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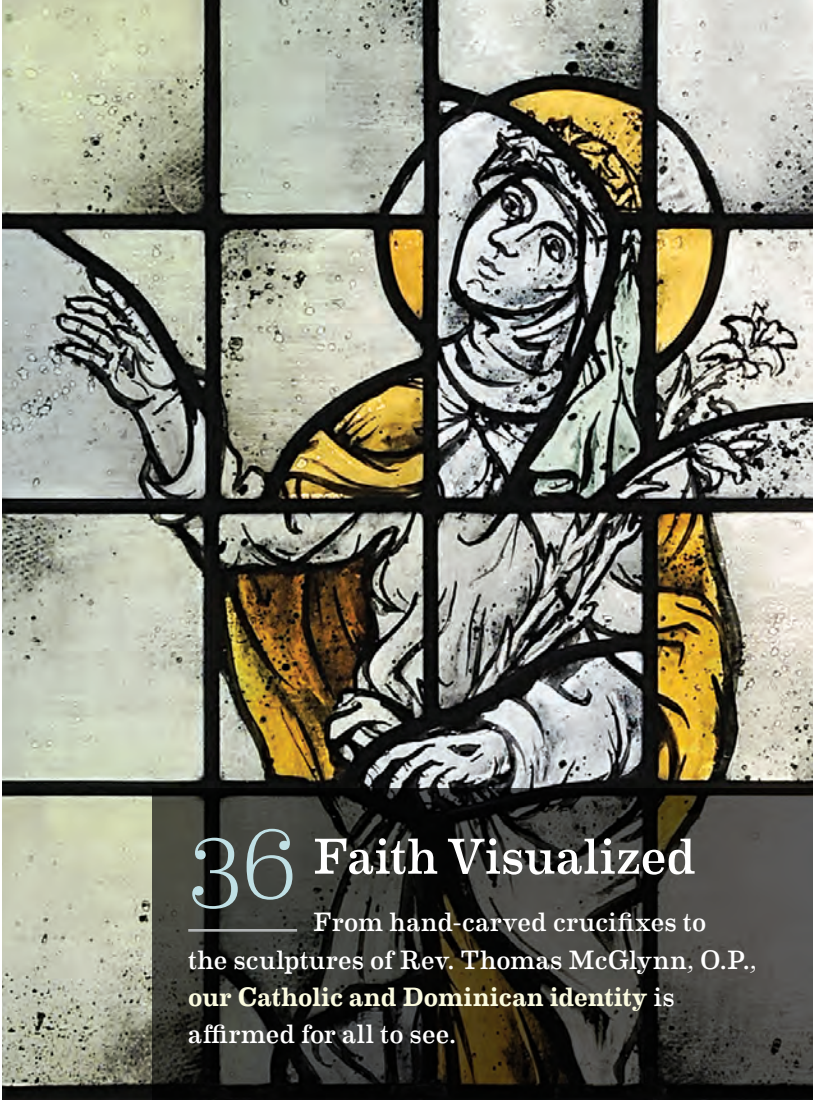
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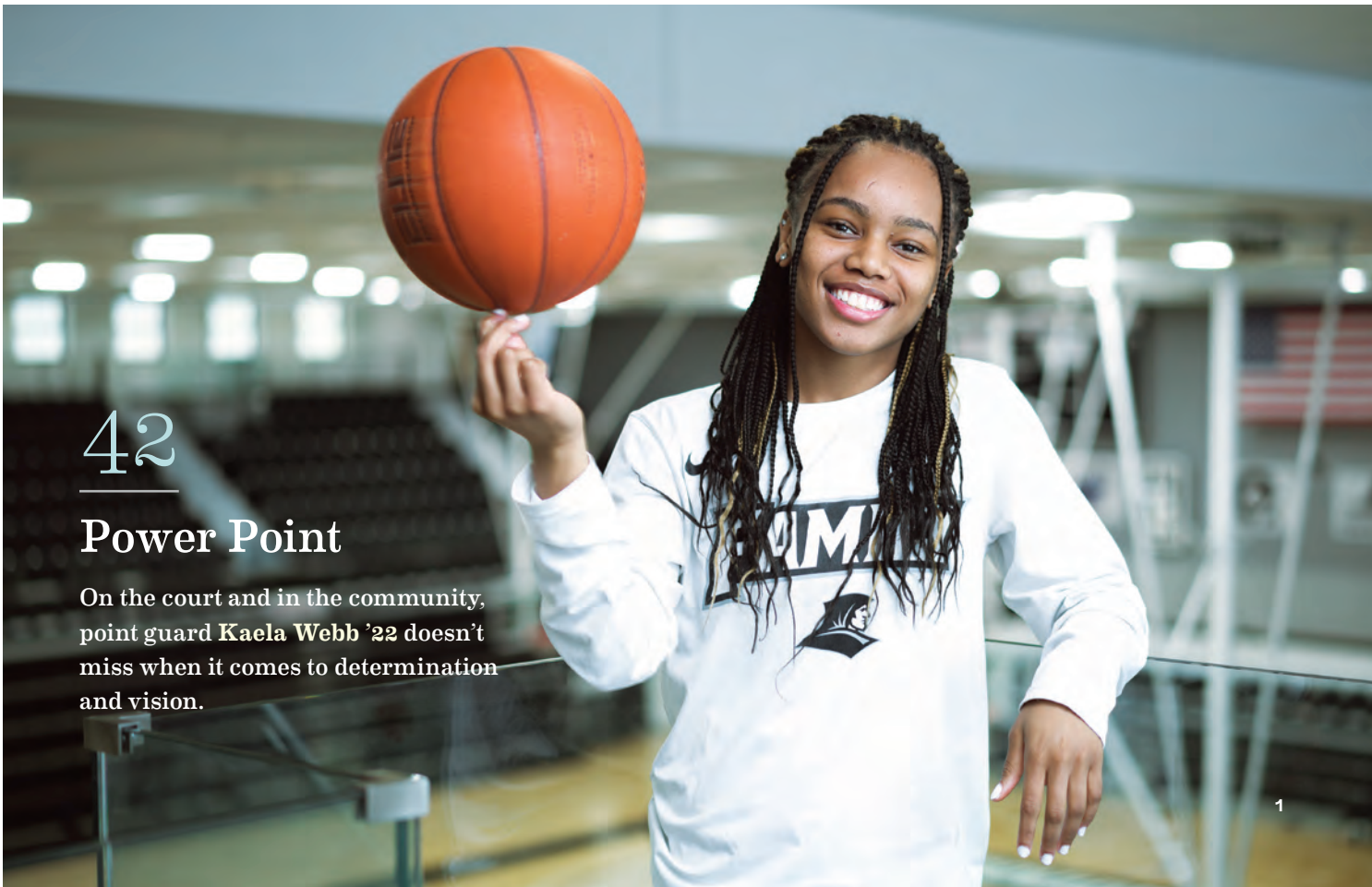
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REFLECTING

FORWARD

*A Celebration of Multiculturalism
and Diversity at PC*

2020

JANUARY 24 – 26, 2020

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE is pleased to invite alumni, friends, and members of the campus community to *celebrate the diverse identities that make up our Friar family.*

Please save the date for a weekend filled with events to reflect on the past while embracing our shared future. Guests of Reflecting Forward 2020 are also invited to join the PC community for *the third annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation* on Friday, January 24.

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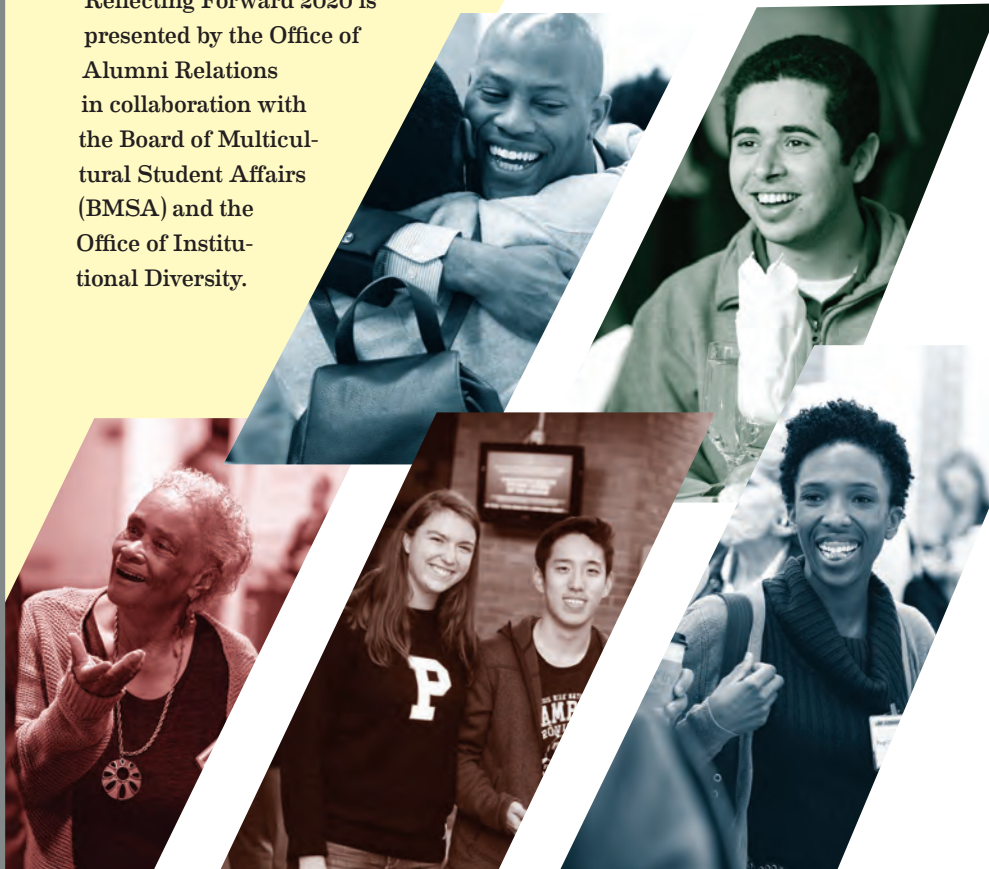
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A Legendary performance

AWARD-WINNING SINGER, SONGWRITER, and actor John Legend headlined Late Night Madness, celebrating the start of the basketball season. Usually, only students attend and the event is held on campus, but this year families, alumni, and Friar fans joined in at the Dunkin' Donuts Center as part of PC's Homecoming. The crowd was thrilled with the performance — Legend shared a photo that received more than 125,000 likes on Instagram.

PHOTO BY STEW MILNE



BUZZ

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● FORE-ver a Friar

CATARINA BRAZ-ROCHA '17 & '19G competed on *Holey Moley*, an ABC game show which pits mini-golf fans on an “epic mini-golf obstacle course.” Braz-Rocha, who was captain of the Friars’ cross country and track teams, succeeded through several physical and mental challenges, including “The Distractor,” who was armed with a feathered tickler. Unfortunately, she missed the \$25,000 prize by one putt.



OSCAR INSPIRED

JOHN CHAN '74 CELEBRATED THE TWO OSCARS won by his friend, Peter Farrelly '79, with a painting. Chan, owner of Chan’s Fine Oriental Dining in Woonsocket, R.I., where jazz and blues artists have performed for four decades, also is a watercolor artist. Earlier this year, Farrelly won awards for Best Motion Picture and Best Original Screenplay for *Green Book*, a film he directed and co-wrote. Chan is a longtime friend of the Farrelly family, including Peter’s late father, Robert L. Farrelly, M.D. '59, a Cumberland, R.I., physician.

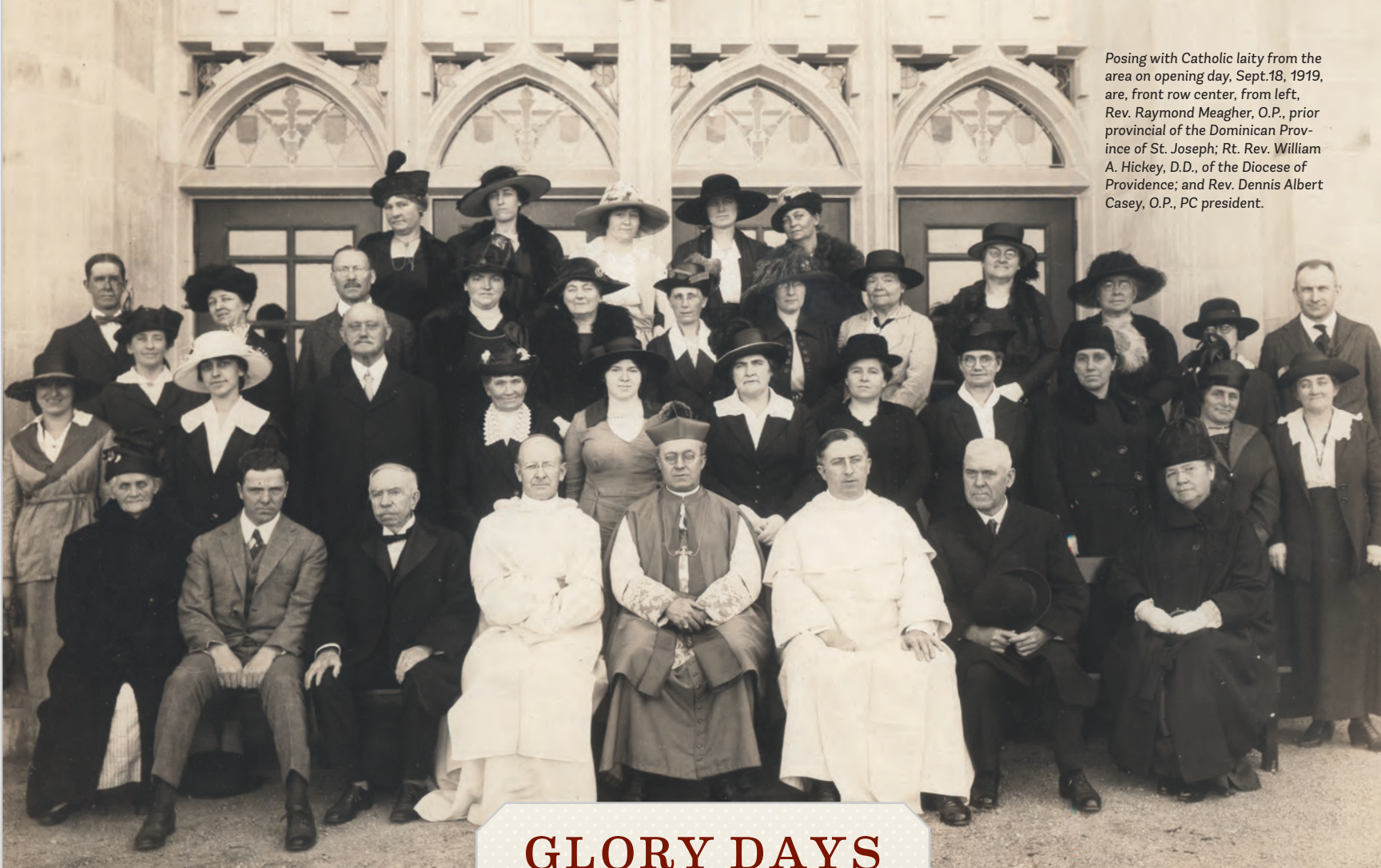


Catholic cooks

REV. ADAM YOUNG '06, pastor of St. Paul Parish in Cranston, R.I., jokes that God must forsake him in the kitchen, because he’s so bad at cooking. Father Adam was a competitor on season 17 of *Worst Cooks in America* on the Food Network. A member of chef Anne Burrell’s team, he was eliminated in the second-to-last episode. Watch full episodes at www.foodnetwork.com/shows/worst-cooks-in-america, and listen to Father Adam discuss his experience on the Providence College Podcast at news.providence.edu/video/podcast/.

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FATHER ADAM: COURTESY OF FOOD NETWORK.

Posing with Catholic laity from the area on opening day, Sept. 18, 1919, are, front row center, from left, Rev. Raymond Meagher, O.P., prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph; Rt. Rev. William A. Hickey, D.D., of the Diocese of Providence; and Rev. Dennis Albert Casey, O.P., PC president.



GLORY DAYS

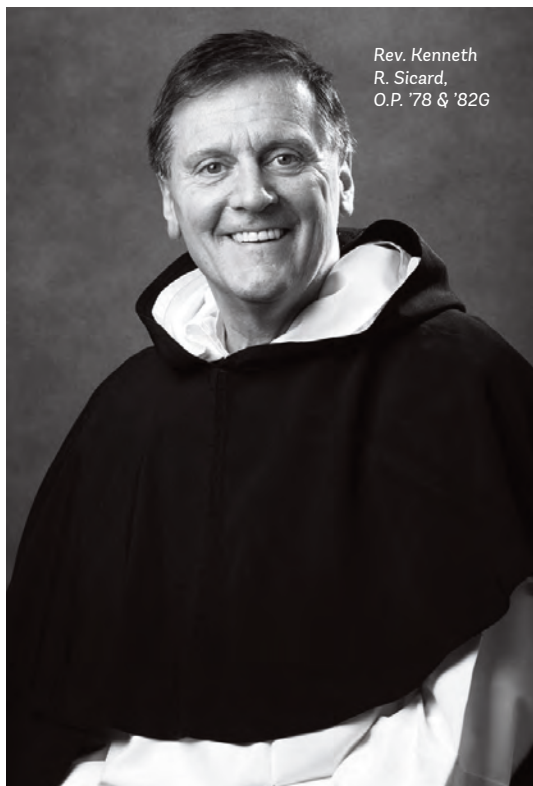
The 100th anniversary of the opening of Providence College was observed on Sept. 18, 2019, with a Mass in St. Dominic Chapel and a lunch featuring PC-themed desserts for faculty, staff, and students on Slavin Center lawn. The College opened with a single structure, Harkins Hall; nine full-time faculty, all of them Dominican priests; and 71 students, all men. It now has 48 buildings, nearly 500 faculty members, and almost 5,000 students.



The Patriots, the Kennedys ...

WHAT A SUMMER FOR SINGER-SONGWRITER ADAM HANNA '18. In June, Hanna performed at the Super Bowl ring ceremony for the New England Patriots, held at the home of owner Robert Kraft in Chestnut Hill, Mass. In July, his Adam Hanna Band played for the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics, held at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. In all, Hanna played more than 60 shows in 12 weeks — including PC's Reunion Weekend and Homecoming Weekend. Follow him on Instagram: [@adamxhanna](https://www.instagram.com/adamxhanna). 🇺🇸

OPENING DAY: COURTESY OF PC ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. ADAM HANNA '18: COURTESY OF ADAM HANNA '18.



Rev. Kenneth
R. Sicard,
O.P. '78 & '82G

Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G named PC's 13th president

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78 & '82G, executive vice president and treasurer of Providence College since 2005, will be the College's 13th president. He will succeed Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2020.

The appointment was announced on Oct. 4 by the Providence College Corporation and the Board of Trustees. It followed a search of several months by a 12-member committee chaired by trustee Robert J. Clark '80 that included trustees, faculty members, a past alumni association president, a student, an administrator, and a Dominican priest.

"On behalf of the friars of the Province of St. Joseph, I would like to extend prayerful congratulations to Father Ken Sicard, O.P. on the occasion of his selection by the Board of Trustees to succeed Father Brian Shanley, O.P. as the 13th president of Providence College," said Very Rev. Kenneth R. Letoile, O.P. '70, prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corporation.

"Father Sicard's 14 years of service as Father Shanley's executive vice president have uniquely prepared him to assume the responsibilities of president. As provincial and chair of the corporation, I look forward to collaborating with Father Sicard to further the mission of this very special college that continues the Order of Preachers' 800-year mission of education in the truth of the gospel."

Christopher K. Reilly '84, chair of the Board of Trustees, offered his congratulations to Father Sicard.

"In the tradition of his 12 renowned predecessors, Father Sicard exemplifies the values and ideals of Providence College," said Reilly. "He is ideally suited for the presidency for many reasons, including demonstrated commitment to the institution's mission and a unique set of experiences that bring him to this position fully prepared to lead. Father is a thoughtful, gracious, and inspiring leader who will keep Providence College on the ascendant trajectory that has characterized Father Shanley's presidency."

In his role as executive vice president and treasurer, Father Sicard directly supervises many College operations, including athletics, student affairs, general counsel, mission and ministry, external affairs and marketing, human resources, and public safety. He serves as the president's chief of staff and is a member of the President's Senior Cabinet. He oversaw the creation of three of the College's strategic plans, including *PC200*, adopted in 2018.

Father Sicard served as acting PC president from July 2018 to December 2018 while Father Shanley was on sabbatical.

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Father Sicard greets restaurateur, cooking show host, and author Lidia Bastianich following her Homecoming 2019 presentation in Mullaney Gym in Alumni Hall.

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— VERY REV. KENNETH R. LETOILE, O.P. '70,
CHAIR, PC CORPORATION

He holds a Ph.D. in business education from The Ohio State University, awarded in 1997. A native of Fall River, Mass., he earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from PC in 1978 and a master’s degree in business administration from the College in 1982. From 1978-1984, prior to entering the Dominican Order of Preachers, he was employed by Fleet Financial Group in Providence, beginning in an entry-level position and rising to audit manager.

“I am profoundly honored by the opportunity to serve as president of Providence College, an institution that has been such a part of my life since I enrolled as a student at the age of 17,” said Father Sicard. “With humility and gratitude, I look forward to working with our faculty, staff, students, trustees, and alumni, along with my Dominican brothers and sisters, to build upon the rock-solid foundation created by Father Shanley and his predecessors.”

Father Sicard was ordained to the priesthood in 1990. He holds a master of divinity degree and a bachelor of sacred theology degree from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

His first assignment after ordination was to Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, where he served as chaplain and a full-time faculty member, teaching courses in finance, money and banking, auditing, and accounting from

1990-1997. He also was responsible for the spiritual and sacramental needs of students and Dominican religious sisters.

Father Sicard returned to PC to serve as dean of residence life from 1997-2005. He oversaw the supervision and security of all residence halls, the office’s operating budget, the hiring and supervision of more than 100 staff, and the creation of policies that ensured a quality of life for students consistent with the College’s mission.

During that time, he also served the Dominican Province of St. Joseph as director of vocations for two years. He served as provincial treasurer from 2002-2010 and as a member of the Economic Council from 2010-2016, working on behalf of the Order in international operations related to portfolio management, accounting operations, property sales and acquisitions, construction and renovation, and financial planning.

Father Shanley, a native of Warwick, R.I., took office on July 1, 2005, and is the College’s longest-serving president. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Toronto. In addition to teaching a course each semester in the Liberal Arts Honors Program, he has taught at The Catholic University of America and Emory University. He was ordained in 1987. ❧



R. Seth Pinches '16 and his former professor, Dr. Kathleen A. Cornely, professor of chemistry, played critical roles in the development of a virus that helped cure a woman with a life-threatening infection.

PHOTO: CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G

PC science lab research helps save life of woman in England

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

A 17-year-old woman from England was cured of a life-threatening, drug-resistant infection after being treated with a virus scooped from the soil at Providence College, isolated and purified by students in a laboratory, and genetically modified by a professor on sabbatical.

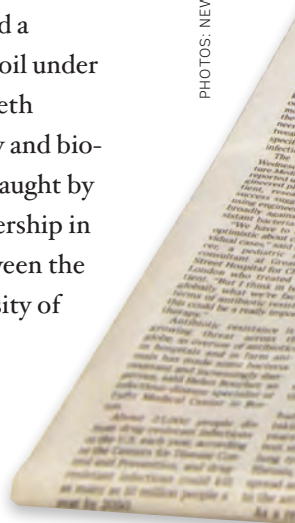
It was a worldwide medical breakthrough — the first successful use of a genetically modified virus to treat a drug-resistant infection — and was made possible by the work of Dr. Kathleen A. Cornely, professor of chemistry, and the students she co-taught with Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., professor of biology and of theology.

In late 2017, Isabelle Holdaway, who has cystic fibrosis, was dying from an infection after a double-lung transplant. Her mother appealed to her doctor to try an approach she read about on the internet — the use of phages, bacteria-killing viruses, to treat drug-resistant infections.

The physician turned to the University of Pittsburgh, where Dr. Graham Hatfull maintains a collection of 15,000 mycobacterial phages — the largest in the world and a collection that includes ZoeJ, a phage taken from soil under a tree near Harkins Hall in September 2012 by R. Seth Pinches '16. Pinches was one of 16 first-year biology and biochemistry students in a Phage Hunters course co-taught by Cornely and Father Austriaco through PC's membership in the Science Education Alliance, a partnership between the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Pittsburgh.

Through the course, students collected soil samples in vials and, in the laboratory, worked in teams to purify and characterize the phage and extract the DNA. Eventually, the class chose the phage with the highest quality DNA to send

PHOTOS: NEWSPAPER: CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G; STUDENT RESEARCHER: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR.



to Pittsburgh for DNA sequencing and storage — ZoeJ, which Pinches named after his newborn niece, Zoe Jean.

The Phage Hunters course ended in May 2013, but Cornely continued the research with students in her lab. She received a \$25,000 grant from RI-INBRE, the Rhode Island IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence, to support the work of her students, who also were supported by undergraduate research grants from the College and by Walsh Student Research Fellowships, created by a chemistry major, the late Robert H. Walsh '39 & '66Hon.

In January 2016, Cornely used her sabbatical semester to travel to Pittsburgh to work in Hatfull's lab. She learned the technique of deleting a gene from ZoeJ that could prevent the phage from killing bacteria. It was a painstaking process that took her two months, working more than 60 hours a week, to accomplish.

"I was trying to bring my research to the next level," Cornely said. "You can read about how to do the procedure, but there's nothing like having someone in the lab showing it to you. It was a technique I wanted to teach my research students."

The story about phage research was reported in "The Wall Street Journal" by Brianna Abbott '17, a health reporter who studied chemistry at PC, below.

"Seeing the photo of this young woman who is now alive because of this therapy makes me truly thankful for what science can do." — R. SETH PINCHES '16

When Cornely was finished, ZoeJ was a genetically modified phage ready to be used in treatment. She left a sample in a freezer in Pittsburgh and brought another back to Providence for her students.

When Holdaway's physician turned to the Hatfull lab, the team found 1,800 phages that matched the bacteria in her infection and whose genetic makeup was known, including one from Pittsburgh, one from South Africa, and ZoeJ. The three were combined and administered to Holdaway intravenously and directly to the skin in June 2018. Six weeks later, a liver scan showed the infection had disappeared.

The news about the phage treatment received worldwide attention when it was reported in the journal *Nature Medicine* in May. Brianna Abbott '17, who majored in chemistry and creative writing at PC, wrote about it in *The Wall Street Journal*, where she is a health reporter.

Pinches is a program coordinator in the Laboratory for Molecular Pediatric Pathology at Boston Children's Hospital and is planning to apply to medical school.

"The whole story is kind of amazing," said Pinches.

"The chances of the phage I discovered being used in treatment are so minute it's crazy to think about.

I did exactly what everyone else in the class did.

I just got lucky. Seeing the photo of this young woman who is now alive because of this therapy makes me truly thankful for what science can do. I was just a very small part of the process, but I am happy to be that small part." ❖





HPM students co-author book on major health care decisions

BY CHRIS MACHADO

In politics, merely discussing health care can court controversy. In the Providence College Department of Health Policy and Management, the topic elicits a much different reaction.

As part of the *Across the Aisle* (ABC-CLIO) book series, Dr. Robert B. Hackey, professor of health policy and management; Dr. Todd M. Olszewski, associate professor of health policy and management; and 12 students are writing *Today's Health Care Issues: Democrats and Republicans*, which will be published in January 2021.

According to ABC-CLIO, the series was created “to help students and the general public understand the positions taken by both of America’s major political parties on the most pressing issues of the day.” As the title suggests, the team focused on health care issues from the past decade — a bountiful period for noteworthy health care decisions such as Medicare reform and single-payer health care.

The genesis for the project came when an editor for ABC-CLIO gauged Hackey’s interest in writing a volume for the series — one that added a balanced, well-researched voice to more partisan offerings by other authors. From that conversation, an 18-month, faculty-student academic partnership was born.

“I don’t think of students as research assistants but rather as junior colleagues,” Hackey said. “They emerge from the process as scholars who’ve mastered a body of literature and learned how to present it to others.”

Anne Capozzoli ’20 (Bel Air, Md.), an HPM and biology double major who spent the summer at PC as an HPM research assistant, said her research experiences have been “incredibly valuable to my development as a student.” She said a bonus of these experiences has been the bond she’s formed with faculty members, like Hackey.

“I encourage any students to take advantage of these opportunities outside the classroom because I got a mentor out of it — someone who really believes that I am going to do great things in the world,” she said. 🍷

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Dr. Robert B. Hackey, professor of health policy and management, standing at top right, joins several of the students who are writing a volume in a book series on health care with Hackey and Dr. Todd M. Olszewski, associate professor of health policy and management. Students are, sitting from left, Rose Shelley '19, Delaney Mayette '20, Erin Walsh '20, Amanda McGrath '19, and Keith Vieira '21, and standing, Nicolette Greco '20, Theresa Durkee '20, Anne Capozzoli '20, Shannon McGonagle '19, and Morgan Bjarno '19.

PHOTO: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

Sister Carolyn Sullivan, O.P. '02G was a model of mentorship and concern to students in tutorial services for more than 20 years.



Sister Carolyn retires; her impact endures

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

Even though she retired in June as assistant director for tutorial services in the Office of Academic Services, Sister Carolyn Sullivan, O.P. '02G will continue to influence the work and life habits of the students she supervised and mentored as peer tutors for more than two decades.

“She made a connection with ‘her kids,’ which really impacted how they carried themselves in the Tutoring Center, at PC, and beyond graduation,” said Jonathan Gomes, associate director for tutoring and disability services.

Born in Providence and raised on Long Island, Sister Carolyn came to the College in 1994, working for two years in the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs before joining academic services.

Her former tutors and colleagues echo similar sentiments when speaking about her. They recall her dedication to

improving her tutors’ instructional skills, her compassion in listening, her wisdom and kindness, her open-door policy to anyone who needed to talk, and always her promise to pray for you. Many stay in touch through phone calls, Facebook messages, and Christmas cards.

Former tutor Jacquie DeSisto Mazick '10 & '14G, now associate director of prospect management in Brown University’s Division of Advancement, said Sister Carolyn always had a smile and a welcoming presence, and she encouraged tutors to continue educating and improving themselves. Mazick said she often uses life skills, training, and advice she learned in the Tutoring Center.

“Sister taught me how to be organized and efficient, but also how to work with others as a colleague, a counselor, and a supervisor,” she said.

Sister Carolyn will remain in Providence for her retirement. Her plans include travel with family and friends and volunteer work in her parish. She also intends to spend time reading, knitting, and taking walks with friends, all while praying for everyone who touched her life at PC. ❧

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Class of 2023: 1,095 students strong

The Class of 2023 is one of the largest in College history, with 1,095 students who bring strong academic credentials and a demonstrated commitment to leadership and service.

Their average high school GPA was 3.48 on a 4.0 scale, the highest in at least 10 years. One-quarter of the class is undecided about a major. Twenty percent are students of color. They come from 30 states and Puerto Rico, and there are 29 international students from 11 countries.



Jolssen Rodriguez '21, left, and Lucia Gonzalez '22, members of Lightening Others' Loads, with items collected from students leaving campus for the summer

Care for our common home

The student organization Lightening Others' Loads collected 200 used items — including eight refrigerators, 15 microwave ovens, 16 fans, and 35 storage crates — from students moving off campus for the summer and redistributed them to students in need at Move-In Day in August.

Lightening Others' Loads, which began five years ago, is a collaborative effort of Campus Ministry, the Office of Admission, and the Office of Residence Life. It is aimed at reducing waste while helping students who cannot afford to buy extras for their rooms or who cannot transport large items from home.

As students moved out of residence halls in May, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety coordinated the collection of 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and 300 bags of gently used clothing — approximately 2,500 pounds — for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

A Sustainability Committee, formed as an initiative of *PC200*, the College's new strategic plan, is dedicated to increasing environmental stewardship on campus, inspired by the message of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, "On Care for Our Common Home."

PHOTOS: CLASS OF 2023: CHRIS JUDGE '05 & '07G; LIGHTENING OTHERS' LOADS: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR

Neronha '88 named PC general counsel



Christopher M. Neronha '88

Christopher M. Neronha '88 began work on July 1 as the new vice president and general counsel at Providence College. He replaces Marifrances McGinn '19Hon., the first in-house general counsel in the College's history, who retired after more than 20 years in the role.

A political science major at PC, Neronha holds a law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School. He formerly was vice president, general counsel, and secretary at Springfield College and associate general counsel at Roger Williams University. He has worked at National Life Insurance Company, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, and Hinckley Allen & Snyder in Providence, where he began his career in law.

Neronha will provide legal and risk management advice, guidance, and services to the Board of Trustees, president, senior staff, administrative officers, and faculty. He also will serve on the President's Senior Cabinet, the primary administrative and policy-making body at PC.



Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64, '66G, & '19Hon.

Dr. Mecca's nonprofit awarded \$150,000

Catholic Relief Services recognized the work of the late PC physics professor Dr. Stephen J. Mecca '64, '66G, & '19Hon. by awarding his

nonprofit organization \$150,000 to train workers in Ethiopia to build the microflush toilet he developed with his students.

The Global Sustainable Aid Project, founded by Dr. Mecca in 2010, will use the two-year contract to train workers in toilet construction, said Dr. Terence McGoldrick, associate professor of theology at PC, associate director of the College's Ethics in Business Education Program, and president of the GSAP board.

"This is a big win for all those who worked on developing, testing, promoting, and improving the technology, but especially for Dr. Mecca," McGoldrick said. "I think he'd be thrilled."

Dr. Mecca, who taught at PC for almost 50 years, died of complications from pancreatic cancer in August 2018.



'PC in DC' welcomes 8 students

Twelve alumni in governmental and private industry positions hosted eight undergraduates during the second "PC in DC" program in Washington in June. Offered by the Leadership Fellows Program, PC in DC provides opportunities to learn practices and lessons in leadership from alumni in high-level roles. Serving as hosts were:

- Janet Archer '82, Smithsonian Enterprises
- Jeff Conroy '88, Embody, LLC
- Sarah Dwyer '13, U.S. Department of Defense
- Angela Goelzer '77, FINRA
- Meredith Kirsch '09, Politico
- Curtis LeGeyst '00, National Association of Broadcasters
- Rachel (Nitsche) Mairella '08, U.S. Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee
- Nancy McNamara '84, KPMG
- PC trustee Andre Owens '85, WilmerHale
- Caitlin Peruccio '11, Office of U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.
- Brian Shannon '93, U.S. Department of Defense
- David Sylvia '90, Altria

Chemists excited by spectrometer funding

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry was awarded a grant of \$288,300 from the National Science Foundation that will allow for the acquisition of a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The new instrument, which will replace an outdated model, will greatly enhance faculty and student researchers' ability to characterize and identify molecular structures.

State-of-the-art spectrometers are significantly more sensitive and precise, and they speed up the collection of data — thereby increasing opportunities for research and interpretation of results. Additional funding for the spectrometer, which costs more than \$400,000, will be provided by the College and the Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence. ❏

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Students achieve Fulbright, Goldwater standing

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

Students experienced extraordinary success in the spring with prestigious post-graduate fellowships and a nationally coveted academic scholarship.

For the first time in PC history, three graduating seniors were awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, and for the first time since 2005, a junior received the Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The Fulbright recipients are Elena Morganelli '19, a global studies major from Upton, Mass., who is teaching English to high school students in Galicia, Spain, this academic year; Emilee Serwan '19, a global studies and history double major from Centreport, N.Y., who is teaching in Madrid; and Kevin Cranney '19, a history major from Exton, Pa., who will travel to Malaysia in January, the first PC undergraduate student to receive a Fulbright to teach in that country.

"The applications from members of the Class of 2019 were particularly strong, and we are thrilled that for the first time three graduating seniors will serve as Fulbright ambassadors," said Dr. Darra Mulderry, director of national and international fellowships in the Center for Engaged Learning.

Emma McLaughlin '20, an applied physics major from Oceanside, N.Y., received the \$7,500 Goldwater scholarship, the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship presented in mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering in the United States.

McLaughlin spent the summer at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Lab and Facility for Rare Isotope Beams at Michigan State University, undertaking research with Dr. Scott Pratt, professor of physics. This fall, she is studying in Copenhagen, Denmark, taking courses toward her minor, philosophy.

Mulderry and Dr. Kathleen A. Cornely, professor of chemistry and the Goldwater representative on campus, guided McLaughlin through the application process.



From left, Elena Morganelli '19, Kevin Cranney '19, and Emilee Serwan '19 were awarded Fulbright assistantships this year.

"From the very beginning, we were bowled over by Emma's talent, work ethic, and research trajectory," said Mulderry. "We are so thrilled that the Goldwater program recognized her talent, hard work, and immense promise as a nuclear physicist."

PC students were awarded the Goldwater scholarship in 1991 and in 2005.

The Fulbright is the flagship international exchange program of the U.S. government. The first PC student was awarded a Fulbright in 1955. Since 2010, 14 graduating seniors and six young alumni have received Fulbrights. Alumni who have graduated in the last five to seven years and are interested in applying should email Mulderry at mulderry@providence.edu. 🇺🇸

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Emma McLaughlin '20 is the third Goldwater scholarship recipient in College history.

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Faculty Awards: Andrews '01 earns College's highest teaching accolade



Dr. Edward E. Andrews '01, associate professor of history, left, is the recipient of the 2018-19 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award, the College's highest teaching honor. It is presented each year to

the faculty member who exhibits excellence in teaching, passion and enthusiasm for learning, and genuine concern for students' academic and personal growth.

Andrews, who has a Ph.D. in early American history from the University of New Hampshire, has taught at PC since 2010. His scholarship focus is the cultural interactions in the British Atlantic world.

Other faculty award recipients for 2018-19 are:

- *Outstanding Faculty Scholar Award*: **Dr. Sharon Ann Murphy**, professor of history
- *Faculty Service Award*: **Judith M. Morse**, assistant professor of accountancy

Excellence in Teaching Awards:

- Full-time, tenure-track/innovation in teaching:
Dr. Richard Barry, assistant professor of theology
- Visiting and practitioner: **Brian Lamoureux '94**, practitioner faculty of management
- Adjunct: **Patricia Tulli-Hawkridge**, adjunct faculty in the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film



Faculty retirees served for more than 140 years

Four faculty members, whose teaching impacted the education and lives of thousands of students, retired during or at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. Combined, they contributed more than 140 years of service to the College, including Dr. Martin D. Saltzman, professor of chemistry, who taught for 50 years.

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

Dr. Salvatore Cappelletti '68, associate professor of Italian; 1982

Rev. Nicholas Ingham, O.P., Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy; 1981

Dr. Martin D. Saltzman, professor of chemistry; 1969; director, Natural Sciences Program, 1981-1986

Dr. Linda M. Wilkens, associate professor of computer science; 2001; director, MAT Program, 2008-2011

News Worth Noting



FAITH AND SCIENCE

Rev. Nicanor P.G. Austriaco, O.P.,

professor of biology and of theology, left, received a major grant to support a project with scholars in multiple disciplines.

The John Templeton Foundation awarded him a three-year, \$234,465 grant for the project, "Thomistic Evolution and the Defense of Faith and Reason: Engaging Catholic Families, Philosophers, and Theologians." The initiative will establish a global network of scholars, including several faculty members from PC, who will speak and write publicly about the relationship between faith and science.

DANCE RESEARCH HONOR

Dr. Wendy R. Oliver, professor of dance and of women's and gender studies, was honored with the 2019 Outstanding Dance Education Researcher Award from the National Dance Education Organization. Oliver has written extensively on the discipline of dance in journals and other periodicals and is editor-in-chief of *JODE* (Journal of Dance Education). She is the author of *Writing About Dance* (Human Kinetics, 2010) and co-editor of five other books.

REMBRANDT SCHOLAR

Dr. Paul Crenshaw, associate professor of art history, was featured in a BBC documentary, "Looking for Rembrandt." The three-part documentary tells the story of the artist, whose life reads more like the biography of a rock 'n' roll star than a famed artist of the 1600s. Crenshaw teaches a seminar on Rembrandt and recently gave two talks on Rembrandt at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston as part of a series honoring the 350th anniversary of his death. ■■

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Students in the Asian Art through VR Gaming course explore a Chinese temple created by Liam Bixby '21 and Ryan Britt '21 using game development software called Unreal Engine.

Virtual reality as a teaching tool

BY LIZ F. KAY

Like many classes at the College, students in Asian Art through VR Gaming listen to lectures. They also don virtual reality headsets to view Asian heritage sites such as a Japanese temple, unbounded by the limitations of physical space — or the price of plane tickets.

“They can experience what it feels like actually to exist within the environment,” said the course’s instructor, Dr. Bing Huang, assistant professor of art history.

During the Spring 2019 semester, students explored architectural sites through augmented reality and 3D modeling. Huang also transformed 2D Chinese landscape

paintings into 3D spaces so students could better understand how they contrast with Renaissance linear perspective.

In the class, students experience traditional techniques in the studio themselves, such as ink painting and Chinese calligraphy.

“I believe that the study of art history should not entail simply reading and looking at artwork,” Huang said. “I believe innovation happens when people are having the most fun.” ❏

Scholar Power

DR. BING HUANG

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ART HISTORY

HIGHEST DEGREE: Ph.D., Harvard University

EXPERTISE: Chinese art; East Asia and Europe culture exchange; art and technology; Italian Baroque art; 18th century digital art history and digital heritage; media and visuality

NEWSWORTHY: In 2018, Huang received PC's Innovation in Teaching Award, recognizing faculty who have incorporated innovative teaching approaches that increase student learning and success into their courses. In Huang's special topics course, Asian Art through VR Gaming, students use virtual reality headsets to explore Asian world heritage sites through VR games she built — no passport required.

QUOTABLE: "If you think about the art of our day, museums and galleries are important and the first thing that comes to mind, but I do not confine contemporary art to museums or other art institutions. I think our contemporary art involves gaming, movies, and social media, such as Instagram and Facebook. These are the biggest warehouses of images and should be considered the contemporary art of our age. Everyone can be an artist and self-made internet celebrity and create great content for our modern image consumption."

HOBBIES: rowing, travel

YEARS AT PC: 2



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I THINK OUR CONTEMPORARY ART INVOLVES GAMING, MOVIES, AND SOCIAL MEDIA, SUCH AS INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK. THESE ARE THE BIGGEST WAREHOUSES OF IMAGES ...

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Idette Monterroza '20 uses a gaming computer in the College's new esports room in Slavin Center. She is a member of the Overwatch team.

GAME



Video games have come to college — and they're not confined to residence halls. A new room in Slavin Center is equipped with state-of-the-art technology — computer monitors, keyboards, headsets, and a speedy internet connection — so students can enjoy online gaming. And these Friars don't just play each other. PC's esports teams compete with colleges in the BIG EAST, ECAC, and other leagues, in games such as Fortnite, Hearthstone, and League of Legends — having fun while sharpening their skills in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

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The BIG EAST logo looms over esports players, from left, Zachary Gandara '19, who also is the graduate assistant for esports teams, Michael Fanelli '20, and Ahmad Mims '21.



PC's participation. Students brought their own gaming computers and equipment to three seminar classrooms in the Ruane Center for the Humanities. The College provided pizza and drinks. Play was broadcast live on Twitch, the online streaming service. And PC's League of Legends team made it to the semifinal round before losing to DePaul.

The tournament proved that students were interested in esports — and that they needed a space of their own in which to play.

In February 2019, the College opened a state-of-the-art esports room in Slavin Center — a collaborative effort of Student Affairs, Information Technology, Physical Plant, and Athletics. The room has its own internet connection and 14 stations outfitted with iBuyPower computers, Zowie monitors, Razer keyboards and mice, and Respawn chairs. Future upgrades will include new lighting and branded sponsorships.

“We wanted to keep it within Slavin Center because of its proximity to students. It's central and visible and creates a buzz,” Manchester said. “Everybody is impressed with the room. We put everything we could think of into it.”

During the school year, after 5 p.m., every station is in use by students who are practicing, playing in leagues, or enjoying social time with friends.



WHEN THE BIG EAST

Conference announced a pilot esports tournament in March 2018, Providence College turned to in-house experts.

Andrew Manchester '11SCE, a network engineer in the Department of Information Technology, was once a semi-professional player in the game Call of Duty. Aaron Colaiacomo '16 & '18G, an instructional technologist in the Instructional Technology Development Program, once developed a training regimen and analytical software program for League of Legends players around the country.

Seven BIG EAST schools joined the invitational tournament. Manchester and Colaiacomo organized

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PC's teams compete in four leagues — BIG EAST, ECAC, Tespa, and AVGL, the American Video Game League — in about 15 games, including League of Legends, Fortnite, Hearthstone, Super Smash Bros., and Rocket League.

Most of the more than 150 students in the club play on their own, just for fun. Because clubs and organizations are open to all students, if someone wants to play a game, a league will be found for them.

Esports is organized under Student Activities and Cultural Programming with assistance from the Division of Finance and Business. This year, it has its own graduate assistant, Zachary Gandara '19, a humanities major and film minor studying for a master's degree in education. Gandara coordinates team tryouts, selection of captains, practice schedules, and game times.

“We think this is a great co-curricular educational opportunity for our students,” said John M. Sweeney, senior vice president for finance and business and CFO. “It’s exciting that it is so student-driven. It’s also attractive to students who aren’t involved in other organized activities. The complexity of the games, and how students interact in them, is fascinating.”

There are no plans at the moment to make esports a varsity program at PC. In April, after a year-long study, the NCAA voted not to govern collegiate esports, though the BIG EAST presidents voted to continue the pilot competition. This fall, Marquette University, which has had an esports club since 2015, became the first BIG EAST school to launch a varsity esports team under its athletics department.

Nationally, more than 150 colleges have varsity teams and offer partial scholarships to players, according to the National Association of Collegiate Esports. Robert Morris University in Chicago was the first to offer scholarships to esports student-athletes in 2014. Two years later, the University of California Irvine built a 3,500-square-foot esports arena and now offers \$6,000 scholarships to players, who are supported by coaches, managers,

analysts, an exercise physiologist, a team psychologist, and a player support coordinator.

Even referring to video games as “sports” can be controversial, said Manchester. He prefers the term “competitive gaming.” Those who play say competition requires teamwork, communication, information retention, problem-solving, and listening skills — and that video games are the sports of the future.

The demographic of those who watch traditional sports is aging. For baseball, the average age is 57. Soccer has the youngest demographic, at 40. But the average viewer for League of Legends is 31.

In November 2018, almost 100 million unique viewers watched the League of Legends World Championship broadcast online from South Korea — more than the 98 million viewers who watched the Super Bowl three months later.

During the summer, Kyle “Bugha” Giersdorf, a 16-year-old from Pennsylvania, won the Fortnite championship at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, taking home \$3 million in prize money. By comparison, Novak Djokovic won \$2.9 million at Wimbledon, Tiger Woods collected \$2 million in the Masters, and Brooks Koepka received \$1.9 million at the PGA.

Esports is big-time entertainment — and attractive to prospective students.

“I definitely would have thought the room was super cool as a high schooler, and judging by the reaction from the tour groups that walk by, incoming students do as well,” Gandara said. “It’s super popular.” 🎮





NAME: Matthew McGuane '20
USERNAME: "Beady"
HOMETOWN: Somers, Conn.
GAME: League of Legends
STUDIES: Computer science

PLAYER PROFILE

“YOU HAVE FUNNY CONVERSATIONS IN THE COURSE OF A GAME AND YOU GET TO KNOW PEOPLE.” — MATTHEW MCGUANE '20

McGuane spent the fall 2018 semester studying in Dublin. When he returned to PC in January, plans were underway to create a room for the new esports student organization in Slavin Center.

“I played the day we opened the room,” McGuane said. “I installed a bunch of the games. I sat down to play right away. It was beautiful.”

McGuane’s favorites are multiplayer online battle arena games, such as League of Legends and Heroes of the Storm, and the first-person game Halo. Like most of the 100 students in PC’s esports club, he plays on his own and not as part of an official team.

“I’m the organizer and welcome man,” McGuane said. “The social one. Welcome to the club.”

McGuane said he’s met some of his best friends playing online.

“It’s a casual way to have something to do with other people,” McGuane said. “For a few hours, you have funny conversations in the course of a game and you get to know people. It’s a different environment.”

McGuane worked as a software intern with Fidelity Investments in Smithfield, R.I., during the summer. He would love to work in the gaming industry one day.



MATTHEW MCGUANE '20 dreamed of an esports club almost from the time he first stepped on campus.

As a sophomore, he teamed with Zachary Gandara '19 to approach students with gaming laptops and invite them to a group chat, which quickly grew to 80 members. When the BIG EAST Conference sponsored a pilot esports tournament in the spring of 2018, McGuane streamed the competition on Twitch from the Ruane Center for the Humanities.



WOMAN WHO ENJOYS competitive gaming, Idette Monterroza '20 is a rarity on the College's esports teams. Not that it bothers her. She grew up playing Paper Mario and Super Mario Sunshine on Nintendo's GameCube with her younger brother, moved online with Xbox to battle the zombies in L4D2, and found an appreciation for team games with Team Fortress 2 by the Orange Box.

At PC, Monterroza competes on the six-member Overwatch team in two leagues, ECAC and Tespa. Overwatch is a multiplayer game in which characters work to secure and defend points on a map, or move payloads, while facing another team that's attempting to halt their progress. Her favorite among the more than 30 characters is Zenyatta, a support hero and healer.

"I like the competitiveness," said Monterroza, who ran track and played tennis in high school. "It's really fun to try hard and win. I used to take it super-duper seriously as a kid. Now I just enjoy playing. I try not to get frustrated."

In 2018, Monterroza was among the PC students who traveled by van to the sold-out Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., to watch eight teams battle for \$250,000 in prize money in the game Counter-Strike: Global Offensive.

"It was my first time seeing a live match," Monterroza said. "People reacted the way they would to physical sports. They were cheering on the teams."

Monterroza is a student worker in information technology, assisting faculty and staff with computer problems. She plans to work as a programmer after graduation. Her career goal was inspired by gaming — she discovered an interest in computers when buying the components to build her gaming computer. ➡

NAME: Idette Monterroza '20
USERNAME: "Idette"
HOMETOWN: North Providence, R.I.
GAME: Overwatch
STUDIES: Computer science, Asian studies

“I LIKE THE COMPETITIVENESS.” — IDETTE MONTERROZA '20

NAME: Ahmad Mims '21
USERNAME: "Zekrom 567," "Kidmims"
HOMETOWN: Roslindale, Mass.
GAME: Overwatch
STUDIES: Computer science, economics



WHEN AHMAD MIMS '21 was sidelined after breaking a finger playing volleyball in high school three years ago, it gave him plenty of time to learn a new online video game called Overwatch. Through hours of play, Mims mastered the intricacies and rose in the rankings, eventually reaching the semi-professional level before losing to one of the top teams.

Overwatch is a multiplayer game. Characters secure and defend points on a map, or move payloads, while facing another team attempting to halt their progress. Mims is co-founder and one of six players on PC's Overwatch team, which competes in the ECAC and Tespa leagues.

“TO CREATE A GAME, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND COMPOSITION, COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK ...”

— AHMAD MIMS '21

“There are a lot of games where the game itself is pretty good, but the characters aren't developed,” Mims said. “Overwatch developers built a universe where each character has a unique backstory.”

Mims, who is active in Campus Ministry, likes physical games as well as video games. He also played basketball and football in high school. At PC, he plays intramural basketball, flag football, handball, and Ultimate Frisbee, and wins at least one championship

T-shirt every year.

“As far as the competition goes with esports, it's the same,” Mims said. “Players take it just as seriously and want to win just as much.”

Mims, who would like to become a software developer, software engineer, or web developer, works for the nonprofit South End Technology Center in Boston each summer helping high school students create video games using a program called Scratch.

“To create a game, you have to understand composition, communication, teamwork — how each character's actions affect the other and how your actions affect another,” Mims said. “It's just one way that games can be educational and beneficial.”



NAME: David Argento '21
USERNAME: "Ignus"
HOMETOWN: Miller Place, N.Y.
GAME: Hearthstone
STUDIES: Finance, mathematics

PLAYER PROFILE

“I TRY TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT I CAN IN COMPETITION, AS CLOSE TO PERFECT AS POSSIBLE.”

— DAVID ARGENTO '21



AMES OF STRATEGY

have always appealed to David Argento '21, who studied chess with an instructor as a child and traveled to compete in chess tournaments. As he grew older, the trading card game Magic: The Gathering captured his imagination, and in high school, he graduated to playing Hearthstone, Blizzard's version of Magic.

“For sheer skill and ability, chess is definitely a harder game to master. It has more credibility and gets more respect. But it's been the same for thousands of years,” Argento said. “Hearthstone is a game of pure strategy and number crunching. It's an evolving game. The developers always have new features coming out to keep players interested.”

In Hearthstone, players compete by building card decks of characters with spells and weapons to outwit foes.

Argento is one of three members of PC's team. A year ago, competing in the Tespa league, the team reached the regional finals, at one point ranking in the top 16 among 1,200 participating teams and in the top six in the eastern region.

In the spring, competing in the ECAC for the first time, the team captured the championship, finishing ahead of Marist College, Quinnipiac University, SUNY-Canton, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Canisius College, Keuka Collage, Rochester Polytechnic Institute, and Sacred Heart University.

“I try to be the most efficient I can in competition, as close to perfect as possible,” Argento said.

A member of the Liberal Arts Honors Program, Argento is taking a break from esports this semester to study abroad with the PC in Rome program. Captain of his high school tennis team, he also loves intramural sports on campus. ❏

MASTERS of the games

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING



JACK TRETTON '83 was the CEO and president of Sony Computer Entertainment America from the rollout of the original PlayStation console in 1995 through the launch of PlayStation 4 in 2014. Today, he is a partner in two investment funds that finance video game development. His consulting and investment company, Coastal Interactive Associates, provides market analysis, merger and acquisition support, strategic management services, and funding services to the consumer electronics industry. Tretton, a marketing major at PC, and his wife, Diane M. (Sisk) Tretton '85, live in Marco Island, Fla.

Video games were toys that appealed to boys ages 12-17.

What happened?

Gaming today is absolutely mainstream entertainment, and not just for men. There's a huge female audience. It's hard to find someone today who hasn't played a video game. It's a \$100-billion-a-year industry, bigger than the box office and the music industry combined. Instead of trying to compete for

people's entertainment time, it consumes people's entertainment time. It's a threat to movie audiences and TV audiences. Everyone wants to get involved in the industry because it's where consumers are spending their time. Advertisers are attracted to it. Movie companies are attracted to it. Now, Hollywood courts the gaming industry to find the latest hot games and story lines. You have movies based on video games rather than video games based on movies.

Do you play?

Yes, it's virtually required. I can't spend billions of people's dollars on things I've never touched myself. I always had a passing interest. Now it's become my life. It's no longer a hobby. It's the way I make a living.

What's your role in the industry now?

I worked for big companies on the multi-billion-dollar level for many years. Now, with the advent of digital publishing, small game developers can build games and sell them directly to consumers through online stores. The good news is they're not beholden to a major company to tell them how to build their games and how to publish them; they're able to be entrepreneurs. The bad news is they typically don't have the financial resources to raise money to build successful games. They went to school for computer programming, they're creative, but they don't have

the expertise to understand how to market games and draw consumers. We help with fundraising and go-to-market strategies. I've published more than 300 games in my career. Investors are attracted to the gaming industry, but they don't really understand the business, so they're gun-shy. We bring expertise and provide management oversight and support.

What's the future of esports?

Esports is a very exciting phenomenon. It's amazing that you can watch other people compete in a video game on TV or in an arena. Professional athletes and major networks are investing in it. Institutions are catering to esports because they want to follow the interests of potential students. There's a great deal of interest in esports; it's seen as cutting edge, so they need to be involved in it. But I still think it's got a way to go before it's like traditional sports, where fans spend a lot of time watching professional athletes play. For me, it's hard to fathom there will ever be as many esports fans as there are NFL fans. But audiences are building, and people are realizing there is a true business here, with tremendous financial potential for competitors, the organizers of the competitions, advertisers, and game creators. ■■

Nicole Mazza '14



NINTENDO

Nicole Mazza '14 is a lead, localization writer-editor at Nintendo of America's headquarters in Redmond, Wash., just outside Seattle. She works with writers on the mobile game team to make sure the language reflects what is in the source Japanese text and that voices of characters are authentic and match the Nintendo style.

A creative writing major at PC, Mazza works on games for smart devices, such as Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp and Dr. Mario World. She also oversees voice recording for Dragalia Lost, which is recorded at a studio in Vancouver.

Mazza joined Nintendo in August 2016 after 18 months as a paid writing intern at Disney Interactive Studios in Salt Lake City. She enjoys working with writers because it reminds her of her experience as a writing tutor in the Office of Academic Services.



During her lunch hours in the summer, Mazza volunteered at a camp run by Girls Make Games, an organization that encourages women in the field.

"At Comic-Con in San Diego, I was demonstrating new games, and I drew a good mix of young males and females," Mazza said. "It made me happy to see that mix."

Mason Sciotti '15



DISCORD

Discord is a voice, video, and text chat app that allows gamers to communicate while playing. Mason Sciotti '15, an original user of the app when it launched, works as a product manager for the company in San Francisco. He was an English major and computer science minor at PC, graduating as co-valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 average.

"I'm not analyzing much literature these days, but I am communicating with people, taking in a lot of information and figuring out what's important, doing research, thinking critically, and forming opinions based on that," Sciotti said.

Sciotti was hired as a technical writer at Discord in May 2017 after responding to an advertisement on the company's website, leaving his job at a software company outside Boston and moving across the country. He leads a team of



two engineers and a designer to anticipate what the company needs to develop next and how to make it happen.

"The startup environment is challenging. When you're trying to build and manage a product that has more than 250 million users, and you're doing it with a team of less than 200 people, there's a lot of work to do all the time," Sciotti said. "I haven't been bored in two years." 🍷



Jamilee Lacy, director and chief curator of PC Galleries, poses in front of "Victorian Ivy," a tapestry designed for PC's collection by Sacramento artist Elizabeth Corkery. The fabric will be used to upholster panels upon which companion works will be displayed.

Curator **JAMILEE LACY**
makes PC a destination
for contemporary art
through exhibits, permanent
collection

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AT FIRST GLANCE, the panel looks like a Classical bust of Aphrodite in profile, only two-dimensional. But look a little more closely and her features seem to fade away. Facial contours are replaced by flat fields of color. Most jarringly, there's a cutout on the cheek, a stigmata in the shape of the number 3. On its own, the missing "3" is a mystery. Pair it with its text-message companion, the less-than sign, or <, and it starts to make sense.

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A heart emoji. The ultimate reduction of love into symbol. A commentary on contemporary communication.

The panel — part of an installation by the German-Italian artist Vivian Greven — originally appeared in Providence College Galleries' 2018 group exhibition *Classic Beauty*, which explored how contemporary artists interpret methods and aesthetics of ancient Greece. PC Galleries director and chief curator Jamilee Lacy recently acquired it for the College's permanent collection, and it is destined to hang on the walls of the Ruane Center for the Humanities as a counterpart to the aesthetics and ideas taught in Development of Western Civilization (DWC) classes.

"We want to demonstrate to our students how historical texts and objects are fuel for the production of contemporary art, for the production of new ideas and activities," Lacy says. "It's all tied to the curriculum. Whether it's in the Ruane Center for the Humanities or the Ryan Center for Business Studies, we make sure we can connect the work on the walls to as many of the introductory classes in the building as possible."

Those connections may not be immediately obvious. And the artwork may not always appeal to the viewer's aesthetic. But the exhibitions that Lacy has curated and the work she has purchased for the College's fledgling collection are designed to make the viewer think. And that's the whole point.

"Contemporary art is not a genre. It's not a style. It's a method," Lacy says. "In the way we're teaching students to look at the entire world, write about it, speak about it — that's how we're looking at contemporary art. This is a contemporary place. We all live right here, right now."

Lacy arrived on campus in 2014 with a single charge: to serve as curator for the College's galleries, a responsibility previously shared by different members of the art and art history faculty. Members of the hiring committee were impressed with her credentials — including degrees from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University — and her experience curating solo and collaborative projects at DOX Centre for Contemporary Art in Prague, Hyde Park Art Center, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, and Western Exhibitions, to name a few. But they were equally wowed by her boundless energy and her collaborative nature.



Jamilee Lacy speaks with students about pieces from the collection commissioned for the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies.



This work was created in 2017 by Providence-based artist Theresa Ganz, PC students, and coders and designers from Google's Brand Studio. Titled "The Fall of the Giants, Palazzo Te," it was created through the

compression of 3D scans made by the artist using proprietary software and thousands of images sourced via a Google search engine. It is an archival pigment print, 43 inches in diameter.

"She filled that role and expanded it with an incredibly explosive vision," says Dr. Joan R. Branham, professor of art history and associate dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. "She has brought so many people into the conversation. She's gifted at cultivating donors and cultivating relationships with people who are interested in supporting the galleries. Her grant-writing success has brought prestige and notice to PC."

Branham attributes part of this success to Lacy's singular focus on contemporary art. Put simply, contemporary art is art that is being created today, by living artists. But at a place like PC, where the signature academic program is devoted to the exploration of human history through literature and art, philosophy and theology, the decision was anything but simple.

"She had the nerve and the guts and the vision to make that decision and stick with it — vision means not

only what you want to do, but what you decide not to do," Branham explains. "It's a very interesting position to have at a liberal arts institution, but she's been able to marry it into the curriculum across many disciplines."

Today, Lacy oversees the Reilly and Hunt-Cavanagh galleries and the collection, a small but growing body of artwork and accompanying literature intended to be used in classes, exhibitions, and research. She has managed to take these seemingly competing priorities and balance them so that one complements and enriches the other.

Since her arrival, the galleries and collection have received grants from the likes of the Andy Warhol Foundation, the Kohler Foundation, and Google, attracted coverage from *The Boston Globe*, and extended their footprint off campus through the My

HomeCourt community art project. PC also has earned a reputation as a destination for contemporary artists and art lovers.

"The galleries have become a place where you can, on a regular basis, expect to see artists who are living and working in Providence placed into a national and international context," says Dominic Molon, Richard Brown Baker Curator of Contemporary Art at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art. Molon first worked with Lacy in the early 2000s, when he was curator of Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago and she interned in his department. He was intrigued to learn that she had taken the curatorial role at PC.

"That signified a serious desire for PC to step it up and make the galleries more of a destination within the local scene," says Molon. ➡

This became obvious during 2018's *Classic Beauty*, which underscored Lacy's understanding of the galleries' mission, her vision for the collection, and the ways in which her work could intersect with the curriculum, particularly DWC. Through exhibitions and a series of artist talks moderated by PC faculty, this show explored the legacy of the birthplace of Western Civilization. It challenged common misconceptions — like the fact that the art and architecture of ancient Greece were intended to be white. In fact, Greek and Roman sculptors typically painted marble — from statues to the Acropolis — with brilliant colors that wore off over time.

“That show embodied all of the College's strengths,” Lacy recalls. “It really demonstrated how diversity and the richness of culture are deeply connected to what students are learning in DWC.”

Classic Beauty was a watershed moment. The show attracted coverage from mainstream media and visual arts journals. It established PC as a player in the state's already vibrant cultural scene. It also drew praise from colleagues and scholars on and off campus.

“What struck me is the way she placed contemporary art ideas into the context of PC's curriculum, as it related to or responds to the Classical tradition,” Molon recalls. “It's a way to be contemporary but also to respect and respond to the immediate surroundings ... to establish the contemporary in relationship to work that is grounded in a tradition. It's an intelligent way to be able to move forward without alienating the institution or host audience.”

The galleries have since made waves — and headlines — with *Beyond Bauhaus*, an ambitious series of

exhibitions, publications, and commissioned installations that opened in April 2019 and runs through August 2020. The lineup features contemporary artists from all over the world whose practices are inspired by or respondent to the history of the influential German art school. Ambassador Zeev Boker, consul general of Israel to New England, was in attendance at the opening of the recent exhibition *Tel Aviv: From the seafoam and clouds to the here and now*.



As part of the My HomeCourt project, Jamilee Lacy commissioned artists Joiri Minaya and Jordan Seaberry to design murals for the basketball courts in Providence's Harriet & Sayles Park that celebrate the neighborhood's Dominican-American heritage.

Lacy also has been able to extend PC Galleries' public outreach with the My HomeCourt project, which turns neglected public basketball courts in Providence into vivid works of art. Eric “Pete” Peterson '86 and Theresa Peterson '89 were inspired by an article about a similar initiative that has transformed courts in Memphis, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and other American cities. They shared the idea with their friend Harold Starks '86, PC's coordinator of athletic alumni events,

and then connected with Lacy.

“That was when the project began to truly ignite,” Theresa Peterson says. “Jamilee brought much-needed expertise about creating public art — particularly large-scale murals — as well as access to a network of renowned contemporary artists who could potentially design our courts. With her on board, we were able to install our first courts last year at Fargnoli Park and are currently installing courts at Harriet and Sayles Park.”

Through the project, the Petersons and Starks have become key allies within the alumni community. As an alumnus, former Friar basketball player, and current PC staffer, Starks also has become a sounding board for Lacy. ➡

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BAKER CURATOR OF CONTEMPORARY
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Frank Poor. “Abandoned House Church – Princeton, N.C.” 2017. Digital transparency, glass and basswood, 36 x 22 x 12 inches. This work, which Jamilee Lacy commissioned for the PC collection, shows one of the abandoned house-churches used by non-denominational African-American Christian congregations in the Jim Crow South. Poor is a Providence-based artist who grew up in Georgia and frequently uses his work to draw connections between New England and the southeastern United States.



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“He knows what’s important to PC and the Providence community at large,” Lacy says. “Obviously, liberal arts education, faith, and sports are really important, so we work together to connect those things as often as it’s appropriate. Indeed, I frequently bounce engagement ideas off Harold before I introduce them to the campus or the public. ... He encouraged me to use the very public platform that My HomeCourt offers to position the work of the galleries and collections as three-pronged: simultaneously educational, communal, and entertaining. And now I do, with every single artwork and every single project, no matter how big or small.”

In addition to improving the quality of the city’s basketball courts, the broader goal is to highlight and nurture the many other ways that urban recreational parks can benefit and uplift a community. “Each court we paint is uniquely designed to reflect the culture and history of its surrounding neighborhood, to encourage



Above: Jamilee Lacy installs “Our Lady” by Erin Leland, a photograph from Leland’s “Catwalk Informed by a Priest” exhibition. The exhibition was part of PC’s centennial celebration and was informed by interviews the artist conducted with Rev. Richard A. McAllister, O.P. ’56, professor emeritus of art, about his life and work with sculptor Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. The photograph depicts a plaster cast Father McGlynn made in preparation for his most significant work at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Cathedral in Portugal.



Left: Israeli artist Ronny Carny works on the mural “Colored Glass Destroys All Hate,” which was commissioned as part of the group exhibition “Tel Aviv: From the seafoam and clouds to the here and now.” The exhibition was part of both the “Beyond Bauhaus” program and an annual exhibition series, “Many Cities, One Providence,” which features glimpses of art scenes from cities around the world so that students can draw connections between the arts and culture of Providence and places around the world.

community involvement, to celebrate diversity, and to spark imagination,” Theresa Peterson says.

The same could be said for Lacy’s on-campus endeavors, which respond to the College’s academic and faith traditions in unexpected ways. Take her collaboration with Dr. Shan Mukhtar, assistant vice president for institutional diversity and director of The Center at Moore Hall. Together, they’ve commissioned a set of contemporary crucifixes and crosses with decorative elements based on Christianity in the Muslim world, in Southeast Asia, and the indigenous peoples of South America. The initiative responds to an objective in the *PC200* strategic plan that calls for innovative ways to

“WORKING WITH PC GALLERIES HAS GIVEN ME FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE, CHALLENGED ME, AND OPENED MY EYES TO THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORLD OF MUSEUM SCIENCE.”

— MICAELA “KIT” FREEMAN ’20, INTERN, SUMMER 2019



Micaela “Kit” Freeman ’20 discusses a mixed-media work by New York artist Will Hutnick ’07. Last summer, Freeman worked for PC Galleries through an internship sponsored by Eric “Pete” Peterson ’86 and Theresa Peterson ’89.

explore the “heritage and joyful spirituality” of the Dominican Order in contemporary society.

“I’m trying really hard to connect the collection to what the College deems important through its strategic plan, its mission statement, and its curriculum,” Lacy says.

Those aren’t the only criteria, however. According to College policy, donors who wish to give artwork or antiquities to the College must also provide funding to maintain or restore the work and an additional amount to commission a contemporary work in response to or inspired by the donated piece.

Lacy uses curatorial best practices to ensure that the work she acquires on the College’s behalf is created by artists whose work has been purchased by major museums and will maintain its value.

“I’ve always curated the collection like we were a museum, so if we were to start a museum we won’t have all this minor work that we can’t afford to maintain,” Lacy says. “Fortunately, I’ve been finding donors who are interested in the subject matter and the artists who are a good fit for the school and convincing them to purchase and donate artwork to us.”

Among those donations are two mixed-media pieces by Will Hutnick ’07, a nationally known artist who had a solo show at PC-Galleries in 2016. His work is influenced by Matisse, particularly the Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence, a Dominican chapel in France that was designed and decorated by the artist. In the works that hang in the Ruane Center for the Humanities, Hutnick’s use of saturated color and bold abstractions echoes the vivid vestments and the stained-glass windows in the chapel.

While he’s honored that his artwork is now a part of his *alma mater’s* permanent collection, he appreciates the broader contemporary turn that PC has taken.

“I’ve noticed a big shift in the way PC is now engaging on a national level in larger conversations in the art world,” Hutnick says. “I’m proud of the work Jamilee is doing. She’s making a name for the gallery, for the space, and for people who want to be a part of it.” ❧



Left: St. Catherine of Siena is one of 18 individuals featured in stained glass in the Fiondella Great Room in the Ruane Center for the Humanities. The windows, designed by artist Sylvia Nicolas '01Hon., were a gift from Michael J. Joyce '84 and Jane (Aries) Joyce '89.

Right: A detail from Justice, one of four marble statues of the cardinal virtues outside the Ruane Center for the Humanities. The statues were a gift from Christopher J. Walker '86 and Susan Tower Walker '86. They were created by Demetz Art Studio in Italy through a connection from Philip J. Tally '86.



FAITH

Visualized

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING

WHEN HARKINS HALL WAS RENOVATED IN 2010 AND 2011, the responsibility for making it a showcase for the College's Catholic and Dominican identity fell to Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P. '71, then the associate vice president for mission and ministry.

Inspired by his favorite early Renaissance artists, Father Robb installed more than 50 framed reproductions of well-known works by the Dominican Fra Angelico and Botticelli in the building's hallways and lobbies. He ordered hand-carved, painted crucifixes for classrooms, offices, and public areas. He included reproductions of the stained-glass windows in St. Dominic Chapel to highlight scenes from the life of Dominic.

"I never had an art appreciation course," said Father Robb, a mathematics major who continues to serve as associate College treasurer. "I made three trips to Italy in the 1980s and fell in love with Renaissance religious art, specifically Fra Angelico, and also Botticelli."

The College's Catholic identity also is represented in new buildings. The Ruane Center for the Humanities, which opened in 2013, contains 27 reproductions of works by Raphael, Caravaggio, Botticelli, and others, along with 40 crucifixes selected by Father Robb. He supervised the installation of stained-glass windows by artist Sylvia

THIS PAGE: STAINED-GLASS WINDOW BY SYLVIA NICOLAS '01HON.; STATUE DETAIL: KEVIN TRIMMER; OPPOSITE PAGE: REV. THOMAS MCGLYNN, O.P.; COURTESY OF PC ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS; ST. MARTIN DE PORRES: PATRICK O'CONNOR; AFRICAN CRUCIFIX: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR; ABSTRACT CRUCIFIX: JUSTIN JAMES MUIR.



Left: Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. is best known for his statue of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. In this 1968 photo, he is pictured alongside his 90-inch sculpture of St. Martin de Porres, which stands outside Martin Hall on campus, as shown at right. Providence College is home to Father McGlynn's collection.



Nicolas 'oIHon. in the Fiondella Great Room and the creation of the four statues of the cardinal virtues that decorate the center's entrance.

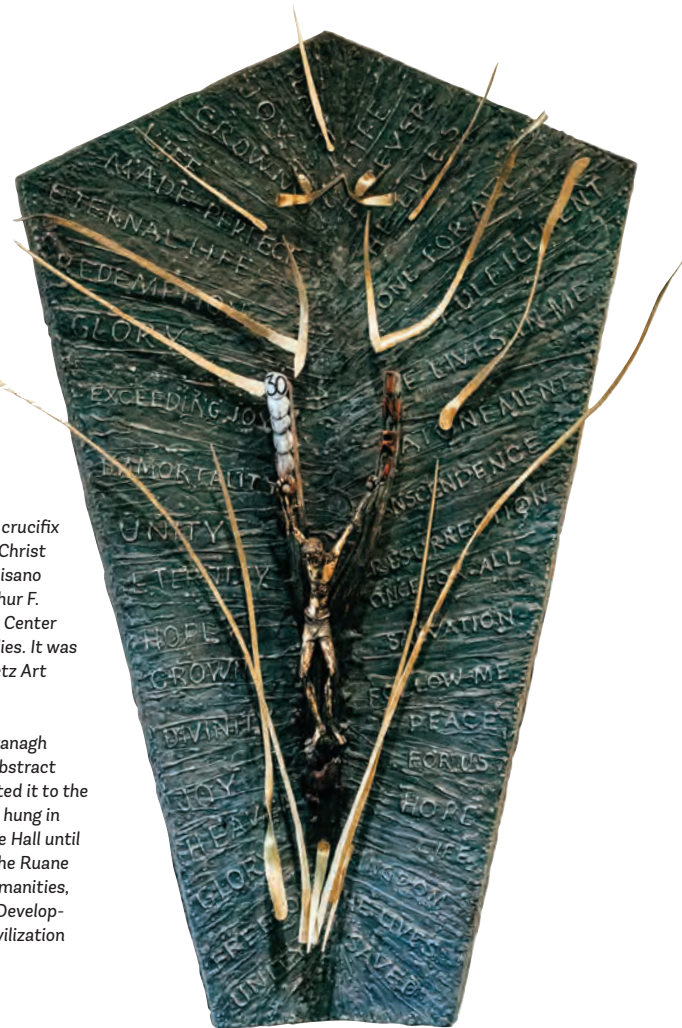
For the new Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, which opened in 2017, Father Robb chose 25 naturally stained crucifixes, including the first at PC featuring a black Jesus. Crucifixes were installed in the Science Complex addition and will be added to renovated classrooms, hallways, and laboratories as they are completed.

Meanwhile, Rev. Thomas More Garrett, O.P., an associate general counsel at PC, has been named the custodian of the collection of the late Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P., whose sculptures of St. Dominic, St. Martin de Porres, and St. John XXIII grace campus. An exhibit of Father McGlynn's works, installed in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies by Father Thomas More and Jamilee Lacy, director and curator of PC Galleries, runs through December.

Father McGlynn is famous for his statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which adorns the sanctuary in Portugal. Previously, Rev. Richard A. McAllister, O.P. '56, professor *emeritus* of art, was in charge of the McGlynn collection. ❧

Left: This African crucifix hangs in the Palmisano Atrium of the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies. It was sculpted by Demetz Art Studio in Italy.

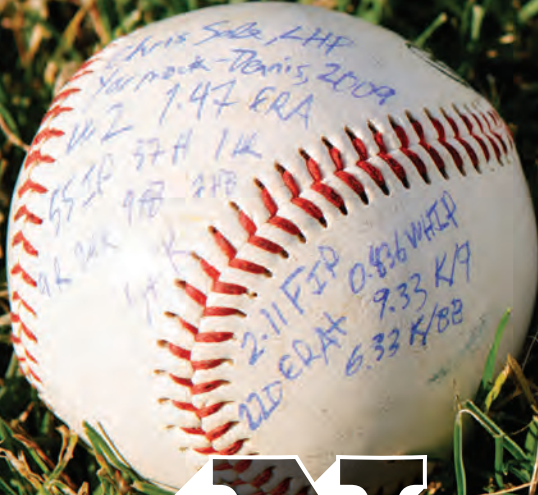
Right: Paul A. Cavanagh '46 created this abstract crucifix and donated it to the College in 1991. It hung in the lobby of Moore Hall until it was moved to the Ruane Center for the Humanities, new home of the Development Western Civilization Program.





This page: Rev. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., center, has been a baseball fan since childhood. Now an assistant professor of mathematics at PC, he has developed a research course, *Sabermetrics: The Mathematical Analysis of Baseball*. With him are students Kristy McSweeney '22 and Connor Smith '21.

Opposite page: The inscribed baseball features statistics Rev. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P. researched on Boston Red Sox pitcher Chris Sale when he played in the Cape Cod Baseball League for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in 2009.



Numbers GAME

RESEARCH STUDENTS DIVE INTO BASEBALL STATISTICS

Sabermetrics is the analytical, evidence-based approach to baseball introduced more than 50 years ago by Bill James and made famous in the book and film *Moneyball*.

This semester, Rev. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., assistant professor of mathematics, is teaching a new research course, Sabermetrics: The Mathematical Analysis of Baseball. Father Humbert and his students are seeking a better formula for Wins Above Replacement, or WAR — the single number that expresses a baseball player's value to his team.

“WAR is a model for evaluating a player in the context of how many games his team stands to win because he is on the team — as opposed to a replacement player available by trade or from the minor leagues,” Father Humbert said. “We want to find a way to get a more objective model, since there are so many competing formulas out there.”

In their research, Father Humbert's students are using statistical data from the Cape Cod Baseball League, a premier collegiate summer league in which players are of similar age and ability and travel similar distances to games. Father Humbert,

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING ♦ PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JAMES MUIR (LEFT) AND KEVIN TRIMMER (ABOVE)

a baseball fan since childhood and a statistician for his high school team, made three trips to the Cape from early June to early August to watch and score games.

Father Humbert found his vocation to the Order of Preachers while studying for a Ph.D. in mathematics at The Ohio State University, which he completed right before joining the Dominicans. He was assigned to teach at PC following his ordination to the priesthood in May 2018.

After arriving at PC, “I knew that I wanted to build on my research background in applied probability,” Father Humbert said. “God’s providence has shown me new ways to tie in mathematics with my studies in philosophy and theology since becoming a Dominican, and even searching for a better model in baseball is part of the lifelong quest for truth.”

A professor needs only three students to fill a research course, but Father Humbert’s email attracted 14 — eight men and six women, including two members of the softball team. They began the semester by learning the coding language R, which allows users to develop statistical software and to analyze large amounts of data.

“I’ve played baseball my whole life. Having the opportunity to apply statistics to baseball was something I couldn’t miss,” said Connor Smith ’21 (Glen Rock, N.J.), who is majoring in both mathematics and marketing. “Our first step has been to use play-by-play data from the



Cape Cod League to compute run expectancies for different situations within a game.”

Kristy McSweeney ’22 (Medway, Mass.), a mathematics major, hopes to intern with a baseball team next summer and eventually put her skills to work as an analyst for a professional sports organization.

“We’ve learned how to work with data, and we’ve learned a lot about baseball in general,” McSweeney said. “I don’t think many schools would offer a course like this.”

There have been other perks for students as well. Two interned with the Cape Cod League during the summer. Erin O’Rourke ’21 (Medway, Mass.) was an official scorer, and Caroline O’Connor ’22 (North Andover, Mass.) was a videographer. Thomas Zinzarella ’21 (West Hartford, Conn.), who has interned with the league as a play-by-play broadcaster for the past two summers, also enrolled in the class.

For their final project, students will divide into teams of two and use their information and raw data to make improvements on the WAR formula. Father Humbert’s goal is to have a group of students present their research at the annual SABR Analytics Conference sponsored by the Society for American Baseball Research in Phoenix, Ariz., in March.

Father Humbert is a member of the Rhode Island chapter of SABR, which meets at St. Philip’s Parish Center in Greenville, R.I. He also serves as chaplain for PC’s Raymond Hall, a residence hall for first-year women, and as chaplain for the women’s and men’s cross country teams.

“If we find a formula that correlates better with a team’s actual wins or a player’s actual market value, it could further change the way major league teams operate,” Father Humbert said. “We do aim to refine the analytic methods and hopefully improve on the way teams scout college players.” ❧



On a June evening, Rev. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P. was at Merrill "Red" Wilson Field in Yarmouth, Mass., to watch the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox play the Orleans Firebirds. At left, Father Humbert and student Erin O'Rourke '21, who interned with the Cape Cod League. Bottom: His scorecard. Opposite page: Some tools of the trade. The Red Sox won, 8-2.



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— CONNOR SMITH '21





FRIARTOWN



Point guard Kaela Webb's competitive spirit is matched by her passion to be a positive force in her Michigan community.

POWER POINT

BY MARK DIVVER PHOTO BY TRAVIS ALEX

DETERMINATION DRIVES KAELA WEBB '22 ON AND OFF THE COURT

If you are going to succeed in Division I women's basketball at 5-foot-6, like PC's **Kaela Webb '22**, you'd better have more going for you than physical ability.

You'll need a big heart and a mindset to meet challenges head-on.

Webb, the Friars' starting point guard, has that covered. "She's fearless," said coach Jim Crowley.

It's one of the qualities that drew the Friars to Webb, who capped her first season in 2018-19 by being named to the BIG EAST Conference All-Freshman Team.

"When she steps on the floor, she believes, and she helps her teammates believe that, 'Yeah, we're going to get them.' Our program needed that," said Crowley, whose team, laden with first-year players, won 19 games in 2018-19 — nine more than the season before — and advanced to the WNIT round of 16.

Playing big is second nature to Webb.

"No matter how small you are, it's a mental thing. If I feel like I'm 6-7, I can play like I'm 6-7," she said.

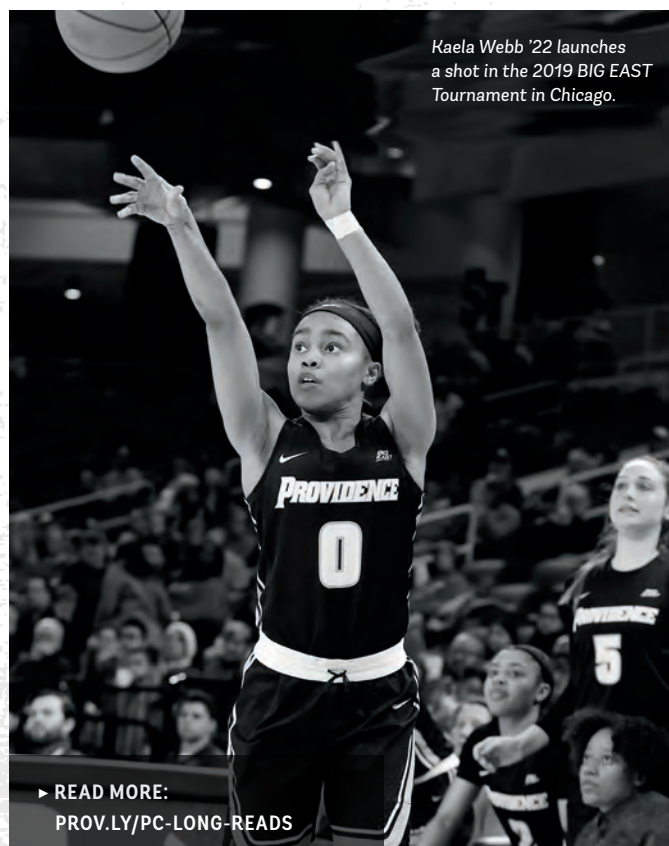
Webb, who averaged 8.1 points, 1.7 assists, and 1.3 steals a game last year, started playing basketball in second grade. Her parents, Tim and Shakela, always supported her and her four siblings in their pursuits, athletic and otherwise, she said.

Webb's big heart shines through off the court, too.

She has had a positive impact in her community of Pontiac, Mich., and hopes to keep doing so. While in high school, with help from her family, Webb wrote cards at Christmas and Valentine's Day and distributed them to about 30 military veterans.

She also organized a basketball clinic for children ages 6 to 12 with help from high school teammates and coaches.

"It's a way to give back to the community, the people that invested in us," she said.



Kaela Webb '22 launches a shot in the 2019 BIG EAST Tournament in Chicago.

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Webb-to-PC was a long shot. One of the top players in Michigan at Detroit Country Day, she had 20 college offers. She verbally committed to Marquette in 2016 but later decided to reopen her search.

"I made that (original) decision early in my high school career. I was blessed to have the opportunity to say, 'Hey, let's just look at the options I have in front of me.' I felt I owed it to myself to at least see what Providence had to offer," said Webb, who designed her own major in digital media and studies Mandarin Chinese as a minor.

The opportunity to be an important part of PC's rebuild under Crowley was enticing, too.

"We're on the right path to doing what we want to do," she said. 🍀

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FRIARTOWN

VESTED INTEREST

BY VICKI-ANN DOWNING
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Danny Griffin '20 (Wethersfield, Conn.), a mid-fielder on the men's soccer team and one of three captains, works out wearing a PlayerTek device, one of 23 purchased to allow coaches and staff to monitor player performance at practices. Each vest contains a GPS device that collects information about distance, speed, sprints, and intensity during a workout.

Coach Craig Stewart said the staff purchased the devices for use beginning in the fall 2018 season following injuries to several players the year before. By monitoring player stress and fatigue, the team can minimize the risk of injury. The vests can be worn under or over jerseys.

"It's our responsibility to make sure we're managing training of our student-athletes in the best and safest form possible," Stewart said. ❏



Carrying the flag

Friar men's basketball coach **Ed Cooley**, center, led Team USA — comprised of BIG EAST Conference players — to a 3-2 record and a bronze medal in this summer's Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. Friars who competed for Team USA are, from left, **Alpha Diallo '20** (New York, N.Y.), **David Duke '22** (Providence, R.I.), **A.J. Reeves '22** (Roxbury, Mass.), and **Nate Watson '21** (Portsmouth, Va.). Earlier in the summer, Cooley signed a multi-year contract extension at PC.

1998 gold medalists named to U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame

The 1998 gold medal-winning U.S. Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team was named to the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame this fall. Seven Providence College graduates were members of the team, which made history by winning the first Olympic gold medal in the sport. Team USA went 6-0 at the Winter Olympics, held in Nagano, Japan.

Shortly after winning, the teammates returned to campus. From left are **Lisa Brown-Miller '88**, **Vicki Movsessian '94**, **Chris Bailey '94**, **Sarah DeCosta-Hayes '00**, **Alana Blahoski '96**, **Cammi Granato '93 & '12 Hon.**, and **Laurie Baker '00**.



PHOTOS: PAN AM GAMES: COURTESY OF PC ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS. HOCKEY OLYMPIANS: JESSE NEMEROFISKY

Setting the pace

Decorated distance runner **Millie Paladino '19** (Morgantown, W. Va.) earned the 2018-19 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for women's track and field. The award recognizes academic and athletic achievement, along with community service. A three-time BIG EAST champion, Paladino earned five All-America honors during her storied career. She earned a degree in applied physics with a 3.34 GPA.

Finishing strong

Track stars **Brianna Ilarda '19** (Perth, Australia) and **Abbey Wheeler '20** (Elmira, N.Y.) captured Second Team All-America honors at June's NCAA Outdoor Track Championships. Ilarda finished 10th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase while Wheeler placed 14th in the 5,000 meters. It was Wheeler's second All-America performance and Ilarda's fourth.

Sign me up

Numerous recent Friar student-athletes have begun careers in professional sports.

- Ice hockey standouts **Christina Putigna '19** (Grimsby, Ont.) and **Cassidy MacPherson '19** (Oakville, Ont.) signed on with the Boston Pride and the Buffalo Beauts of the NWHL, respectively.
- Basketball sharpshooter **Jovana Nagic '19** (Belgrade, Serbia) will begin her pro career with Cadi La Seu in the First Spanish League.
- Former PC lacrosse teammates **Jarrod Neumann '17 & '18G** and **James Barclay '18** were reunited in the pro ranks, with Chaos LC of the Premiere Lacrosse League.
- Two-time BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year **Tate Boyce '19** (Matthews, N.C.) joined the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse.
- Four hockey stars signed contracts with NHL teams that had drafted them: **Kasper Björkvist '20** (Espoo, Finland) with the Pittsburgh Penguins; **Jacob Bryson '20** (London, Ont.), Buffalo Sabres; **Brandon Duhaime '20** (Parkland, Fla.), Minnesota Wild; and **Josh Wilkins '20** (Raleigh, N.C.), Nashville Predators. ❏



John Lee Dumas '02 launched his highly successful podcast, "Entrepreneurs on Fire," in 2012.

PODCAST PIONEER DUMAS '02 BUILDS DREAM BUSINESS: HELPING OTHERS BUILD THEIRS

BY GREG REID

JOHN LEE DUMAS '02 is a force of nurture. Dumas is the creator and host of "Entrepreneurs on Fire," the first daily podcast featuring interviews with successful entrepreneurs.

Dumas, who grew up in Alfred, Maine, created "Entrepreneurs on Fire" to give an audience of aspiring and new

business owners guidance and inspiration. In 25-minute chunks. Seven days a week, 365 days a year.

For free.

"It's the podcast that I wanted to listen to," said Dumas, who was an American studies major at PC.

He had the "aha" moment during his own search for a daily podcast on how to start a successful online business. "I knew that there must be somebody else wanting to listen to a daily podcast as well, and that was when I heard Gandhi's quote in my head. 'Be the change you want to see in the world.'"

It's a runaway hit. The show's popularity has given Dumas a platform to build out a business of online courses, books, and coaching services.

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Since its launch in 2012, the business has netted about \$13 million gross income and \$9.5 million net income, according to Entrepreneur.com, which is not affiliated with the podcast.

The show was named among the Best of iTunes in 2013. As of 2018, “Entrepreneurs on Fire” had 70 million downloads with 1 million monthly listens. In April 2018, Entrepreneur.com writer Jonathan Long ranked the show third among the top five podcasts hosted by entrepreneurs. Notably, it’s ahead of “The Tim Ferriss Show” and the “Gary Vee Audio Experience”.

“(Dumas is) focused on transparency and honesty,” Long wrote. “He wants listeners to ‘learn from our successes and avoid our failures.’”

“For the show to be as big as it could be, I needed to have a mindset of abundance,” said Dumas. “I needed to open my arms and my heart and my brain and my soul, and do this with as many people as possible.”

It’s a philosophy he first encountered at PC, where he observed — and learned from — the College’s sense of community and the Dominican priests’ dedication to students. “To see that kind of selfless service made me ask, ‘How can I express that attitude of just giving value?’” he said.

Dumas does so by generating a tremendous amount of free content for his online community, “Fire Nation.” He draws from more than 2,100 episodes to teach and inspire through blogs, email sequences, and webinars.

His enthusiasm pulsates through your earbuds. He opens each show by asking guests and listeners alike, “Are you prepared to ignite?” He genuinely sounds like the happiest, most enthusiastic person on Earth.

That’s quite a turnaround from 2009.

In those days, Dumas was seven years out of college, which he attended on an Army ROTC scholarship. He served eight years in the Army. He tried law school. He worked in finance in Boston, then at a startup in New York, and in residential real estate in San Diego.

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Eventually, he realized “this isn’t a way to live.”

Listening to the new media form of podcasts sparked a dream of running a successful online business.

“I wanted to believe that you could sit down anywhere in the world, open your laptop, and get to work,” he said.

But the more he searched for content to spur his breakthrough, the more elusive it became.

That’s when he realized none of his favorite podcasters offered daily content. It hit him: Create the first daily podcast telling the stories of successful entrepreneurs.

“It was a massive risk,” Dumas said. By that time, Dumas and his girlfriend, Kate Erickson, also a podcaster, had moved back to Maine. He was working in commercial real estate. “I was walking away from a career that demands that you continue on that path uninterrupted. And I was jumping into podcasting — where nobody was making money directly.”

On Sept. 22, 2012, Dumas launched the daily podcast as “Entrepreneurs on Fire.” At the time, best-selling authors saw business-focused podcasts as a new way to reach potential buyers. Soon enough, “Entrepreneurs on Fire” was booking the likes of Seth Godin, Barbara Corcoran, and Tony Robbins.

“Once you get one big domino, the rest fall,” he said.

After just 13 months, the show turned a profit. Today, with the help of a remote team of five, Dumas and Erickson run their businesses from Puerto Rico. Or Maine. Or wherever they might open their laptops.

For all the changes since 2012, “Entrepreneurs on Fire’s” focus remains the same: Help listeners move closer to launching their dream business, one day at a time.

At industry events, Dumas meets people who sheepishly admit they don’t listen to the show anymore. He is delighted.

“That’s how it works,” he said. “You’re supposed to listen to ‘Entrepreneurs on Fire,’ find your mojo, then you make the leap. You move on. We’re still here for the next person who needs us.”

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Homecoming 2019, Oct. 4-6

Homecoming 2019 drew thousands to campus for an unforgettable celebration of the Friar family. Homecoming combined three traditional weekends (St. Dominic Weekend, New Student Family Weekend, and Alumni & Family Weekend) into one. Friar family members and guests were treated to spectacular weather, dozens of events including Oktoberfest, the 10th annual Friar 5K, and Late Night Madness, and appearances by celebrities such as Grammy Award-winning singer John Legend, comedian Paul Mecurio '82, and Lidia Bastianich, the restaurateur, cookbook author, and television personality. Thanks for coming home!



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- 1: A roving photo booth drew interest from Oktoberfest guests.
- 2: Runners sprint from the Friar 5K starting line.
- 3: Children tumble in the bouncy house at Oktoberfest.
- 4: Guests at the President's Dinner laugh with Brother Jordan Zajac, O.P. '04, assistant College chaplain, right, and Rev. Isaac Morales, O.P., assistant professor of theology.
- 5: Arthur F. Ryan '63 & '90Hon., retired CEO of Prudential Financial, left, gestures during a discussion with Elizabeth E. Flynn '82 & '17Hon., retired president and CEO of Marsh, Inc., and Dr. Alexander N. Moffett, associate professor of English and director of the Development of Western Civilization Program, following the annual Fiondella Lecture.
- 6: The women's basketball team is introduced at Late Night Madness at the Dunkin' Donuts Center.
- 7: Homecoming-inscribed beer mugs at the Oktoberfest biergarten.
- 8: Runners pause for a selfie at the Friar 5K.
- 9: Comedian Paul Mecurio '82 entertains in Mullaney Gym in Alumni Hall.
- 10: Restaurateur and author Lidia Bastianich smiles at her grandson, Miles Bastianich '22, during a signing of her book, "My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family and Food," following her presentation in Mullaney Gym.

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Kate (Hennedy) Kennedy '92 at a summer campus reception for incoming members of the Class of 2023

Five questions with the new NAA Council president

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

The new president of the National Alumni Association Council, Kate (Hennedy) Kennedy '92, has Providence College in her blood.

Kennedy joined her parents, John F. and Marie C. Hennedy, former longtime PC English department faculty members, and her siblings, Patrick '88 and Jane '89, when she became a member of the Friar family in fall 1988. She also met her husband, Jeffrey J. Kennedy '92, while a student.

Kennedy, who is serving a one-year term as NAA Council president, has been involved in alumni volunteer leadership for 10 years. She served as council vice president for one year prior to becoming president on July 1, 2019. From 2009-2018, she was a board member of the Greater Providence Chapter of the NAA, the Mal Brown Club, and was club president from 2012-2015.

A resident of Warwick, R.I., she is vice president of employee benefits for USI Insurance Services.

If you were a student at PC today, what class would you want to take?

Since I was an English major who became an employee benefits consultant, I would take classes offered in the Department of Health Policy and Management and the new business and innovation minor.

Who influenced you the most as a student here?

Dr. Rodney Delasanta ('53) taught me Civ in the Liberal Arts Honors Program. The passion in his teaching was absolutely contagious.

Where was the best place you lived on campus?

My junior year I lived in DiTraglia Hall, then called Apartment A. I was able to live with a larger group of friends that I am still in touch with today.

In which two ways have you most applied your English major in your career?

The critical-thinking skills developed through PC's liberal arts curriculum have served me well. Also, my writing skills helped me change careers because my first job in HR consulting was as a proposal strategist.

What extracurricular activity did you enjoy most?

I played the trombone in the Pep Band and directed the group as an upperclassman. I met my husband, an excellent trumpet player, at a Pep Band party when we were freshmen. We travelled to New York each year for the BIG EAST Tournament and to Hawaii as seniors for the Maui Invitational. 🍻

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FRIARS LIFE

Asher Schofield '96, left, and Erin Piorek Schofield '96 in their Frog & Toad shop on Westminster Street in Providence

Consumed with creativity and community

BY EALISH BRAWLEY '14

PHOTO: NAT REA

A walk through one of their Providence gift shops on Hope or Westminster streets offers a glimpse into the lives of Asher Schofield '96 and Erin Piorek Schofield '96.

Frog & Toad's shelves are stocked with creativity and community. There are Samuel L. Jackson air fresheners, trophies for the recently potty trained, and comical, sarcastic greeting cards for every occasion. There are works of art crafted by local artists and Rhode Island-themed souvenirs to please residents and visitors alike.

"I love curating and bringing together beautiful and interesting things," said Erin.

Through their Frog & Toad Press, the Schofields also design and produce original products such as a "Bristol, Rhode Island ... Party like it's 1776" postcard and a "You Can Go to Hell, I'm Going to Pawtucket" bumper sticker.

The couple fell in love with the state during their undergraduate years at Providence College. They drank from the water fountain outside of

"I LOVE CURATING AND BRINGING TOGETHER BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING THINGS."

— ERIN PIOREK SCHOFIELD '96

The Providence Athenaeum, knowing that legend says those who do so will never leave the state. Asher said Rhode Islanders "love ourselves in a tongue-in-cheek way. We are small, idiosyncratic, and weird." They opened their first shop in 2001.

The Schofields' commitment to the community drives the mission of their business — maintaining the American tradition of the independent and locally owned Main Street. Asher, in fact, co-founded the Hope Street Merchants Association, which encourages people to shop local.

Asher and Erin seize every possible opportunity to give back to the community. Asher coordinated a public art initiative, adding four original sculptures to Hope Street, as well as planting trees and decorating benches and bus shelters. He also founded HopeWorks, a program which gives Hope High School students employment experience with local businesses. Erin's interest in education and her desire to advocate for their three daughters led her to campaign — successfully — for chairperson of the Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee. 🏠

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Reunion 2019

BY-THE-NUMBERS

2,154
Attendees

1,612
Alumni

542
Friends & Family

187
Volunteers

\$8.9
MILLION

*Raised for
Future Friars*

646
Stayed
on Campus

14 National Alumni
Association
Award Recipients

55 Reunion
Events

Highest Class Attendance
Class of 2014 ♦ **471** Attendees

NEW to Reunion 2019: *Friar Talks*

Reunion BBQ Facts

55 gallons
of Del's

♦ **900**
ears of corn

♦ **190** lbs. of pulled
pork

Digital Highlights

10 Huxley
promotional
videos

♦ **119** Uses of the
#PCReunion2019
hashtag

♦ **355** Guidebook
App downloads

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Source: Providence College Office of Institutional Advancement



Pausing for a souvenir during the reunion barbecue are, from left, Victoria Allen '09, Erin DeStefanis '09, Blathnaid Mahon '09, and Erin Lanni '09.

Reunion 2019: 'A magical weekend'

That's how an alumnus of the Class of 2009 described Reunion Weekend 2019, held May 31 to June 2, for classes ending in 4 and 9. From the spectacular weather, the warmth of the student volunteers, and the spirited class receptions to the manicured and gleaming campus, the unplanned meetups, and non-stop programming, the Friar spirit was, well, "magical."



Vincent Marzullo '69 is cheered by classmates and friends at the Class of 1969 Golden Anniversary Dinner.



Andrea Urrutia Hessenius '09 and Christopher J. Hessenius, Jr. '09 give their son, Christopher J. Hessenius, III, a taste of Friartown at the National Alumni Association Awards Brunch. Andrea and Christopher were presented with the Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Award.

2019 National Alumni Association Awards recipients

FAITHFUL FRIAR AWARD

Albert B. West, Esq. '54, '84P, & '87P
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 Robert L. Newbert, Jr. '69
 David C. Novicki, D.P.M. '69
 Eileen (Harkins) Christenson '90 and Gregory Christenson '89

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. John V. Monsour '69
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Leonard N. Alsfeld '74

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Mary Pat Larkin Caputo '79 & '12P

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Andrea Urrutia Hessenius '09 and Christopher J. Hessenius, Jr. '09

Friar Explorations Alumni Travel Program

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FRIAR EXPLORATIONS is a wonderful way to explore the world while connecting with fellow alumni, family, and friends. Trips offer unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

Taste of Bordeaux

Oct. 29–Nov. 5, 2020 — Wine Cruise

Attention wine lovers: This seven-night river cruise through this famed wine-producing region features visits to Citadel, a country market, Roquetaillade Castle, and, of course, wine tastings.

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

Feb. 12–18, 2021

Journey to a land and culture filled with natural wonders — most notably, the Aurora Borealis, or the dazzling Northern Lights. Other destinations include Reykjavík, national parks, Vatnajökull Glacier, and the Blue Lagoon.

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CLASS NOTES

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1950s & 1960s

'58

Hon. Frank Caprio '58 & '08 Hon. of Providence, R.I., was a 2019 inductee into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. The hall of fame honors individuals who have brought credit to the state, brought the state into prominence, or who contributed to its history. Caprio is chief judge of the Providence Municipal Court. His popular syndicated television show, *Caught in Providence*, features courtroom proceedings animated by his wit and compassion.

'63

Raymond L. Flynn '63 & '84 Hon. of Boston, Mass., was honored by the city's mayor, Marty Walsh, with "Mayor Ray Flynn Day" on his 80th birthday on July 22. Flynn, who served as mayor of Boston from 1984-1993, has had a long career in public service that includes serving as Massachusetts state representative, Boston city councilor, and as the United States ambassador to the Vatican under President Bill Clinton. Walsh's proclamation noted Flynn's hard work and advocacy for the city's most vulnerable residents. Flynn, who was captain of the 1963 NIT champion Friars basketball team, is a member of the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame. The NCAA selected him to the All-America Academic Team in 1963 and for its Silver Anniversary Award in 1988.

'64

Gene Kenney '64 of Melbourne, Fla., wrote to say that the Class of 1964's 55th-year reunion was "great" and that he looks forward to seeing his classmates at their next reunion in 2024.

'65 (55th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

John J. Mahoney, Esq. '65 of Washington, D.C., was appointed to the board of directors of the National Maritime Heritage

Foundation/DC Sail program and was subsequently elected vice chair of the 15-member board. DC Sail is a Washington-based program that provides educational, recreational, and competitive sailing for adults and youths of all ages. Mahoney is a former PC trustee and a retired attorney who served as president of Regional Title, Inc.

'66

Dr. Eugene D. Bétit '66 of Cross Junction, Va., wrote his third book, *Collective Amnesia: American Apartheid, African Americans' 400 Years in North America, 1619-2019* (Xlibris, 2019). A Providence College ROTC graduate, he served 20 years as a military intelligence officer. After retiring from the Army, he taught high school German and Russian classes for two years before serving as social justice outreach minister for Our Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Va. He is currently a docent at Belle Grove Manor in Virginia. Bétit is also the author of *War's Cost: The Hites' Civil War* (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016) and *Manhattan's Walloon Settlers: Jesse DeForest's Legacy* (Infinity Publishing, 2017).

Harland L. Cook '66 of Walpole, Mass., was recognized for his 50 years of service in the Walpole Public School District. Cook, who received an inscribed crystal apple at a staff meeting to open the 2019-20 school year, began his math teaching career at Bath High School in Michigan. After two years, he returned to Massachusetts, where he taught math at Walpole High School and served as a guidance counselor and chairperson of special education at Johnson Middle School for 35 years. Cook has continued to work in Walpole schools since retiring from teaching in 2004. He is currently the procedural assistant and consultant for the school system's Special Education Department.

1970s

'70 (50th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Nicholas DiGiovanni Jr., Esq. '70 of Ipswich, Mass., was named a notable practitioner in the 2019 *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*. DiGiovanni, who is a partner at Morgan, Brown & Joy in Boston, was recognized for his representation of academic institutions in labor law matters.

Geoffrey Gneuchs '70 of New York, N.Y., exhibited his New York cityscape paintings at the Bowery Gallery Invitational "Midsummer Salon" in New York City and at the Salmagundi Art Club on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Gneuchs, a figurative and representational artist, serves on the executive board of the Federation of Modern Painters & Sculptors. His portrait of Dorothy Day, "Servant of God," is the official image for the promotion of her cause for canonization by the Vatican. He maintains his studio in the tower of a land-marked baroque church in Manhattan.

'72

Brother Lawrence D. Goyette, FSC '72 & '07 Hon. of Lincroft, N.J., was named auxiliary visitor (assistant provincial) for The Brothers of the Christian Schools, District of Eastern North America. He is the founder of the San Miguel School educational model and movement, which began in Providence in 1993 and has spread throughout the Lasallian educational network nationwide. The schools serve students in grades 5-8 who come from underserved, low-income populations. Brother Lawrence assisted in the founding of De La Salle Academy in Concord, Calif. (another Miguel-model school), served as an adviser to the national Lasallian Volunteer program, and most recently was the director of the Manhattan College brothers' community.

Chalice used by pope presented to Dominicans



JOHN G. HUSSEY '68, left, presents a chalice belonging to his late twin brother, **REV. GERALD W. HUSSEY '68**, to College Chaplain

Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. before a memorial Mass in St. Dominic Chapel in June.

Father Gerald, who died in March after serving the Diocese of Providence for 40 years, requested that the chalice be donated to PC's Dominican priests after his death. The chalice was used by Pope John Paul II during a Mass in his private chapel at the Vatican in 1996.

Father Gerald concelebrated the Mass and

later received the chalice as a gift from the pope. It features a center node depicting Christ and the apostles at the Last Supper.

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'74

William A. Mekrut '74 of Lincoln, R.I., was elected chair of the national AAA Board of Directors. He will serve a two-year term for the non-profit federation that includes 60 million members. He has been a board member with AAA for 11 years, both locally and nationally. He retired as vice president and treasurer at FM Global in 2018. Mekrut is a member of PC's Providence President's Council. He is married to **Joan (Gianola) Mekrut '74 & '98G**.

'75 (45th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Michelle M. Scotti '75 of Pawtucket, R.I., launched SyntacticRus Designs, LLC, a Rhode Island-registered graphic web design services firm that specializes in search engine optimization. Prior to this, she enjoyed years as a (DTC) member of The Harvard Club of Boston, and a successful career in software engineer technology, most recently as a cyber security analyst for a defense contractor.

'76

Kathleen F. Marra '76 of Kittery Point, Maine, was elected chair of the Maine Democratic State Committee for the next two years. She has served as chair of the Kittery Democratic Committee, vice chair of the York County Democratic Committee, a member of the state committee, and a member of the Democratic National Committee's training committee. Marra is married to **U.S. Navy Capt. Michael D. McCarten '74**.

'77

Warren E. Mason '77 of Bourne, Mass., joined Benchmark Realty in Falmouth, Mass., as an upscale residential real estate market agent. After living in Scottsdale, Ariz., he is happy to reside on "beautiful Cape Cod." He encourages classmates and friends to reach out to him at 602-819-3493.

1980s

'80 (40th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Lisa J. (Rau) Staff '80 of North Andover, Mass., co-founded a nonprofit to benefit young adults ages 22-35 with special needs. She notes when these young adults age out of the public education system at 22, their opportunities for recreational and social activities decrease dramatically. Her nonprofit, The Club, is a place for them to go after their day program ends to spend time with friends and participate in fun activities and social events. Staff is also on the board of directors of Fidelity House Inc., a nonprofit in Lawrence, Mass., dedicated to individuals with disabilities.

'81

Mark E. McGwin, III '81 of North Attleboro, Mass., was named first vice president/senior market manager for franchise lending for Rockland Trust. He is based in Providence. McGwin has more than 25 years of

experience in financial services and banking, previously serving as senior vice president and commercial banking officer of franchise lending at United Bank. He is the immediate past president of the PC National Alumni Association Council.

Lauren Motola-Davis, Esq. '81 of Providence, R.I., earned the Legal Services Industry Leader Award in the *Providence Business News* 2019 Business Women Awards program. She is managing partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP.

'82

Wally Dunn Jr. '82 of New York, N.Y., performed the role of Rudolph in the national tour of *Hello Dolly!*, which included a stop at the Boston Opera House this past summer. His Broadway credits include *Spamalot*, *Gypsy*, *Master Class*, and *One Mo' Time*, as well as the national tours of *West Side Story*, *All Shook Up*, and *Spamalot*. He also has appeared in films such as *School Of Rock*, *The Bounty Hunter*, *The Good Shepherd*, and *In & Out*.

'87

Philip Auger '87 & '01G of North Kingstown, R.I., was named the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association's 2019 Superintendent of the Year. He is superintendent of the North Kingstown School Department. Two schools in North Kingstown have earned the National Blue Ribbon School designation from the U.S. Department of Education since Auger became superintendent in 2011. He is married to **Kristin A. (Bohman) Auger '87**.

Mary S. McElroy '87 of East Greenwich, R.I., was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a U.S. District Court judge for the District of Rhode Island. The court is the state's federal trial court and hears civil and criminal matters. She was nominated for the position in 2015 by President Barack Obama and renominated twice by President Donald Trump, with action stalling amid partisan politics each time. McElroy was named Rhode Island's first female chief public defender in 2012 and held that position until being appointed to the federal bench in September 2019. She is married to **Robert F. Jordan '87**.

Kathleen A. Ryan, Esq. '87 of Narragansett, R.I., was recognized with the Financial Services Industry Leader Award in the *Providence Business News* 2019 Business Women Awards program. She is the executive vice president and chief wealth management officer for Washington Trust Wealth Management. She is married to **Roderick Ryan, Jr. '81** and the mother to **Patrick Ryan '13** and **Brendan Ryan '15**.

'88

Scott G. Jones '88 of Attleboro, Mass., expanded his Massachusetts-based company, Jones Real Estate Group, LLC, to Rhode Island, where he is fully licensed for residential and commercial real estate needs.

Michael Maguire '88 of North Andover, Mass., was inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Maguire, who has taught business and economics at Haverhill High School for 23 years, has been coaching boys and girls cross country and track at the school since 1989.

Patrick M. Morley '88 of Lincoln, Mass., is the president and CEO of Carbon Black, a leading cybersecurity company that protects more than 5,600 global customers. He has served in these roles since 2007, leading the company through several successful mergers and, in 2018, brought the company public on Nasdaq. Morley has been called one of the "coolest endpoint CEOs" by industry media. He is married to **Tara Callahan Morley '88**. Over the past 21 years, the Morley family has helped raise more than \$1.2 million for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

'89

Jack Hayes '89 of East Greenwich, R.I., served as chair of the 2019 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament Selection Committee. He has served as the director of athletics at Brown University since 2012. Hayes played lacrosse at PC.

Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney '89 of Providence, R.I., celebrated his 25th anniversary as a



D-Day tribute to a hero

On a visit to Normandy, France, in May, **JIM PARKS '77** of Marietta, Ga., left, was surprised to see this banner erected in memory of the late **JOSEPH P. VAGHI, JR. '42**, the father of his good friend, **JOSEPH P. VAGHI, III '78**, of Potomac, Md. It was one of several tributes recognizing the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.

Mr. Vaghi, who died in 2012, was a U.S. Navy platoon commander in World War II. At age 23, he was the youngest beachmaster for "Easy Red," one of the sectors on Omaha Beach. His responsibilities that day were described as similar to a "traffic cop in hell." He helped clear paths for and guided landing crafts through numerous obstacles. Crafts maneuvered around mines, bombs, machine gun fire, and fallen comrades. At one point, Mr. Vaghi was knocked unconscious, and when he awoke, despite an injured knee, he and a comrade safely removed two

five-gallon containers of gasoline from a burning Jeep.

Mr. Vaghi, who was awarded the Bronze Star, was featured in Ken Burns's 2007 documentary, *The War*. He left the active Navy in 1947 as a lieutenant commander but remained in the naval reserve until 1959.

Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Providence. A Massachusetts native, he was ordained on Sept. 3, 1994, by Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence. Msgr. Kenney is vicar general and moderator of the Curia for the diocese. His past ministerial appointments include serving as director of vocations, rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, and assistant pastor of St. Mary Parish, Pawtucket.

Paul N. Olivier '89 of Youngstown, Ohio, was promoted to chief network integration officer for the Great Lakes Group region of Bon Secours Mercy Health, the fifth-largest Catholic health system in the country. He is responsible for the development and integration of the clinical network across multiple markets, including 11 hospitals and more than 1,600 medical providers in northern Ohio.

Kevin M. O'Shea, Esq. '89 of Concord, N.H., was nominated by Gov. Christopher T. Sununu and confirmed by the executive council for a four-year term on the New Hampshire Higher Education Commission. The commission regulates institutions of higher education. It includes public

members, presidents of New Hampshire colleges and universities, chancellors of the state's university and community college systems, and the state commissioner of education. O'Shea is an equity member and chair of the commercial litigation practice group at Sulloway & Hollis, PLLC, a firm founded in 1852 which has offices in New Hampshire, Boston, Providence, and Portland, Maine.

1990s

'90 (30th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Melissa R. DuBose, Esq. '90 of Providence, R.I., was sworn in as associate judge of the Rhode Island District Court. After working for more than a decade as a Providence public schools history teacher, she attained her law degree from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2004. DuBose is a former special assistant attorney general in the criminal division of the Rhode Island attorney general's office. She also served as senior legal in-house counsel for Schneider Electric of Foxboro, Mass., a global energy management corporation.

Marie Pellegrino '90 of Portsmouth, R.I., was named senior vice president and chief financial officer of BayCoast Bank. She has primary responsibility for managing BayCoast's finances, including financial planning, management of risks, liquidity management, and financial reporting. Pellegrino previously served as vice president and controller of the bank, where she has worked since 2013.

'93

Jennifer (Bush) Furey, Esq. '93 of Winchester, Mass., received the 2019 Women Worth Watching Award from *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. She is a director at Goulston & Storrs law firm in Boston, where she co-chairs the litigation group and serves on the firm's executive committee. Furey is president of the Massachusetts Women's Bar Foundation's board of trustees.

Kevin C. Leahy '93, CPA, CFP of Durham, Conn., was chosen CEO of the Year by *Hartford Business Journal*. President and CEO of Connecticut Wealth Management, LLC, the firm he founded in 2010, he was recognized as part of the journal's C-Suite Awards in the category of businesses with fewer than 100 employees. CTWM provides holistic financial planning to and management of \$1.5 billion on behalf of business owners and corporate executives. Leahy is married to **Tracy L. Smith '93**, who is CTWM's controller.

Nicholas Maffeo '93 of Canton, Mass., received his "15 Years of Service" award from Canton Co-operative Bank. President and CEO, he previously served as vice president and treasurer. Maffeo is a former captain in the U.S. Army National Guard. He is married to **Kristen M. (Close) Maffeo '95**.

Maureen E. Montegari '93 of Hawthorne, N.J., was named chief human resources officer with Ryan Health, a federally qualified health center which provides New York City's diverse and underserved communities with quality, comprehensive, and affordable health-care services. She previously worked at a senior care company since 2003, serving as vice president of human resources since 2012.

'94

Meg Mitchell Moore '94 of Newburyport, Mass., wrote *The Islanders* (William Morrow/HarperCollins, 2019), which was named a "Best Beach Read of Summer 2019" by *Vulture*, *PureWow*, *She Reads*, and *women.com*. *The Islanders* is her fifth novel and details a 12-week island vacation during which the lives of three strangers intersect. Throughout the story, each of the characters struggles with challenges in their personal lives or careers. Three of Moore's previous four books, *The Arrivals*, *So Far Away*, and *The Captain's Daughter*, take place in New England, as does this most recent work, set on Block Island, R.I.

'95 (25th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Kate (Collins) Peterson, Esq. '95 of Warwick, R.I., was recently named deputy general counsel at Brown University. Last summer, while serving as senior in-house employment counsel at Citizens Bank, she was recognized by the American Association of Corporate Counsel as the Global Counsel Employment Lawyer of the Year.

'96

Amy Kvilhaug '96 of Boston, Mass., was named head coach of the Boston College softball team. She had stepped down from coaching in 2018 after 22 years — including 12 years at St. John's University — to begin a private life-coaching practice. Kvilhaug was a standout pitcher for the Friars and was inducted into the Providence College Athletics Hall of Fame in February.

'97

Michael A. Cox '97SCE of Ann Arbor, Mich., was unanimously appointed Ann Arbor's chief of police by the City Council. He had served with the Boston Police Department since 1989, most recently as Bureau of Professional Development superintendent. He also served as deputy superintendent of the Bureau of Field Services and as commander of the Operations Division. He leads a force of approximately 125 officers and an overall staff of 155.

Rubén Garcés '97 of Smithfield, R.I., was named head coach of the St. Raphael Academy boys basketball team in Pawtucket. He previously served as the assistant coach. He was a member of the Friars basketball team

from 1995-1997 and played professional basketball for 18 seasons in the NBA, CBA, and overseas.

Maureen Dolan Sullivan '97 of Corpus Christi, Texas, received the 2019 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award, presented by Humanities Texas, for exceptional work teaching second-grade pupils in the Flour Bluff Independent School District.

'98

Brian P. Corrigan '98 of Garden City, N.Y., was included in the list of "The Best Lawyers in America 2020" by the *Best Lawyers* legal publication. He is a partner in the estate litigation department at Farrell Fritz in New York and was recognized for his work in the area of litigation — trusts & estates.

Gretchen L. Hamm '98 of Sterling, Va., was named the first chief marketing officer for the Washington Spirit of the National Women's Soccer League. She is responsible for the team's marketing activities, promotion, and strategy as well as sponsorship development.

U.S. Army Col. Chris Paone '98 of Ramsey, N.J., was promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel and is currently assigned to Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Ill. He also graduated with a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, Pa. The college's 10-month curriculum educates and develops senior military officers from all branches to serve in strategic-level command and staff positions worldwide.

Matthew J. Potter '98 of Quincy, Mass., earned his MBA degree from Babson College in May 2019. He is a marketing strategist and consultant for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies which develop therapies to treat cancer and rare diseases.

Adam C. Silva '98 of Dartmouth, Mass., founded The Law Office of Adam Silva, in New Bedford, Mass., where he practices IRS tax resolution and estate planning. Prior to this, he was an attorney with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel and a tax controversy specialist with KPMG LLP. He is married to **Lorraine (Anselmo) Silva '98**.



CLASS NOTES

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'99

Chris Lambton '99 of Dennis, Mass., is a host, with his wife, Peyton, on HGTV's *Going Yard*, a reality show that highlights the transformation of backyards and properties. A professional landscaper and lifestyle expert, he also hosts two DIY Network shows, *Lawn and Order* and *Yard Crasbers*, and helps run the family's landscaping business.

2000s

'01

Patrick J. Bench '01 of Boston, Mass., was honored for his entrepreneurship at *The Irish Echo* Small Business-Big Impact Awards. The awards honor Irish-American entrepreneurs and business leaders who support the American economy. He is the founder and president of Benchmark Strategies, a firm that provides strategic counsel and public affairs services to national and international businesses and nonprofit organizations. Bench also was named chair of the 10th annual WorldBoston Consuls Reception. WorldBoston is an NPO dedicated to fostering engagement in international affairs and cooperation among peoples of all nations. He has served on the WorldBoston board of directors since 2010.

Angela L. Carr '01 of Douglas, Mass., earned the Legal Services Woman to Watch Award in the *Providence Business News* 2019 Business Women Awards program. She is a partner at Barton Gilman LLP. Carr is a member of the College's Providence President's Council and serves as president of the Greater Providence Chapter of the PC National Alumni Association, the Mal Brown Club.

'02

John J. O'Neill '02 of New York, N.Y., a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, was named for the second straight year to *Forbes'* Top 250 Next-Generation Wealth Advisors List. The honor recognizes financial advisors who represent the future of the wealth management industry. He has worked for Merrill Lynch since 2002 and is an advisor in its Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. office in Manhattan.

'03

Julie L. Beauvais '03 & '14G of Woonsocket, R.I., was named principal of Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket after the junior-senior high school reorganized its senior administrative team. Her new duties include working with faculty on instruction and professional development. She is a 1996 graduate of Mount Saint Charles and returned as a teacher in 2004.

Gina M. Bulla '03 of New York, N.Y., married Robert Morgan on May 18, 2019, at Trump National Golf Course Westchester in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. She is senior director for marketing at *The Atlantic*, the national

magazine and multiplatform publisher. Bob is managing director for Société Général, a French multinational investment bank and financial services company.

Kimberly T. (Easton) McLaughlin '03 of Boston, Mass., joined the global law firm of McDermott Will & Emery as an associate director of business development. She previously worked with WilmerHale as client development manager and at Fish & Richardson, an intellectual property firm, as senior marketing manager.

'04

Ashley S. Abbate-Macksoud '04 of Lincoln, R.I., a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Providence, earned two recent career-related distinctions. She was named to *Forbes'* Best-in-State Next Generation Wealth Advisors list for 2019. The honor spotlights the top young wealth advisors in each state. Abbate-Macksoud was one of five advisors in Rhode Island and among approximately 1,500 advisors nationally to be recognized. She also received the Financial Services Woman to Watch Award in the *Providence Business News* 2019 Business Women Awards program.

Adam C. Baur '04 of Andover, Mass., was inducted into Northwestern Mutual's 2019 Forum Group, the top tier of the company's industry-leading financial representatives. A financial advisor in the downtown Boston office, he was chosen because of his commitment to help families and businesses plan for and achieve financial security. Baur



Rating with 40 Under Forty

Four Providence College alumni were named to *Providence Business News'* 40 Under Forty list of notable young professionals for 2019. Individuals are chosen based on career success and community involvement, as well as demonstrating a commitment to making a difference on the local, national, or international level. From left are **JASON DAPONTE '02**, **ERIN K. DARMETKO '02 & '18G**, and **JASON CAROSI '03**. Also selected was **ADAM R. FLYNN '12G**. DaPonte, who lives in Hope Valley, R.I., is managing partner at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., a Providence-based firm of certified public accountants and business advisors. Darmetko, who lives in Northborough, Mass., is assistant vice president at Amica Mutual Insurance Co. in Westborough, Mass. Carosi, a Cranston, R.I., resident, is senior vice president and senior relationship manager for Webster Bank in Providence. Flynn, a Johnston, R.I., resident, serves as director at Davies Career & Technical High School in Lincoln, R.I.

recently served on the PC Class of 2004's 15th-year reunion committee.

Elizabeth L. (Abel) Catucci '04 of North Providence, R.I., was chosen president and CEO of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce. A chamber board member for the past four years, she most recently served as director of marketing and business development for PKF O'Connor Davies, a national accounting firm. She is a member of the board of the Greater Providence Chapter of the PC National Alumni Association, the Mal Brown Club.

Kenneth A. Duva, Ed.D. '04G of North Kingstown, R.I., received a three-year contract extension as superintendent of schools for Jamestown (R.I.) Public Schools. He began working in Jamestown in 2011 as director of student services and has been superintendent since 2016.

Brian P. Dyer '04 was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Providence Police Department during a ceremony led by Mayor Jorge O. Elorza. Dyer previously was a detective in the investigation division. He also serves as a special deputy U.S. marshal with the FBI Exploited Children Task Force.

Christopher H. Nebons '04 of Des Moines, Iowa, joined the board of directors of the Des Moines Public Library Foundation. A vice president at Eaton Vance Corporation, he provides the board with investment and fundraising expertise. Nebons and his wife, **Amy M. (Hayes) Nebons '05**, enjoy visiting the library with their 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

'05 (15th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Daniel J. Kachur '05 of Appleton, Wisc., graduated *cum laude* from Marquette University Law School and accepted a position as a trial attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office in Appleton. During law school, he completed internships with the Wisconsin Elections Commission, the state public defender, and Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Mary Lou Palumbo '05SCE of East Falmouth, Mass., received the Portuguese Heritage Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Portuguese Legislative Caucus. She is the executive director of the Mashpee Chamber of Commerce, where she has increased the number of scholarships given to Mashpee High School students and is also a member of the Mashpee Substance Use Task Force. Prior to her position with the chamber, Palumbo enjoyed an award-winning television and radio career, locally and nationally.

Michael J. Raia '05 of Providence, R.I., was named managing partner of NAIL[PR], the new public relations and strategic consulting arm of creative advertising agency NAIL Communications. NAIL[PR] will provide clients with strategic communications planning, crisis communications, message development, and rapid response services, as well as other public and media relations services. Raia is a former aide to Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo. He is married to **Kristin M. (Ellis) Raia '05**.

'06

Vincent DeDomenico '06 of Wallingford, Conn., received two awards from the president & CEO of TD Bank, where he works as a project specialist in the Middle Market Products & Services division of TD's commercial bank. He was presented the CEO Leadership Award and the Vision in Action Award of Distinction — TD's highest internal honor — for his contributions to the bank and his leadership. DeDomenico has worked in the banking industry for 13 years in both the consumer and commercial lines. He also married Elizabeth Travers, R.N. on April 13, 2019, at The Woodwinds in Branford, Conn. She comes from a long line of PC alumni and works at Gaylord Special Healthcare and Hospital in Wallingford.

Rev. Anthony J. Federico III '06 of North Haven, Conn., was ordained a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair on June 22, 2019. He serves at Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire, Conn. Father Anthony attended seminary at Theological College at The Catholic University of America in

Washington, D.C. Prior to his theological studies, he worked for seven years as a journalist at ESPN.

Meghan K. Welsh Hermann '06 and Karl Hermann of Alexandria, Va., were married on June 8, 2019, at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Leesburg, Va. The celebrants were friends of the bride — **Rev. Emanuel V. Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. '06 & '08G** and **Rev. Anthony J. Federico III '06**. Many PC classmates attended, including bridesmaids **Erin (Murphy) Jemiola '06** and **Colleen (Collins) Doman '06**. Meghan is a producer with Fox News Channel. Karl is employed by a video communications company, Zoom.

Gabrielle Occhiogrosso, Ed.D. '06 & '09G of Westbury, N.Y., was named dean of students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, N.Y., where she has worked since 2014. She married Mitchell Evan Gordon of Suffern, N.Y., this past July at the Harbor Club at Prime in Huntington, N.Y.

Rev. Emanuel V. Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. '06 & '08G of Columbus, Ga., is serving as associate pastor of St. Anne Catholic Church in Columbus. "Father Manny" was ordained a priest on June 22, 2018, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jennifer L. Weaver-Breitenbecher '06 of North Providence, R.I., owner of and psychotherapist at Polaris Counseling & Consulting, LLC, is celebrating her business's five-year anniversary. Polaris is a psychotherapy practice and wellness consulting group with offices in North Providence and East Greenwich.

'07

Kyle Drennen '07 of Fairfax, Va., is the Media Research Center's senior news editor and a contributing editor to its "NewsBusters" website, dedicated to "exposing and combating liberal media bias." He joined MRC after his graduation in 2007, following a summer internship there as an undergraduate. His media analysis has been cited by nationally syndicated radio hosts Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin, as well as media outlets including Fox News, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal's* WSJ.com.



'08

Marissa E. Boland-Doss '08 of Fort Worth, Texas, married John Marshall Doss on Sept. 1, 2017, at Glen Manor House in Portsmouth, R.I. She is a risk manager for Sound Physicians. He is a commercial real estate broker for Greysteel.

Paul E. Coyne, DNP, R.N. '08 of New York, N.Y., was promoted to assistant vice president, clinical practice and chief nursing informatics officer, at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. He was named to the "30 Under 40 in Healthcare" list, and, along with other national nurse leaders, authored *Nurse's Guide to Innovation: Accelerating the Journey* (Super Star Press, 2019). In addition, Coyne and **Vincent Cocito '08**, the co-inventors of iN, the world's first cognitive patient care assistant, and co-founders of Inspiren, a healthcare technology company, earned numerous international awards in the first half of 2019. These include the American Nurses Association Innovation of the Year award, SXSW Innovation Award for Best Use of AI & Machine Learning, an Edison Award for Best New Medical Technology, and a MedTech Breakthrough Award for Best New Patient Monitoring Solution.

Devin T. Driscoll '08 of Saint Paul, Minn., and his wife, Katie, welcomed their first child, a son, John Humphrey Driscoll, or Jack, as his family will call him, born Aug. 4, 2019. Driscoll earned his *juris* doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School last year and served as a clerk for Justice David L. Lillehaug of the Minnesota Supreme Court. He has begun a clerkship with Chief Judge John R. Tunheim of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and expects to join the Minneapolis office of Fredrikson & Byron in fall 2020.

Ryan T. Walsh '08 and his wife, Amanda, of Newton, N.J., welcomed their first child, a daughter, Maeve Elizabeth, on Jan. 26, 2019.

'09

Michael A. Fenton '09 of Springfield, Mass., was named a shareholder at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. He has been named a "Super Lawyers Rising Star" every year since 2014. He practices in the areas of business planning, commercial real estate, land use, and estate planning. Fenton has served on the Springfield City Council since 2010.

Andrew J. Guyton '09 of Stratham, N.H., was named a "Leaders Club Qualifier" by Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. Leaders Club is one of the highest honors annually awarded by The Guardian to financial professionals who demonstrate outstanding service and dedication to their clients. He works for The Guyton Group on financial protection and wealth accumulation strategies.

Andrew J. MacMannis '09 of Warwick, R.I., is the assistant head of school at Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts in Providence. TAPA is an academically rigorous, arts-integrated public charter school for students in grades 7-12. MacMannis's responsibilities include special education direction, Title I programs, and overseeing the schoolwide improvement plan. He began working at TAPA in 2010 as the founding math and science teacher. Under his leadership as assistant head of school, TAPA has maintained a 98 percent graduation rate. He is married to **Katherine R. Hypolite '08**.

Nora Yousif '09 of Boston, Mass., was admitted into the Sloan School of Management's Executive MBA program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a financial advisor and vice president at RBC Wealth Management in Massachusetts and will continue to work full time.

Friars of the Last Decade

'10 **FOLD**

(10th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Michael A. Coffee '10 of New York, N.Y., married Jocelyn A. Hinman on June 29, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Rome, N.Y. He is a senior legal counsel with HSBC Bank in New York and has a law degree from George Washington University.

Betty-Ann Medeiros Hickey '10SCE & '20G of Covington, La., was elected to the board of directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. She is associate director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The federation, founded by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a national organization of liturgists and liturgical theologians which assists bishops and church leaders in facilitating public prayer in the Catholic Church.

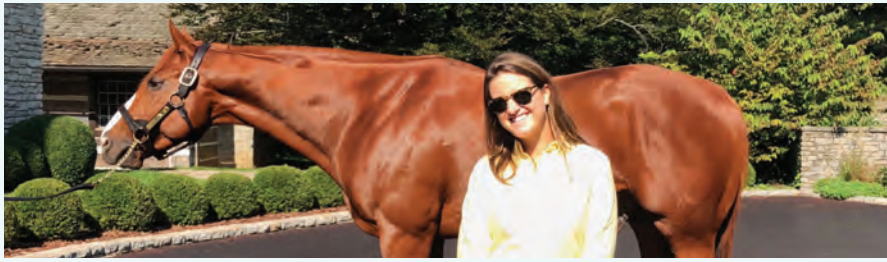
Shannon E. O'Neill '10G of Providence, R.I., was promoted to director of stewardship and donor relations at Providence College. She develops, implements, and assesses the College's stewardship and donor experience programs. She previously served as assistant director for advancement events in PC's Office of College Events.

Julie M. Smith '10 and **Joshua D. Scott '10** of Stamford, Conn., were married at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence on April 27, 2019. Julie is senior director of alumni relations and special events at Fordham Law School. She is a member of PC's Young Alumni Leadership Council. Joshua is a regional sales manager for Mast-Jagermeister US.

'12 **FOLD**

Emily A. Connolly '12 and **Christopher B. Gulovsen '12** of Milton, Mass., became parents to their first child, a son, Stanley Leif, born on Nov. 14, 2018. Emily is a registered nurse with Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Milton and is studying for her master's degree in nursing as a family nurse practitioner at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Christopher is a scrum master at MEDITECH and is enrolled in the master's in analytics program at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Meaghan C. (Macri) McCauley '12 and **Michael McCauley '12** of Warwick, R.I., were married on May 28, 2018, at St. Joseph Church in Newport. The celebrant was Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., professor of biology and of theology at PC. Meaghan is a graduate of Tufts School of Dental Medicine and practices in Rhode Island. Mike is a neurology resident at Brown University.



Shannon Kelly '12 with 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify at Coolmore America Farm in Kentucky

Off-track nurturing

SHANNON KELLY '12 of New York, N.Y., has combined two interests — her family's long tradition in the thoroughbred racing industry and her passion for helping the needy — into a meaningful career move. Promoted this fall to executive director of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation, a New York City-based charitable organization, she is focused on improving the lives of those who work in the racing industry nationwide who are struggling to meet medical, utility, and other expenses.

The granddaughter of hall of fame trainer T.J. Kelly, she personally reviews every application for assistance, distributes need-based grants, and organizes fundraisers, among other responsibilities. "The (foundation's) mission contains so many things I'm passionate about. This job is rewarding in the sense that I get to help the people that gave my family so much success and joy," said Kelly.

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'13 **FOLD**

Grace D. Cullen '13 of Rochester, Minn., began her residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic. She worked as a clinical research assistant at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, N.Y., before completing medical school at University College Dublin.

Kevin M. Lynch '13 and **Marisa L. Urgo '14** of Boston, Mass., were married on June 22, 2019, in St. Dominic Chapel on campus. The celebrant was Rev. David T. Orique, O.P., associate professor of history and director of Latin American and Latina/o studies at PC. Kevin teaches high school English at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, Mass. Marisa, a published author, is a recruiter for Wayfair, an e-commerce company that sells home goods.

Mike Rodak '13 of Mountain Brook, Ala., joined AL.com as a football reporter covering the University of Alabama football team. He spent the past six seasons covering the NFL's Buffalo Bills for ESPN.

Michael A. Rose '13 of Providence, R.I., was a featured speaker at the 23rd Annual

Boston International Fine Art Show. His interactive talk on "What Has Your Gallery Done for You Lately?" discussed what artists should look for in a quality relationship with a commercial gallery and how they can build stronger relationships with galleries and art dealers. Since 2014, he has served as the manager of the Providence Art Club, where he oversees three unique gallery spaces and which was ranked the Best Art Gallery in Providence in 2019 by *Rhode Island Monthly* magazine.

Ryan E. Sullivan '13 and **Anna M. Wiciorkowska '14** of Stratford, Conn., were married on June 15, 2019, at St. Dominic Chapel on campus. The celebrant was Rev. Joseph Guido, O.P., PC assistant professor of psychology. Sullivan is a licensed clinician at Cornell Scott Hill Health Center. Wiciorkowska teaches religion at her *alma mater*, Luralton Hall, in Milford, Conn.

'14 **FOLD**

Victoria E. Bello '14 and **John P. "Jack" O'Connor, III '14** of Cleveland, Ohio, were married on June 1, 2019, at St. Joseph's Church in Avon Lake, Ohio. Bello is a director of financial technology platforms at RIA

in a Box. O'Connor works in the Private Wealth Management division of Morgan Stanley.

'15 **FOLD**

(5th Reunion — May 29-31, 2020)

Jennifer A. Pinto, '15 of Boston, Mass., graduated with a master's degree in nursing with a specialty in adult and geriatric primary care from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. She is a nurse practitioner and was previously a registered nurse in an urgent care center.

'17 **FOLD**

Bianna M. Abbott '17 of New York, N.Y., is a health reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*. She was an intern with the organization after earning a master's degree at New York University, where she studied in the Science, Health, and Environmental Reporting Program.

Hannah E. Sorila '17 of Brattleboro, Vt., is custom programs coordinator at SIT Study Abroad, an organization that runs social justice-focused study abroad programs and develops customized, short-term programs for college and university students throughout the country. She directly manages the pre-departure process, preparing students for their experience abroad.

Taralynn Vecchio '17 of Keyport, N.J., gave the student commencement address at the May 2019 graduation ceremony of New York Medical College, which was held at Carnegie Hall. She earned a master's degree in speech language pathology. She is completing her clinical fellowship at Boston Children's Health Physicians Division of Speech and Language Pathology at New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y. Her areas of interest include neurodevelopmental disabilities, specifically autism spectrum disorder, as well as augmentative and alternative communication.

'18 **FOLD**

Lauryn C. Picknelly '18 of Longmeadow, Mass., joined the family business, Peter Pan Bus Lines, as assistant controller. The Northeast motorcoach transportation company was founded in 1933. She previously worked at Deloitte in Hartford, Conn. ■■



Dr. Francis P. MacKay; retired professor, champion of diversity

Dr. Francis P. MacKay, known to his friends and colleagues as “Pat,” a retired associate professor of chemistry who was a teacher, administrator, and champion of inclusivity and diversity at Providence College for more than 50 years, died on Sept. 9, 2019. He was the husband of Jacqueline F. Kiernan MacKay, director of the parent program at the College.

When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968, Dr. MacKay partnered with two faculty colleagues — Dr. Mark N. Rerick, professor of chemistry, and Dr. René M. Fortin ’55, professor of English — to establish a scholarship fund to make it possible for black students to attend PC. They asked faculty members to voluntarily contribute one half of 1 percent of their annual salary by payroll deduction.

The College responded by establishing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Program with Rev. Robert A. Morris, O.P. ’46 & ’82 Hon., as director. Since then, the program has awarded more than 700 scholarships. In January 2018, on the program’s 50th anniversary,

Dr. MacKay was honored with the College’s first MLK Vision Award, given posthumously to Dr. Rerick, Dr. Fortin, and Father Morris.

In 2005, Dr. MacKay and his wife pledged \$50,000 to establish the Francis P. and Jacqueline K. MacKay Scholarship for students of color studying elementary or secondary education. They said the pledge was part of their commitment to social justice and to their belief in the quality of education in America.

When St. Dominic Chapel was built in 2001, the MacKays donated the stained-glass window that depicts St. Martin de Porres, the Dominican saint who is the patron of interracial harmony.

Dr. MacKay joined the PC faculty in 1958 as an instructor in chemistry. He became assistant professor in 1959 and was promoted to associate professor in 1964. He was awarded a doctorate from Pennsylvania State University in 1956, a master’s degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1952, and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1951.

He served as chair of the chemistry department from 1972-1974 and was acting chair in 1976. From 1985-1992, he was vice president for academic administration, during which time he established the position of dean of minority students. He was president of the Faculty Senate in academic year 1978-79 and from 1997-2000, chairing the Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee in 1980-81.

Even after his retirement in 2001, he continued to teach as a special lecturer in science for another eight years.

In addition to his wife, Dr. MacKay is survived by seven nieces and nephews, including Ben Sweeney ’00, an adjunct faculty member in film at PC, and several grandnieces and grand-nephews.

His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 14 at St. Mark Church, Cranston. Donations in his memory may be made to the Dr. Francis P. MacKay Memorial Fund, Providence College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918. ❧

► MORE ON DR. MACKAY: PROV.LY/PC-LONG-READS

Vito D. Buonomano Jr., D.D.S. '53, '76G, & '13Hon., a loyal and active alumnus who supported his *alma mater* in many ways throughout his life, died on June 6, 2019. Dr. Buonomano and his spouse, Dr. Louise J. (Sarvino) Buonomano '76G & '13Hon., are members of the Harkins Society and 1917 Society. They established an endowed scholarship in memory of the Dominican Fathers at PC and contributed a major gift to the Concannon Fitness Center. He also helped establish the Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund. A dentist and dental consultant for more than 50 years, Dr. Buonomano frequently provided *pro-bono* dental work for the College's Dominicans at his nearby Providence office and regularly attended College events including reunions. He was presented with the Personal Achievement Award by the National Alumni Association in 1993.

Rev. Edward Raymond Daley, O.P. '46 & '81Hon., who served as prior provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corporation from 1980-1988, died on May 17, 2019. Father Daley ministered as a Dominican priest for 67 years, including numerous administrative positions with the province. He held both a licentiate and doctorate in canon law and was awarded an honorary doctorate in sacred theology by PC in 1981. His survivors include a niece, Ann T. McCormick '82.

Joseph V. DeStefano '52, a Faithful Friar Award recipient and former member of the National Alumni Association Council, died on July 13, 2019. A career educator, counselor, and administrator in the Providence public school system, Mr. DeStefano remained an active member of the PC community through involvement with the NAA, class reunion committees, and class phonathons. His survivors include his daughter, Diane P. (DeStefano) Duffy '85, and her husband, Peter Duffy '84.

Hon. Donald F. Shea '50 & '06Hon., who served 18 years on the College's Providence President's Council and had an accomplished judicial career, died on Aug. 14, 2019. Justice Shea served nearly 25 years with the Rhode Island Supreme Court, in addition to time as a Superior Court judge and state representative. Among his survivors are daughters Michaela Shea McInnis, Esq. '77 and Sara Shea McConnell, R.N. '81, and grandson Michael Shea '02.

James P. Sullivan '59, a dedicated alumnus and a National Alumni Association award recipient, died on Aug. 15, 2019. Mr. Sullivan received a bachelor's degree in business from PC. After graduating, he remained active in alumni affairs, in roles such as class ambassador, class agent, reunion committee, and through other volunteer and philanthropic endeavors. In 1989, Mr. Sullivan received the Bishop Harkins Award from the NAA. His survivors include daughter Maureen Donaghay '86, who is a senior philanthropic officer in the PC Office of Major Gifts.

Anne E. Barone '89SCE, former associate dean of enrollment services at the College, died on April 26, 2019. Ms. Barone served PC for nearly 43 years, working from 1975-1990 in the School of Continuing Education before joining the registrar's office as assistant registrar. She was promoted to director of registration and scheduling in 1998 and to associate dean of enrollment services in 2007, serving in that role until April 2018. She was an avid Friars hockey fan.

Dennis E. Mello, former database administrator at PC, and his wife, Jeannette, died on June 21, 2019, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in Canterbury, N.H. Mr. Mello worked as PC's database administrator in the Department of Information Technology for 15 years, retiring in 2016. He was a graduate of Johnson & Wales University and served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Paul J. Shanley, the twin brother of College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80, died on Aug. 19, 2019. Mr. Shanley worked in law enforcement for many years, attaining the rank of captain in the Warwick, R.I., Police Department before retiring in 2007 and taking up the position of deputy chief of police at Brown University. In addition to Father Shanley, his survivors include two children who graduated from PC, Evan P. Shanley '09 and Meaghan Shanley '19SCE. ❧





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| Michael P. Pane '52 | Alfred Pomerleau, Sr., C.P.A. '60 | Francis Mooney '68 | Charles E. Lazarski, II '97G |
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| George M. Landanski '53 | Bruce A. Hendsey '61 | Leonard J. Pacheco '69 | Dr. Francis P. MacKay
(retired faculty) |
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The Last Word

“The crucifix is the greatest visual representation of the gift of our salvation in Jesus Christ — grace. The hope is that an individual viewing it will be drawn into the gift of salvation — faith.”

— Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P. '71,
associate College treasurer

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As part of the My HomeCourt project, Providence College Galleries, led by Jamilee Lacy, commissioned artist Jordan Seaberry to design this mural on a basketball court at Harriet & Sayles Park in South Providence. The court is named in memory of Omar Polanco, a young man from the neighborhood who died in a 2012 shooting. The mural includes his silhouette.

