award annually recognizes the best essay on women's role in the history of Christianity. Weimer's essay, "Elizabeth Hooton and the Lived Politics of Toleration in Massachusetts Bay," was published in *William and Mary Quarterly*. ❧

# Scholar Power

## DR. TUBA AGARTAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

**HIGHEST DEGREE:** Ph.D., State University of New York at Binghamton

**EXPERTISE:** sociology of health and illness, health care reform, and comparative health policy and global health

**NEWSWORTHY:** Agartan completed her two-year Takemi fellowship in August 2018. The Takemi Program in International Health is an interdisciplinary research program that aims to improve health and health systems around the world by bringing mid-career health professionals and scholars to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health to conduct research and develop their leadership skills. Agartan's work focused on how reforms in her native Turkey impacted the working conditions of public-sector physicians. She is a faculty fellow in PC's Center for Teaching Excellence and the global engagement track sponsor for PC's new business and innovation minor.

**QUOTABLE:** "As a sociologist who studies health policy and global health, I share my passion for improving social justice and health equity every day in the classroom. I am also very excited about the work we do at Providence College on global learning and engagement. With the Center for Teaching Excellence and the new minor, I work with faculty, students, staff, and administrators to develop global engagement and social responsibility as core educational priorities."

**HOBBIES:** yoga, cooking

**YEARS AT PC:** 11

"... I SHARE MY PASSION FOR IMPROVING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTH EQUITY EVERY DAY IN THE CLASSROOM."





A tale of **TWO**  
**WRITERS**

PHOTO: BRENT MURRAY

KIRSTEN FLEMING '00, left, and ALEXIS TIRADO '02, below, are New Jersey natives working as writers on opposite coasts. Fleming is senior features reporter for the *New York Post* in New York City. Tirado works in Los Angeles for BuzzFeed — the digital media news and entertainment company — as supervising producer for Pero Like, a content platform for the Latinx community. We invited Fleming and Tirado to write about one another.

→ BY KIRSTEN FLEMING '00  
AND ALEXIS TIRADO '02



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# FROM BUDDY TO BUZZFEED

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BY KIRSTEN FLEMING '00

The first writing gig for **Alexis Tirado '02** was working under Providence's most notorious boss: late Mayor Buddy Cianci.

"I interned with his speech-writing team, ghostwriting correspondence, and I would go to events with Buddy. I loved it," said Tirado of her time with the sauce-selling pol. But it was a note from PC English professor Dr. Peter Johnson that ultimately pushed her into the frenetic media world.

"In my final, he put a note in that said, 'I don't write this to students, but you really have a chance to make it.' My mom was a housekeeper and my dad was a chauffeur. I was one of the first people in my family to go to college. He was the first adult who had said something like that to me," said the New Jersey native.

And it seems Johnson knew what he was talking about.

Since those humble City Hall days, Tirado's storytelling ability has taken her from fist pumping with the

*Jersey Shore* gang to flying first class with Alicia Keys and ultimately to sunny Los Angeles, where she is now the supervising producer at BuzzFeed's Pero Like, the Latinx content platform.

"I just wanted to write something and have a byline," said Tirado of her earliest aspirations. "I was open to anything."

That included working as an editorial assistant at *Quick and Simple*, "a weekly mag no one had ever heard of," according to Tirado, who parlayed that into an online editing job at Martha Stewart and columns at both *Latina* and *Time Out*. In 2010, friends nudged her to apply to be the head blogger at "I Am Super Woman," a site Keys was launching. She beat out 8,500 applicants, flying first class

to London with Keys as the final part of the audition.

"The universe prevailed, and I got the job. I was on *Good Morning America* and they announced me as their head blogger. Alicia is one of those really good people," said Tirado, adding that the experience "changed the trajectory of my career."

Soon MTV called with a role in their office of public affairs producing videos and blogs. Instead of interviewing celebs about the clothing they wore or who they were dating, Tirado asked about the issues they cared about and their nonprofit work.

"We always said public affairs was the vegetables on the cheese pizza — good for you," Tirado said.

"I worked on those infamous (2013) Video Music Awards with Robin Thicke and Miley Cyrus, and I got to hang out with the *Jersey Shore* gang. I worked on the 2012 election and when Hurricane Sandy hit, we did a telethon."

Another perk was her daily elevator ride: "I've shared an elevator with Yoko Ono."

Univision then tapped Tirado, who is half Puerto Rican and half Salvadoran, to launch a Latino-centric





“ YOU CAN GET PAID TO BE CREATIVE.  
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— ALEXIS TIRADO '02

Alexis Tirado '02 with her team at BuzzFeed in Los Angeles. She is supervising producer for Pero Like, the Latino brand at the digital media company.

site called Flama. The site was short-lived but laid the foundation for her next move.

“Those types of platforms just didn’t exist when I was a kid. The first time I saw someone like myself on TV was J.Lo as a Fly Girl” on the show *In Living Color*; she added.

After working at UpWorthy, a site about social change, Tirado swapped apartments with a friend in LA with the intention of finding a job. She gave herself two months. And two days before she was due to leave the West Coast, BuzzFeed called. She began working there in June 2017.

Nowadays, she is helping Pero Like’s programming, including its YouTube channels, and she recently helped produce panels at SXSW and Sundance.

“I love working behind the scenes and seeing things come to life. I believe everyone in the world has an interesting story to tell.”

Tirado has weathered layoffs and uncertainty, but she’s survived and thrived with her grit, sense of humor, and extreme optimism.

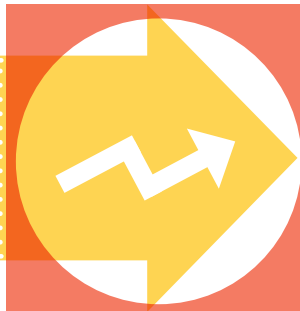
“You can get paid to be creative. If you want to do that, know there will be failures. It comes with a lot of holes that you’ll trip into,” she said, adding, “You can take the safer route, but the road less taken felt like the most comfortable to me.” ❧

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*Kirsten Fleming '00 is senior features reporter for the New York Post.*



Kirsten Fleming '00 in the newsroom of the New York Post, where she is senior features reporter covering the intersection of sports and pop culture.



## **FIVE** things about Kirsten Fleming '00

AS TOLD TO ALEXIS TIRADO '02

**She planned to be a high school history teacher, but a semester in Spain changed everything.**

Kirsten Fleming '00 arrived in Salamanca in 1999, before wireless internet connections abounded. Rather than rely on an internet café to connect her to the outside world via unreliable dial-up, she got her news from day-old copies of *USA Today*. "Living and traveling in a foreign country gave me a super confidence to

navigate life," Fleming said. "It gave me the courage to say, 'I am going to find something I am actually passionate about.'" It also provided an opportunity to connect with her roots and spend time in her grandparents' hometown in the Basque Country. After graduation, Fleming worked for NETC Educational Travel in Boston for several years before moving to New York City.

PHOTO: BRENT MURRAY

**Her break in the newspaper business came because she isn't easily intimidated.**

Fleming was temping at Morgan Stanley, thinking about studying journalism in graduate school, when she was offered the opportunity in 2004 to become the assistant to Col Allan, then editor-in-chief of her favorite tabloid, the *New York Post*. Allan is known for his fiery temperament, but they got along great. After several years, Fleming began writing feature stories, then became a staff writer for the weekly *Page Six Magazine*. She moved to hard news, “where I did stakeouts, knocked on some unsavory doors, and got kicked out of a lot of places,” and to the police beat, before taking on her current role as the *Post*'s senior features reporter in 2007.

**Quirky and offbeat — that's how she describes her stories.**

Fleming covers the intersection of sports and pop culture. A few years ago, when Brook Lopez of the Brooklyn Nets told her he couldn't room with his brother, Robin Lopez of the New York Knicks, because their cats didn't get along, “I wrote about how their cats hate each other and that's why they can't live together, and that story boomeranged around the world.” She interviewed designer Ralph Lauren before he threw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium against the Boston Red Sox in September 2018. She attended *Torah* study with the unpredictable Lenny Dykstra, the former New York Mets center fielder who spent time in prison. At a photo shoot, Fleming introduced former New York Giant Victor Cruz to the person who became his stylist; Cruz now is a huge influencer in the fashion world. A 2017 feature she wrote on Fudgie the Whale, the beloved Carvel ice cream cake, led Fudgie to visit her at the *Post* — and all Carvel locations to display a copy of her story.

“I sometimes think about owning a Friars jacket, even though I wasn't and am still not Friars Club material.” — KIRSTEN FLEMING '00


**Despite her stellar Friar credentials, Fleming inexplicably remains a St. John's basketball fan.**

Fleming has four bobbleheads on her desk: Pope Francis and Johnnies Lou Carnesecca, Malik Sealy, and Chris Mullin. Her obsession kicked into high gear in 1988, when her oldest brother became team manager for St. John's. That meant tons of gear and tickets to every game in the final years of Carnesecca's reign as coach. Her family attended all home games and traveled to away games. “When I got to Providence, I sat next to God Shammgod '15SCE in Civ every day, and while I was tickled when God would bless me after I sneezed (I had a lot of allergies my freshman year), it was never enough to pull me from my Johnnies. But the Friars are my second favorite team, and I think Ed Cooley is a stud.”

**Her secret longing: to own a Friars Club white jacket.**

“I sometimes think about owning a Friars jacket, even though I wasn't and am still not Friars Club material (Shout-out to my cousin, Camille Ciccarelli '98, who was actually a Friar). I don't know what I would do with it other than stain it. I imagine I'd pair it with a cravat and recline on any leather surface I could find.” ❖

*Alexis Tirado '02 is supervising producer for Pero Like, BuzzFeed's content platform for the Latinx community.*



Raised on Providence's Federal Hill,  
Providence Municipal Court  
**Chief Judge Frank Caprio '58 & '08 Hon.**  
moves millions of fans with  
compassionate jurisprudence and  
sharp wit on television's  
*Caught in Providence.*

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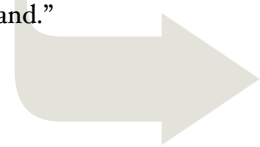
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**“LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING,”** Chief Judge Frank Caprio '58 & '08 Hon. of the Providence Municipal Court says as he gestures toward a window in his Federal Hill office. “You see that area over there, that elevated area where the cars are parked? That’s where I grew up.” Smiling, he says, “This is how far I’ve come in life.”

The few hundred feet of distance separating the offices of the Caprio Law Firm from his childhood home represent a story of achievement tempered by remarkable rootedness. It’s a story as Rhode Island as quahogs or coffee milk. In the judge’s own words, “This is a family story.”

Beloved in Rhode Island for decades, Caprio rose to national prominence when footage from his television program, *Caught in Providence*, went viral online in 2017. The show, produced by Caprio’s brother, Joseph, began airing on public access cable in the Providence market in 1988. Today, approximately 190 local affiliates, including those owned and operated by Fox Television, broadcast the program. It presents the real proceedings of a municipal courtroom animated by Caprio’s wit and compassionate jurisprudence.

He explains, “We are different from any other court production in that we show actual proceedings in real time. Everything is spontaneous, and the people who appear must abide by the judgment. This really captured the imagination of people in Rhode Island.”



And by way of the internet, *Caught in Providence* has captured the imaginations of millions around the world. Clips from the show have racked up approximately 2 billion views on Facebook and YouTube, according to detailed records kept by the Caprio family. “We have boxes full of letters from all over the world. Understanding, fair, compassionate — in almost every letter, those words are present. We’ve captured the imagination of the world by doing nothing other than showing basic decency,” says Caprio.

That decency has been informed deeply by family and role models as well as a lifetime of experience in legal and public service. It is fueled by a work ethic learned from his parents. “I saw my father get up every day at 4 o’clock in the morning to go to work as a fruit peddler. He never complained. When he came from Italy, his dream was that his kids would become not only integrated into society but leaders in it,” he says.

Caprio was raised in a cold-water flat where he’d huddle with his family in the colder months “with the oven door open so we could get heat.” He remembers one such night when his father told him, “Someday, you’re going to be a lawyer. Look around, if I needed a lawyer, I couldn’t afford one. Remember that. You can never forget where you came from.” Caprio was 10 years old. He recalls, “From that day on, I never wanted to be anything but a lawyer — never.”

In his right-hand desk drawer, among items including office supplies and Providence College men’s basketball tickets, sits one of Caprio’s most prized

possessions. It’s a small autograph book from his last year of primary school. With a laugh, Caprio says, “Everyone signed the book with simple stuff. My mom signed about five times.”

Taking on a serious tone, he continues, “I handed my dad the book. He sat down in his work clothes. He held the pen, looking at the book for a while, and began to write.” His father’s message begins, “The street is wide, the road is long and very bumpy, and very tough going, but I know you will proceed with honor.” Eyes glistening, the judge points out, “I want you to take note of how he signed it — your dad, Antonio Caprio Jr. He signed it like a legal document. That’s how important his message was.”

After graduating from Central High School — where he won a state title in wrestling — in 1953, Caprio enrolled at Providence College. He found great consonance between lessons learned at home and lessons taught by the Dominican friars at PC. “Everything that I was taught at home was reaffirmed and built upon by the priests at Providence College,” says Caprio, who has served on PC’s Providence President’s Council for 20 years. “They gave me a strong sense of right and wrong and commitment to the underprivileged. And they did this by their teaching but even more by their example — by how much they cared.”

Commuting to PC from Federal Hill in his ’36 Chevrolet, Caprio needed three jobs to cover expenses, including \$250 per semester in tuition. The judge ventured to guess, “If I were in college today, I’d have to polish a few more cars.”

To finance his legal education, he

taught history and civics at Hope High School on Providence’s East Side. He made a firm commitment to his mother that he would pursue his dream in earnest when she insisted that he put her savings toward his studies. “I went through the bank books and saw these deposits, 50 cents, 75 cents — the biggest deposit was five dollars. My parents sacrificed for us knowing that they had no chance to further their own station. I was privileged to be born poor and to have loving parents.”

Caprio’s accomplished legal career has always been complemented by a commitment to family and public service. While teaching by day and attending law school by night, he married, served in the National Guard, and was elected to the Providence City Council. “You could say my plate was full.” He has served on various boards and commissions, including the board of Adoption Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education. “I went from someone who couldn’t afford school to the chairman of a board responsible for making education affordable and accessible,” he says proudly. Caprio and his wife, Joyce, find enormous joy in their five children, with whom they are very close.

His wisdom for younger generations?

“Treat people with decency, honor, and respect, regardless of their station in life. It’s not enough to climb the ladder of success. The true test in life is whether you leave the ladder down for other people to follow.

“I want you to remember that.” ❖

“You can NEVER forget where you came from ...  
REMEMBER THAT.”



Clockwise, from top left: In his office, Judge Frank Caprio '58 & '08Hon. looks out over downtown Providence; keeps a portrait from his PC days; takes a phone call; and displays the trophy honoring him as a member of the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame.



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March 27, 2004  
Rhode Island State Champion  
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**CHAN'S**  
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Celebrate the  
Year of the Rabbit  
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January 27, 2011

John Chan '74 runs a premier concert venue for jazz and blues artists inside his restaurant, Chan's Fine Oriental Dining in Woonsocket, R.I. (Opposite page: A detail from the hand-carved, rosewood door that Chan's parents imported from China.)





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**t Chan's** Fine Oriental Dining, the eggrolls are light and crispy, the teriyaki tender, the chicken fingers golden. But it isn't just the tasty food that fills the seats. At Chan's, the jazz is cool and the blues are hot — that's the combination that draws the crowds to Woonsocket.

John Chan '74 stands inside his restaurant, part concert hall and part art museum, surrounded by framed portraits and posters. So many famous people have passed through the doors at Chan's in the last 40 years to play music, or to listen to it, that the walls can hardly contain their signed photographs: Dizzy Gillespie, Leon Redbone, Livingston Taylor, Aztec Two-Step, Shemekia Copeland, Ana Popovic, Rocco Baldelli.

Chan was inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame in 2018 for his support of jazz and blues musicians, and for his help in launching the international careers of such Rhode Island performers as Scott Hamilton, Roomful of Blues, Duke Robillard, and Greg Abate. He also is a painter and photographer who golfs with movie directors Peter Farrelly '79 and Bobby Farrelly. Ask him about comedian George Carlin, who came to dinner at Chan's.

It's an incongruous mix: jazz and blues in a Chinese restaurant in an old mill city known for its French-Canadian heritage. Even from the outside, Chan's surprises. The building pops against the gray landscape of Main Street. Its brick façade is accented in yellow, purple, and teal and is topped with a roof of rounded, green tiles. Just beyond the hand-carved, rosewood door, which Chan's parents imported from China, is a case housing three statues, the Chinese good luck symbols for happiness, prosperity, and longevity — all of which have been enjoyed by Chan's.

Portraits of Chan's parents look down from the walls: Ben F. Chan, who died in 1980 at age 64, and, Ethel, known as "Mama Chan," who died in 2017. John, who studied business management at Providence College, is aware that the freedom to pursue his artistic passions was won by the sacrifices of his father.



*Wearing a shirt that advertises his business as the home of live jazz and blues, John Chan '74 poses at a restaurant table beneath one of his watercolor paintings. He has been a student of photography, drawing, and painting since his college graduation. (Opposite page: Chan's watercolor painting of Dizzy Gillespie.)*

Ben Chan came to the United States at age 12, went to college to earn a degree in electrical engineering, and began a career with General Electric in Chicago. After World War II, he sailed to China to find a wife in his village in Canton. He was supposed to remain in China to work for GE, but civil war and the rise of communism intervened. He moved to Hong Kong and launched a business importing X-ray machines and air conditioners. That's where John was born, along with his brother, Bill, now a Cumberland dentist, and his sister, Linda, who lives in California.

When the Korean conflict led to a trade embargo, Ben, with \$100 in his pocket, returned to the United States to work as a waiter, and later a buyer, for the House of Chan

restaurant at 57th and 7th in New York City, opposite the Americana Hotel. The restaurant was owned by a cousin. Once established, he sent for his family. John was 10 and spoke no English when he moved to Astoria, Queens. His father never worked in electronics again.

In 1965, another cousin retired to Hawaii and offered Ben the opportunity to buy his Chinese restaurant, The New Shanghai, a fixture on Main Street in Woonsocket since 1905. John Chan has an old newspaper clipping with an advertisement for the restaurant, its menu in French. The Chans relocated and pitched in to keep the restaurant going. In 1974, they renovated and added their name to the business.

“I worked from the back of the house to the front of the house,” from dishwasher to cook to server, Chan said. “Woonsocket was a nice community, a blue-collar, working town. My family was well accepted.”

After high school, Chan enrolled at the

University of Maine but found the weather colder than he liked, so he transferred to PC, where he was introduced to jazz music. He lived off campus with basketball player Nehru King '73 and Joseph Small '74, who had a music show on radio station WDOM. Chan can still remember the double album they played that caught his attention: *Blues Summit* by Duke Ellington, with Johnny Hodges.

“Wow, this is pretty nice stuff,” he thought.

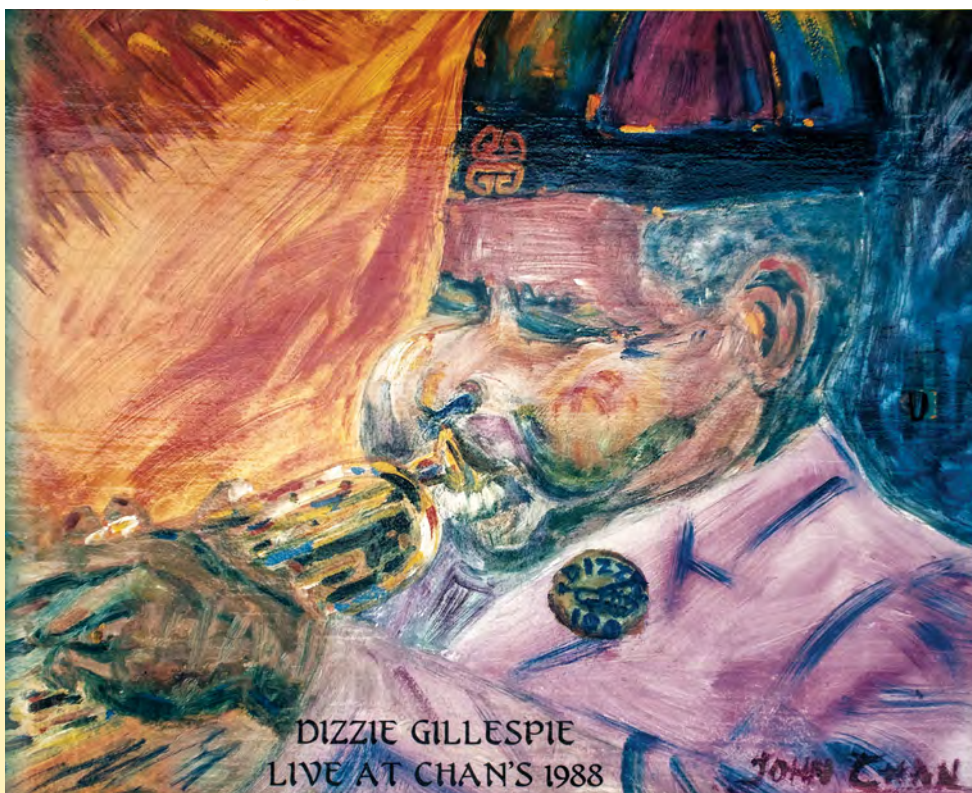
Chan accompanied his roommates to Joe's Upstairs, a restaurant on Fountain Street in Providence that featured live bands, to hear Hamilton Bates and the Blue Flames. After, he asked his father: Might live music work in Woonsocket? Ben, who grew up in the Big Band era, was willing to give it a try.

In 1977, jazz vocalist Jean McKenna O'Donnell, the sister of jazz pianist Dave McKenna '82Hon., became the first artist to perform at Chan's. She still performs there, as her brother did for many years, often accompanied by trumpet player Dick Johnson. Back then, musicians played in the dining room. Chan points out the spotlight, still in the ceiling.

“It took a long, long time to get people to drive north of Providence to hear music,” Chan said. “The consistency of quality music” finally won out, he said.

Ron Della Chiesa, host of the *Music America* program on WGBH radio in Boston, helped by regularly plugging performances at Chan's. He coined the slogan, “Home of eggrolls, jazz, and blues,” and became a friend, as did most of the performers who appeared at Chan's and the regulars who came to hear the music.

Chan's dining room is a feast for the eyes. The ceiling is made of stamped teak tiles. The walls are decorated with acrylic paintings of performers — Duke Ellington, Taj Mahal, Tommy Dorsey, Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Reverend Gary Davis, John Hammond — painted by George Frayne. Frayne ➡





The inside of Chan's is a visual feast. To the right of the arch are signed photographs of the celebrities who have played at Chan's or have come to hear the music.

performed in the 1970s as Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen (“Hot Rod Lincoln”) and holds an MFA from the University of Michigan. Chan’s is the largest collection of Frayne’s paintings in the country.

When a Fleet Bank branch in the building closed in 1984, Chan saw an opportunity to expand and turned the space into the Four Seasons Room, which seats 125 and is available for wedding receptions and business meetings. Chan retained the bank vault. He is proud of the room’s acoustics. During shows, he listens and records. He estimates he has an archive of more than 3,000 performances recorded live at Chan’s.

In 2011, *USA Today* named Chan’s among the “10 Great Places to Savor Chinese Food” and particularly cited the chow mein sandwich — noodles on two slices of white bread smothered with a gravy made of onions and celery. It was “a mill-town specialty,” Chan once said: “hot, fast, inexpensive, and filling — everything a working man wants.”

Through the years, Chan added catering, take-out, delivery, and a drive-up window. He employs about 25 full- and part-

timers, including five chefs. He adapts the menu to changing tastes.

“Older people like the traditional chow mein, chop suey, and fried rice. Younger palettes are looking for spice, more flavor,” Chan said. “Food is the main attraction at Chan’s and always has been. It’s one of the best Chinese restaurants in the state.”

Chan is an artist himself. He returned to PC after graduation to study photography with associate professor Richard Elkington, and he takes classes in drawing and painting at the Providence Art Club. His framed watercolors hang in his restaurant: Leon Redbone outside the RISD Museum on Benefit Street in Providence, Edgartown Harbor on Martha’s Vineyard, and downtown Woonsocket on a rainy evening.

Chan’s relationship with the Farrelly brothers began with their father, Robert Farrelly, M.D. ’52, a Cumberland physician who was a Leon Redbone fan. The Farrellys gave Chan an Oscar at the premiere of *Stuck on You* in 1983. It reads “Best Actor Cut From Movie.” Chan played a scene opposite Cher. While it wound up on the cutting-room floor, his speaking part was retained, so he receives royalties. He also had a cameo in *Me, Myself, and Irene* and played the owner of a Chinese restaurant in the final episode of the second season of *Brotherhood*, the Showtime series filmed in Providence.

Above the cash register, Chan keeps a Gold Record awarded to J. Geils in 1980 for “Love Stinks.” In 2011, Chan went to Memphis to receive the Keeping the Blues Alive Award from the Blues Foundation. He also received the William Blackstone Society Award from the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council and the Pell Award for Excellence in the Arts from Trinity Repertory Company.

Chan’s is open every day and as late as midnight on weekends. John Chan’s days off are

# JOHN CHAN'S PLAYLIST

## **A Night in Tunisia, DIZZY GILLESPIE**

When the legendary trumpeter performed live at Chan's in 1988 we wouldn't let him leave the stage until he played his most famous song. He graciously obliged.

## **Christmas Island, LEON REDBONE**

A holiday tradition at Chan's. This recording truly captured the crooner extraordinaire's range and the warmth of home for the holidays.

## **My Melancholy Baby, REBECCA PARRIS**

Rebecca was a captivating vocalist. With trombonist Phil Wilson, she recorded the first *Live at Chan's* album in 1985.

## **New Orleans Ladies, TAB BENOIT**

Whenever the Prince of Cajun Blues plays in beautiful downtown Woonsocket, it's always an SRO audience with great energy and chemistry. Tab captures the essence of the bayou sound with his soulful, whiskey voice.

## **Love Stinks, J. GEILS BAND**

Boston's legendary rock band produced many hits in the '70s. For the 25th anniversary of music at Chan's, J. Geils presented me with one of his Gold Records for "Love Stinks," which I proudly display.

## **Jump the Blues Away, DUKE ROBILLARD**

One of the finest guitarists of his generation, the Rhode Island native held his wedding reception at Chan's 15 years ago and recently celebrated his 70th birthday bash with an all-star band.

## **Tenorshoes (album), SCOTT HAMILTON**

While a student at PC, I discovered Hamilton playing jazz and jump blues at a sandwich shop, Joe's Upstairs, in downtown Providence. That's where I got the idea to try adding music to the menu at Chan's.

## **Live at Chan's, GREG ABATE AND PHIL WOOD**

A collector's delight: a double recording with the Prince of Bebop, Abate, and his mentor, the great Wood.

## **Hot Rod Lincoln, COMMANDER CODY**

AND HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN George Frayne, aka Commander Cody, is a multi-talented artist. Many of his large acrylic paintings of musicians adorn the walls of our restaurant.

## **Live at Chan's, JOHN HAMMOND**

The acoustic blues legend won the Blues Foundation's Best Acoustic Blues Album in 2017 with this recording.

## **Live at the Red Rocks, JOE BONAMASSA**

Joe B is the hottest blues sensation on tour today, a champion who is keeping the blues alive. Twelve years ago, when he was affordable, he played O'Chan's on St. Patrick's Day.

## **GO TIME: Brooklyn, GRACE KELLY**

Princess Grace is a phenomenal saxophonist, songwriter, and singer. She debuted at Chan's at 16, was a member of Stay Human (house band for *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*), and is the future of jazz.

## **Ghetto Child, SHEMOKIA COPELAND**

The powerhouse blues diva began singing at Chan's as a child. Now she's one of the most sought-after singers in the world.

## **Just a Slow Dance, ANA POPOVIC**

The queen of European blues guitar plays with soulful passion and finesse.

## **Over the Rainbow, POPA CHUBBY**

The captivating performances of the king of New York City blues are like watching Jimi Hendrix meet Robert Johnson.

## **Chinatown My Chinatown, Slow Boat to China, Limehouse Blues medley, DAVE MCKENNA '82HON.**

The Woonsocket native had the best left hand in jazz piano.



Jazz and blues vocalist Leon Redbone, top left, with John Chan '74 outside Chan's in 1981. Chan painted this watercolor of Redbone outside the RISD Museum on Benefit Street in Providence.

Monday and Tuesday. As he gets older, he considers other pursuits. But there are no family members to take over Chan's; his wife and son do not work in the business.


"Maybe find a buyer one day with the same interests and keep the music going," Chan said.

"My life has been continuously influenced by both the visual and performing arts — cooking, photography, painting, and enjoying live performances at Chan's Fine Oriental Dining. Rhode Island has been good to the Chan family. We're grateful for the support and friendship." ❖

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a white top, is shown from the waist up. She is holding a handgun in her right hand and has her left hand on her hip. The background is dark and out of focus, with the words "...AND JUSTICE" visible in gold lettering. The title "SPECIAL AGENT" is overlaid in large, bold letters, with "SPECIAL" in orange and "AGENT" in white.

# SPECIAL AGENT

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING PHOTOS BY ANDRÉ CHUNG



**Nancy McNamara '84**  
exchanges retail career for  
leadership role with FBI

**THE FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON SITS BUNKER-LIKE** along Pennsylvania Avenue, a block of buff-colored concrete and inscrutable windows built in the Brutalist style of the 1960s and 1970s. Above the entrance, gold letters spell out the name of the agency's most famous director, J. Edgar Hoover. His name evokes the era of the G-Man, the incorruptible, professionally trained detective, always male, who fought crime in a crisp suit and a crew cut.

Nancy Cavallero McNamara '84 does not look like that. She is a woman, for one, small in stature, and quietly observant. On the sidewalk outside headquarters, she could be any woman on the way to the office. There is a Louis Vuitton bag over her shoulder and a Glock semi-automatic pistol somewhere on her person, because McNamara is an FBI special agent, too. In fact, as head of the FBI's Washington field office since April 2018, she oversees all of the FBI's special agents in Washington and northern Virginia.

McNamara is not one to boast of her accomplishments over more than two decades with the FBI, which includes assignments in New York City, Los Angeles, and Milwaukee. But as she leads a tour inside headquarters, everyone seems to want to take the time to say hello to her — the worker pushing the laundry cart near the fitness center located a level or two underground, and the executive on the seventh floor who's the newly appointed head of the cyber division.

McNamara, a business management major at PC, joined the FBI in April 1996 when she was 34 years old — three years shy of the cutoff — after working for almost 13 years as a store manager, buyer, and executive for Federated Department Stores, the parent company of Macy's. She survived 18 months of background checks and 17 weeks of grueling training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. (Picture Jodie Foster in *Silence of the Lambs*). Every year, she must pass a fitness test — sit-ups, push-ups, a 300-meter sprint, and a 1.5-mile run. It's not unusual to find her, in the pre-dawn hours, running three to four miles on the outdoor track around the courtyard at headquarters.

McNamara wanted to work for the FBI from the time she was a little girl in New Haven, Conn., reading Nancy Drew mysteries. She was attracted to the idea of solving crimes and righting wrongs. On a visit to Washington, her parents took her to see the FBI Museum. She remembers walking up to an employee and telling him she found the work interesting. He replied, "Well, you know, young lady, women can't become FBI agents."

Nancy McNamara '84 in the lobby of the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building in Washington, D.C. She has investigated white-collar crime in New York and Los Angeles, headed the FBI field office in Milwaukee, and led the counterintelligence and inspection divisions in Washington.

Nancy McNamara '84 leads a meeting in the FBI office in Washington. As head of the field office in the nation's capital, she oversees all special agents in Washington and northern Virginia.



sudden it was, 'I don't know any of this.' If you didn't score well, you got down on yourself. You had to be able to find strength, courage, and confidence to get through it."

McNamara's first assignment was to New York City, where she investigated public corruption. Five years into her new career, on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacked New York and Washington. McNamara was in Texas that day with fellow agent Matthew McPhillips '93 to interview a federal prisoner.

That changed with Hoover's death in 1972. Today, one in five agents is a woman; it's a percentage that has been consistent over time. Because of mandatory retirements, the FBI is actively recruiting 900 new employees in the next year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and three years of work experience, but they can be accountants, lawyers, biologists, nuclear engineers, kindergarten teachers, or retail managers. McNamara learned at the academy that having a background in retail didn't make her any less able.

She describes a training exercise at Hogan's Alley, the replica of a town used for training at Quantico. The smallest person in the class of 52, she was paired with a Marine veteran. They were under fire, sheltering behind a car. The Marine

ordered McNamara to move to an alleyway. She hesitated before obeying. After, the instructor asked her to stay behind and speak with him.

"I thought he was going to say I should have immediately obeyed the order," McNamara said. "We are a paramilitary organization. But he said, 'You hesitated because you thought it was a bad idea. Next time, don't go. It was a bad idea.' I thought, 'I'm the retail manager, and I was right. He's the Marine veteran who got it wrong.'"

The academy was humbling and challenging. "One of my classmates said it felt like being in kindergarten again. 'I want my mommy.' We were all people giving up jobs we were good at, making a lot of money. We all wanted to be the best and to do well. All of a

They spent three days in San Antonio before they were able to fly back to New York to join their colleagues at Ground Zero.

It was a day that flipped the FBI's mission. Since its establishment in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation, the FBI had responded to crime and enforced laws. But in the hours after 9/11, President George W. Bush asked FBI Director Robert Mueller what the agency would do to prevent another terrorist attack. Almost overnight, the FBI became a national security organization, with counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and cyber security among its top priorities.

Most of McNamara's career has taken place in the post-9/11 era. Now she is a bureau veteran. She has investigated

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**FBI AGENTS.**"



white-collar crime in Los Angeles, was the first woman in charge of the FBI field office in Milwaukee, and headed the counterintelligence division in Washington. She also led the Inspection Division, which audits every field office and headquarters division to ensure compliance with policies and to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of FBI programs, field offices, and leadership.

While working in inspection in 2005, McNamara met Amy Hess, a former aeronautical engineer who now heads the Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch and is the top-ranked woman in the FBI. Hess is eager to share her thoughts about McNamara.

From the start, “Nancy was smart, a fast learner, and had an innate ability to identify which programs and people were performing well and which ones weren’t,” Hess said. “Moreover, she had a sharp wit and self-deprecating sense of humor, which helped everyone maintain perspective. Over the years,

I’ve frequently sought Nancy’s opinion and guidance, as have many others. She confronts issues head-on and isn’t afraid to tell you when she disagrees with you.

“But what impresses me most about Nancy is how she’s so devoted to her career, yet maintains a full life outside of work where she volunteers her time, flips houses, cooks, bakes, works out, hosts parties, travels to Italy, dog- and cat-sits, and remodels her home, all the while serving as the ideal sister, aunt, friend, and neighbor. She’s touched many lives, and we are all better for it.”

FBI employees take seriously the agency’s mission to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States, McNamara said. Especially since the 2016 presidential election, the agency has been in the political spotlight, but to anyone walking the building’s hallways, there is no sense of that.

“When people ask or make comments

about politics and related controversies, I typically respond that FBI personnel do not discuss politics and are prohibited from openly endorsing or supporting a political candidate,” McNamara said.

“While I can’t speak for everyone, from my experience, personal views about politics and support of candidates doesn’t happen. We are taught at the academy to keep our views to ourselves, and I personally have followed this guidance throughout my career.”

In November, McNamara will turn 57, the mandatory retirement age for a special agent.

Treasurer of the Board of Programmers as an undergraduate, she remains sensitive to the needs of students. She returns to campus to participate in career nights and has been a mentor for the Center for Career Education and Professional Development. Three years ago, she joined an alumni panel celebrating the achievements of 40 years of women at PC. She is the former president of the Fairfield County Alumni Club and in 2014 received the Personal Achievement Award from the National Alumni Association.

She is ready to speak with any young people who might be interested in an FBI career.

“For me, the attraction was the idea of seeing justice done,” McNamara said. “I like the intellectual challenge of beating a bad guy who’s smart and has good attorneys. I wanted to use my brain to solve problems. Becoming an FBI agent has given me the opportunity to do that.”

As part of her role as a special agent, Nancy McNamara '84 must undergo a firearms recertification test four times a year. She also must pass a fitness test that includes sit-ups, push-ups, a 300-meter sprint, and a 1.5-mile run.





Jessica Tabb '01, blasting a shot during her Friar playing days, was one of 11 inductees into the 2019 PC Athletics Hall of Fame.

# HALLMARKS OF EXCELLENCE

BY CHARLES C. JOYCE

**T**HERE ARE EDUCATORS AND ATHLETICS COACHES AND OFFICIALS. Their lot includes a physician, a life coach, a financial literacy advocate/author, and a director of a youth basketball/life skills program. There's a small-business owner and another who works for a small business. One is a stay-at-home dad.

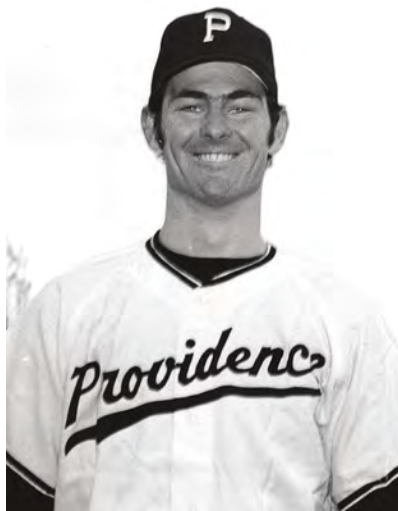
The most common bond among this group of 11 women and men? They are Friars. And, as of Feb. 22,

they are Friars who joined an elite class of 168 before them as inductees of the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame — saluted for their unique achievements in athletics and acknowledged for the people they have become.

“We are honoring your athletics accomplishments *and* the lives you have led,” said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 at the start of the ceremony at the Providence Biltmore hotel.

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**Kevin Sheehan '73 & '78G**

→ **BASEBALL**

“PC changed my life so I could change other people’s lives,” says Sheehan. The retired career educator worked in four Rhode Island school districts, mostly as a high school teacher, principal, and coach. He has taught courses in education to PC undergraduate and graduate students for 20 years as an adjunct instructor. Sheehan continues to assist the R.I. Department of Education as a mentor/coach of principals. On the diamond, he was one of PC’s top pitchers ever, holding records for most career strikeouts (151) and most seasonal strikeouts (68). He played professionally in the Philadelphia Phillies organization.



**Albert J. Puerini, M.D. '74**

→ **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

“Working here has been, by far, the most enjoyable part of my professional career,” says Puerini, the head team physician for PC sports since 1988. He is available 24/7 to more than 400 student-athletes and serves as the primary care physician for 30 coaches, administrators, and athletics trainers. He offers weekly medical clinics in the Canavan Sports Medicine Center and covers all men’s basketball games, traveling to most away games. A Brown Medical School faculty member, the family practice physician is president and CEO of Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation.



**Mario Proulx '84**

→ **MEN'S ICE HOCKEY**

One of the program’s finest goaltenders ever, the Quebec native ranks second in career wins (64), first in single-season wins (26), and played

on two NCAA Tournament teams, including the 1983 squad that advanced to the national semifinals. Proulx, who runs a small electrical company, was an assistant coach with the Drummondville Voltigeurs’ junior hockey league for nine years. He considers raising his two children among his proudest lifetime achievements. His PC experience introduced him to a new language and culture, and helped him meet “many great people with whom I lived unforgettable experiences.”



**Sandra O’Gorman '89**

→ **FIELD HOCKEY**

A PC scholarship opened her world to understanding success at the highest level of athletics and to the importance of fitness and health, says O’Gorman. A goalkeeper, she led PC to 18 wins, a No. 1 national ranking, and its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987, earning First-Team All-America honors. She holds the school record for career saves with 685. O’Gorman played international hockey for Ireland until 1995, being selected the world’s best goalkeeper in the 1994 Women’s Field Hockey World Cup. She now works for a sports tour company and umpires and coaches field hockey.

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**Frank Conway '90**

→ **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK**

This elite miler, who still runs five days a week, was the first New England athlete to break the 4-minute mile barrier indoors. A two-time All-American and four-time BIG EAST champion, he attained world rankings in the indoor mile in 1988 and 1989. These days, he puts his PC education to good use. He has authored two books, is a qualified financial adviser, and in 2017, was appointed by the government of Ireland to chair of Price Monitoring Group. Conway is the founder of MoneyWhizz.org and runs Ireland's leading financial education resource in collaboration with the Bank of Ireland.



**Michele Tamburo '95**

→ **WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

While she plans to join a master's swim team in a few years, Tamburo is content watching her two high school-aged daughters swim competitively year-round. She was a standout swimmer for the Friars, setting school records in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, the 100- and 200-meter backstroke, and the 100-yard butterfly. She has worked as a grades K-4 reading specialist in Bedford, N.H., for 11 years. She's a strong advocate of childhood literacy and a certified dyslexia practitioner. Tamburo, her husband, and their daughters have broadened their world perspective with frequent travel, primarily to Europe.



**Amy Kvilhaug '96**

→ **SOFTBALL**

Softball remains a magnet for Kvilhaug, who holds seven PC career pitching records, including games won (72), shutouts (27), and

earned-run average (1.20). She offers private instruction and recently began a private life-coaching practice — following 22 years of coaching collegiately. She was the head coach at St. John's University for 12 years until 2018, leading the Red Storm to the BIG EAST Tournament championship game from 2014-2017, including the conference title in 2015. "Providence gave me the platform to thrive," says Kvilhaug, who is one of only two Friar pitchers to hurl a perfect game.



**Jamel Thomas '99**

→ **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The former high-scoring Friar guard-forward, who played professionally for 10 years in the NBA and Europe, continues to score big — with kids. His Movement Thru Hoops is a weekly, basketball-based skills program for about 80 youths in New York City and New Jersey. It attempts to instill life resources and values like trust, discipline, and hard work, while encouraging children to apply these values elsewhere in their lives and aspire to attend college. "It's one of the best decisions I made," says Thomas, who ranks sixth in PC career scoring with 1,971 points and was a two-time All-BIG EAST selection.



**Kevin Jones '00 & '06G**

→ **MEN'S SOCCER**

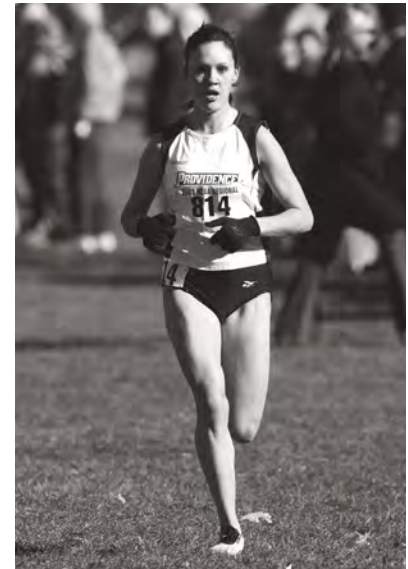
Jones put aside his career as a guidance counselor and two-sport coach after six years at Malden (Mass.) Catholic High School to become a stay-at-home father when his wife and he decided that was best for their family. “To be home with my son and daughter has given me perspective on life in so many ways,” he says. He has coached them in soccer and hockey for the past five years. Known at PC for his drive and will to win, he ranks sixth in career scoring with 59 points and was Second Team All-BIG EAST twice.



**Jessica Tabb '01**

→ **WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY**

Motherhood and hockey are stabilizers for Tabb, who was a 2001 All-American at PC, a three-time U.S. national team selection, and a member of the 2003 world championship team. She ranks ninth in points scored (170) and eighth in goals (86) at PC. For the last seven years, she has stayed at home in western Massachusetts, raising her four children. “Being involved in their childhood matters,” she states. Tabb coaches her children’s hockey teams, runs a youth hockey skills clinic, and just completed her first year as girls’ varsity coach at Northfield Mount Hermon prep school.



**Mary Cullen '06**

→ **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK**

Forever grateful for scholarship aid that helped her attain a “top-class education” and, ultimately, achieve running success collegiately and professionally, Cullen hasn’t slowed down since graduating. The Sligo, Ireland, native, who competed until 2016, runs daily and works selling merchandise and advising runners at a running store in her hometown. She completed a personal training course and is considering working with runners and other athletes — and maybe even competitive racing — after she has her first child this year. She was a six-time All-American and won an NCAA title in the 5,000 meters outdoors. ❏



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Inductees in the 2019 PC Athletics Hall of Fame class are, front row, from left: Kevin Jones '00 & '06G, Michele Tamburo '95, Amy Kvilhaug '96, Jessica Tabb '01, and Mary Cullen '06. Rear: Sandra O’Gorman '89, Jamel Thomas '99, Albert J. Puerini, M.D. '74, Kevin Sheehan '73 & '78G, Frank Conway '90, and Mario Proulx '84.



## Hockey team reaches NCAA Frozen Four

**CEMENTING THEIR STATUS AS** one of the nation's top men's hockey programs by any measure, the Friars finished 2018-19 not only with a sixth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, but a trip to the Frozen Four.

**Coach Nate Leaman's** team, led by Second Team All-America forward **Josh Wilkins '20** (Raleigh, N.C.), finished second in the conference's regular season standings, on the way to an at-large bid in the national tournament. The Friars rallied from three goals down and stunned top seed Minnesota State, 6-3, in the NCAA First Round, then blanked Cornell, 4-0, to capture the East Regional title. In the national semifinals in Buffalo, N.Y., eventual NCAA champion Minnesota Duluth broke a 1-1 third-period tie and went on to top the Friars, 4-1.

The Frozen Four appearance was the second in five seasons for the Friars, who won their first NCAA Championship in 2015. Leaman has compiled a record of 176-101-38 in eight seasons at PC, including 24-12-6 in 2018-19.



The Friars' Jacob Bryson '20 collides with Minnesota Duluth's Parker Mackay in their Frozen Four game in Buffalo.



Nate Leaman has guided PC to six straight NCAA tournaments.

## WNIT ride for women

**MULLANEY GYM IN VENERABLE ALUMNI HALL** was rocking in March, as enthusiastic crowds cheered on the Friar women's basketball team, which hosted three WNIT games. PC defeated Hartford and Penn before losing to Georgetown in the Third Round, comprising 16 teams.

Under third-year coach **Jim Crowley**, the 19-16 Friars qualified for postseason play for the first time since 2010. Guards **Jovana "YoYo" Nogic '19** (Belgrade, Serbia) and **Maddie Jolin '19** (Rehoboth, Mass.) led the Friars, averaging 13.8 and 10.4 points per game, respectively. Forward **Mary Baskerville '22** (Enfield, Conn.) was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.



Jovana "YoYo" Nogic '19 finished her career as PC's all-time leading three-point shooter with 323 shots made.

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**Men’s basketball advances to NIT**

THE FRIAR MEN’S BASKETBALL SEASON ended in the NIT First Round with a 12-point home loss to Arkansas. This was the seventh consecutive national postseason tournament for PC under **Ed Cooley**. The Friars, who had only one senior and saw a promising freshman class earn substantial playing time, finished 18-16 overall, 7-11 in BIG EAST play. Guard **Alpha Diallo ’20** (New York, N.Y.) led PC, averaging 16 points and eight rebounds. He was named to the All-BIG EAST Second Team.



Madison Myers '19 recorded a 1.72 goals-against average and six shutouts in 2018-19.

**Women skate to 24 wins**

UNDER FIRST-YEAR COACH MATT KELLY, the Friar women’s ice hockey team served notice that PC is back as a championship contender in Hockey East. The Friars finished 24-11-2, tying a program record for wins set in 2002-03, while earning the program’s best conference winning percentage (.630) since 2009-10. Forward **Maureen Murphy ’21** (Buffalo, N.Y.) was named to the All-Hockey East Second Team while goaltender **Madison Myers ’19** (Colchester, Vt.) and defender **Avery Fransoo ’20** (North Battleford, Sask.) earned honorable mention. ❧

Add the name of **Millie Paladino ’19** (Morgantown, W. Va.), below, to the list of Friar women’s track athletes to make a splash on a national stage. Running a tactically superb race, Paladino used a strong closing kick to finish third in the NCAA Indoor Championships’ women’s mile with a time of 4:38.44 and earned All-America honors.



One of Paladino’s legendary predecessors, **Emily Sisson ’14**, continues to gain accolades as one of the nation’s top distance runners. Sisson’s 1:07:30 Houston Half Marathon time in January was the second-fastest time ever for an American woman at that distance.

USA Basketball named **Ed Cooley** head coach of the U.S. team for the Pan American Games, scheduled for August in Peru. The Friars’ coach since 2011, Cooley called the appointment “an incredible honor.” The team will comprise players solely from BIG EAST rosters.

Redshirt senior Friar men’s soccer goaltender **Colin Miller ’18** (Bel Air, Md.) signed a professional contract with Loudoun United FC following the completion of the Friar season. He was All-BIG EAST Second Team in 2018. Loudoun United FC is the affiliate of the MLS team D.C. United. ❧



Loudoun United FC draft pick Colin Miller '18 was BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year in 2016.



# Net Gain

Phase I of the glistening **Ruane Friar Development Center** is a quantum leap toward ensuring that the Friars' men's basketball program stays on a national, championship-level trajectory year after year. The two-story, 56,000-square-foot center opened in August 2018.

Attached to Alumni Hall, the Ruane Friar Development Center features two practice courts; a suite of coaches' offices and team locker, training, and meeting rooms; and an expanded Canavan Sports Medicine Center. The latter facility includes an Innovation Lab stocked with state-of-the-art equipment designed to help all student-athletes perform at the highest levels.

Visitors to the Ruane Friar Development Center enter through the Calabria Lobby of Champions. The two-level space is highlighted by a large video screen on the first floor and trophies from PC's NCAA Final Four appearances in 1973 and 1987 on the second.

Made possible by a leadership gift from former PC trustee Michael A. '71 & '13 Hon. and Elizabeth Ruane, the center will "have a tremendous impact on Providence College" and allow the Friars to recruit the nation's top basketball talent, said coach Ed Cooley.

"Great student-athletes want to train in great facilities. The Ruane Friar Development Center is a great facility," said Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., vice president for athletics and athletics director. 🏀

*Left: A corner of the spectacular Ruane Friar Development Center rises against the sky. **Opposite page**, clockwise from top left: Coach Ed Cooley, sitting at desk, meets in his office with Kevin Kurbec '02 & '04G, coordinator of basketball operations, left, and guard Alpha Diallo '20; MetroNaps units in the sleep room; an exterior view featuring the main entrance into the Calabria Lobby of Champions; the side-by-side practice courts, one supported by a gift from Billy Donovan '87 and his wife, Christine D'Auria Donovan '86, and the other by a gift from George and Karen Oliver '09P; and the players' locker room.*

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—ROBERT G. DRISCOLL, JR., ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



# Music Man: Dr. Troy Quinn '05

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

**MUSIC IN ALL ITS FORMS** is a passion for Dr. Troy Quinn '05, who is music director and conductor of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra in Kentucky and the Venice Symphony in Florida.

A voice major and theatre minor at PC, Quinn holds a master's degree in opera and vocal performance from the Manhattan School of Music and a doctorate in conducting from the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California, where he teaches on the faculty.

He lives in Los Angeles.

**Growing up in Connecticut, did you study music?**

I have a unique perspective because I came to music as most normal folks would. I didn't grow up playing violin from the age of 3. I wasn't a huge fan of classical music until college. Neither of my parents was a musician, but they were music aficionados. In my household growing up, I can't remember a moment not listening to music, from Barbra Streisand to Beethoven. I started singing in choir in first grade, but I didn't read music until I arrived at PC.

**What brought you to PC?**

My plan had been to study communications and be a weatherman. Providence wasn't even on my radar. But we took family vacations in Rhode Island, and

we scheduled a visit. I knew when I saw it that it was the place for me. I vividly remember being moved even by the Dominican cemetery. The priests didn't just live in the dorms but were there as part of the College's history. I didn't visit the music department because I was totally undecided about a major. I just had a great, indescribable feeling about the College, the spiritual and community aspect. I just couldn't believe how wonderful everybody was there.

**Your introduction to conducting happened by accident. How did you get involved with the music program?**

I did the musical my freshman year, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, and Dr. Michele Holt, the director of choral activities, told me I should audition for the choir, *I Cantori*. One day during rehearsal in the Guzman Hall chapel she recognized some raw, innate talent in me and said, "Come up and conduct this piece." It was "Prayer of the Children." I had no idea what I was doing, but she saw my musicality, and that I could be trained. That started the transition from singing to conducting. I just had a decent ear. You can train a monkey to do the conducting gestures, but the ear has to be innate. You either have it or you don't.

**While studying in Los Angeles, you did studio work for films and TV, including *Glee*, and you performed with The Rolling Stones. How did that come about?**


I was able to sing backup for The Rolling Stones for the West Coast leg of their 50 & Counting Tour in 2013.

When they needed somebody to conduct the choir in "You Can't Always Get What You Want," I did that in Buffalo, N.Y. I'm on stage with Mick, and it's, "Let's go through this once, then we'll go through it again, Troy."

They are fantastic musicians. They can still kill it. I got to see a little of the behind-the-scenes. I love just being involved in that world-class level of music-making. I'm just happy I'm in the room. They are the best of the best.

**Your first job as a conductor was in Juneau, Alaska, and now you work in Kentucky and Florida. You commute from Los Angeles?**

It's an unusual schedule, that of the 21st-century, modern conductor. You fly in and out of communities. You're involved in the day-to-day operations. I have Skype and phone meetings. I tell people it's like working from home, except for performing the concerts.



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without making  
a sound ...”

**What do you do as music director?**

I pick the repertoire and the soloists. It's a daunting task and the most important part. Any success I've had is due to programming. I try to appeal to young and old, to reach the younger generations. I've done progressive, hybrid concerts, with Beethoven and a film score in the same concert. Music is either good or bad, in my opinion. My background is all these different genres. I love all kinds of music, music for everybody that reaches all folks. My barometer is: Would I have liked this before I knew anything about how great Mozart is? Is this going to appeal to your average American citizen? Is the music good?

Conducting is art. The gesture keeps the time. But these great orchestras don't need me to just sit there and beat time. They need me to interpret music as the composer intended and to be the conduit between the composer and the orchestra. What did the composer intend? Does the music get louder or softer? I am a communicator of music — without making a sound, ironically. 🎻

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## Alumni & Family Weekend leaves 'em Friared up



More than 1,200 alumni, parents, students, and friends exhibited their Friar spirit in enjoying a wide variety of activities during Alumni & Family Weekend on Feb. 22-24, 2019.

Highlights included the superhero-themed FRIARCON, which featured games, student performances, food, photo opps, and more. There also were tours and open houses at the College's newest buildings, athletics contests, an a cappella concert, a WDOM reunion, a brunch with the Dominicans, and "super-powered sessions" on such topics as diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, study abroad, and career services.



This fall, AFW will combine with other high-profile programs — including St. Dominic Weekend and New Student Family Weekend — to create a college-wide, Oktoberfest-like Homecoming Weekend. Alumni and families of undergraduates, and their friends, will be invited to campus for three days of entertainment, programming, and fun on Oct. 4-6, 2019. For details, follow [homecoming.providence.edu](http://homecoming.providence.edu) and PC's social media accounts this spring.



### Snapshots from AFW 2019:

- 1) A group pauses for a photo opp while touring the Ruane Friar Development Center.
- 2) Huxley mugs it up with two new Friar friends.
- 3) Tory Ryden '86, center, discusses her career and the impact and legacy of WDOM at an alumni panel with former WDOM staff members. She is flanked by John Hennessy '82, left, and Marty Moran '83.
- 4) Performers in a jazz ensemble during a brunch with PC Dominicans are, from left, William Politano, on saxophone; Rev. Vincent Ferrer Bagan, O.P., visiting instructor of theology and music, on trumpet; and Rev. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., assistant College chaplain and adjunct instructor of philosophy, on clarinet.
- 5) Giovanni Esposito '14, on stage with Special Guest, sings "What I Got" during the a cappella concert featuring student groups and alumni. Esposito was a Special Guest member and president of A Cappella Club while an undergraduate.



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Michael J. Donohue, Jr. '73 and Tracy A. Lynch Sullivan '85

## Mal Brown Club honors Donohue '73, Sullivan '85

Longtime alumni volunteers Michael J. Donohue, Jr. '73 & '05P and Tracy A. Lynch Sullivan '85, '18P, & '21P were honored by the Greater Providence Alumni Club, the Mal Brown Club, at its annual awards night in February.

Donohue was presented with the Mal Brown Award, the club's highest accolade, which recognizes alumni whose

lives have exemplified the love and loyalty for Providence College that Mal Brown '33 exhibited. Sullivan received the Dr. William A. McDonnell Award, presented to individuals who have given unselfishly to further the cause of the College.

Donohue is a member of the Providence College National Alumni Association Council and serves as a

class ambassador. He also served on his 45th reunion committee, as an annual fund committee member, and as a class agent. Sullivan is a former member of the NAA Council executive board and former NAA Council secretary and treasurer. She also has been a class phonathon volunteer and assisted in the FriarLink career services program. ❧

## Alumni travel program heading to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic"

A fall 2019 journey to Ireland awaits interested alumni, family, and friends in the next Friar Explorations travel adventure. "Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way" departs Oct. 15 and returns Oct. 23. This trip will feature sensational coastal scenery, moorlands, and verdant mountains, as well as life in the vibrant and colorful Galway and Westport region.

Friar Explorations trips are a fun way to connect with alumni and others in the College community and offer unparalleled "beyond the classroom" learning opportunities. **For more information, contact Sarah Firetto '03 at 401.865.1909 or [sfirtto@providence.edu](mailto:sfirtto@providence.edu).**



Left: Settled into the back of a taxi convertible — a familiar sight on the streets of Havana — are Michael Walsh '69 and his wife, Susan, during the February 2019 Friar Explorations trip to Cuba. Above: The travel group pauses while touring in Valley De Los Ingenios (Valley of the Sugar Mills), outside Trinidad, Cuba.



“I’ve had a few celebrities ... television and film stars like Judge Judy and Tim Robbins.”

**Tell us about your boats and any other marine hobbies.**

At our dock is a 19-foot MAKO, and my wife and I just bought a 30-foot main ship for my retirement. Our new boat has air conditioning and heating, as well as a bow thruster to make things more comfortable. We plan to cruise to Block Island and the Vineyard during the summer. Narragansett is a great place to live ... quiet, but also close knit. Our five grandchildren love jumping off the dock, fishing, and enjoying the beaches.

**How would you characterize your years spent at PC?**

I found pre-med at PC tougher than optometry school. I remember sitting in Harkins Hall and Father Reichart (Rev. Charles V. Reichart, O.P. '32 & '58Hon.), who directed the pre-med program, told us to look to the left and then to the right. He said those seats would be empty when we graduated, and he was right, because about two-thirds of our group changed majors before senior year. I spent good years at PC: good people, good relationships, good teachers, and a good education. I still go to every PC basketball game I can. 🏀

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## FRIARS AFIELD

### The happy skipper

**MARK S. DERESIENSKI,  
O.D. '71**

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

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Recently retired optometrist Mark S. “Rocky” Deresienski, O.D. '71 of Narragansett, R.I., will have more time now to spend on the water. The owner of two boats, he also has captained seasonal shuttle boat tours out of Newport Harbor for the past six years. A record-setting Friar soccer goaltender in his college days, Deresienski majored in biology. He later studied at New England College of Optometry and worked for more than 45 years, retiring in December 2018.

**How did you get started driving shuttle boats out of Newport? What makes each day exciting and entertaining?**

I have always loved the water as a sailor and a boater. I used to have a charter business and have had my captain's license for over 30 years. I do tours from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. I give passengers some of the history associated with the place: the slave trade, Black Beard selling his booty in the harbor, the 26 pirates hanged in Dead Man's Cove. Most of my passengers speak a language other than English. I've even had a few celebrities, including television and film stars like Judge Judy and Tim Robbins.

# CLASS NOTES

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## 1950s & 1960s

'52

**Robert D. Murray, Sr. '52** of West Palm Beach, Fla., donated a limited-edition sculpture of Hamlet to Providence College. Made at the Lladro Factory in Spain, the sculpture sits in Phillips Memorial Library. An English major who has read his share of Shakespeare, Murray is the retired president of Trend Atlantic Ltd., an importing company. After retiring, he taught English at Staples High School in Connecticut before moving to Florida approximately 20 years ago.

'60

**Raymond T. Gildea '60** of Shelton, Conn., was inducted posthumously into the Shelton High School Hall of Fame. He served the Shelton school district for 34 years, as a high school math teacher, department chairperson, athletics director, computer center director, and district director of finance.

**F. Robert Roche '60** of Taunton, Mass., wrote a book, *The Bullet in Mary's Crown: The Story of Our Lady of Fatima* (Stillwater River Publications, 2018), based on the 1917 visions of Mary reported by three shepherd children in a small village near Fatima, Portugal. He is the retired president of Roche Pipe Organ Company, Inc. of Taunton.

'61

**David A. Duffy '61 & '11Hon.** of Palm Beach, Fla., and North Kingstown, R.I., and **John J. Partridge, Esq. '61 & '11Hon.** of Providence, R.I., were inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fame class at St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, R.I. St. Raphael is a Catholic and LaSallian college preparatory school that serves boys and girls in grades 9-12. Inductees to the Hall of Fame are selected for their service and loyalty to the academy; commitment to LaSallian ideals; living out Christian ideals; and service to the community beyond the school. Duffy and

Partridge were members of the Class of 1957. Duffy is a founder of Duffy & Shanley, a marketing and communications firm in Providence. He is a PC trustee *emeritus* and a member of the College's Providence President's Council. He also is a grantor of the David Duffy Scholarship Fund at PC, with an emphasis on students from Pawtucket. Partridge is a founding partner and senior counsel of Partridge, Snow & Hahn, LLP, a Providence-based law firm. He is a founder of the Liberal Arts Honors Program Council and its Thomson Fund, and a member of the Providence President's Council.

'63

**Dr. Anthony J. Lisska '63** of Granville, Ohio, professor of philosophy at Denison University in Granville, was presented the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by *Marquis Who's Who*, a publisher of biographical profiles. Individuals chosen are selected on the basis of current reference value, including factors such as position, accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field. Lisska is celebrating his 50th year on the Denison philosophy faculty. He has served as the Maria Theresa Barney Chair of Philosophy since 2004. He held the Charles and Nancy Brickman Distinguished

Service Chair at Denison before that and has served as honors program director, dean of the college, and department chair. A scholar in the texts of St. Thomas Aquinas, Lisska has been president, vice president, and a member of the executive council of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

'64 (55th Reunion – May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Dr. Angelo J. Coppola '64** of Southington, Conn., is in his 29th year as a Catholic deacon at St. Thomas Parish in Southington. He served in local school systems for 50 years, the last 13 years as assistant superintendent in Southington until 2003. He also was a teacher, career counselor, school psychologist, and a research and evaluation specialist. Coppola went on to teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Hartford. He also has volunteered with United Way for 25 years.

'69 (50th Reunion – May 31-June 2, 2019)

**John A. DeMarco '69** of Egg Harbor City, N.J., wishes the Class of 1969 a happy 50th reunion in 2019. "Let's make this one for old times," he says. He is retired from his position as an IT program manager at IBM after 42 years. A U.S. Army veteran, he served



## Class of '48 links

A round of golf is just one of the ways these 91-year-old friends from the Class of 1948 show their kindred Friar spirit. Retired doctors, the trio played at Shell Point Golf Club in Fort Myers, Fla., in late February. From left are **JOHN G. O'HURLEY '48**, **DAVID M. BARRY '48**, and **ALEXANDER**

**H. MACISAAC '48**. O'Hurley, a retired ear, nose, and throat surgeon who practiced in Hartford, Conn., lives in Milton, Mass., and is the father of PC trustee **JOHN G. O'HURLEY '76 & '06HON.** and **NEAL T. O'HURLEY '79**. Neal is married to **CHRISTINE LYNCH O'HURLEY '79**, and their daughter is **TRICIA O'HURLEY '15**. Barry is a retired Providence neurosurgeon who lives in Fort Myers. MacIsaac is a retired dentist who practiced in the Seekonk, Mass., area and now lives in Fort Myers.

as a first lieutenant in Vietnam from 1970-71 and says he is very proud of PC's ROTC Program.

**Howard A. Lisnoff '69 & '93G** of South Egremont, Mass., has been a longtime contributing writer at CounterPunch, among other publications, including *The Providence Journal*. He is the author of *Against the Wall: Memoir of a Vietnam-Era War Resister* (2017). He worked for 40 years in various roles in education, including from about 1989 through 1995 in the PC School of Continuing Education, teaching classes in education.

**Vincent Marzullo '69** of West Warwick, R.I., was appointed president of AARP Rhode Island. He retired in 2015 after serving 31 years as the state program director of the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. Marzullo, who is a member and social media assistant of the West Warwick AARP chapter, has volunteered extensively for local and state civic causes, including Hasbro Children's Hospital, West Warwick Elks Lodge, PGE Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, and the Rhode Island Citizen Corps Council. He is the 2018 recipient of the West Warwick Elks Distinguished Citizen Award.



Island National Guard; **KATHRYN PRESTON '21**, the honoree's granddaughter; and College President **REV. BRIAN J. SHANLEY, O.P. '80**. Mahony, who lives in Warwick, R.I., served in the U.S. Navy as a quartermaster 3rd class. He piloted the USS LST-56 to Omaha Beach, Normandy, on D-Day and later piloted the *USS Lake Champlain* carrier ship, ferrying 5,000 GIs from Europe to the United States. Mahony, who graduated from PC on the GI Bill, raised 12 children and watches every Friar game he can on TV.

## 1970s

'71

**Joseph F. Bonaccorso '71** of Kearny, N.J., was named a 2018 fellow of the Water Environment Federation for contributions to the water profession. Project manager for treatment plant operations with CME Associates in Parlin, N.J., he served as superintendent of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (New Jersey) Treatment Plant/Collection System from 1993 to 2011. Bonaccorso served as president of the New Jersey Water Environment Association from 2006-2008. He has served as chairman of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Advisory Committee on Training Water and Wastewater Operators for more than 20 years. He has taught water and wastewater treatment classes for the certification of operators since 1984 and is a guest lecturer at Rutgers University, Cook College, and Middlesex County College.

**Vasilios "Bill" J. Kalogredis, Esq. '71** of West Chester, Pa., was the course planner and speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Representing Physicians and Dentists Seminar in Philadelphia. His presentation, "Practice Consolidation: A Pro-Physician Health Care Attorney's Perspective on Medical and Dental Practice Transactions," discussed practice sales and mergers, non-disclosure agreements, letters of intent, employee agreements, asset purchase

## WWII veteran saluted

World War II veteran **OWEN W. MAHONY '50**, third from left, was honored by the Department of Athletics at PC's armed forces appreciation game in January, when the Friars hosted DePaul. With Mahony are, from left, Brig. Gen. Arthur J. Floru, director of the joint staff, Rhode

## Alumni chaplains web page debuts



If you haven't already, check out the new web page featuring the two associate chaplains to the National Alumni Association, the service they provide, and resources for spiritual and personal benefit. In addition to biographical summaries of **REV. J. STUART MCPHAIL, O.P. '61** and **REV. JAMES F. QUIGLEY, O.P. '60**, the page is the home to essays, homilies, videos, and other content created by the chaplains.

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agreements, and more. He is a partner with Lamb McErlane PC in West Chester and chair of its health law department.

'76

**William T. Benson, D.M.D. '76** of Haverhill, Mass., was appointed as a full-time assistant clinical professor in the College of Dental Medicine at the University of New England in Portland, Maine. He practiced for 37 years, including 31 years in his own practice in Haverhill, and is a former Navy dentist. Benson is a graduate of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

'78

**James M. Drinan, J.D. '78** of Fort Myers, Fla., retired as CEO of the American Planning Association — a nonprofit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of communities — and of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He joined both organizations as executive director in 2014. Drinan is credited with establishing new member services,



deepening key partnerships, and leading sharp growth in APA and AICP membership, with more than 40,000 planning professionals in each. His career included serving as general counsel, lobbyist, and spokesperson for associations at the state and federal levels. He intends to travel and spend more time with family and friends.

## 1980s

'80

**Charles H. DeBevoise, Esq. '80** of Dover, Mass., was named to the 2018 list of Massachusetts Super Lawyers, a ratings service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. He is a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostino, P.C., of Boston, where he practices banking/credit, business, and real estate law.

**Martha Reynolds '80** of West Warwick, R.I., wrote her seventh novel, *Villa del Sol* (CreateSpace, 2017), which earned the 2018 Book Award for Literary Fiction from the Independent Publishers of New England. *Villa del Sol* is a story about the widow of the senior U.S. senator from Rhode Island whose life is upturned by an estate challenge from the senator's daughter. Reynolds is a former fraud crimes investigator with the R.I. Department of the Attorney General. She now is a full-time author. She is married to **James H. McVeigh '79**.

'81

**Jo-Ann (Flanagan) Ryan '81 & '01G** of Providence, R.I., was elected by her peers as majority leader of the Providence City Council in January 2019. First elected to the council in 2014, representing Ward 5, she served as its first majority whip and has served on multiple committees, including Finance, Ordinance, Public Works, Public Property, and Urban Redevelopment and Planning. Ryan, who grew up in the Elmhurst neighborhood of Providence, is currently the chair of the Ordinance Committee and vice chair of the Finance Committee. She is a vice president at Customers Bank.

'82

**Deborah A. George '82** of Warwick, R.I., joined Robinson+Cole, a national law firm with an office in Providence. She is a

## Enjoying work as a Washington insider



For a political science major, it's a dream come true.

Two weeks after commencement, **KRISTINE BUCCI '16** moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Republican National Committee, just in time for the 2016 presidential campaign. In March 2017, she was hired as deputy associate director for appointments in the Office of Presidential Personnel, where she worked in the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House.

Bucci, who grew up in Warwick, R.I., was co-chair of College Republicans at PC and participated in the Model of Organization of American States class trip to Washington. While

there, she was able to submit her résumé to **MICHAEL A. VALLANTE '77**, then chief of staff to the co-chair of the RNC, which led to her hiring. Connecting with PC's Capital Area Alumni Club was helpful when she moved to the city.

"I've learned a lot and I've met young staffers from all over the country," Bucci said. Among the perks: meeting President Donald Trump at the staff Christmas party and giving family tours of the West Wing.

On April 1, Bucci took on a new role as special assistant to the assistant secretary for economic and business affairs in the State Department.

"I'm excited to see where the journey leads me," she said.

Above: Kristine Bucci '16 outside the White House with her father, Anthony Bucci.

member of the firm's Data Privacy + Cybersecurity team and its Business Litigation group. George previously served as executive legal counsel to Rhode Island's Executive Office of Health & Human Services.

**Rev. James M. Sullivan '82** of Ansonia, Conn., pastor of Assumption Parish in Ansonia, was named the 2018-19 Distinguished Catholic Elementary School Pastor by the Archdiocese of Hartford. He was recognized for his strong spiritual leadership at Assumption School, where he holds a daily prayer service and celebrates a weekly children's Mass. Since being ordained to the priesthood in 2014, Father Jim has raised more than \$275,000 for Catholic education through 350-mile bicycle tours with fellow priests and seminarians and 50-mile walking pilgrimages with parishioners and students' families.

'86

**JoEllen (Cunningham) Fiorenzano '86** of Jamestown, R.I., was named president and CEO of F.A.F. Inc., a leading supplier of fashion jewelry, and its Catherine Stein Designs

division, in New York. She is the company's first female president and CEO and the second executive to hold this joint role in F.A.F.'s 43-year history. Fiorenzano is responsible for setting the company's strategy and goals, maintaining its unique culture, and overseeing the management team that runs day-to-day operations. She was promoted from her previous role as chief development officer in which she was responsible for all of FAF's creative functions. She joined the company right after graduating from PC and has been one of the architects of its success.

'87

**Leslee B. (Ives) Hill '87** of Canton, Conn., was sworn in as the new state representative for the 17th House District in the Connecticut General Assembly, representing Canton and Avon. She served on the Canton Board of Education for eight years, and in 2015, she became the first Republican woman elected Canton's first selectman. An attorney, Hill and her husband, Rick, have two daughters, Katie, 21, and Ainsley, 17.

**Timothy J. Moynihan '87** of Oceanside, Calif., wrote his first novel, *Prodigal Avenger: The Story of the Secret War in Afghanistan* (Elk Lake Publishing, Inc., 2018). A fictional account, it is the story of a covert operation gone awry, but on a deeper level, it is about the War on Terror, secrets, faith, and ultimately, love. Moynihan is a former U.S. Army captain who went on to serve the Department of Defense as an intelligence specialist and contractor until 2006. He currently is a program analyst for the Veterans Administration and a lay minister for his church. Moynihan and his wife, Sue, have two sons, both of whom serve in the Army.

'88

**Gregory R. Faulkner, Esq. '88** of Rocky Hill, Conn., was appointed to the board of directors of the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, an organization that serves the commercial construction industry. A partner with Robinson+Cole LLP, he is chair of the firm's construction group and has served as a local, national, and international counsel in all aspects of construction law for more than 25 years. Faulkner has been selected to the Connecticut Super Lawyers list for the last dozen years.

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## 1990s

'90

**Peter E. "Perry" Butler, Jr. '90** of Littleton, Colo., received the "Wings of the Future" award for excellence during his 26 years at Denver Academy, a private school for students with learning differences. The honor recognizes professionalism, dedication to teaching, leadership, and commitment to the school and its mission. Butler has served as dean of the 10th grade since 2012, overseeing six teachers and 55 students. He started out as a middle school teacher and later became dean of the middle school. He has taught all subjects during his career at Denver Academy.

**Ann C. (Sample) Lineberger '90** of Wilton, Conn., wrote and published her second novel, *Sunday Best*, which debuted in 2018. *Sunday Best* is a darkly comic mystery about the adventures of two journalists-siblings who go undercover to investigate a crime, only to discover that their mother may have ties to it. She also is the author of two other books, *The Adjustments* (Full Fathom Five Digital, 2016) and *New Spaces, Old World Charm* (McGraw-Hill, 2004).

**Maura (Mcardle) Reilly '90** of New York City wrote a book, *Curatorial Activism: Towards an Ethics of Curating* (Thames & Hudson, 2018), which was judged a "Best Art Book of 2018" by *The New York Times*. *Curatorial Activism* is arranged in thematic sections focusing on feminism, race, and sexuality. It examines and illustrates pioneering examples of exhibitions of contemporary art — from 1976 to today — that have broken down boundaries and demonstrated that new approaches are possible. Reilly is the executive director of the National Academy of Design in New York City and the founding curator of the Sackler Center for Feminist Art at Brooklyn Museum.

'91

**David P. Higgins '91** of Atlanta, Ga., joined Rockefeller Capital Management in Atlanta as managing director and private wealth advisor. He is a co-founder and co-leader of The Higgins Hall Group in the Rockefeller Global Family Office. Higgins was a private wealth advisor with Merrill Lynch for 26 years and was named a Top 1,200 Financial Advisor State-by-State by *Barron's* for 10 consecutive years.

**Natalie (Pospolita) Silverstein '91** of New York City wrote *Simple Acts: The Busy Family's Guide to Giving Back* (Gryphon House, Inc., 2019), a resource book intended to foster children's key developmental skills around empathy. *Simple Acts* provides fun, easy-to-do ideas for families to incorporate service and acts of kindness into busy schedules. Silverstein's guide features step-by-step instructions, tips, resources, and even essays about her own experiences in raising children who care and contribute. She is the New York area coordinator for the national nonprofit Doing Good Together.

**Jon W. Stagnone, J.D. '91** of Chelmsford, Mass., joined Providence College's Office of Institutional Advancement as a major gifts officer. He previously worked for 10 years at Fidelity Investments in the estate planning and Fidelity Charitable areas, and he specialized in tax and estate planning while working for two Boston-area advisers before that. He is married to **Lauren A. (Banelis) Stagnone '91**.

'92

**Colleen A. Whelan '92** of Warwick, R.I., the director of advancement services in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Providence College, was one of 15 individuals named to the inaugural AI in Advancement Advisory Council by Gravyty. Gravyty is a leading nonprofit industry provider of artificial intelligence-enabled fundraising software. The council is comprised of thought leaders, technologists, and advancement experts whose goal is to shape the future of advancement through revolutionary AI technology.

'93

**Gina L. DeRossi, J.D. '93** of North Dartmouth, Mass., was selected to serve as the court administrator of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. As the administrative director, she serves as general counsel, chief financial officer, and chief human resource officer of the appeals court, which has 25 statutory justices who decide between 1,400 and 1,700 cases annually. She previously served as the twice-elected register of probate for the Bristol County Probate and Family Court. DeRossi is vice president of the New Bedford Bar Association and an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts Law School and Bristol Community College.

'94 (25th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Christopher Millea '94** of Cranston, R.I., was elected in November 2018 to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, representing District 16 with approximately 14,000 residents, in Cranston. He is employed in his own law office, the Law Offices of Christopher T. Millea, Esquire, in Cranston, and is an assistant solicitor for the city. Millea also has served as a collegiate Division I men's ice hockey game official for the Hockey East Association for 17 years.

'95

**Dr. Jim Mello '95** of Steubenville, Ohio, executive director of institutional effectiveness at Franciscan University of Steubenville, was a panelist at the closing plenary discussion at the annual meeting of the North East Association for Institutional Research in Pittsburgh, Pa. The panel discussion, "Data-Informed Decision Making: Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned," addressed student success, internal and external policy making, and ethical considerations for decision makers in higher education.

'96

**Megan (Miller) Oteri '96** of Wilson, N.C., is CEO and founder of Brick Scholars, a mobile learning and innovation lab that helps corporate and executive teams "connect, create, and collaborate their way to solutions." Her business also offers creativity and STEAM discipline workshops for K-12 students in schools, camps, and community programs, as well as professional development for organizations and schools. Oteri is a former special education, elementary education, and middle and high school language arts teacher. She recently was a guest on the Providence College Podcast.

'97

**Maura M. (Ahern) Buser '97** of Middleton, Mass., accepted a new job with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Licensure. Prior to this she worked 21 years as a clinical social worker and director of social work in long-term care. She is married to **Gregory E. Buser '96 & '98G**.

'98

**Megan E. McCarthy '98** of Acton, Calif., passed her final certification as a perinatologist, an OB/GYN specialist, with specific responsibility for treating patients who are at high risk of complications during pregnancy. Her career highlights include working on the human genome project at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning her M.D. degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, and working a residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She also took her fellowship training in maternal fetal medicine at Yale School of Medicine from 2011 to 2014 and has since worked for Kaiser-Permanente in Lancaster, Calif.

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## 2000S

'01

**Jennifer L. (Gombotz) DeLorenzo '01** of Southbury, Conn., was named an assistant principal of Plainville High School, where she began teaching mathematics in 2001. In addition to teaching math, she was named mathematics instructional leader in 2016. She has written curricula for several math courses and planned professional development presentations for the Math Department and the school district.

**Daniel M. Richer '01** of Dover, N.H., defended his dissertation and earned his doctor of education degree from the University of Nebraska. He is the director of recruitment

and admission at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Mass. He is a PC class agent.

'02

**Daniel J. Daniska '02** of Norwich, Conn., was selected as assistant city planner of Norwich. He had served as a transportation planner for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for the previous seven years. He has been a member of Norwich's Commission on the City Plan since 2013.

**Brendan J. Rich, J.D. '02** of Buffalo, N.Y., was named to the 2018 *Buffalo Business First* 40 Under 40 list for professional achievement and community involvement. He is a partner with Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP and is the firm's corporate and securities practice team leader. His practice areas include mergers and acquisitions, corporate structuring and governance, and cross-border expansion impacting the U.S. and Canada. Rich is a member of the board of directors of Hospice Foundation of Western New York.

'03

**Jerome "Jay" M. Lombardo '03** of Cliffside Park, N.J., and his wife, Sotiria, welcomed their first child, a son, Julian Lombardo, born on Oct. 20, 2018. Lombardo is an owner at CJ Lombardo Real Estate Company in Hackensack. He is an executive board member of the New Jersey Apartment Association. ➡



Jillian Rose '04 with Ralph E. Tavares, Jr. '01, assistant dean/director of multicultural student success, at the MLK Convocation

## Two honors for Jillian Rose '04

JILLIAN ROSE '04, director of community engagement, diversity, and research at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan, received the Distinguished Educator Award from the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals for her work training health professionals to improve care and to change outcomes for patients of color.

Rose also was recognized with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Vision Award from Providence College during the College's MLK Convocation in January for her work to overcome healthcare disparities.

Rose, who majored in health policy and management and social work at PC, earned a master's degree in social work from Columbia University and a master's degree in public health from the George Washington University. She will complete her doctorate in health education from Columbia University this spring.

Hear Rose discuss on the Providence College Podcast the challenges patients face and how she found her calling while studying at PC: [prov.ly/rosepodcast](http://prov.ly/rosepodcast)

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'04 (15th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Allyson L. Chesebro, M.D. '04** and John L. Bigda II of Boston, Mass., became parents to their first child, Grayce Alden Bigda, on Sept. 6, 2018. She recently began work as a breast radiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**Dan Devine '04** of Brooklyn, N.Y., joined The Ringer — a sports pop culture website and podcast network — as a staff writer, following nine years as a writer and editor at Yahoo Sports. He covers the NBA. Devine is married to **Sara E. Stolfi '04**, who is a social worker, and the couple has two children.

**Bradford R. Dunn '04** of Boston, Mass., joined the Boston office of Brown Advisory, an independent investment and strategic advisory firm, as a portfolio manager and principal. He manages discretionary balanced accounts for families and institutional clients. Dunn previously worked as a portfolio manager at BNY Mellon Wealth Management. He is a trustee for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and a member of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Financial Services Leadership Council. Dunn and his wife, Michaela, also just welcomed their third child, Eliza, on Christmas Day.

**Benjamin W. Loveland '04** of Needham, Mass., was promoted to partner at WilmerHale LLP in Boston. A bankruptcy and financial restructuring lawyer, he was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star for bankruptcy for six consecutive years. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute Northeast Conference Advisory Board.

'05

**Eamon Cunningham '05** of Milford, Mass., English Department chair at Milford High School since 2006, wrote a composition textbook, *Understanding Rhetoric: A Guide to Critical Reading and Argumentation* (Brown Walker Press, 2019). It outlines three essential skills — rhetoric, argument, and source-based writing — for its primary

audiences of first-year writing students at the college level and AP students in high school. Cunningham's article, "Authentic Questioning as a Form of Inquiry: Writing in the Dialogic Classroom," originally published in *The Journal of Teaching Writing*, was selected for reprint in *The Best of Rhetoric and Composition 2018*. A visiting lecturer at Framingham State University, he has served since 2007 as a member of the Massachusetts Department of Education's Grade 10 Assessment Committee, which creates the state's MCAS exam. He represented the state of Massachusetts for grades 9-11 in developing the national PARCC exam for high school students.

'06

**Meghan K. Welsh '06** of Alexandria, Va., successfully defended her graduate thesis at the University of Missouri's Journalism School. The thesis, "Tweeting While Leading: President Trump's Habits from a Washington Media Perspective," looks at how the president's tweeting is affecting the careers of Washington journalists and altering the journalism industry. Welsh is a producer for the FOX News Channel.

'07

**Laura E. Bedrossian '07** of Astoria, N.Y., was named vice president, social strategy at Hot Paper Lantern, a new New York City- and London-based digital marketing agency. It is an affiliate of the firm Peppercomm.

**Meghan P. Kain '07** of Neptune, N.J., was selected 2018 Teacher of the Year at Forrestdale School in Rumson, N.J. A grade 5 teacher, she has taught at Forrestdale for four years. She serves as the yearbook adviser and Spirit Club moderator and is a mentor to first-year teachers. Kain holds master's degrees in education and educational leadership from Seton Hall University. She is the daughter of **Maryanne Putz Kain '79** and the niece of the late **Rev. Edward Hyacinth Putz, O.P., S.T.D. '44**, who taught theology and philosophy at PC.

**Annie M. Nemeth '07** of New York City married Casey Browning on Nov. 17, 2018, at Fordham University Church in the Bronx, N.Y. She teaches middle school social studies at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Manhattan, an independent Roman Catholic

school for girls in grades pre-K to 12. Nemeth is in her 12th year of teaching, having previously taught for six years at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Harlem.

'08

**Nancy Andrade '08** has accepted a new position as a health scientist and lead for the Sodium Reduction in Communities Program within the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. In this role, she provides oversight, technical, and operational support to the program, which funds communities across the country to increase consumers' options of lower-sodium foods and help create healthier food environments. Previously, she was a health scientist and special assistant to the director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at CDC.

**Kristina Reardon '08** of Worcester, Mass., was awarded a 2019 National Endowment for the Arts grant to translate Slovene author Natasa Kramberger's *Nebesa v robidab* (Blackberry Heaven), which won the 2010 EU Prize for Literature. The honor builds on work she began in 2010-2011 when she studied translation in Slovenia on a Fulbright grant. Reardon is associate director of the Center for Writing at the College of the Holy Cross.

**Kyle J. Shukie, CPA, MST '08** of Woburn, Mass., was promoted to partner at Boston CPA firm Edelstein & Company LLP. Shukie, who joined Edelstein in 2007 as an intern, had served as an associate since 2008. As a tax partner, he works closely with high-net-worth individuals and privately held companies on tax planning and compliance.

**Tracy L. Tavares '08SCE** of East Greenwich, R.I., was promoted to marketing director at Citrin Cooperman, an East Coast accounting, audit, tax, and business advisory firm. Based in the Providence office, she oversees marketing strategy and implementation in the Providence, Braintree (Mass.), Norwalk (Conn.), and White Plains (N.Y.) offices. Her expertise includes strategy development, lead generation, and practice growth. Tavares serves on the Community Advisory Board for United Way of Rhode Island.

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## Friars of the Last Decade

### '09 **FOLD**

(10th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Andrew Guyton '09** of Stratham, N.H., was honored as one of the top four advisors in Massachusetts under the age of 40 by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – Massachusetts. He is a principal with The Guyton Group in Portsmouth, N.H. Guyton and his wife, Jennifer, have three children.

**Will O'Roark '09** of Washington, D.C., was selected to be the Turkmenistan program director for American Councils for International Education. He is managing several public diplomacy and international education programs in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on behalf of the U.S. Embassy in that Central Asian country and the U.S. Department of State. He previously administered and managed education projects for the Department of State in Eurasia and Central Asia.

**Mary E. Pelletier '09** of Westport, Mass., is working as a senior photography specialist with Qatar Museums in Doha, Qatar. Her research focuses on early photography from the Middle East.

### '10 **FOLD**

**Michael R. Callahan, Jr. '10** and **Kelli Kinkella '12** of Hoboken, N.J., were married on July 27, 2018, at Holy Redeemer Church in Chatham, Mass. Kelli is a marketing manager with Macy's Inc., and Michael is a management consulting director with PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers). Both work in New York City.

**Andrew Donahue '10 & '12G** and **Brittany (McHale) Donahue '11** were married on April 21, 2018, in Charleston, S.C. More than 35 Friars in class years ranging from 1973 to 2011 helped the couple celebrate, and seven were in their wedding party: **Christopher Huber '10**, **Cole Johanson '10**, **Brandon Lahoud '10**, **Brendan Shine '10**, **Elizabeth Dunbar '11**, **Katie (Gilsenan) Nagle '11**, and **Samantha Landry Bearce '11**. Andrew is assistant director of student engagement and leadership at Emerson College in Boston. Brittany is assistant director for alumni relations at PC. They live in Providence.

**Elena R. Piperno '10** of Collingswood, N.J., was one of 17 individuals named "2018 Super Women" by *South Jersey Magazine*. The corporate social responsibility manager for A.C. Moore, she doubled the company's charitable contributions in just two years and has helped raise more than \$3.5 million for philanthropic initiatives. Piperno heads up The Domenica Foundation, which is named for her late grandmother and is a New Jersey-based nonprofit dedicated to helping improve the quality of life and empowering individuals to grow and succeed against inequality. She also has supported numerous other charitable causes, including the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation, where her work resulted in a partnership that created mobile arts and crafts stations used by children at several hospitals.

### '11 **FOLD**

**Stephanie A. Callahan '11 & '14G** of Woburn, Mass., married Andrew J. Busa on Sept. 21, 2018, at St. George Cathedral in South Boston. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Omni Parker House in Boston. She teaches seventh-grade social studies at John Glenn Middle School in Bedford. Her husband is a certified financial planner at Advisor Investments in Newton.

**Ryan D. Powers '11** of Pawtucket, R.I., is the founder and president of RJP Packaging and continues to lead the Pawtucket company's expansion. The packaging distributor's focus is poly bags and stretch film. Shortly after establishing RJP Packaging in 2017, Powers oversaw the acquisition of the Packaging Supply Division of Providence-based Admiral Packaging, which has roots going back to 1898. He also has purchased a new 50,000-square-foot warehouse, which has a wholesale retail store, and acquired Aggressive Packaging, Inc. of Lincoln, R.I.

### '12 **FOLD**

**Kelly M. Branham '12** and **Kevin E. Smith '12 & '14G** of Maitland, Fla., became parents to their first child, Seamus John Smith, who was born on Sept. 27, 2018. Kelly is an assistant professor of political science at Stetson University. Kevin is a sales and operations financial analyst for Indiana Limestone Company.

**Krystyna N. Marini '12** and **Anthony A. Baumann '14** of New York City were married on Sept. 15, 2018, at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle, N.Y. Krystyna was an associate attorney at Goodwin Procter and recently began a new position as counsel at Deloitte. Anthony is a senior account executive at Uber. They live in Manhattan.

**Brianna Muñoz, D.M.D. '12** of Farmington, Conn., was awarded the 2018-19 Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship and the Resident Recognition Award by the



Scott Thompson '14 & '18G, left, and John Clarke '15

## Catholic media publishing partners

**JOHN CLARKE '15** and **SCOTT THOMPSON '14 & '18G** are using complementary skills and knowledge as business partners in a fast-growing Catholic media publishing company, Cluny Media.

Involved in Cluny from its inception in 2015, the pair purchased the company from Clarke's father and assumed management in 2017. Cluny publishes popular and scholarly works of theology, philosophy, literature, history, and science and has a catalog of more than 100 books.

Cluny's titles are sold online and at bookstores in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and are being used by colleges and universities, including PC.

Clarke, the editor-in-chief, and Thompson, the CFO, said it is their goal to carry on Cluny's mission of advancing the intellectual and cultural traditions of Catholic faith.

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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Her research focuses on the prevalence of dental sedation among pediatric patients aged newborn to 3. Muñoz graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2016 and is scheduled to earn a master in public health degree and a Certificate of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies from UConn in May 2019.

## '13 **FOLD**

**Benjamin D. Remillard '13** of Derry, N.H., married Kerry Pintabona on Aug. 18, 2018, at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. He has enrolled in a Ph.D. program in history at the University of New Hampshire.

**Mikayla Tatigian '13** and Ross Riskin of Bethany, Conn., were married on Oct. 20, 2018, in Lauralton Hall Chapel in Milford, Conn. They met in elementary school. Mikayla is a donor relations professional at Sacred Heart University and a licensed real estate agent with Colonial Properties. Ross is a partner at Riskin & Riskin, PC and an assistant professor of taxation at the American College of Financial Services. They have a Siberian cat, Ripley.

## '14 **FOLD**

(5th Reunion — May 31-June 2, 2019)

**Saadia Ahmad '14** of Cambridge, Mass., wrote

two articles that were published in *America Magazine — The Jesuit Review*, a national weekly magazine published by the Society of Jesus. One article, written in March 2019, was titled, "What You Can Do to Help after the Terrorist Attack on New Zealand Mosques." The second article, published in December 2018, was titled, "What I Learned from Challenging Islamophobic Language in Public." Ahmad drew on her education and background in conflict resolution in writing both pieces. She is a research and program assistant at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at University of Massachusetts, Boston. She taught a spring 2019 Development of Western Civilization colloquium at Providence College on conflict resolution with Dr. Holly Taylor Coolman focusing on Christian, Islamic, and interfaith approaches to peacebuilding.

**Lauren M. Gallant '14** and **John P. Kornack, Jr. '14** of Boston, Mass., were married on Sept. 2, 2018, at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville. The reception was held at the Omni Parker House in Boston, with many Friars in attendance. Lauren is a senior sales enablement manager at Tech-Target, an IT digital marketing company. John is an institutional sales manager at Ned Davis Research, a global investment research firm.

**Cayleigh Griffin '14** of Cleveland, Ohio, was hired by FOX Sports Ohio as a feature reporter and digital host for the NBA's

Cleveland Cavaliers. Her responsibilities include serving as a host and contributor to *Cavaliers Live* pregame and postgame shows and the weekly *CAVS HQ* show, creating segments for FOX Sports Ohio's *In The Paint* show, creating features and digital content for both the Cavs and FOX Sports Ohio, serving as a host and sideline reporter for the Cavs Radio Network on Cavs games, and serving as an analyst for the Canton Charge G League team. Griffin previously covered the San Antonio Spurs for FOX Sports Southwest.

## '15 **FOLD**

**Nicole "Nikki" (Pulito) Hamilton '15 & '16G** and **Nicholas Hamilton '15** of North Smithfield, R.I., became parents to their second child, Jackson Charles, on Sept. 24, 2018. He joins his big sister, Isabella Rose, who was born in April 2017. The couple was married on July 8, 2016, in Glastonbury, Conn. Nicholas proposed to Nikki under the big tree next to Meagher Hall. Nikki is a Grade 2 teacher, and Nicholas is a supervisor in the Rhode Island branch of Amica Mutual Insurance. He has earned the AIC, AINS, and AIS insurance designations.

**Elizabeth "Lizzy" Myshrall '15** and **Michael Dwyer '15** of Arlington, Va., were married on Aug. 11, 2018, at St. Dominic Chapel on campus. The celebrant was Rev. Iriarte Andújar, O.P., associate dean of admission, and many PC classmates attended. The couple fell in love as juniors after Michael, a member of the Army ROTC Program, needed a date for the traditional Military Ball. Lizzy is a physician assistant in pediatric otolaryngology with Pediatric Specialist of Virginia. Michael is a captain with the U.S. Army, currently serving with the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

## '17 **FOLD**

**Samuel R. Hardwick '17** of Washington, D.C., was named new grants and strategic partnerships manager with The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land in America. The organization advances the 800-year mission of the Franciscans in the United States and the Holy Land. ❧



## Diamond powerhouse

A co-ed softball team comprised mostly of PC young alumni who work and/or live in

Greater Boston won 14 of 16 games in Boston recreational leagues play in 2018. The spring team went 8-0 and won the league championship, while the summer squad was 6-2 and made it to the championship game. All but two of the team's players are PC graduates. Members are, front row from left: **MARCO AURELIEN '16**, **MIDORI KIHARA '16**, **EMMA LANE '14**, **OLIVIA PAGANELLI '16**, **MARY BRENNAN '16**, and **VALERIE PODBELSKI '16**. Rear: **BRIAN O'REILLY '16**, **CHRIS BAKER '14**, Nate McDonald, Will Beers, **TIM BOSSE '17**, **GRACE TWARDY '16**, **JOE CICCARELLO '16**, and **MATTHEW SANBORN '17**.



## Rev. Thomas J. Ertle, O.P. '53, '82G, & '84Hon.; former College chaplain

1998 to 2001, acting College chaplain in 2000 and 2001, and assistant College chaplain from 2001 to 2015, when his health began to decline.

Known for his warmth and unbridled optimism, Father Ertle always responded “never better” to those who inquired of his well-being. He formed lifelong bonds with numerous students, often-times celebrating important family occasions with them as they grew older, such as births, weddings, and funerals.

Father Ertle is survived by his nieces, Deidre Anne Ertle '76 and Nadine Ertle Sullivan '80; her husband, Michael L. Sullivan '78; and their son, John Ertle Sullivan '19.

Very Rev. Kenneth R. Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Province of St. Joseph and chair of the PC Corporation, was the principal celebrant at Father Ertle's Mass of Christian Burial on Nov. 29, 2018, in St. Dominic Chapel on campus. His burial was in the Dominican Friars' Cemetery on campus.

Donations in his memory may be made to Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918, for the Rev. Thomas J. Ertle, O.P. Scholarship or for the Rev. Thomas J. Ertle, O.P. Campus Ministry Fund.

Rev. Thomas Jordan Ertle, O.P. '53, '82G, & '84Hon., a former College chaplain who served his *alma mater* in multiple positions for 22 years, died on Nov. 23, 2018, at the home of his nieces in Sea Girt, N.J.

A Dominican priest for 62 years, Father Ertle first served PC from 1979 to 1984 as College chaplain, prior of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas, and a member of the PC Corporation. He returned in 1998, serving as assistant chaplain to the student-athletes from

## Dr. Kenneth R. Walker, Sr. '57 & '83Hon.; mentor, teacher, friend to many



Dr. Kenneth R. Walker, Sr. '57 & '83Hon., a mentor and friend to many in the College community, died on Jan. 30, 2019.

Dr. Walker served on PC's Providence President's Council for more than 20 years. He was a mentor to

the Friars' men's basketball team and oftentimes traveled to away games. An education major, he received an honorary doctor of social science degree from PC in 1983 and was presented with the National Alumni Association's Exemplary Citizenship Award in 1993.

At the community level, Dr. Walker dedicated much of his life to helping urban youngsters. He was a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, and administrator in the East Providence school system; taught education courses at two colleges; and served on the Rhode Island Parole Board for more than 35 years.

Dr. Walker is survived by his wife, Gail B. (Smith) Walker; two daughters, Leanne Walker-Beard and Michele Walker-Angell; a son, Kenneth R. Walker, Jr.; six grandchildren; and a sister, Arline Walker. His funeral service was held on Feb. 6 at Faith Christian Center in Seekonk, Mass.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Dr. Kenneth Walker '57 Family Scholarship Fund, in care of Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918. ☛

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# IN MEMORIAM

**Augustus "Gus" G. Cardello '21** of Westport, Conn., died on Oct. 12, 2018. In his second year at the College, he had not yet declared a major. He participated in intramural sports. He was the son of Joseph and Michelle Cardello, and the brother of Isabella and Christopher Cardello. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 20 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Westport. A large contingent of PC classmates, other students, administrators, and staff attended.

**Dale A. Ryan '64 & '75G**, a former special lecturer at PC who taught education and math/computer science courses, died on Jan. 6, 2019. A political science major as an undergraduate, he earned a master's degree in elementary administration from the College. Mr. Ryan taught in elementary schools in Lincoln, R.I., for 32 years. At PC, he taught Methods of Social Studies in the School of Continuing Education and Introduction to Computers and Education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He was the husband of Dr. Lynne B. Ryan, PC professor of education. Among his survivors is a son, Christopher Ryan '07.

**Dr. Craig Breckinridge "C.B." Wood**, professor *emeritus* of natural science in the Department of Biology, died on Dec. 25, 2018. He taught at PC for 38 years, beginning with a School of Continuing Education course in introductory geology in the summer of 1974 and continuing until his retirement in July 2012. His research specialties included vertebrate paleontology, the evolution of early mammals, and the distribution of Mesozoic vertebrates in Africa, Asia, and North America.

**Dr. Stephen G. Misovich**, retired professor of psychology, died on Oct. 31, 2018. He taught at PC for 40 years, retiring in 2009. A social psychologist, Dr. Misovich was respected for his devotion and enthusiasm for teaching and his ability to relate psychological concepts taught in the classroom to everyday occurrences.

**Dr. Pamela D. Sherer**, professor *emeritus* of management, died on April 7, 2019. She taught at PC for 27 years, retiring in June 2018, and served as director of the Center for Teaching Excellence from 1994 to 1997. Her areas of expertise included organizational development and change, workplace diversity, and pedagogy and learning.

**Most Rev. Robert E. Mulvee, D.D., J.C.D. '99Hon.**, bishop *emeritus* of the Diocese of Providence, died on Dec. 28, 2018. Bishop Mulvee, who was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by PC in 1999, served on the College's Board of Trustees for eight years, until 2005. He was a member of the PC Corporation during the time he was bishop of Providence, from 1997 to 2005. He continued to be involved in ministry in the diocese until shortly before his death.

**Antonio "Tony" R. Centore '51**, a Rhode Island high school football coach for 67 years, died on Sept. 8, 2018. He began his coaching career at Central High School in Providence in 1946 and coached until 2013. Most of his career was spent at Cranston East High School and at Johnston High School, where he was head coach from 1979 to 2002. An education major at PC, Mr. Centore was a history teacher and guidance counselor at Cranston East from 1957 to 2010. Among his survivors is a son, Gerald P. Centore '83, and a grandson, Matthew T. Centore '16.

**John P. Collins '57**, a longtime public school educator and former school superintendent, died on Jan. 21, 2019. Mr. Collins served as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent at school systems in Massachusetts and New York State before leading the school district in Shrewsbury, Mass., as superintendent from 1978 to 1994. Among his survivors is a son, John "Jack" P. Collins '82.

**Rev. Gerald W. Hussey '68**, pastor *emeritus* of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Little Compton, R.I., and of St. Madeleine Sophie Parish in Tiverton, R.I., died on March 23, 2019. A priest of the Diocese of Providence

for 40 years, he served as assistant pastor at four parishes before being named pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in 1996 and later, St. Madeleine Sophie. Father Hussey was a concelebrant at the PC Class of 1968 Golden Friar Mass during Reunion Weekend last year. His survivors include his twin brother, John G. Hussey '68.

**Hon. Joseph A. Keough '62**, who served as a judge in Rhode Island at the state and municipal levels, died on Jan. 26, 2019. An economics major at PC, he served his *alma mater* as a class agent and on class phonathons. Judge Keough was a magistrate judge for the R.I. Superior Court from 1997 to 2008 and served the Pawtucket Municipal Court as chief judge and associate judge for many years. Among his survivors are his daughter, Kathleen M. Schram '92, and a brother, Col. Francis P. Keough '62.

**Rev. John J. McElroy '41**, the oldest living priest in the Diocese of Providence, died on Feb. 16, 2019. He was 99. Pastor *emeritus* of the former St. Joseph Parish in Pawtucket, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1945. Father McElroy served as pastor or assistant pastor at four parishes during his ministry, retiring as pastor *emeritus* in 1991.

**Thomas J. Sheehan '72**, who played and coached hockey at his *alma mater*, died on Sept. 28, 2018. A social studies/education major, he played as a forward for the Friars from 1968 to 1972, scoring 69 points in his career. Mr. Sheehan also served as head coach of the women's ice hockey team in 1998-99, leading the team to a 13-10-1 record. Among his survivors is a son, Thomas J. Sheehan, Jr. '97 & '06G.

**J. Kevin Clancy**, a former Physical Plant staff member at PC, died on Jan. 14, 2019. Mr. Clancy, who worked at PC from 1987 to 1997, was the brother of J. Charles Clancy, a building mechanic with the Physical Plant staff. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked for the former Providence Gravure for 18 years and for the U.S. Post Office in Providence. ❧❧



## DEATHS

- Henry W. Archetto '37  
 Rev. John J. McElroy '41  
 Dr. Malcolm Ekstrand '44  
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## THE LAST WORD

# Trusting in Providence

BY BOB PFUNDER '09

*“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit.”* (Jeremiah 17: 7-8)

What difficult, but encouraging, words from the prophet Jeremiah. They are difficult because Jeremiah assures us that we will experience aridity in life. We'll experience the heat of suffering, the pressure and irreducible challenge it can cause. We'll also experience moments of drought, where we seem cut off from something essential in life. Jeremiah isn't sugar-coating life. We may experience this heat and drought in our own personal lives, in our home life, in our faith, in our working environments, and even in our greatest institutions. And, like the tree Jeremiah speaks of, we might not have any option of relief.

But he also offers an encouragement, one that doesn't reduce or minimize the heat or the drought, but that shows the deepest sources we can draw on to endure and, God willing, to bear fruit. The tree stretches its roots to the nearby waters. While the appearances at “ground level” are bleak, beneath the surface this tree finds nourishing and refreshing waters. Jeremiah likens this wise tree to one who trusts in God, who trusts in his Providence. Whatever the conditions above ground, being rooted in trust in God gives one profound steadiness. Perhaps it's easier said than done. But, learning such trust is at the very heart of the spiritual life.

These words from Jeremiah began

our second annual Lenten faculty and staff lunchtime retreat. Building off the success of the first Lenten lunch retreat in 2018, conceived and led by John Paul Manning '11G, Campus Ministry retreats director, the Office of Mission and Ministry offered a lunchtime retreat this Lent. It was held over the course of four weeks in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies. By way of structure, it created opportunities for prayer, retreat talks, and group reflection among faculty, staff, and administrators.

The retreat was a chance to reflect together about what the trust Jeremiah speaks of means for each of us personally and as a community. It was a chance to enter into this

important liturgical season as a preparation for Easter, focusing as well on the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Being a Catholic and Dominican university, our community is animated by PC's motto, *Veritas*. These are the waters near to which our beloved institution is planted. The community draws near to these waters through its teaching and research, through its vision of the harmony of faith and reason in the pursuit of truth. We even draw near through the authentic relationships that are created and sustained by this place.

But *Veritas* also refers to Jesus Christ, who called himself "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 10). Indeed, drawing near to Jesus Christ, *Veritas* incarnate, is at the very heart of the Dominican community and mission. But it's also a shared mission in the university. Pope St. John Paul II said that "a Catholic university pursues its objectives through its formation of an authentic human community animated by the spirit of Christ" (*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, No. 21). This vision lies at the very heart of the university.

Moreover, we believe that this mission is one that is shared among our entire community, be they lay or Dominican, student, faculty, staff, or alumni. We are all invited to draw near to *Veritas* and to do so together.

We need each other; we share the responsibility.

Our Lenten lunchtime retreat was one of the first steps of many in the Office of Mission and Ministry to create robust opportunities for collaboration in mission. Trusting in Providence, we carry forward, remembering God's promise made

through Jeremiah: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for your woe, so as to give you a *future of hope*" (Jeremiah 29:11). ❖

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