B.J. St. Germain from the Grounds Department checks on some of the 5,550 pansies growing in the greenhouse on campus. Overall, 15,000 plants are grown in the College greenhouse over the course of the growing season.
Lifelong Growth

Along with Holy Cross students, faculty and staff, I am spending these early spring weeks preparing for the Commencement of the Class of 2016. As we polish speeches, prepare the campus, finalize plans for the DCU Center and attend to details of events that will help launch our seniors into the world, two things are on my mind: the extraordinary transformation these young women and men have experienced during their four years on the Hill and the impact they will make in the years ahead.

They have, of course, already made an impact on the Holy Cross community in ways that they may have never imagined when they were in high school. They have excelled academically, assumed leadership roles, created art, undertaken original research, performed on stage, studied abroad, stood in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, been part of a championship team ... the list goes on and on. Yet their collegiate accomplishments are only the beginning. As I hand them their diplomas at graduation this year, I will be thinking of the gifts, nurtured here, that they will now bring to the places they will go throughout their lives and careers— to their neighborhoods and parishes, to our cities and industries, to our civic lives and global communities, to medicine, business, schools and universities. This is what Holy Cross graduates have done for generations.

Fittingly, the overarching theme of this edition of Holy Cross Magazine is a wide-ranging exploration of what comes after four years on Mount St. James.

You will read several highly personal stories of unexpected new careers, including that of Kate Ginsbach ’11, who overcame a couple of early setbacks to find an entirely new passion that is changing the lives of others; and those of four alumni who reinvented themselves and found successful and productive second careers. You will discover how conversations about classroom teaching today are shaping the careers of Holy Cross students and alumni. And you will learn more about two distinctive Holy Cross programs—the Washington Semester and the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies—that are providing a solid foundation for students to explore their passions, no matter what their major.

Every Holy Cross graduate has a distinctive story of what came after he or she crossed the graduation stage, and I wish we could tell every story in a single issue. The Holy Cross stories of changing careers and changing lives span the decades. The great men in the 60th Reunion Class of 1956 will gather at a special panel during their upcoming reunion to discuss their “second acts”—men like Tom Beecher ’56, who combines a thriving law career with board membership in the Buffalo health care sector that has revolutionized the industry in the city. Or women like Kate Curran ’85, who, inspired by her parents’ lives of public service, traded her job as a GE executive to create School the World, a nonprofit that builds schools and brings education to Central America. Or John Keenan ’71, who, after a career as a public school teacher, used that knowledge and experience to create a company that works to increase literacy among low-income children. Not only does he write curricula for summer programs on the topic, but he even found himself in a recording studio, where, alongside his wife, Jo-Anne, he writes and records children’s songs about literacy and the environment.

I want to extend thanks to Suzanne Morrissey for shepherding the articles in this issue into print, and for her work on the 28 issues that preceded this one. The Holy Cross community is grateful to her for telling our stories during her tenure as editor.

Finally, I close with a note of congratulations to our men’s basketball team. Their Patriot League championship triumph led to our first win in NCAA play in 63 years. And as befits our theme this season of what comes after Holy Cross, I hope you saw the Time.com article posted the week before the Final Four. Time.com ranked the teams in the NCAA tournament by performance in the classroom—focusing on each school’s most recent basketball “graduation success rate,” which measures how many students leave their institution in good academic standing. Holy Cross men’s basketball has a 100 percent graduation success rate. “If the men’s hoops brackets mimicked academic performance ... Holy Cross would be cutting down the nets,” Time.com reports. “[Holy Cross] had the strongest academic ranking of all 68 teams in the men’s tournament.”

It is yet another indication of how Holy Cross students—and alumni—are using their gifts, their liberal arts education and their commitment to excellence in and out of the classroom to accomplish great things throughout their careers.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.
President
Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., ’53 at center court in the Hart Center, holding a photo from his days as a Crusader basketball star. His retired number, 32, is visible hanging on the wall over his shoulder. The Boston Celtics drafted Fr. Markey in 1953. See his draft letter from the Celtics in this issue’s Artifact.
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DEAR HCM,

Lucky Alum
I LOVE the magazine—I read it cover to cover, often twice. Makes me realize how lucky I am to be an alum, and to have had such an amazing experience as a Crusader.

—— Phil O’Donnell ’91
New Canaan, Conn.

Proud Reader
Just wanted to drop a line and say thank you. When I opened the Winter 2016 issue, I found articles about Professor Andrew Futterman (who taught me psychodiagnosis and was my honors thesis adviser my senior year) and Professor Mark Freeman (one of my honors thesis readers), and I learned that Rev. Michael Rogers, S.J., ’02 (known to me as Mike, sophomore mentor in Hanselman, home of our FYP class) was becoming a new chaplain at our alma mater. I also loved the article about Kimball Hall (where I spent many hours “breaking trays” as a freshman) and an article about Ted Lombardi ’01 and Val Geary ’01, who were in College Choir with me for my first two years. The day after I received this issue, I caught an interview on NPR with Jon Favreau ’03, former speechwriter for President Obama—and also my class valedictorian. Never felt prouder to be a Crusader. Thanks for bringing back such great memories. Hoiah, Holy Cross!

—— Emily Hunter Bacon ’03
Atlanta

Why He Said Yes to Holy Cross

EDITOR’S NOTE In connection with our cover story on the College’s admissions process, we asked alumni readers to tell us why they said “yes” to Holy Cross. Adam Cohn ’99 replied with an interesting spin on his acceptance story. Still want to share yours? Email us at hcmag@holycross.edu.

Holy Cross has been part of our family for decades. My brother, Brendan, is an ’03 grad, and our father, Rick, is a member of the Class of 1968. I attended football games and tailgates on campus since I was very young. But funny enough, I said “yes” to my acceptance letter from admissions for the year I wouldn’t be at Holy Cross. I knew as a high school senior that I wanted to major in Spanish and study abroad. When I was looking for colleges, it was the study abroad programs that were my main draw. Holy Cross’ program was heads and tails above the rest. After sitting in on a presentation by the study abroad department, where we were told that Holy Cross students go away for a full year, and mostly to places where there weren’t other American programs running, I was sold. My family has always loved Holy Cross, but what really sealed the deal for me and made it my decision to say “yes” was the study abroad program.

Three years later I was spending my junior year abroad in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, and I’ve been back numerous times since. My first job after Holy Cross was in sales for an international education and cultural exchange company, and I’m now living in London managing marketing and business development for a global law firm. My partner is

— Adam Cohn ’99 in Paris and little Adam at his first Holy Cross tailgate, tackling some game day fondue.

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British and works in human rights law, so as a result, we spend as much of our time traveling, exploring and learning as possible. Holy Cross set me on a global track and instilled in me a true mindset of “men and women for others” for which I’m eternally grateful. ■

Adam Cohn ’99
London

Kimball Memories
I loved the article on Kimball Hall in the Winter 2016 issue (“Mother Kimball,” Page 78), and I’m sure it brought back great memories to anyone who ate there.

For most in my class, eating “institutional food” was a comedown from home-cooked meals. For me, thanks to my mother’s terrible cooking and not much money, eating at Kimball was a big upgrade in both quantity and quality. It was my first exposure to swordfish steak!

Two memories stand out for me: 1. I was in Kimball (with 800 other guys) when the lights dimmed and then went out in the Great Blackout of 1965. The ensuing food fight in the dark was worthy of Animal House. 2. At the Christmas banquet in 1964, the Holy Cross Glee Club was joined by the Newton College Glee Club singing standard Christmas songs. For the last song, the complete audience joined in singing “Noel.” I’m sure most of us couldn’t sing well, but hearing 800 male voices with the glee clubs gave me chills. It was probably the Kimball acoustics. ■

William E. Neagle ’69
Seaford, N.Y.

First Food Fight
I was a waiter in Kimball and therefore was interested in the “Mother Kimball” feature in the latest issue—it brought back some fun memories. Elvis Presley was pretty popular in the 1950s, and because of that a near riot erupted long before the movie Animal House came out. We had a record player in Kimball, and usually classical music was played. But one day, “Hound Dog” was put on. The first food fight in my memory started up with people throwing bread and rolls. Eventually, of course, the Jesuits had to step in. ■

Robert J. Blanch ’59 P85, 84
Ashland, Mass.

Jesuit Wisdom
I truly enjoyed your recent article about Kimball Hall. One memory of Kimball came back—one that truly embodies the essence of the Jesuits’ inventive approach to education. When Lower Kimball opened it was not called that by the students. We knew it as the Senior Dining Hall, for only seniors or those invited by them could enter. IDs were checked. Undergraduates need not apply. In 1968-69, we seniors revealed in our exclusivity. Only years later did I realize what a master stroke Lower Kimball had been. For several years before this I had seen the chaos and havoc that was the Hundred Days Party, more accurately described as a free-for-all food fight celebrating the fact that graduation was 100 days away. Food, plates and even those heavy metal pitchers grew wings. It was a great release for all, but was as dangerous as it was expensive. Even the presence of the dean of students, who, rumor had it, had made the final cut with the Boston Patriots, could not slow it down. But in the Senior Dining Hall, Hundred Days Party was celebrated with a menu of filet mignon and baked Alaska for dessert. Even a group of all-male students in the ’60s wouldn’t throw filet mignon around. Problem solved. In four decades of teaching in higher education, I never again encountered such a clever way to address a behavioral problem. Jesuits rule! ■

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The Winter Cover
Thank you, readers, for your great feedback on the Winter issue cover story about the College’s admissions process. Many of you enjoyed the cover image, which depicts a student “putting on the purple” over a high school jersey, indicating she is coming to Holy Cross. Two students stepped up to be our models for that cover shoot, our fall intern Claire McMahon ’16 and her friend Eddie Gibbons ’16, top left. We also conscripted senior interviewer Elizabeth Cohn ’16, who happened to be in the admissions office the day we were shooting. Cohn agreed to walk through the scene photographer Rob Carlin had set up in the hallway for a potential cover image dozens of times and her smile never waivered. Special thanks to our enthusiastic student model volunteers! ■
A Spring Welcome and Fond Farewell

Welcome to the Spring issue! Springtime on the Holy Cross campus is a spectacular sight, as all of the readers of this magazine surely know. Whether you spent four years here as a student, have visited a son or daughter here or have the honor of working on campus, you know that the warmth of spring melts away any lingering snow and reminds us that Holy Cross is not just a pretty place, it’s a registered arboretum with an abundance of unique plantings to enjoy. With the latest installment of our seasonal photo spreads by Designer Stephen Albano and Photographer Tom Rettig on the next page, you’ll get a taste of the stunning spring flora on the Hill.

And speaking of design and photography, you may have already seen on social media that HCM’s redesign last year—the brainchild of Stephen Albano (below, top left)—won an Award of Excellence from the University & College Designers Association (UCDA). We’ve heard from you, the readers, that you enjoy the look and feel of each issue, so receiving this national accolade from the UCDA is delicious icing on the already-sweet cake.

The Magazine has also recently earned a bronze award for Excellence in Photography from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The images submitted for that honor were taken by Tom Rettig, and included two of our all-time favorite Rettig shots (below): the College’s vintage orange Allis-Chalmers model B tractor and the impossibly gorgeous sunset view of Dinand Library from the steps of O’Kane.

As you turn the pages of this issue, you’ll find stories about alumni who have followed their passion for public service all the way to the White House, as well as students, faculty and staff who are achieving at national and even international levels in their chosen fields. You’ll meet Kate Ginsbach ’11 and hear her story of persistence and success in the world of extreme sports. You’ll learn more about the Holy Cross alumni who have joined the ranks of Teach for America after Commencement—and the
intriguing connection a group of alumni from the 1990s have with slain journalist James Foley after they shared the TFA experience with him.

Springtime is the season of change, so we hope you’ll enjoy our feature on alumni who have drastically changed their career paths to pursue their passions. We call it “Second Acts.” (I have a bit of personal knowledge of this process from my own family. My father, Don, Class of 1965, became a college administrator after more than two decades as an Air Force officer and pilot. And Mom began a career as a special education teacher after working as a homemaker for about 20 years.)

Working on the “Second Acts” feature was a stirring reminder of how Holy Cross gives its students the solid academic grounding to make career shifts—and that the Jesuit, liberal arts foundation forms lifelong learners who have the critical thinking skills to make major life changes.

And now, I share some news of another change: After seven years at the helm of this publication, I am stepping down to pursue a new career opportunity at another institution. Thank you for all your calls, letters, emails and visits to let me know how I was doing as the caretaker of your magazine. And please continue to share your ideas and feedback with Executive Editor Ellen Ryder, Designer Stephen Albano and Assistant Editor Maura Sullivan Hill as future issues reach your mailboxes.

As I said to my colleagues at a recent farewell reception (left), I will always be proud that I worked at Holy Cross, and I will always be grateful that I worked with all of you. Thank you.

All the best from Mount St. James,

Suzanne Morrissey, editor
hcmag@holycross.edu

Quotes of Note

1. “Unemployment is down to five percent, the lowest it’s been in eight years, which means a lot of people are going to be changing jobs. For those who are happy where they’re at, it will be a good time to negotiate for a better package.”

2. “There are so many people who have intruded between the patient and the doctor … We are now not only told to take good care of patients, but how to provide care … When regulators and insurers are ever more intruding into that relationship, it’s interfering with that physician-patient relationship, which is really the secret sauce to successful outcomes.”

3. “Even in the absence of an effective HIV vaccine, which would be the final nail in the coffin of the pandemic, we have the tools to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States and globally. We can save the lives of infected individuals and prevent them from infecting others by getting them into treatment programs and maintaining them there.”

4. “We combined the two best things going, which was the food truck explosion here in Los Angeles and the Maine lobster that we grew up with. Two months later, we went on ‘Shark Tank’ … three and a half years later, we now have 18 food trucks around the country, an online shipping business and our first brick and mortar restaurant in West Hollywood.”
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Winter Homecoming 2016
lear winter skies and bright sun set the tone for Winter Homecoming on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, atop Mount St. James. Kicking off with family skate and swim at the Hart Center, the weekend gave alumni and their families ample opportunities for fun and reflection.

“I was able to catch up with several friends and we shared some humongous lies about how good we look,” says Bill Sinnott ’79, who adds that campus looked “fantastic, even covered in snow.”

Two networking events and panel discussions brought alumni in the education and legal professions together. Heather Johnson ’06, director of the Teacher Education Program at Holy Cross, helped lead the Holy Cross Alumni Educators Reception in Hogan 320, where she says the “energy and passion in the room were outstanding.”

Ray Dewar ’83, who was named principal of Goodrich Academy, an alternative high school in Fitchburg, Mass., last year, says the reception was a good mix of panel presentation, questions and open discussion. “It really allowed for educators to think about and discuss topics ranging from the changes in education to standardized testing to equity issues,” he says, adding that the event confirmed in his mind that there is a strong need for an official affinity group at Holy Cross for educators. “While it is nice to get back on campus for games and shopping in the bookstore, I find it extremely valuable to touch base with my peers in education to share ideas, hopes and ideals with Holy Cross graduates,” Dewar says, “because we all started with the same sense of mission and hope, and it is awesome to see that most of that is still there in each of us.”


“My wife Jackie and I try to attend every year,” he says. “The HCLA puts on a fine program, and it is always a pleasure to meet the College’s aspiring lawyers and hear why they want to enter the profession.” Carter attended Georgetown University Law Center and was a Navy SEAL for 15 years before entering practice. He says he often finds himself “acting as a recruiter for the military, as well as the law.”

Childhood friends Katie Guarino ’08 and Juliane Fitzpatrick ’09, both litigation associates in Boston firms, planned the HCLA event. “We wanted to offer current students an opportunity to learn about the diverse careers of Holy Cross alumni in the legal community,” Guarino says. “We polled alumni from across the country and compiled pearls of wisdom related to each step in the journey to become a lawyer. Alumni in attendance at the event gave an enthusiastic summary of their career paths and chimed in as we discussed topics such as the choice to become a lawyer, applying to law school, making the most of summer internships and navigating a long-term career in the law.”

“His story is truly inspiring and one I will always remember,” says Guarino. “I am incredibly grateful for the chance to participate in his book, which has been a huge success.”

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Later in the afternoon, women’s ice hockey set a new Holy Cross record at its Pink the Rink game, shooting down the Franklin Pierce Ravens and logging their 15th straight win.

Arts offerings included an a cappella showcase in Crossroads and an exhibition of photographic artwork by assistant professor of photography and new media Matthew Gamber in the Cantor Art Gallery. Many alumni took in the Alternate College Theatre’s production of “Chicago” in Fenwick Theatre, directed by Christine Freije ’13. All the performances during the weekend were sold out.

Winter Homecoming festivities coincided with the College’s Give Purple fundraising challenge. The Class of 1982 set the initial goal: 2,500 donations in 43 hours to match its gift of $500,000. Anonymous donors stepped in a few hours into the challenge offering additional $500,000 and $200,000 gifts if the donor numbers exceeded 4,300 before the clock ran out. The final tally exceeded even those expectations, with 6,226 donors pledging $1,939,318.

Caroline Cataldo ’12 says returning to campus is always special, but being on the Hill for Homecoming and the Give Purple Challenge brought an extra level of excitement.

“No matter the class year, each alum I spoke to was extremely aware of the campaign and just as excited as I was to watch our Crusader community shatter records left and right.” —CAROLINE CATALDO ’12

Peter Pasciucco ’05 says returning to campus for the HCLA lunch was “well worth it,” noting that the discussion with students included law firm hiring procedures, interviewing and more.

“I swung by the bookstore and the campus pub after the lunch,” Pasciucco says. “When I walked into the pub, I could clearly envision my former classmate Matt Trainor ’05 sitting on a bar stool reading the latest issue of The Crusader with a tall beer and mozzarella sticks in front of him.”

At the men’s basketball matchup against Bucknell, fans enjoyed a halftime presentation honoring Holy Cross basketball alumni from the 1950s through the 2010s and music from the pep band—all of which kept the purple spirit high despite the Crusaders’ 77-52 loss.
Moot Court Takes National Championship Title; Mock Trial Earns National Berth

In January 2016, Holy Cross’ moot court team took home four awards—including a national title—at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) National Championship Tournament in Los Angeles.

Moot court is a forensic activity where students from different schools compete in simulated Supreme Court arguments. Teams of two students study and master two legal issues, usually related to constitutional rights. They submit written briefs and present oral arguments before panels of practicing attorneys and sitting judges at competitions across the country. This year, the assigned case focused on the free exercise of religion and immigration.

Captain Bethany Fogerty ’16 and assistant captain Daniel Murphy ’18 won the national championship for the written legal brief they authored. Their teammates, captain Briana Mora ’16 and assistant captain Megan Izzo ’17, finished right behind them as runners-up in that portion of the tournament. The two Holy Cross teams topped a pool of 72 briefs.

Fogerty and Murphy were also awarded third place in the oral advocacy competition, from among 80 teams, and Murphy was named the seventh-highest scoring orator at the tournament, earning awards in three competitive categories: written brief, team oral advocacy and individual oral advocacy.

Holy Cross was one of the 80 teams invited to compete at the National Championship Tournament, whittled down from a group of nearly 800 students from dozens of colleges and universities who competed at regional tournaments earlier in the season. Competitors at the national tournament included Williams College, Duke University, the United States Air Force Academy, University of Chicago, The George Washington University, University of Connecticut, Bentley University and Texas A&M University.

“The ACMA has seen a boom in new schools over the past few years with prestigious institutions becoming more involved in moot court,” says John O’Donnell ’04, co-coach of the moot court team along with Neil Petersen ’04. O’Donnell adds, “To be successful in this atmosphere, our students have to work extremely hard and be talented in their own right. Winning the brief writing contest is a real testament to that work and skill.”

Associate Professor of Economics and Accounting Scott Sandstrom, coordinator of the moot court and mock trial teams, explains that the coaches have a distant role in the execution of the legal briefs. “We as coaches and advisers do not, and cannot, advise, review or correct any of the briefs submitted,” he says. “While we were involved in making sure the students understood the various issues in the case, the submitted brief was 100 percent their own work and effort.”

Students begin work for the new season on May 1, spending the summer reading, analyzing and preparing written summaries of cases. When they return to campus in the fall, the team meets for...
BANG FOR YOUR BUCK  Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine ranked the College #29 among all liberal arts colleges on its 2016 list of 100 best value colleges. In the list of all colleges in the country, Holy Cross came in at #48. The rankings highlight public schools, private universities and private liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost.

Cantor Gallery Serves Community

For the fifth consecutive year, the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery will offer its Worcester Public Schools Outreach Program through a grant from the Worcester Arts Council. The program has welcomed more than 1,000 students for hands-on workshops and tours of the Gallery's exhibitions, including Cuban Artists’ Books and Prints in 2012 and Italian Presepe: Cultural Landscapes of the Soul in 2015. “With this recent award,” says Paula Rosenblum, the gallery’s assistant director for communications and operations (above right), “we may have students visit Alexa Horochowski’s video installation, Club Disminución, this spring, or the Pua and Power textile show scheduled for the fall of 2016.”

Sandstrom says, “Students learn how to analyze a case, weigh strengths and weaknesses, anticipate likely objections and learn how to present a clear, concise and winning argument in a civil manner.” The team earned the National Championship spot with a 6-2 record against the other schools at the regional tournament, one of the top records in the event. —Mauro Sullivan Hill with Evangelia Stefanakos ’14

STUDY ABROAD ACCOLADES  The Institute of International Education ranked Holy Cross #3 on its list of U.S. baccalaureate institutions with long-term study abroad programs. "An academic year abroad offers an unparalleled opportunity for real cultural immersion," says Brittain Smith, director of the study abroad program. “Students return to Holy Cross as more independent, inquisitive learners, as multicultural human beings and as conscientious global citizens.”
Black History Month Features Artist-in-Residence

Even though it’s been 25 years since Rodney King was brutally thrust into the national spotlight, his story remains a tale for our times. And no one tells it quite like Roger Guenveur Smith.

Smith, an award-winning actor and writer whose film roles include parts in “American Gangster” and “Final Destination,” was an artist in residence at Holy Cross from Feb. 22-23, in conjunction with Black History Month events and sponsored by Arts Transcending Borders (ATB).

His residency included a screening of “A Huey P. Newton Story,” Spike Lee’s film adaptation of Smith’s play about the Black Panther Party co-founder; class visits, discussions and workshops; and Smith’s mesmerizing, one-man performance of “Rodney King.”

King’s beating at the hands of Los Angeles police after a car chase in 1991 was captured on video, and the acquittal of the officers in the criminal case the following year touched off riots in the city that killed more than 50 people. King lived a complicated and troubled life, both before and after the assault, and he was found drowned in his swimming pool in 2012.

The video of the police officers hitting King with batons and tasers made him the nation’s first reality TV star; Smith says in the monologue, and much more recent videos showing police beating African-Americans have touched off a national debate on police misconduct and spawned the Black Lives Matter movement.

Smith tells King’s story simply and powerfully, taking the role of narrator and interrogator, interviewing King after his death. The actor is alone on stage, barefoot and wearing a dark polo shirt. A microphone is his only prop, as he dramatically conveys King’s life, including the brutal beating he endured, his pained reaction to the riots and his heartfelt attempt to stop them by jettisoning a speech prepared by his lawyers in favor of one with his own message: “Can’t we all get along?”

While some African-Americans ridiculed King for what he said, Smith said in a Q&A after the show that he considered it one of the great American speeches. “It stopped a riot,” he told the full house at Seelos Theater. “The ‘other’ King never stopped a riot, although he made some good speeches.”

Students and faculty alike found Smith’s visit inspiring.

“His important work raises issues that resonate with our Holy Cross community and the Arts Transcending Borders theme of Gravity and Grace,” said Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre who serves as ATB director. “His dense writing style and challenging subject matter provide the gravity, while his lyrical acting, sophisticated vocal technique and fluid physical choices are pure grace. We hope this residency is the beginning of future collaborations with Roger.”

And sophomore Katrina Black called Smith’s performance of “Rodney King” “a very eye-opening experience. It brought up the uncomfortable conversations we need to have.” —Dave Greenslit
In February, the Holy Cross community bid farewell to Donna Wrenn, director of employee relations, after 55 years of loyal and distinguished service to the College. Hundreds of employees attended a farewell celebration in Wrenn's honor, and Worcester mayor Joseph M. Petty presented her with a key to the city (above). “Donna’s commitment to the mission of Holy Cross has been extraordinary and her unwavering attention to the welfare of those in our community is legendary. She has touched innumerable lives over the course of her impressive career and has been a remarkable asset to the College,” said David Achenbach, director of human resources.

Aptissimi Leaders 195 students participated in the College’s annual Aptissimi Leadership Conference. The conference is open to all students and is sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement. “The conference offered me an opportunity to contemplate my current leadership style and how to tailor it to the multitude of situations that arise throughout my daily interactions with my peers,” says Edward DeLuca ’17.

Return on Investment Holy Cross is featured in The Princeton Review’s new book, Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck. The Princeton Review chose the schools based on the return on investment ratings it tallied for 650 schools last year, considering everything from academics, cost and financial aid to graduation rates, student debt, alumni salaries and job satisfaction.

Care Package Contest Winner The winning entry from Kerry Gubics P16, of Westlake, Ohio, talked about Mount St. James as a home for his son, Alec Gubics ’16:

“Why was HC the best of the best for our son, Alec? We made a visit to HC in late March. The weather that weekend was uncooperative, cold and rainy. But the vibe we picked up, and the welcoming we got from the faculty and staff were beyond compare. We felt like we had landed a home.

A home with an excellent education possibility ... My wife and I were in his room at home going through the pluses and minuses of each school we had visited and Holy Cross was the leader by far. That decision has never been questioned since. Each visit has reinforced that decision over the last four years. We bleed purple.”

We presented the care package of every Crusader’s dreams to Alec in March 2016 (above).
Men’s Basketball Caps Off Historic Season with NCAA Tournament Appearance

The Crusaders men’s basketball team entered the Patriot League Tournament with a 10-19 record and as the No. 9 seed—a long shot to go far in that tournament, let alone make it to the NCAA. But not for these road warriors, who pulled off four victories on the road to win that tournament and earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007.

The Crusaders bested No. 1 seed Bucknell and No. 2 seed Lehigh on the way to their Patriot League Tournament victory. They were the first team in conference history to win four tournament games. This title is the sixth Patriot League Championship for the Crusaders, the most wins of any school in the league.

The Patriot League Champions earned a spot in one of the “First Four” games of the NCAA Tournament, and the team continued to make history at the Big Dance. Their 59-55 victory over Southern University of Baton Rouge, La. in the First Four game was the first NCAA tournament win for a Crusader team in 63 years. They eventually fell to the No. 1-seeded Oregon Ducks in the first round.

Campus was alive with excitement during this historic tournament run and hundreds of students packed into Crossroads to watch both games. Off campus, alumni gathered at 15 official watch parties. Holy Cross also got a lot of action on social media, trending nationally on Twitter three times during the early rounds of the tournament. Supporters also showcased their purple pride by sharing pictures—including quite a few kids and pets—in their Crusader gear. —Maura Sullivan Hill

FROM SELF DEFENSE TO TITLE IX  Ann Cahill ’91, professor at Elon University and author of Women on the Hill: Alumnae Reflect on Twenty Years at Holy Cross, 1972-1992, gave a talk in Rehm Library exploring two attempts to undermine rape culture, self-defense classes and mandatory Title IX reporting policies. She argues that a philosophical understanding of assault and its harms is necessary to determine whether these methods are successful.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC  The Holy Cross Chamber Orchestra and College Choir joined the Worcester Symphonic Project on Feb. 14 in a performance at Mechanics Hall in downtown Worcester. They performed Beethoven’s First Symphony and Schubert Mass in G Major with a combined Colleges of Worcester Consortium chorus and soloists.
Defying Gravity

Inspired by his Algerian roots, French choreographer Hervé Koubi formed an all-male dance company of Algerian and Burkinabé dancers. In March 2016, the company brought their show, “What the day owes to the night,” (“Ce que le jour doit à la nuit”), to Holy Cross as part of Arts Transcending Borders (ATB). The gravity-defying show celebrates the grace of contemporary and street dance traditions. This is the group’s third U.S. tour. The visit to Mount St. James included a question and answer session, class visits and workshops in contemporary dance, hip-hop, capoeira (Brazilian martial arts) and African dance.

Love in the Lecture Hall: Alumni Get Engaged in Classroom Where They Met

On Dec. 19, 2015, Anthony Quinn ’11 surprised his girlfriend, Ellie Deluca ’12, by proposing in the Stein classroom where they first met. Their Holy Cross friends, Douglas Broussard ’11 and his fiancee, Kendra Demakis ’10, decorated the room the night before, thanks to some coordination by staff in the registrar’s office, who assisted in planning the surprise. “I chose to propose to Ellie at Holy Cross because without Holy Cross there is no us! We met my junior year (her sophomore year) in a history class taught by the amazing Fr. Kuzniewski,” Quinn says. “It was only fitting that I would use that same classroom we began our relationship in to be the same spot we would begin the next chapter of our lives together.” Fr. Kuzniewski surprised the couple when he stopped by to offer his congratulations and a prayer.

GLOBAL AUDIENCE  The McFarland Center’s Catholics & Cultures initiative aims to foster study of contemporary Catholic life around the world and to provide teaching resources about Catholic life. The numbers are in after the initiative’s first year, and people are paying attention: More than 30,000 viewers visited catholicsandcultures.org to experience videos, essays, photos and more.

HELLO FROM THE OUTSIDE  New webcams provide 24/7 high-definition video streams of three spots on campus: the Hogan Courtyard, Linden Lane/O’Kane Porch and construction at the Hart Center (left). A fourth camera shows construction at the Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center in West Boylston, Mass. Visit holycross.edu/webcams.
Whether leading prayers, teaching courses or administering College business, the members of the Holy Cross Jesuit community are an essential presence on campus.

Hailing from across the country—and around the world—these 23 men proudly promote the College’s Jesuit mission and profoundly enrich the lives of the entire Holy Cross community.

Historically, the Jesuits have always played a major role on campus. In fact, up until the late 1960s, they governed the College exclusively and, according to Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., College historian and professor of history, “dominated the faculty and administration through sheer force of numbers;” at that time, they totaled more than 100.

Due to the decline in the number of Jesuits and the decision to separate the Jesuit community from the governance
structure of the College in 1969, the role of the community on campus has changed considerably. Yet one thing remains the same: Jesuits are actively involved in campus life—and their influence is significant.

In his role as vice president for mission, Rev. William R. Campbell, S.J., ’87, exemplifies the impact of the Jesuits.

“During my years as a Holy Cross student, I got to know some of the Jesuits on campus as my teachers, mentors and even friends, and I soon realized how drawn I was to who they were and what they represented—so much so that I began to imagine myself as one of them,” he recalls. “Being back here on campus in my role is truly a great privilege ... I am now aware of the great responsibility that I can play in helping to shape the lives of today’s students.”

The Holy Cross Jesuit community is currently comprised of the College president, administrators, professors...
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chaplains, among others, and the vast majority of members reside in Ciampi Hall, where they celebrate Mass and dine together daily. They work and pray cooperatively in a social environment, taking time to celebrate each other’s personal and professional accomplishments. Known for their hospitality, Jesuits regularly invite students, faculty and staff to Ciampi for talks, meetings and, of course, meals.

“We interact as a family,” explains rector Rev. John Savard, S.J., lecturer in education, “and we remain connected with the College. That’s a value.”

Indeed the benefits of having a Jesuit presence on campus are evident in virtually all aspects of College life. In the classroom, Jesuit teachers bring the Ignatian tradition to life, exploring faith and knowledge and encouraging students to ask questions. In sacred spaces and on spiritual retreats, Jesuits nurture faith and promote reflection. And in every corner of campus, they inspire students to grow as men and women of faith who are committed to justice and are actively engaged with the world.

“It’s about helping students find the freedom in themselves to find their greatest passions,” explains Fr. Savard. “And as we help students be most alive, that helps us be most alive.”

Concludes Fr. Kuzniewski, who, in his more than 40 years as a member of the community has impacted thousands of lives as a priest, professor and athletics chaplain:

“I have enjoyed interacting with bright and enthusiastic young women and men at a point in their lives where ideals are important and futures are open. Spending time with young people has a tendency to keep me young.”

Award-Winning Study on Service and Spiritual Growth

Michelle Sterk Barrett, the director of the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, has received two awards for her dissertation on spiritual growth during service learning experiences. She received the Dalton Institute on College Student Values Dissertation of the Year Award, which is given by Florida State University to an outstanding doctoral dissertation relevant to the field of college student character and values development. She also earned an Honorable Mention Dissertation Recognition from the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement.

Sterk Barrett completed her dissertation work and Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts Boston in 2015. Using data from her nine years as the assistant director of the PULSE Program for Service Learning at Boston College, she set out to find which circumstances led to spiritual growth during a student service learning experience. She found that the key to spiritual growth is a balance of challenge and support.

While participating in community service, students are challenged to think about the injustice that they are witnessing, oftentimes by building relationships with people who didn’t fit their assumptions and stereotypes. “Witnessing the injustice is an eye-opening experience that leads to spiritual struggle. Students have to think about really hard questions: ‘Why does suffering exist? What is my meaning in life if this is happening around me? How should I respond? How does a God let this happen?’” Sterk Barrett says. “They have to deal with these questions, but at the same time have the support of class discussion and reflection, and it leads to spiritual growth.” The support is a key element, because it provides a framework for the students to reflect on these tough questions, rather than being overwhelmed by the enormity of the issues.

Sterk Barrett first wanted to explore the spiritual impact of community service more than 20 years ago, after a life-changing service experience of her own. “I first wanted to study this when I did a postgrad year of service,” Sterk Barrett says. “That year of service impacted me so deeply, on a spiritual level, that I wanted to figure out what happened to me.”

Sterk Barrett has also integrated her research findings into the work she does here at Holy Cross, working to increase community service components in Montserrat courses.

“What is so exciting about the awards is that it helps to get the work out there,” she says. “It is not about me and my knowledge or getting a degree, but about having a positive impact on the way people operate in higher education.”

Down the road, she hopes her research will inspire college and university administrators to incorporate service learning into all academic areas, even in courses where the content is not directly related to religion or spirituality. She also wants to investigate how a student’s race and ethnicity impact service learning experiences.

—Maura Sullivan Hill
Lab Research on Fruit Fly Behavior

Many students at Holy Cross conduct research during their undergraduate careers, but in the fall of 2015, a group of students had the chance to share their research with a wider audience. Dan Luu ’15 and Jessica DeSimone ’13 worked with Sarah Webster, assistant professor of biology, to research fruit fly behaviors. Their peer-reviewed research article, co-authored by Webster, Luu, DeSimone, Timothy Murphy ’14, Thomas O’Brien ’12, Christopher Lally ’12 and Jillian Lindblad ’11, was published in the Journal of Visualized Experiments (JOVE). A camera crew from JOVE came to campus to film Luu and DeSimone for a video that accompanied their article. In the video, Luu and DeSimone demonstrate the technique they used in Webster’s lab to investigate the underlying basis of touch and hearing. ■ —Evangelia Stefanakos ’14

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Philosophy Professor Walks in Gandhi’s Footsteps

Predrag Cicovacki was in India in 2012, working as a Fulbright fellow, when he noticed a disconnect in the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, the legendary nonviolent activist and leader of the Indian independence movement. “People in India worship Gandhi, but they do not actually know much about him,” explains Cicovacki, a professor of philosophy and director of peace and conflict studies at the College. This disconnect revealed itself in his interactions with his colleagues and the graduate students he taught. Rather than adoring the mythical Gandhi, Cicovacki wanted to follow in the footsteps of Gandhi the man. He set out to research Gandhi and take a fresh look at his thoughts, aims and struggles, and, in turn, discover what this more nuanced interpretation means for present-day India. “Mahatma Gandhi’s dedication to finding a path of liberation from an epidemic of violence has been well documented,” says Cicovacki. “For example, Gandhi’s sainthood is based on his views of nonviolence, but India has built one of the strongest and largest armies in the world, and has become a nuclear power: What would Gandhi say about that?”

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The book is earning favorable reviews. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and author of The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, the Wife of Mahatma Gandhi, says, “Predrag Cicovacki’s book, Gandhi’s Footprints, is one more serious and profound attempt to reach the depths of Gandhi’s vibrant way of life.”

When asked what he would like readers to take away from the book, Cicovacki says, “Gandhi should be followed without being imitated. He had strengths and weaknesses; he was a human being.”

While in India, Cicovacki was a Senior Fulbright-Nehru Fellow at the Malaviya Centre for Peace Research at Banaras University in Varanasi, where he taught and performed research on a project titled “Educating for Peace, Nonkilling, and Humanity.” A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1991, he has published more than 92 essays and papers and authored or edited more than 16 books. ■—Mauro Sullivan Hill and Cristal Steuer

New Books by Jenks Chair Make Headlines

Julianna Baggott is the W.H. Jenks Chair in Contemporary American Letters and a visiting professor in the English department, but to thousands of readers, she is known as author Bridget Asher. Asher is one of two pen names that Baggott uses in her writing, in addition to publishing as Julianna Baggott.

Her most recent Bridget Asher book, All of Us and Everything, was named a “Best New Book” by People Magazine in November 2015. The book follows the adult lives of three sisters whose eccentric upbringing impacted their lives forever. Esme, Liv and Ru grew up believing their mother’s stories that their absent father was a spy. Drama ensues when letters from their father are discovered in the wreckage left by Hurricane Sandy. People called the book, “an indulgent and lively comic novel about stormy women and the spy who loved them.”

She also recently published a novel as Julianna Baggott, called Harriet Wolf’s Seventh Book of Wonders. The book made the New York Times’ list of “100 Notable Books of 2015” and tells the story of the title character, a famed and reclusive author, her daughter, Eleanor, and her granddaughters, Tilton and Ruth. This tale of four women across three generations was called “intricate” and “tenderhearted” by the New York Times. It also received rave reviews from the Baltimore Sun and Entertainment Weekly and was named an “Editor’s Choice” by the New York Times Book Review. ■—Mauro Sullivan Hill
Five faculty members were promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure in the spring of 2016.

Florence K. Anggoro (far left), of the psychology department, earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Her research focuses on conceptual development, specifically how language, culture and formal learning experiences shape child and adult knowledge of the world. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2010, her work has been published in *Psychological Science*, *Child Development* and the *Journal of Cognition and Culture*.

Joshua M. Congdon-Hohman (second from left), of the economics and accounting department, specializes in labor economics, public economics and health economics. He earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2009, his work has been featured in *Contemporary Economic Policy*, the *Journal of Forensic Economics* and *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

Ara Francis (middle), of the sociology and anthropology department, earned her B.A. at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and her M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of California-Davis. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2009. Interested in how people experience personal loss and suffering, Francis teaches courses on self and society, deviance, trouble, death and dying. Her work has appeared in the *Sociology of Health and Illness*, and the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* and she is the author of the book *Family Trouble: Middle-Class Parents, Children’s Problems and the Disruption of Everyday Life*.

Nadine M. Knight (second from right), of the English department, specializes in 19th and 20th century American and African American novel and nonfiction; American civil war literature; the American slave narrative; historical fiction; and film and television studies. She earned her B.A. at Princeton University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard University. She is a recipient of the SSRC-Mellon Mays Postdoctoral Retreat Travel Grant and the Robert L. Ardizzone Fund for Junior Faculty Excellence. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2011, her work has been featured in *College Literature*, *MELUS: Multi-Ethnic Literature of the U.S.*, and the *Journal of Science Fiction Film and Television*.

Raza e Identidad (Race and Identity)

with Rosa Carrasquillo, associate professor of history

by Maura Sullivan Hill

DESCRIPTION
Students examine the origins and development of racial and national identities in the Caribbean, particularly in the Dominican Republic, from a transnational and historical framework. The course focuses on the socio-historical phenomena that have shaped the Dominican Republic: Spanish colonialism, the Haitian Revolution, the American sugar empire and the Alliance for Progress economic initiative between the United States and Latin America. The class also explores migration between Caribbean countries and how that influences racial and national identities. This course is taught entirely in Spanish and includes a study tour to the Dominican Republic.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The course aims to explore how Dominicans have historically built their own racial and national identity. Students will be able to identify, understand and analyze how the practices and contexts of colonialism, imperialism and globalization have shaped the Dominican Republic, as well as its influence in other areas of the world, including Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and the United States.

REQUIREMENTS
Reading assignments, group discussions and class participation in Spanish; one paper; a travel diary and photo essay from the trip to the Dominican Republic; one examination

REQUIRED TEXTS
Dominican studies is a small, but growing, field in the United States, which means most writings on the topic are in Spanish. These texts are also expensive and difficult to purchase en masse, so Carrasquillo provides excerpts, chapters and articles from more than 25 books and an array of journal articles for the students. “In terms of history, there is very little translated into English and so, the course needed to be in Spanish,”
The leaders of this movement were white men of the southeast who represented a liberal elite. Carrasquillo closed the class by playing the national anthem of the Dominican Republic and with a discussion about whether the lyrics reflected the 19th-century nation described in that day’s readings. The anthem, composed in 1843, proclaims “Hail, the nation who strong and intrepid/Into war launched itself set to die/When in a warring challenge to the death/Its chains of slavery still it cut off,” and the students discussed how the lyrics reflect the racial interests of the leaders.

**PROFESSOR BIO**

Carrasquillo graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with her undergraduate degree, then continued to graduate school at the University of Connecticut. She earned her Ph.D. in history and teaches courses in Caribbean and Latin American history, including Colonial Latin America, Modern Latin America, Afro-Latin American Religions, popular culture in Latin America, Puerto Rican history and a course on the intellectual history of Latin America called “Rebels and Radical Thinkers.” As a historian, she has published numerous articles and two books about the culture and history of Puerto Rico. Her first book, published in 2006, looked at her peasant roots, *Our Landless Patria: Marginal Citizenship and Race in Caguas, Puerto Rico, 1880-1910*. Her second book was published in 2014 and is a biography of Afro-Puerto Rican singer Ismael Rivera, titled *The People’s Poet: Life and Myth of Ismael Rivera, an Afro-Caribbean Icon*. Since 2004, Carrasquillo has been a member of the Latino Education Institute Advisory Board in Worcester, an organization that advances the educational attainment of Latinos in the city. She is also part of the Latino History Project of Worcester (LHP), a five-year initiative that works to document the Latino experience in Worcester by collecting documents, artifacts and oral interviews for a collection at the Worcester Historical Museum. She has been at the College since 2006 and, in 2013, received the Colleges of Worcester Consortium Faculty Community Engagement Award.

**PROFESSOR QUOTE**

Carrasquillo created this course based on student curiosity she encountered while teaching survey classes on Colonial and Modern Latin America. Many Holy Cross students who are Dominican wanted to know more about their own heritage. “When I am teaching the survey classes, I usually have to focus on the big trends in the area and that excludes the smaller countries, like the Dominican Republic,” she says. “I had many students who kept asking me, ‘What about the Dominican Republic?’ and I had one student, Yomaira Lopez, who kept saying, ‘Professor, why don’t you take us there?’ So the class developed to fill the needs of the students.” Now, Carrasquillo does take her students to the Dominican Republic. Over spring break, Carrasquillo and her students visited the country for a week: They traveled to the border with Haiti and visited Solidaridad Fronteriza (Border Solidarity), a Jesuit organization that works with migrants; visited a batey, the Haitian migrant communities that developed around sugar plantations; and stayed with local Dominican families in the city of Santiago.

**ALUMNI QUOTE**

“I can proudly say that the Race and Identity course opened my eyes. I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic and I never questioned my personal customs or beliefs; they were just imposed on me,” said Yomaira Lopez ’14. “I had the opportunity to understand and analyze my experiences and learn more of my own culture. After this class, I felt more open to explore my own race and also to share my life experiences with my peers.”
Do you speak Jesuit?

If so, you may have heard of a “cannonball moment.” It’s something that comes out of the blue (like that cannonball that hit young soldier Ignatius of Loyola in 1521) and shatters your expected life direction, only to set you on a completely new, eye-opening path.

On Mount St. James, Kate Ginsbach ’11 had two cannonball moments in quick succession. In her third season playing varsity volleyball at Holy Cross, Ginsbach sprained her right leg, suffering nerve damage in the process. Given a choice between swimming and bicycling for rehab, she chose biking. It became her passion.

Then, in Ginsbach’s senior year, she was cycling near campus when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver. She wasn’t badly hurt, but the trauma of the accident prompted the environmental studies major to design an independent study with Psychology Professor Mark Freeman on living a meaningful life. That, too, changed Ginsbach, now a law school student, who combines competitive mountain biking with raising money for an organization that puts bicycles in the hands of people in Africa who truly need them. “That’s really what Holy Cross gets you to ask about yourself,” says Ginsbach, “How are you going to be of service to others?”

Holy Cross is a long way from Ginsbach’s hometown of Hot Springs, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and her family wasn’t crazy about her traveling far away to college. She landed on Mount St. James in large part because her mother, an attorney, works as general counsel and director of development at the Jesuit-run Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

“I grew up with all these Jesuits in my life. I knew if I pitched Holy Cross, my parents would let me go,” Ginsbach says. After graduating, Ginsbach moved to
Twice Kate Ginsbach '11, right, has crushed the Silver Rush 50 mountain bike race to qualify for the big kahuna: the Leadville 100 MTB. The Silver Rush course is known for its tough technical descents, and Leadville is known as the “race of all races,” with extreme terrain climbing to 12,424 feet.
Boulder, Colo., where she worked in a couple of bike shops and, in 2012, got a coveted spot in the Leadville 100 MTB. For the uninitiated, “MTB” stands for mountain bike.

The Leadville 100 MTB (or just “Leadville”), held in the Colorado town by the same name, is a 100-mile mountain bike race that is not for the faint of heart or the weak of muscle. One of the oldest and best known long-distance mountain bike challenges, Leadville bills itself as the race of all races: “One-hundred miles across the high-altitude, extreme terrain of the Colorado Rockies, this event was created for only the most determined athletes,” the organizers say. It starts at 10,152 feet and climbs to 12,424 feet—where the altitude and the spectacular views are breathtaking.

But Ginsbach never made it to the starting line in 2012. She crashed in training, suffering wrist fractures and a head injury. She got a medical deferral, and completed the grueling race in 2013. In 2014, she took on the Silver Rush 50 race, which qualified her for her second run at Leadville in 2015. Last summer, she won that 50-miler once again, earning a spot in the Leadville 100 MTB in August 2016, her third time and second year in a row.

How does someone train for events so long and difficult? “The simplest answer is you just ride your bike for a really long time,” Ginsbach says, adding with a laugh, “and then you just eat whatever you want because you’re burning so many calories.”

In getting ready for the 100-mile trek, she would typically ride six days a week, logging 17 to 25 hours on her bike. But this year, her first as a student at the University of South Dakota School of Law in Vermillion, S.D., she’s not sure if she will be able to train at the same level that earned her 39th place among 146 women, and 604th place overall out of 1,448 in 2015.

As if the distance and the terrain in the Leadville 100 MTB were not enough, Ginsbach faced an additional challenge last year. Early in the race, an arm warmer fell from her pocket and became tangled in the rear derailleur of her bike. In a blog she keeps, Ginsbach recalls saying to herself: “Okay, you have two options now: You can quit, blame it on the derailleur and walk away orrrr you can fight like hell. Oh yeah, option 1 doesn’t exist.’ I took off with a vengeance.”

She soldiered on, using whatever gears still worked, until mile 60, where a crew member straightened the derailleur as best he could. Then she gutted it out the remaining 40 miles to the finish. Despite the problem with her bike, she picked up 38 places overall—and 11 more among women—over her 2013 effort.

Before the 2015 Leadville race, World Bicycle Relief (WBR) contacted Ginsbach to see if she was interested in joining a team riding to raise money for the
organization, which provides bicycles to entrepreneurs, healthcare workers, students and others in Africa. She looked into it, and enthusiastically bought into the mission.

“I think of how much biking has changed my life, and I’m not dependent on using it for transportation,” she says, unlike those in Africa who receive the bicycles. On Ginsbach’s fundraising page for World Bicycle Relief, she tells the story of a rural healthcare worker who increased her patient load from four to 18 a day once she got a bike. Ginsbach raised $4,000 in 2015 for the group, which distributed more than 50,000 bicycles in 2014. She will be fundraising for WBR again in August.

Looking ahead, Ginsbach says that as an attorney she’d like to work for a non-profit, possibly one that makes an impact on healthcare. Both her parents are attorneys, and when her mother ran for a judgeship, Ginsbach helped on the campaign for her and heard about all her parents had done for others. “I just never really realized the impact that both my mother and father have had by being lawyers in a small town,” Ginsbach says.

“I finally understood that, for them it’s not a career, it’s a passion for helping others that really drives them,” she says. “Being a lawyer, you often step into someone’s life at one of their worst moments—a death, someone might go to jail, divorce—they really don’t know what to do. My parents step in and figure out those solutions.”

Ginsbach has big athletic goals, too. Besides this year’s Leadville, she’d like to ride a seven-day stage race in British Columbia and a coast-to-coast race in Costa Rica that will take four days. Before Costa Rica, however, she has to meet another challenge. “I’m deathly afraid of snakes,” she reveals. “I’m trying to get over that before I sign up for that one.”

Freeman, her class dean, knew her for four years and saw Ginsbach’s tenacity early on. “She was a fighter; that was clear from the get-go. I first saw that in the context of academics, where she was fiercely determined to shake off some of the difficulties she had confronted, especially in her first year, and to succeed. But I came to see it even more clearly in the context of athletics,” he says.

The independent study, titled “Optimizing Human Potential,” went beyond examining why elite athletes are able to push their limits to examine, as Freeman puts it, “much more fundamental questions about living and how it might be ‘optimized’.” Readings included Viktor Frankl’s Man’s Search for Meaning, Oliver Sacks’s A Leg to Stand On and Leo Tolstoy’s novella, The Death of Ivan Ilych.

“I came to see in Kate someone with an unusually fertile and imaginative mind, someone who was, who is, truly willing to think, to explore and to push further,” Freeman says.

Like Ginsbach, Freeman is an avid cyclist and he, too, has suffered his share of injuries. In fact, he does most of his “riding” these days on a stationary bicycle—something he knows would be anathema to the adventurous Ginsbach. Still, he admires her pursuits, albeit with a caveat.

“I can’t help feeling just a bit parental, too,” he says. “And so, if by chance she reads these words, I’ll just say: ‘Be careful, Kate!’”

To follow Kate Ginsbach’s 2016 race season, check out her blog at http://backon2wheels.blogspot.com.

Worcester-based writer Dave Greenslit is an avid outdoorsman. A former marathon runner, he has lately turned his attention to skiing and finishing his hike of the Appalachian Trail.
Is There One Right Way to Teach?

BY MAURA SULLIVAN HILL
Holy Cross has launched the careers of generations of passionate and talented teachers. And, in recent years, the College has forged a strong relationship with Teach for America—many alumni have taught with the 25-year-old organization, which has both proponents and critics. But the larger conversation on campus focuses on what is best for the students in the classroom and whether there is, in fact, only one right way to teach.

When Carolina Alvarez ’15 was a student on Mount St. James, she could often be found volunteering with SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development) or tutoring local students. During the summer between her freshman and sophomore years, she worked as a teacher at the Breakthrough Collaborative in Miami, a branch of the national organization that provides teaching experience for college students and accelerated summer classes for underserved populations. When it was time to decide what to pursue after graduation, Alvarez was drawn to Teach for America because of these undergraduate experiences.

“Teach for America’s motto is that one day, all children will have the opportunity for an excellent education,” Alvarez says. “After graduating from Holy Cross and realizing how lucky I was to have such a strong education, I really wanted my future students to have access to those same opportunities.”

She applied to the program and was accepted, and now teaches regular and advanced language arts to sixth-graders in Miami, where she grew up. Alvarez was one of 10 members of the Holy Cross Class of 2015 to join the program.

For seven consecutive years, Holy Cross has been among the top contributors to Teach for America from small colleges and universities. Since the organization’s inception in 1990, 170 Holy Cross graduates have taught with Teach for America.

Teach for America (TFA) is a national teacher corps of recent college graduates who commit two years to teach and affect change in under-resourced urban and rural public schools. TFA, which some liken to the Peace Corps for education, began as a way to address the problem of teacher shortages and inequality in America’s public schools. Founder Wendy Kopp’s plan was to recruit high-performing college graduates to teach in high-need urban and rural schools, putting more teachers in classrooms and ultimately reducing educational inequality.

Grounded in the principles of Jesuit education and social justice, many Holy Cross alumni cite similar desires to increase opportunities for students as their reason for joining TFA. David Floyd ’09 taught sixth-grade reading and writing in Houston for three years as part of TFA, then went on to Brown University’s master’s in urban education policy program. Today, he works as managing director of program and partnerships at Teach for America’s Rhode Island office. He echoed Alvarez’s sentiments, recalling his experience in the College’s First-Year Program (FYP), the precursor to today’s Montserrat program. Then, 160 freshmen were in FYP, and Floyd said, for him, FYP was a natural path to Teach for America.

“The foundational question of the First-Year Program was, ‘How then shall we live?’ and it is like a thought bubble that has followed me around,” Floyd says. “There is such a community-centric focus to that question, because it is not the singular question of ‘How should I live?’ but ‘How should we live together?’ When you think about those aspects of community and equity, which are fundamental questions that Holy Cross students ask of themselves, it leads naturally to TFA, which asks questions about how we work in partnership with others to create education that is equitable and ensure that all kids get a great education, no matter where they live.”

While Holy Cross alumni have very similar reasons for choosing Teach for America after graduation, their career paths after the program are varied. Some TFA corps members stay in teaching, like Marian Bradshaw ’90. Bradshaw taught middle school social studies in the Bronx through TFA. Wanderlust led her to seek teaching positions abroad and she has taught in Egypt, India and China. Bradshaw is currently a seventh-grade English as Additional Language (EAL) teacher in Shanghai, China. “Being outside of America has really taught me how to think and act globally,” she says. “I know I
will always continue to learn and grow as a teacher, as a student and as a human because I’m an educator, and I’m grateful to TFA for opening this path to me.”

Others, like Rachel Provencher ’08, entered other areas of the education field, inspired by their TFA experiences. Provencher went to law school at William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and now works in educational policy at the United States Department of Education. At right, she is pictured with Arne Duncan (left), former U.S. secretary of education, at his retirement party.

Provencher’s eye had been on the educational policy field for a long time, partially inspired by volunteer work she did in the D.C. public school system as a freshman in college, prior to transferring to Holy Cross. She was struck by the inequality and differences in opportunity at public schools in the nation’s capital, where she had expected abundant opportunity for all students. Then she got to Holy Cross and took the Urban Education class, which focuses on education in poor and minority areas and conditions for teaching and learning in city schools. This course led to Provencher’s thesis on social and racial equality in the D.C. public schools.

“Coming out of that senior thesis was a great time for me to enter the classroom through Teach for America,” Provencher says. “I wanted to see how change can happen in small pockets in classrooms and I wanted to really live and breathe the challenges. Then, I wanted to take that experience in the classroom to my further education and potentially be in a place that could create long-standing change.”

Jack Schneider, assistant professor of education at Holy Cross, has done extensive research and writing about Teach for America, and has seen a shift in the organization’s mission over time. What started out as an effort to get more teachers in the classroom has expanded to the idea of future leaders investing their time in teaching for a few years before moving on to other fields. “TFA has messaged explicitly over the years that TFA corps members go on to do great things,” Schneider says. “[They] use language about how exclusive TFA is and how effective they are at identifying future leaders. So you get a lot of people who want to do TFA for two years and then go on and do something else, be an investment banker or go to a prestigious law school.”

Both of these outcomes—Bradshaw’s lifelong commitment to teaching and Provencher’s work in educational public policy—are fulfilling the TFA mission of...
building future leaders who will affect positive change in society. However, Schneider sees room for criticism of the TFA model.

Teach for America’s training program is based on getting teachers into the classroom just a few months after graduating from college. The training—known as the Summer Institute—lasts five weeks. Schneider says that this precludes a more robust training program, which he feels is necessary to properly equip the teachers.

“The problem is that they face this very rigid ceiling with how long their training can be, whereas a traditional model for teacher preparation can improve,” he says. “The bad programs can become good yearlong programs, and a good yearlong program is always going to be better than a five-week program.”

Some, including Schneider, argue that the TFA model diminishes the value of these traditional teacher training programs, much like the teacher education program at Holy Cross. “If you listen to the TFA PR department, you would think that teacher training doesn’t matter, that the best teachers come from TFA rather than traditional teacher licensure programs,” he says. “This portrayal could make students less likely to enroll in a teacher training program or discourage policymakers or college and university administrators from supporting these types of programs.”

The Holy Cross Teacher Education Program (TEP) places an emphasis on urban education and prepares students for licensure in Massachusetts through education courses and student teaching. It is open to students majoring in biology, chemistry, classics, English, French, history, mathematics, physics, Spanish and visual arts. This year, there are 30 students in TEP, as well as 60 students pursuing an education minor. The minor focuses on the psychological, historical, political and social dimensions of contemporary education, rather than licensure.

Gage Salicki ’16 is in the TEP program and will also join the Teach for America corps after graduation, teaching high school social studies in his home state of Connecticut. During the spring semester, he is teaching 10th, 11th and 12th-grade social studies at Auburn High School in Auburn, Mass., fulfilling the TEP practicum requirement. He sees the merits of both programs.

“I think that going into a classroom is critical, because there are so many skills that you learn in preparation for full-time teaching. This semester [teaching at Auburn High] has been extremely formative and that’s only after four-five weeks,” Salicki says. “So I would say that yes, teacher training is important. But, will you be fully prepared for all circumstances that you’ll come across within a classroom, after something like a teacher education program here? Probably not. It’s not as black and white as we would like to make it out to be. There are issues, absolutely, with entering a program without much training, but you also do a lot of your learning as a teacher on your feet.”

Matt Akre ’11 taught ninth-grade English in Hartford, Conn., with Teach for America and is currently in Harvard’s master’s in education program, focusing on higher education and bridging the gap between urban schools and selective higher education institutions. He also counters the TFA detractors: “The thing about Teach
corps members and alumni alike are pitching her own program. TFA recruits, their recruitment methods for ideas when says she visits their website to look at who joined their ranks in 2015. Johnson alumni of the program, with 4,000 more ing to the organization, there are 42,000 and participation perspective. Accord-

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for America and all of the negative press that it has gotten in recent years, is that some people go in expecting social justice and service, and it is not necessarily service," he says. "It's not tutoring, it's not going to a school for an hour once a week. You're there 40 hours a week. It's not for everyone."

With all these factors combined, it can lead to an "us versus them" mentality when it comes to Teach for America and traditional teacher education programs. Heather Johnson '06, the director of the College's Teacher Education Program, doesn't want to see this issue boiled down to such a black and white argument. "I'm neither pro nor anti-TFA," she says. "TFA has been the focus of a conversation that I think needs to be happening more broadly about preparing teachers. TFA is the big guy that is easy to pick on, but the critiques of that model need to be made more generally and about our own programs. Are we really so confident about the way we are preparing teachers in a traditional setting that we can say there is no other way?"

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Schneider agrees with Johnson that this consistency in messaging can be positive, but has some reservations: "The TFA teachers get consistent feedback and experience an alignment between the things they are reading and the things they are being asked to do," he says. "But it can also mean that TFA recruits believe that there is one right way to teach, and only one right way to measure the outcome."

Whether the question is teacher preparation or teaching methods, the underlying focus among those in the Holy Cross community is always the impact on the student in the classroom. "I only have reservations if Teach for America, or any other program, is unjust, or harmful to kids or communities," Johnson says.

Holy Cross Teach for America alumni share the focus on student well-being that the faculty on campus emphasize. Akre points out that it is rare for someone to go into teaching who doesn’t like children, and at Holy Cross in particular, alumni have a drive to make the world a better place. "I think because Holy Cross is so focused on finding your vocation and being men and women for others, it is fertile ground for Teach for America to go and recruit and find people who are passionate about a very just cause," he says.

And at the root of it all is the relationship between teacher and student: For first-year teacher Alvarez, the breakthrough moment in her first semester was convincing her students that they could count on her. "You have to show them consistency and that you care about them, not only academically, but personally," she says. "The second they know that you care, they respect you so much more."

Floyd returned to Houston to run a marathon and made time to have breakfast with Juan, one of his former sixth-grade students, who is now a senior in high school. Back when Juan was a sixth-grader, he challenged Mr. Floyd to a race during recess. "I left him in the dust and all the kids were talking about it the next day," Floyd says. "That was just one of the many moments of joy and laughter and of relationship."

Bradshaw loved seeing her students take pride in their work, especially despite the often difficult circumstances in their home lives and neighborhoods. "I remember one student, Augustus, who was a very talented artist," she says. "When I put his work on a bulletin board in the hallway for all to appreciate, he felt proud that his skill and talent had been acknowledged."

Provencher still recalls the student who pulled her aside at graduation to say, "I wouldn't have made it through if you weren't my teacher." Provencher says: "As a teacher and in life in general, you really don't know the impact you are potentially having on someone else. To know that I had a positive and powerful impact, it made me speechless."

Are you or were you a teacher? Do you have experience with TFA? What are your thoughts on teacher education today? Let us know at hcmag@holycross.edu and we will share with readers in a future issue.
Our Friend Jim

When American freelance journalist James (Jim) Foley was murdered in the summer of 2014, the world took notice of ISIS and the tragic events in Syria. For a group of Holy Cross grads and Teach for America alums, the highly publicized killing was painfully personal. Amy Ryan ’93, Maureen (O’Toole) Griffin ’94, Rich Griffin ’95, Mike Joyce ’95, Cate (Uber) Racek ’95, Jon Racek ’95 and Walter Landberg ’96 built a strong and lasting friendship with the slain journalist during their shared Teach for America experience. Rich explains how his compatriot continues to help forge meaningful connections even after his death.

Jim was a Marquette University graduate when we met in 1996 at the Teach for America Summer Institute in Houston. In no small part because of the Jesuit school connection (and the fact that Jim had considered Holy Cross and knew about our school), Jim quickly connected with me, Walter and Mike, and together we struggled through the muggy Houston summer striving to become teachers. After Houston, Jim and I were assigned to Phoenix for two years, Walter to the Bay Area and Mike, L.A. Jon preceded us in Los Angeles by a year. With Mike and Jon less than six hours away, we found ourselves heading to the Golden State frequently. It would not be unusual for one of them to get a call from Jim and me from a pay phone in Blythe, Calif., at about eight on a Friday night letting them know that we would be in L.A. by 11. Amy Ryan, the wily veteran teacher at all of 25, was often with us, too. She had the unenviable task of mentoring what turned out to be a raucous Phoenix Corps as they made their way through the gauntlet of that first year.

As it is for many teachers, that first year was brutal for Jim. He drew a particularly tough assignment: fifth grade. He had 30 or so 11- and 12-year-olds across all subjects for an entire school day. Some days were successful, many were not. Classroom management was a struggle. When things go bad in the classroom, first-year teachers tend to internalize it; they try to fix it with solitary hard work before others see how bad things are. That was not Jim’s approach. Jim certainly worked hard, but no part of him was built to be solitary. He shared his failures with all of us, daily. And that made all the difference for him, and for the rest of us. He came home and told us about the high participation rate in the “I Hate Mr. Foley Club,” his inability to keep his class in order from one room to the next and about the principal scolding him for poor penmanship. His approach was contagious and because of it, we were able to work through that year together and to have a lot of fun at the same time. Jim used his struggles in the classroom as another way to connect with others. Jim eventually went on to have success in the classroom (though I don’t think his penmanship ever improved much). He remained a close mentor to many of his former students. He even worked multiple summers with Mike, Jon, Amy and Walter at the TFA Summer Institute, training new teachers. After teaching and before turning to conflict reporting, Jim worked as a counselor to young, unwed mothers in the Springfield, Mass., area and as a counselor and educator of young offenders in Chicago. Jim was also a talented fiction writer; he graduated from the University of Massachusetts’s MFA program in creative writing and won awards for his short fiction.

Conflict reporting brought all of Jim’s areas of focus together: his attention to those forgotten or overwhelmed by bigger societal machinations, his love of writing and telling people’s stories, and most of all, his ability to connect with people. Jim’s reporting focused on the individuals impacted by war—those struggling every day to live through it. At the time of his capture, there is no doubt that Jim was doing what he loved, what he felt was his calling. What we all saw in Jim early on was constant throughout his life. Hard work. Serving those on the edges. And connecting with people. Always connecting with people.

Jim’s legacy continues through the work of The James W. Foley Legacy Foundation. Established by the Foley family shortly after his death, the foundation actively works in three areas: hostage release, freedom of the press and education for disadvantaged youth. All seven of us have had the great privilege of supporting the foundation in various ways, none more so than Mike, who works tirelessly as a member of the board. (Mike did get to hang out with Sting at the Sundance Film Festival in connection with the release of the documentary about Jim, so there are some benefits to all that work!).

What is truly amazing is that Jim continues to connect people well after his death. Many of us have had the opportunity to meet friends of Jim from all over the world and all walks of life. The foundation hosts an annual 5K in Rochester, N.H. The next one is scheduled for Oct. 16, 2016. If you are interested in learning more about the foundation or signing up for the 5K, visit www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org.

Jim loved and was loved by an amazing sea of people, and it is a privilege to now call many of them friends.
Amy Brundage '03 looks back on eight years working for the Obama Administration.
Amy Brundage '03 knows what it's like to be in the inner circle, and we mean THE inner circle. As President Barack Obama's deputy communications director until her recent move to the private sector, Brundage was named to The Hill's “44’s Top 44” list in 2013 for being among a small group of trusted advisers who the 44th president relies on to make his administration operate.

Her path to that elite group began on Mount St. James. As a junior at Holy Cross, Brundage considered studying abroad, but was drawn instead to the nation's capital and the College's Washington Semester Program. An English and political science major, she worked as an intern in then-Senator John Kerry's office in the spring of 2002. “I just fell in love with Capitol Hill and politics,” says Brundage, a native of Rockport, Mass.

After graduation, Brundage leveraged her new D.C. connections to get a job on the Kerry presidential campaign, and later became the press secretary in Kerry's Senate office. In 2007, she became then-Senator Barack Obama's press secretary and served on the Obama presidential campaign staff. She began working at the White House in 2008 as spokesperson for Obama's presidential transition team and then as regional communications director. She took the role of deputy press secretary in 2011.

Brundage worked on economic issues for much of President Obama's first term and for the past two years served as deputy communications director, managing the news of the day, dealing with the press corps and strategizing about the President's focus on various issues.

“It's amazing to come to the White House every day,” says Brundage, 34. “We have such a talented group of people to work with and serve the President with.”

She has traveled extensively with the commander in chief, both overseas to Asia and Europe, and several domestic trips, including a visit to Boston for the dedication of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate last spring.

Brundage says Obama truly loves to travel, and it was evident on a 2015 trip to a community college commencement in South Dakota, marking the 50th state that Obama visited while in office. The folks in town had made T-shirts that read, “Saved the Best for Last.”

“After the address backstage, the President went up and down the halls of the school and signed all the students' handmade signs,” says Brundage. The advance team always brought a map with them and on this visit the President filled in the one empty space for South Dakota himself. “I was riding back to the airport with the President and two co-workers—it was clear he had just really enjoyed meeting these people and being someplace I don’t think anybody had expected the President of the United States to be,” she recalls, noting he was struck by the students' stories and the warm reaction from the community.

During her years at the White House, Brundage says she got the most satisfaction working on the automotive rescue and Wall Street reform legislation. She fought to defend the administration's approach to intervene with the struggling car companies—an issue close to Brundage's heart, as many of her family members worked in the industry for years. She also was pleased to see...
Making a difference is part of what fuels Brundage’s passion for politics—and it’s something she says she learned at Holy Cross. “Everyone knows and is impressed by how the Holy Cross leadership encourages service on campus and through the community, but it’s also striking how Holy Cross readies students for careers that are both meaningful to them personally but also give something back,” says Brundage. 

“The perspective that is hard to have, but I’ve come to understand, is that every little piece of this puzzle is important,” she says of her work in public service. “Holy Cross is good at showing that the one little thing you can do for your community makes a difference.”

Brundage says her Washington semester gave her the initial opportunity to realize how much she wanted to have a career in public service, but it was the encouragement of her professors and the leadership of the program to stay involved when she came back to campus that gave her a real chance to be hired in the field after graduating. She points to English Professor Patricia Bizzell as a mentor. For her honors thesis, Brundage wrote about 19th-century feminists and their political rhetoric. “I wanted to link my interest in politics and how people use language and rhetoric to further their causes,” Brundage says. “I looked at 19th-century feminist rhetoric and focused on a few key women who really impressed me by how they strategically furthered their feminist agendas in a successful way even given the patriarchal nature of the American society at the time.” One of those women, Catharine Beecher, was an advocate for women’s education. “In the mid-1800s, she pushed the teaching of topics like chemistry for women, greatly expanding their educational opportunities at the time.”

Brundage also stays in touch with Gary DeAngelis, associate director of special programs at Holy Cross, as he continues to place interns in D.C. through the Washington Semester Program. “I’ve had the joy of directing the Holy Cross Washington Semester Program and teaching at the College for almost 30 years, and Amy Brundage stands out as one of my more memorable students,” says DeAngelis. “It was clear from my first contact with Amy that with her innate intelligence, drive, curiosity and sense of professionalism, she was a natural for a successful career in Washington at any level. Obviously, these qualities have pushed her to the highest levels of government in a relatively short period of time.”

More than 1,100 students have gone through the College’s D.C. program.

Fellow Washington Semester participant and 2003 classmate Jon Favreau, Brundage’s colleague at the White House when he served as the President’s director of speechwriting, says he admires his friend’s big heart. At inspiring moments, whether the passage of the health care bill, a powerful speech by the President or the mention of a real person whose life was changed by the work of the administration, Brundage still tears up.

“For all the years she’s been in politics now, she’s never lost the idealism that she left Holy Cross with,” says Favreau. “This means a lot to her. It’s easy to get cynical in Washington or say ‘I’m doing this because it’s a game or a job.’ I think she never saw it like that. She held on to that idealism.”

Brundage says she has put her all into political work and held fast to the mission of service from her four years at Holy Cross. When she advises young people who are interested in politics, Brundage underscores the commitment required.

“Sometimes you have to do not very glamorous tasks,” she says. “Taking on as much as you can and making the most of every opportunity are really important.” Working on a campaign is all-consuming, but a great experience and one she recommends to those who aspire to work in politics, she adds. “You have to put your entire heart and soul and life into these things,” she says.

Brundage left the White House at the end of 2015 to join the D.C.-based consulting firm of SKDKnickerbocker. As a senior vice president, she will work with various clients, including the Obama Foundation.

“When you work in a high-stakes job like the White House, you need people in the foxhole with you like Amy,” says Jen Psaki, assistant to the President and director of communications for the Obama administration. “She always gets the job done no matter how hard the task and has developed a mastery of issues ranging from trade to health care that have made her not just a typical Washington communications pro, but an invaluable asset. The good news is that she will remain in the Obama family working on the foundation from the outside and won’t be more than a phone call away.”

Added White House Spokesperson Josh Ernst: “Amy has been a critical member of the President’s team and she will be sorely missed, not only for her deft communication skills but also for the laughter and kindness she brought to the job. Amy has certainly left a significant imprint not only on the President’s legacy, but also on her colleagues as a source of knowledge, experience and friendship.”

Making that imprint is something Brundage can trace back to Mount St. James: “Holy Cross is a place that encourages you to see where you can contribute and teaches you to make that part of your life.”

“Without a doubt,” her mentor DeAngelis says. “Amy represents the best of Holy Cross.”
NEEMA HAKIM '14 (above, on the White House lawn) leveraged his Washington Semester internship at the White House into a full-time job as a researcher for the White House Office of Communications. Today, he is an assistant press secretary at the Department of Homeland Security.

**HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE** When you were a student at Holy Cross, you were a Dana Scholar, served as SGA co-president with Natasha Giftos '14 and founded the Worcester Student Government Association, serving as its president. But we understand you found time for even more co-curriculars on campus.

**NEEMA HAKIM** In my first year, I was on the ultimate frisbee team, and I participated in moot court my sophomore year. I went to Wheeling, W.Va., and Narrows, Va., my sophomore and senior years as part of the Appalachia Spring Break Immersion program. I also played keyboard in a band called Foggy Bottoms. We won the Holy Cross Battle of the Bands our sophomore and senior years!

**HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE** Jon Favreau '03, former Obama speechwriter, was your commencement speaker in 2014. What was your takeaway from his speech that day in May?

**HAKIM** Jon Favreau told us, "Cynicism is a choice." At the White House, I’ve remembered those words and they remain a source of inspiration to me today.

**HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE** You describe your typical day on the job as working with speechwriters and policy staff to help fact-check White House materials and gathering information to assist the Press Office in their interactions with members of the

**HAKIM** I remember being in high school when President Obama was first elected. It was that election that really gave me the courage to stand up for others. Having the privilege to now work for that president, I get to come to work every day knowing that I’m fulfilling a goal I set for myself.

Worcester native and son of Iranian immigrants, **NEEMA HAKIM '14** (above, on the White House lawn)
media. What tasks are the most stressful?

**HAKIM** Fact-checking things like the President's remarks definitely comes with its stresses, but learning to keep your cool is key. When you are trying to meet critical deadlines and produce quality, you have to focus. Stress can be a good thing in that it keeps you on your toes, but you don't want to let it distract you from the task at hand. Learning that balance is crucial when it comes to succeeding in this environment.

**HCM** Can you share a day or moment in the White House that was particularly memorable?

**HAKIM** One of the more difficult days in the office was actually when I was an intern. It was April 17, 2013, the day the Senate failed to pass measures to reduce gun violence. I remember watching the President's statement from our office. He was introduced by Mark Barden, the father of one of the children killed in the Sandy Hook shooting. The thing I remember most about the office that day was how eerily silent it was.

The most significant week I remember was the week that culminated on June 26, 2015, the day the Supreme Court ruled same-sex marriage legal in all states. Earlier that week, the Supreme Court declared that health care, in the words of the President, “is not a privilege for a few, but a right for all.” Later that week, my coworkers and I huddled together and watched the President's eulogy for Reverend Clementa Pinckney in Charleston, S.C. When the President began singing “Amazing Grace” and was then joined by those present, I remember almost letting go of a tear. The whole week I felt like I was living an episode of “The West Wing.” Except it wasn’t. It was real. And I’ll never forget walking out onto Pennsylvania Avenue that Friday evening and seeing the faces of happy hundreds looking at the White House, lit up in rainbow colors to reflect the history that was made on that day.

**HCM** How has your Holy Cross education influenced the work you do?

**HAKIM** My Holy Cross education deeply influences what I bring to work.

Political science gave me a strong and necessary knowledge of our political system, but philosophy has played no small role in how I approach the job. When fact-checking materials, I have consistently called upon what I learned from pondering the big questions. Some of those questions are the same ones I ask when working. What is fact? What is knowledge? Is the source I’m relying on credible? And what defines credibility? If I hadn’t been taught by my tireless professors to ask those questions, I wouldn’t be able to perform as well in this job.

**HCM** Whom do you consider your Holy Cross mentors?

**HAKIM** While I was a student at Holy Cross, my two greatest mentors were professors Christopher Dustin and Kendy Hess. Professor Dustin gave me the courage to major in philosophy despite all of the social pressure to choose something more “practical.” That decision was the most important one I made at Holy Cross. Professor Hess was the main adviser for my senior thesis. She was always ready to sit down for hours and press my arguments. Those long discussions gave me the ability to see where my points were strongest, but more importantly where they were weakest. Understanding those weaknesses and tackling them head-on was a challenge I am thankful to have experienced. Since leaving Holy Cross, I have stayed in touch with professors Loren Cass and Joe Lawrence. Both have remained steady mentors who have encouraged me to keep learning and keep reaching. Since graduating, their words of wisdom have always given me the right perspective at the right time.

**HCM** We all have an impression from TV and movies that working in the White House is insanely busy and stressful—even on the good days! Do you think that’s accurate?

**HAKIM** It’s accurate that we’re very busy, but the accuracies end there in my opinion. What’s often lost in the drama is the humanity of this place. Despite the daily grind, people find ways of knowing one another through conversations about family, weddings and the lives that don’t go on “pause” when we walk through the gates every morning. The White House is more than just an office. It’s a family. And it’s one that I am humble every day to be a part of.

**HCM** When telling your story, people often note that your parents emigrated from Iran, and now, one generation later, their son is working in the White House! What advice did they give you?

**HAKIM** My parents are immensely proud of me. But not as proud as I am of them. Leaving everything they knew, they came to the United States from Iran in search of freedom and opportunity. They found both, and raised their children in a country where their son could one day work at the White House. I am grateful for everything they have done for me and for all the sacrifices, big and small, that they’ve made.

When it came to my studies, my dad would tell me one thing: “As long you try your hardest, I’m proud of you.” From that expectation I learned that what matters most isn’t necessarily the outcome, but the effort you put in to making something happen. It’s a philosophy that took off unhelpful pressure and freed me to follow my passions.

**HCM** And what advice do you have for current students who dream of working in the White House someday?

**HAKIM** It’s not a coincidence that I interned at the White House before I got hired. Holy Cross made that easy for me by allowing me to get college credit for my internship via the Washington Semester. Having a record of internship experience opens doors to more interesting opportunities. Before the White House, I was interning at Worcester City Hall, answering calls for the mayor, and at the Massachusetts State House, opening letters. But what I would add is that while securing internships is important, the most important thing is to hone in on your passions. Talk to your mentors, reflect a lot and discover what it is that you love doing. If you can figure that out, then everything else will come naturally.

—Suzanne Morrissey
SARA BOVAT ’14
Live-In Assistant at L’Arche London

Bovat (top left) spent a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) at the L’Arche house in Spokane, Wash., after graduating from Holy Cross. L’Arche is an international, faith-based organization that creates homes for people with and without developmental disabilities to live in community together. Now, she lives and works at the L’Arche community in London. During her Washington Semester, she worked as an intern at “Hardball with Chris Matthews” and found herself zeroing in on what she saw as her vocation.

“The Washington Semester Program offers more than a resume-building opportunity. It was, more importantly, a changing experience to step outside of our lives into a new place, and re-evaluate our values. I realized that I care about the nature of my conversations, being in an environment filled with genuine passion and enthusiasm and surrounding myself with people who are curious about the world, rather than an accomplishment for the sake of an accomplishment. During my Washington Semester, I experienced the importance behind the Jesuit idea of ‘vocation.’ I learned to choose my next steps in the hope of pursuing a full life I want to live, not a title. Holy Cross completely showed me how finding your vocation doesn’t mean picking one thing that you want to do. Holy Cross teaches that the search for one’s true vocation involves pursuing all different, sometimes unexpected, curiosities that form you as a well-rounded person with eyes for compassion. I see my time at Holy Cross, the Washington Semester Program, JVC and L’Arche all as incredible, important steps toward finding my vocation.”

ADAM VERDUGO ’06
Senior Producer at “CBS This Morning”

Verdugo (middle) heads up West Coast operations for this award-winning morning news show. An internship at NBC’s “Meet the Press” during his Washington Semester jump-started his journalism career. Prior to joining CBS, Verdugo worked for NBC News and “Meet the Press.”

“The internship at NBC and the Washington Semester Program was an immersive experience. And it was my first real glimpse of what real life was like: having to live on your own, cooking for yourself and realizing that what you do or say can have a real impact, positively or negatively. It gave me a genuine sense of what it was like to be in the real world, work in Washington and in politics—specifically political journalism. In many ways, it was like a trial run that I was able to put on hold, go back to Worcester to finish school and return with the confidence that I was chasing my passion.”

LESLIE HERRMANN ’11
Founder of NextStep Elite and Teens with Class

Herrmann (top right) offers character and leadership skill training, as well as self-awareness and personal planning curriculums, for college and professional baseball players, young professionals and entrepreneurs. She launched her company after working in Major League Baseball for six years. Her Washington Semester experience planted the seeds for the business she would one day create.

“On my visit to Holy Cross in 2007, the Jesuit mission of ‘men and women for others’ struck a chord with me ... and led me to fly 3,500 miles and choose Holy Cross for my academic and spiritual formation. For the first time, I was surrounded by people ... who asked the tough questions and, most importantly, stayed with me until I found my own answers. I refined my drive when Professor Gary DeAngelis [director of the Washington Program] allowed me to blend my passion for sports with my curiosity for politics in an unconventional, self-designed D.C. semester course of study.” —Maura Sullivan Hill

The Washington Semester Program started in 1971, and for the past 45 years, Holy Cross students have had the opportunity to spend a semester working with national leaders, engaging in independent research and living in our nation’s capital. Many alumni of the program have pursued politics, like Brundage and Hakim, working in the White House or on Capitol Hill. But the Washington Program opens doors beyond the political realm and across the career spectrum.
With their liberal arts education as a firm foundation, these four alumni had the confidence to reinvent themselves

BY KATHARINE WHITTEMORE

The key phrase, surely, is “I once thought.” When you receive a Jesuit liberal arts education at Holy Cross, you soon learn to move right past “once thought,” heading for “think twice” and ultimately plunging into “question everything.” And as you’ll see from the stories that follow, this regimen of rigorous rethinking has equipped those alumni who’ve chosen to rethink one career—in order to leap into a second.

One of them, Terry (Byrne) Broccolo ’79, puts this in her own context: “The thing I appreciate most about Holy Cross is that Jesuit process of never taking the simple answer. You turn everything upside down, and on its ear, and look at it from every direction.” Tim Mooney ’92 adds another layer: “I think Holy Cross fosters an essential curiosity. I keep asking myself, ‘What new ways can I challenge myself? And how can I make a difference?’” Read on to find out how four Crusaders—who’ve pulled off eight (at least!) second acts—transcended the ways they once thought, and so made their lives, and their worlds, a better place.

(opposite) Kathleen Butler Smith ’90 recording her radio show, “Morph Mom Moments,” on City World Radio, which reaches 100,000 listeners in 43 countries and is available as a podcast on iTunes.
My father used to tell me ‘If you want to be interesting, be interested,’” recalls Kathleen Butler Smith ’90. “I’ve learned that the more you listen to someone, the more you’re invested, and the richer the conversation becomes.” Smith’s friends, be they from her hometown of Jersey City, N.J., or Holy Cross, or her fellow moms in Summit, N.J., relish her knack for listening, for connection. But who knew this skill would build a career? Make that two careers—and, on the face of it, two wildly dissimilar careers.

It all began with a tough first year at law school. After majoring in English at Holy Cross, Smith enrolled at Georgetown for her J.D. “I wasn’t doing well in the classroom, and one of my teachers recognized I was a people person,” she explains. “I shifted toward criminal law, talking and working with those in prisons, juvenile detention holding cells and at parole hearings. By my third year, I was doing a criminal justice clinic, and was never in class.” She laughs: “That was my fit.”

Meanwhile, the Smiths (she met her husband, Jim, in law school) started a family: Sarah, born in 1996, then Jack, then Charlie. Kathleen and Jim worked full time for a while, with both the children’s grandmothers handling child care. But in 1999, Smith decided “it was time to be home with the kids, even though I had every intention of returning to the law some day.” Fourteen years went by. She hadn’t kept up with continuing legal education courses. “Reality sunk in,” Smith admits. “It was too late to go back.”

Now what? Smith decided to dust off her English major and try to write a children’s book. One day, she mentioned the book project to a local mom. “She literally rolled her eyes and walked away,” Smith remembers. “I was floored. It really knocked me down.” But wait: surely, not everyone was like this dismissive mom. There had to be others who’d empathize, who’d share how they morphed back into the work world. “I knew how to interview,” Smith says. “I’d interviewed all those kids as a prosecutor. Hey, I can talk to a wall! So I thought ‘I’m going to ask other women to tell me their story.’”

In the fall of 2011, she bought a video camera, and spent the day doing on-camera interviews with some old friends, plus their friends, 15 altogether: “They had amazing stories, and shared such kindness, such help.”

Then it dawned on her—she needed these success stories for inspiration. Didn’t other moms need them too? That January, she launched Morph Mom (morphmom.com), “the single site for the mom searching for something more.” Since then, Smith has gone all over the country and conducted 600 interviews—which include fellow Crusaders Rachel Kaprielian ’90, region 1 director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Kim Morrow Laguzza ’90, founder of Shore Sunhats, and Colleen...
Walsh ’89, founder of Strong Mamas, a fitness and life coaching resource. On the Morph Mom site, you’ll find those videos, plus blogs, forums and job boards.

“Holy Cross gave me the basis to do all this, without a doubt,” Smith reflects. “I wholeheartedly believe in the model of the whole person. Holy Cross gave me a safe space, and the courage to get on my feet and try again. It’s where I learned that failing is not always a bad thing.”

Meanwhile, the momentum just keeps building. In 2016, Smith debuted her radio show, “Morph Mom Moments,” which reaches 100,000 listeners in 43 countries. On the air, she warmly chats with guests in a bistro next to Penn Station. And these guests include everyone from a reverend who runs a rehab center, to a mom who makes jewelry for charity to journalist and author Cokie Roberts. No matter who it is, though, Smith is ever interested, ever interesting.

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SCHONE MALLIET

Schone Malliet ’74 likes to say that he’s a walk-on. He didn’t play basketball in high school, for instance, but as a freshman tried out—walked on—at Holy Cross and made the team. “This is indicative of my journey through life,” he laughs. “A walk-on doesn’t know what he’s not supposed to do. And I’ve done many things I’ve wanted to do, not knowing I wasn’t ‘supposed’ to do them.”

A native of the South Bronx, Malliet “was an African-American student who got lucky,” as he says. No one in his family had gone beyond high school: “I had no traditional path to research colleges, no idea how to plan.” But in the late 1960s, college recruiters had begun actively seeking out minority students based on their PSAT scores. Holy Cross, under the visionary leadership of President Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., was on the cutting edge here. Representatives reached out to Malliet, then at Harlem’s Rice High School, which was run by the Congregation of Christian Brothers.

At Holy Cross, Malliet majored in economics and found mentors in College chaplain Rev. Joseph J. LaBran, S.J., and psychology professor Ogretta McNeil “who gave me lots of tough love,” he recalls. “The thing about poverty is not just the economics. Poverty cuts you off to what’s possible. But Holy Cross gave me the ability to try anything.”

Indeed, after graduation Malliet spent eight years in the Marine Corps, rising to the rank of captain and earning his wings as a fighter pilot. From there, he got his MBA at Pepperdine University and began a career in California’s tech industry. He went on to become the CEO of Via Novus, which equips hospitals with technological and financial support,
TOM RETTIG and later the founder and CEO of alyXsys Inc., a purveyor of business management solutions to the philanthropic sector.

Malliet and his family (wife, Cheryl, and sons, Alex and Julian) now live in New York, having returned in 2000 in part to be near his aging parents. Not only did he change coasts, though, he soon changed fields: He became a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch and then a vice president at Wells Fargo Private Bank. Was it hard to switch from technology to banking? “They are different worlds, sure, but with each job I’ve always picked up the specific industry knowledge,” explains Malliet. “The underlying skill set is that I’m a problem-solver, and this connects to my Jesuit education. Critical thinking is the key to everything I’ve done.”

There came a time, though, when Malliet wanted to do something beyond “making rich people richer,” he says. As a boy in the Bronx, youth-serving agencies had made a difference for him, and it was time to pay it forward. Later in life, Malliet had become an avid skier and ski coach. He realized that city kids were missing out on outdoor fitness in the cold season, so he began the National Winter Sports Education Foundation (NWSEF) for youth in the New York-New Jersey area.

In 2014, the foundation purchased a defunct ski area in New Jersey to open the National Winter Activity Center. Now, the NWSEF provides winter sport instruction, competitions and mentoring, not to mention meals and equipment. The goal? To introduce 100,000 kids a year to winter sports—while also making an impact on fighting childhood obesity and diabetes.

“This is the best job I’ve ever had,” says Malliet. “To see the impact on these kids is incredible.” He’s a technical guy, so technically he’s not on his second act—perhaps his third or thirtieth. No matter: “I feel like everything on my journey has prepared me for this. The ability to raise money and run a business came from working on startups. The ability to focus on a mission came from the Marine Corps. And the idea of making a difference through compassion? That came from Holy Cross.”

TERRY (BYRNE) BROCCOLO

“Let’s just say I’d spent a little too much time worrying about whether Cheez Whiz was ‘tangy’ or ‘zesty,’” laughs Terry (Byrne) Broccolo ’79, when asked about her second act. To set the cheesy scene: It’s 1988, Chicago, in a conference room at the J. Walter Thompson advertising firm. Broccolo was nine years into her ad career by then, a media planner on the Kraft account, and the tangy vs. zesty meeting had reached its fourth exhausting hour. “I was eight months pregnant with my first child,” she recalls. “And all I could think was ‘Cheez Whiz, are you kidding me? I mean, who cares?’ I decided I’d had enough.”

Broccolo knew she wanted to stay home with her children, and eventually find

(above) Terry (Byrne) Broccolo '79 visits with Schuler Scholar Jose Caballero, from Round Lake High School in Round Lake, Ill., a member of the Class of 2016 at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.
a job “that made me feel I was doing something more meaningful.” Don’t get her wrong, though. This psychology major found advertising fun, interesting and vibrant work. Indeed, she dug deep into business analysis and marketing research for the likes of Sears, Kraft, Kellogg’s, Oscar Mayer, even the U.S. Marine Corps.

Broccolo didn’t go straight into advertising after Holy Cross, however; this Evanston, Ill., native spent a few months enrolled in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. But it wasn’t the right fit at the time. After that came her career at J. Walter Thompson (in both the Chicago and Washington, D.C., offices). And while her husband, Peter Broccolo ’78, worked in commercial real estate development, she left the workforce to stay at home to raise their three children, Matthew, Michael and Rose.

“I learned a ton during those 18 years,” says Broccolo. “When you’re a mom, you’re a part-time doctor, lawyer and judge. I knew I couldn’t work for someone who didn’t see my stay-at-home-mom experience as a valuable commodity.” During those years, she also was active in her children's schools, and volunteered at Misericordia, the Chicago residence campus for the developmentally disabled. She spearheaded multiple fundraisers, both for the schools and for a dear friend who had multiple sclerosis.

But the path to her second act really began when she volunteered at Boys Hope Girls Hope, a Chicago-founded college access program for students at risk, and she became a mentor for one of the teens. Something clicked: “This really lit my fire for getting back into counseling and service work—and spurred me back to graduate school.”

When her youngest child reached high school, Broccolo decided to enroll at DePaul University “at the ripe old age of 49” for a master’s in education in human services and counseling, with a focus on school counseling. In her last year at DePaul, she interned in the counseling department at Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Ill. And that’s where she first encountered the Schuler Scholar Program, a prestigious niche college readiness program that installs staff right inside 13 different high schools in Illinois. They help equip and support some 200 youth for a college-based future, specializing in first-generation college-bound teens, students of color or students from low-income families.

At Highland Park, she worked closely with the embedded Schuler staff. They were impressed by her work, and offered her a job. Now, as a Schuler regional director, she manages seven school programs. She trains the staff, visits sites, troubleshoots and shoulders a variety of other projects—including the annual data report, a natural for her, because “it ties right back to my marketing background and psych degree.”

From advertising to motherhood to volunteering to grad school to the Schuler Scholar Program, it’s a tale of reinvention. And Broccolo gives her alma mater much credit for this. “Holy Cross taught me you must not settle for the status quo,” she says. “You have to innovate, and you have to change. That has remained true for me, throughout my life.”

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Down in Cumberland, R.I., The Nature Conservancy oversees 3,000 acres of shimmering pond and towering forest. Many of those acres lie in what’s called the Tillinghast Pond Management Area and it’s a great, big, peaceful place, full of oaks and hemlocks, ospreys and indigo buntings, deer and coyotes. Tim Mooney ’92 works as one of the Conservancy’s top stewards of Tillinghast, plus another tranquil preserve in nearby Charlestown, R.I. Two special places, then—two places that thoroughly changed one man’s life.

“About eight years ago, I made an abrupt career shift,” says Mooney. “I ditched my pressed suits and dress shoes in favor of flannel and hiking boots.” But let’s talk suits before boots; right after graduation, this political science major began a career in politics. He spent seven years in Washington, D.C., as a speechwriter and legislative assistant for Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island, until the senator’s death in 1999. When Lincoln Chafee succeeded to his father’s seat, Mooney signed on as the new senator’s deputy state director, leaving the nation’s capital for his state’s capital.

Both Chafees, moderate Republicans, were renowned for their dedication to the environment. In Providence, Mooney reached out to all the state’s environment stakeholders—U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the Audubon Society, Save the Bay—and Lincoln Chafee ultimately secured $20 million in federal conservation funding. Come his re-election year in 2006, though, “the writing was on the wall,” recalls Mooney. “Washington was more and more about party control and less and less about constructive legislation.” Indeed, Chafee lost, and Mooney was out of a job.

To retreat and reflect on his next move, Mooney took a vacation to California. One day, he joined friends on a hike at the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge near San Francisco. “Without thinking, I started talking about the purpose of the refuge and its place along bird migration routes, and identifying various ducks and egrets,” Mooney recalls. “These were all things I had picked up from environmental agencies and groups through my Senate work.” One friend remarked, “You could do this! You could show people around and point out nature and how it’s all connected.” Mooney just laughed: “Is that even a job?”

It was. Back in his hometown of Cumberland, he signed on as a part-time nature preserve manager for The Nature Conservancy. And today, he wears many hats for the organization, including real estate specialist and marketing/communications manager—and he also leads 15 nature hikes for the public each year. “Holy Cross gave me an ability to see rewards beyond the financial, that you could be open to following a desire to see what else was out there,” he says. And what else was out there? It turned out Mooney’s second act wasn’t just professional: It was personal.

As he spent more time on the trails at Tillinghast, walking under the pines, “the world slowed down enough for me to take an honest look at my life and figure out who I was.” Soon after signing on with the Conservancy, Mooney came out to his family and friends. He now lives with his partner, Chris Audette, a high school teacher in the Providence public schools. “Holy Cross builds a sense of optimism and a belief that things may work out differently than expected,” said Mooney. “But they will work out—and we’ll be happier for it.”
Enthusiastic alumni in the business sector mentor students and fuel the success of the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies

BY DEBRA STEILEN
At first, the first year student from New York City was thinking of majoring in psychology, then he turned his attention to economics. Later on, he considered political science. Finally, Gabe Fernandez admitted to himself that he had no clue what he wanted to do with his life. That is, until he was a junior and sat down with David Chu, associate professor of accounting and director of entrepreneurial studies and prebusiness adviser.

“We talked about the success I was having outside campus working part time for Vector Marketing,” Fernandez recalls. “Professor Chu pointed out that a sales career is not just about finance or economics; it’s about using written and verbal skills to connect with people. We decided business might be a good fit. Being able to see myself in such a role was something new and exciting to me.”

Today, Fernandez—who graduated in 2012 with a double major in philosophy and religious studies—works as an account executive with Enterprise Fleet Management in San Francisco. It was the prebusiness program at Holy Cross that changed his mindset, he says, along with that conversation with Chu. Fernandez also praises the Holy Cross executive leader workshop he attended as an undergrad. Students were paired up in teams, then asked to create a company out of nothing, he recalls. “It was the first time in my life I realized that in order to be successful you had to [go beyond] your own thoughts,” he says. “You really need to depend upon the ideas of other people.”

“I had to sacrifice spring break,” he says. “But I did not regret it one bit.”

There are scores of former and current Crusaders just like Fernandez. Not only do they have the tools of a rigorous liberal arts education, commitment to lifelong learning and ability to network with alumni, but they have another weapon in their arsenal: COES. Formed in 2005, the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies (COES) is the prebusiness program at the College. It is named for Arthur A. Ciocca ’59, former CEO and owner of The Wine Group (see sidebar, page 51), who provided major funding for the program.

Eighty-seven percent of Holy Cross graduates work in business roles,” points out Catherine Cote ’18, based on a recent search of the alumni database. Cote, a psychology major from Hopkinton, Mass., has taken part in multiple COES offerings, including the Women in Business Conference last November. “That’s an interesting statistic since Holy Cross doesn’t have a business major or a business college.”

Marios Dardas ’16 will graduate this spring with a major in computer science, then join J.P. Morgan in the New York City area as a technical analyst. The Worcester native also credits Chu and COES with influencing his perspective on business. “COES shaped me into a different kind of person,” he recalls. “I listened to alumni who told us stories about what they did when challenged ethically. They talked about trade-offs and the implications of their decisions. I learned there are many different ways to do business and tackle issues in this world.”

The statistic makes perfect sense to Chu, who says students often come to Holy Cross wanting to be a doctor, lawyer or teacher; they don’t really understand what business is. “They think business is about suits, briefcases and working in skyscrapers. I broaden their perspective from a narrow vocational focus on one profession to an understanding that business is very broad and in the fabric of every opportunity they can imagine.”

Chu has been with COES since the beginning, helping students figure out which classes and internships will take them where they want to go. “My job is also to help students understand how to articulate who they are and why they should be hired—and increase their chances of getting that first job out of Holy Cross,” he says. “Once they get that first job, they’re off to the races.”

COES began as a weeklong spring break workshop in 2005. Nearly 20 students attended that first executive in residence program, which also drew Arthur Ciocca himself as an observer. “I was impressed when he described a capitalistic market guided by moral principles as the best way to run an economy and benefit society,” Chu recalls about their first meeting. “That’s his passion. I share it.”

After meeting Ciocca, Chu (who was already the prebusiness adviser) agreed to head up the entrepreneurial program that bears the donor’s name. For its first nine years, COES existed as a
A collection of workshops and networking opportunities—in no particular order, Chu says. As helpful as COES was, however, it needed fine-tuning to keep up with the times. So in 2014, Chu met with Margaret Freije, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, to strategize how to improve the program. “The first point Dean Freije made was that we need more structure to help guide students through this program,” Chu says. “She said they need to know which one to do first and why.”

As a result of that change, today’s COES Professional Program is a co-curricular program, not a degree or a major, and is structured around five key milestones that lead to a Certificate of Readiness. The milestones—business workshops, an internship, completion of three recommended Holy Cross courses, student club involvement and an advanced Excel workshop—enable Holy Cross students to connect their education and experience to the workplace.

“Students can stick to their major while increasing their business literacy,” Chu emphasizes. “Plus there’s a certificate they can add to their resume and make a focal point as one of their achievements at Holy Cross.”

Through business workshops, students learn technical skills and absorb detailed, industry-specific information to help them start their business careers. They’re required to start with the Fullbridge Professional Edge Program, hosted by Holy Cross. Held three times a year, Fullbridge is an intensive, six-day workshop that exposes students to a variety of business fundamentals. Sessions include balance sheet analysis, business research and team communication skills.

“I learned how to read a financial statement because of Fullbridge,” Cote says. “But the part I loved the best was that they put us on teams to choose a company, analyze it financially and present it to a board of pretend investors. By the end of the week, we knew each other’s strengths and weaknesses. We operated like a well-oiled machine.”

After Fullbridge, students choose two elective workshops that help them explore potential business careers. The list includes Finance Boot Camp; Entrepreneurship Deep Dive; Nonprofit Careers Conference; Marketing Communications and Sales; and Principled Leadership. The Future Steps capstone is a required two-day workshop for students who have completed at least two other offerings. Participants work with alumni through a series of exercises designed to build each student’s personal brand and value proposition by connecting their liberal arts education and experience to the marketplace.

Andrew Smith ’19, from Cincinnati, participated in Finance Boot Camp. “We learned what bankers do every single day and what they love about their jobs,” says Smith, an economics and history major. He says he has a passion for financial markets and has known for years that he wanted to pursue a business career. “We were actually on the trading floor on Wall Street. Finance Boot Camp was my best COES experience so far.”

Casey Carty ’18, of Harveys Lake, Pa., took part in the Marketing Communications and Sales workshop last March. “I was able to test my creativity and get past boundaries that I thought were limits to me,” says Carty, who is a political science major. “This workshop taught me I have much more to offer than surface-level skills.”

Students also expand their business skills by taking three courses from a list provided by the COES program. Many of the classes deal with economics or accounting, but others reach outside standard financial fare—ranging from persuasive communications to basic acting.

Why such a wide range of courses? Real-world business is more than just economic models and financial numbers, Chu says. After a few years in the business sector, most people move away from crunching numbers to managing people, presenting and persuading. “You need emotional intelligence to understand your colleagues.

(above) Dean Margaret Freije and Anne Schiffman Fink ’85, P17, CEO of PepsiCo North America Foodservice, pose with the student planning committee at the 2014 annual Women in Business Conference. From left to right, Caroline Keane ’17, Lauren Biolsi ’17, Patricia Feraud ’15, Freije, Fink, Alex Schiffmann ’15, Lauren Campion ’16, Brooke Levine ’15.
and teams, your customer, your investor and your boss—which requires people skills,” he says. “Therefore, we also want students to take courses in persuasive communications, rhetoric, speaking and even basic acting. That’s how you present yourself in front of an audience. And that’s important.”

Active participation in a COES club helps students develop their business skills, understand current events related to their field of interest and network with successful alumni. Students choose from The Agency, the Entrepreneurs Group, the Finance Club and the Sales and Management Club.

Smith is very involved in the Finance Club, which helps prepare students for future financial careers and provides valuable introductions to Holy Cross graduates in the corporate world. “As much as COES can teach you about the business world, these people can teach you about the skills you need to get the job,” Smith says.

The river of opportunity running through COES’ success is fed by Holy Cross alumni who eagerly give back to their alma mater. Graduates speak at conferences, host site visits, judge workshop presentations, hire interns, share tips and advice and broaden students’ networks through referrals to business colleagues. And all the

(above) The winners of the 2016 Holy Cross Shark Tank Competition pose with the judges: Larry Naughton ’93, James Horne ’98, Matthew Watson ’16, Jake Medina ’16, Sean Griffin ’16, Michael Gulesarian ’93 and Michael Balmuth. Students pitched their business ideas in a 10-minute presentation, followed by a Q&A session with the judges. Matthew Watson ’16 took home the grand prize of $12,000 for Brewery Stewardship Alliance (BSA), a sustainability certification program that empowers environmentally-friendly craft breweries. Jake Medina ’16 and Sean Griffin ’16 took second place and $2,500 to put towards Student Empowerment Program (SEP), which provides laptops and tablets to underresourced schools in Worcester.

(right) Arthur Ciocca in the 1959 Purple Patcher and speaking with Holy Cross students at a pre-business dinner in 2003.


tired wine executive Arthur A. Ciocca ’59 likes to grow things. No, he’s not a farmer; he’s the entrepreneur who formed The Wine Group (TWG) in 1981, when he and his associates purchased wine assets from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Since then, TWG has grown into the third-largest wine company in the United States by sales volume—with a portfolio of leading brands that include Franzia, Cupcake and Almaden.

TWG’s core values echo ideals Ciocca learned at Holy Cross as an undergraduate. “We are responsible and trustworthy, displaying integrity, commitment to ethical behavior and a collaborative teamwork environment,” says the company’s website. Ciocca emphasized that approach in 2005 when he donated funds that endowed the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies (COES). He believed then—and now—that Holy Cross students could tackle business ventures with an ethical perspective, thanks to their rigorous, Jesuit-influenced education.

Ciocca also believes in the participation of alumni who have become high-level business executives. “I learned more from my mentors and role models as a young man than I ever did from the books I read,” he recalls. So it’s only fitting that dozens of successful Holy Cross grads have been involved in COES from the very first executive in residence workshop to today. COES has aided more than 2500 students with programming that meshes principled leadership with smart decision-making. And Ciocca maintains it is more important than ever for Holy Cross students to understand what it means to create long-term, sustainable and real value.

“Growth that occurs as a result of favoritism, cronyism or corporate welfare benefits a few, at the expense of the common good,” he says. “Real value creation is consistent with meritocracy and Holy Cross values.”

Ciocca also challenges students to take a proprietary interest in everything they do. “Think like an owner,” he says. “It broadens your perspective, sharpens your vision and enables you to make much better long-term decisions.”
COES workshops are taught by real-world practitioners who bring their knowledge and experience back to Holy Cross, Chu says.

“I could hire faculty from a business school to teach the same things, but these alumni are role models for our students,” he says. “Alumni can relate to them because they were once students here themselves.”

In fact, it’s alumni who are often responsible for steering students into business-related internships, a COES milestone that is central to the success of the program. Take Ann Schiffman Fink ’85, P17, CEO of PepsiCo North America Foodservice in New York, for example.

“It’s so satisfying to see Holy Cross students who have interned and been hired [at PepsiCo]; they have been standouts,” Fink says. “They tend to be excellent communicators, dig into critical problems and they’re not afraid to ask questions to really understand the ‘why’ and arrive at solutions that work for the business.” Fink regularly sponsors internships, and she has been actively involved with the Career Advisor Network, the Prebusiness Program and the Women in Business Conference (where she served as keynote speaker in 2014).

Ben Shephard ’05 participated in the beginnings of the COES program, then known as the Arthur A. Ciocca Executive in Residence Program. “I didn’t appreciate or understand the finance world as a freshman at Holy Cross,” recalls Shephard, now an investment banker for Credit Suisse in New York City. “It took me three internships to find out what I wanted to do when I graduated. I remember reaching out to the managing director at J.P. Morgan [a Holy Cross alumnus] during one of my internships; he has been a mentor ever since.”

Joan Hogan Gillman ’85 is also a mentor to alumni and current students alike. She was an English/premed major on the Hill and is now executive vice president and chief operating officer of media services for Time Warner Cable in New York City. A Holy Cross Trustee and 2015 Sanctae Crucis Award winner, Gillman has long worked with the Holy Cross career development center to bring students into her company as interns and employees. She got involved early on with the annual Women in Business Conference, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in November 2015. This event links alumnae who are proven leaders and innovators at the top of their business careers with students interested in entering the field.

“The Holy Cross experience continues to play an important role in my life,” Gillman says. “The rigorous academics, the close-knit community and the
mission of men and women for others have provided me with a strong foundation for a successful life and career. Returning to Holy Cross to support programs for students, from internships to prebusiness programs, is personally rewarding. There is not an encounter where I do not learn something from the students or the interns that makes me a better person and leader. For this reason, I make a point of prioritizing time for mentoring both in the workplace and with my alma mater.”

Brian Kelley ’83 shares Gillman’s passion for giving back. The current vice chairman of Keurig Green Mountain in Boston and Holy Cross Trustee took part in the original executive in residence workshop in 2005 as a mentor, and has continued his involvement with COES since then. He has presented “Moving a Global Enterprise Forward” at multiple executive leadership workshops and also participated in the Marketing Communications and Sales workshop last March. There, Kelley and one of his senior executives presented four teams of students with actual business problems and evaluated the teams’ solutions.

“I will tell you that I never dreamed of being a CEO as a student at Holy Cross,” says the former economics major and Crusader football player. “But I loved the marketplace and the dynamic nature of business, people and competition. At Holy Cross, I saw how business could be a passion, and I know how valuable it was for Holy Cross graduates to take an interest in me. That’s why I interact with students now. I really value it, and I learn as much from the students as they do from me.”

Alumni involvement is the lifeblood of COES, Chu emphasizes. “Since 2005, more than 300 students have participated in COES workshops,” he says. “I am looking forward to seeing many of these former students return to help future generations of Holy Cross students succeed in the same way they have succeeded.”

Donna Le ’11 is among them. She majored in both economics and Chinese language (Mandarin) and is now a relationship manager at Bloomberg L.P. in New York City. She participated in a five-day executive leadership workshop at Holy Cross, a logical extension to her undergraduate role as student organizer of the Women in Business Conference. “The prebusiness program helped me build my confidence,” says Le, who continues to network with current students. “So many people helped me along the way; now it’s time for me to pay it forward.”

Clint Greenleaf ’97 credits Holy Cross with giving him the freedom to figure out what he wanted to learn. “Being exposed to entrepreneurial ideas helped me go out and do what I wanted to do,” says Greenleaf, who majored in economics and accounting. He originally intended to join the Marines, but instead became an entrepreneur. Greenleaf is now the founder and CEO of HomePlate Peanut Butter in Austin, Texas.

“That’s why I love giving back,” says Greenleaf, who has led many COES summer workshops on how to generate ideas and turn them into businesses. “I’m returning the favor of spending four years at Holy Cross.”

What will COES look like in five years? Professor Chu says he hopes to see it become a signature program at the College. “COES will be one of the main reasons students come here, because it works in tandem with a liberal arts education to educate students holistically,” he says. “It will become an integral part of the Holy Cross ecosystem.”
A Fair Share
Meet two members of the Holy Cross community dedicated to equal housing opportunities

BY KATHARINE WHITTEMORE
F or civil rights advocate Peter J. O’Connor ’63, it all began with court time. Not trial court time—though as a pioneering public service lawyer for half a century, there would be plenty of that. No, it was actually basketball court time.

“I got firsthand experience of racial segregation through athletics,” O’Connor explains. “I used to play basketball in the playgrounds of Newark and Jersey City, N.J., and many times I was the only white player. When the games were done, I’d go home to South Orange, a mostly white suburb then. Almost all of the black players went back to their segregated communities. I felt this was morally fraught—and just wrong.”

Everyone’s heard of Brown v. Board of Education, the most famous court case on segregation in the schools. For segregation in housing, though, the most famous court case is arguably 1975’s Southern Burlington County NAACP v. Mount Laurel Township. Commonly called Mount Laurel I, it overturned the zoning ordinance of this suburb outside Camden, N.J., on the grounds that it excluded low- and moderate-income citizens from the local housing market. Mount Laurel I, and a later decision in 1983 (Mount Laurel II), relied on the interpretation of the idea of “fair share” allocation in a community, as cited in the New Jersey constitution.

And how does O’Connor play into the story? He was one of the three litigators to bring the 1975 suit. And that same year, he founded Fair Share Housing Center, a nonprofit advocate of the Mount Laurel Doctrine. “The jugular vein of racism and poverty is the separation of races between cities and suburbs,” says O’Connor. “And that was my motivation for getting involved with the Mount Laurel Doctrine. But there was political and racial pushback, and economic opposition in most of the towns of New Jersey. For 40 years, we’ve gone to court to get municipal governments, reluctant to do their fair share of housing, to implement what the courts decided.”

Today, in law schools across the nation, the Mount Laurel Doctrine is a cornerstone in land use legal courses. And as of 2015, 60 percent of the towns in New Jersey have met the requirement for affordable housing. But O’Connor has not just fought discrimination on the legal front. He’s also gone the route of bricks and mortar. In 1986, he founded Fair Share Housing Development (FSHD), a nonprofit developer and manager of affordable housing; it now manages 700 rental units in five complexes in southern New Jersey. As the FSHD website declares: “We provide families the choice to live in high-opportunity communities with access to decent jobs, good schools and a safe environment—communities where racial and economic discrimination have historically prevented these families from living.”

In 2004, O’Connor and his brother, Jim, also opened the Margaret Donnelly O’Connor Education Center, named after their mother. It is an after-school homework club and summer enrichment program at the Ethel R. Lawrence Homes, the groundbreaking integrated housing development in Mount laurel his advocacy helped enable.

For this lifetime commitment to helping reverse the damage of discrimination, the New Jersey Law Journal honored O’Connor with its first Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. Of the 25 attorneys and judges recognized (including U.S. Supreme Court judge Samuel Alito), O’Connor was the only public service lawyer. But let’s leave the law court, once again, for the basketball court. After all those urban pickup games, this 6’2” forward became an All-State basketball player at Seton Hall Prep and went to Holy Cross on a full basketball scholarship. “My whole commitment to the implementation of moral values came from my time at Holy Cross,” says O’Connor, who majored in political science. “There was such a spirit of camaraderie there.” A number of Crusader classmates have supported his cause over the years, some by serving on the board of FSHD, including Dennis Golden ’63, Rev. Monsignor Francis H. Kelley ’63 and the late Philip J. Fina ’63.

O’Connor’s classmates, plaintiffs, co-workers and thousands of residents of affordable housing have surely cheered his Lifetime Achievement Award. After all, as the citation says: “Social justice and Peter O’Connor are synonymous.”

Now meet Sean Griffin ’16, who has worked in equal housing opportunity in both Washington, D.C., and Worcester.

You might say Habitat for Humanity brought it home for Sean Griffin ’16. When he was at Bellingham (Mass.) High School, a teacher took some students to a Habitat site in Providence, R.I., “and everything snowballed from there,” Griffin recalls. He loved the esprit de corps, the hands-on labor, that lift of accomplishment. “I learned what Habitat does, and how their model works and gained this great sense of appreciation for how, when you give families a stable place to live, it has such impact on their lives.”

After kicking up sawdust on the Providence project, Griffin volunteered on a Habitat duplex in Pawtucket, R.I., and then got inspired enough to start a Habitat chapter back at Bellingham High. As chapter president, he jumped into doing publicity, advocacy and fundraising for the charitable organization. “I was just so drawn to the idea of building something from the ground up,” says Griffin. “You go from an empty lot, to a hole in the dirt, to a place where someone actually lives.”

*LEFT* Peter O’Connor ’63 in front of one of the houses in the Ethel R. Lawrence Homes affordable housing community, the first of its kind in suburban New Jersey.
Sean Griffin ’16 in his office at Worcester Community Housing Resources, where he worked as an intern during his senior year.

(right) Peter O’Connor with students at the Margaret Donnelly O’Connor Education Center, the after-school homework club and enrichment program at the equal housing complex he built in suburban New Jersey.
At Holy Cross, Griffin pursued a double major in economics and political science, became co-captain of the mock trial team and, with Jacob Medina ’16, co-founded Student Empowerment Program (StEP), which provides laptops and tablets for students in the Worcester schools. These parallel tracks—housing and education—kept running closer and closer, and he decided to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., during his junior year. “There are so many internship choices there; you can work in congressional offices or think tanks, but I was drawn back to affordable housing, and how the federal government oversees it,” says Griffin. So he signed on with the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, which led to some ancillary work at the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family mortgage program.

“The Coalition taught me about the rental side, while the FHA taught me the homeowner side,” says Griffin. He met with staffers from Capitol Hill, gave policy advice on proposed bills and immersed himself in the finances of housing. He also fielded calls from the public, sometimes a wrenching experience: “I got such a sense of the need and helplessness out there,” says Griffin. “Some people were on the verge of eviction. Some were between housing situations. It’s hard enough for an adult to live with that kind of instability. But I was most struck by the children—how can you learn at school when you don’t know where you’re going to sleep that night?”

The summer before his senior year, Griffin brought all his newfound knowledge back to Mount St. James and the city of Worcester. He plunged into an internship at Worcester Community Housing Resources, Inc., a nonprofit real estate lender and manager focused on neighborhood revitalization, and did so well he continued working there once the school year started. There, he wore many hats. He did due diligence research on properties, acted as liaison between contractors, made spreadsheets for the lending department and more. “I never quite knew what would happen day-to-day and that kept it very interesting—and it really opened my eyes to the city of Worcester.”

His dual passion for the benefits of decent schooling and decent housing led him to the topic of his senior thesis, “Municipal Zoning and the Quality of Public Education.” With economics professor Katherine Kiel as his adviser, he sampled 91 municipalities from eastern to central Massachusetts, gathering data on whether zoning regulations, which are ostensibly used to control growth, end up raising housing prices—and thus price out residential and educational access for low-income families.

“The thesis was a big formative process in my Holy Cross education,” explains Griffin. “If you don’t have a Ph.D. in the field, you’re rarely exposed to these research methods. But I got to work very closely with Professor Kiel, and learned how to do very rigorous, complicated economic research.”

Kiel was impressed by how Griffin approached the project from an educational angle, which is not a common lens on the issue of zoning. “Sean is very bright, inquisitive and hard-working, really the trifecta for a professor,” says Kiel. “I look forward to seeing where he goes next.”
Holy Cross student-athletes work hard in their sports, but they put in just as many hours off the field of play, helping in the Worcester community.

4,959 hours, to be exact.

With that many hours of community service performed in 2015, the Crusaders ranked sixth in the nation in the NCAA Division I Team Works Competition.

The competition is based on how many community service hours each school contributes. It is sponsored by Helper Helper, a charitable scoreboard application that allows student-athletes to compete with their peers while serving surrounding communities and those in need.

Just how did they tally up so many hours? Let’s count the ways:

**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY: HEEL THE SOLE**
In the spring of 2015, men’s cross country runners Chris Conley ’16 and G. Matthew Greco ’17 organized a “Heel the Sole” fundraiser on campus, collecting spare pairs of shoes for Veterans, Inc. in Worcester. They donated 76 pairs of shoes last year and decided to take the project further, proposing it to the Patriot League as a season-long service initiative. During the 2015-16 academic year, all Patriot League institutions will be doing their own Heel the Sole collections. “After donating the 76 pairs of shoes to Veterans Inc. last year … it was apparent that shoes were something direly needed by the veterans,” says Conley. “I can’t wait to see it implemented by all of the Patriot League schools because it’s such a simple, yet profoundly effective way to give back to people in need.”

**FIELD HOCKEY: BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN**
Players on the HC field hockey team (top left) donated 50 book bags filled with school supplies to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) Project, a nonprofit organization that works for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the Worcester County Courts. The team has an ongoing relationship with the CASA Project: Last year, they donated more than 1,000 children’s books to the organization.

**MEN’S LACROSSE: JOHN’S BROTHERS**
For the past 15 years, members of the Holy Cross men’s lacrosse team (third from left) have mentored students at the Canterbury School in Worcester as part of John’s Brothers. John’s Brothers was started in 2000 by teammates of John Price, a Crusader lacrosse player and member of the Class of 2001 who died prior to his senior year. In addition to spending time with their “little brothers” each week, the lacrosse student-athletes also raise money for the Canterbury School after-school program. This year, they raised a record-high $15,000 through the Rodman Ride for Kids, a 25-mile charity bike ride that took place in September 2015. “The race means a lot to us because we have developed strong relationships with our little brothers over the years, and we know that the money we raise goes directly to something that will help them grow,” says Liam Driscoll ’17.

**MEN’S SOCCER: PINK GAME**
Last fall, when the men’s soccer team took on Navy on Oct. 10, they dubbed it a “pink game” and partnered with the V for Victory Foundation, a nonprofit organization that aims to lessen the burden of post-operative drain care for cancer patients. The founder and president of the V for Victory Foundation is Valerie Wright, a breast cancer survivor and the mother of Crusader goalkeeper Kevin Wright ’16. At the game, Valerie sold t-shirts and “Victory Pouches,” a unique product created by the foundation to contain and conceal the post-op drains so that they do not interfere with
daily activities. “It means a great amount to me to have my own family coming together with my Holy Cross family for this great cause and to create awareness for breast cancer,” Kevin says. The soccer team’s work raised $300 to contribute to the foundation.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING: LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION

Continuing a tradition that dates back to the opening of the swimming pool in the Hart Center in 1982, the Crusader men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams hosted a Worcester County Swim League meet in September 2015 (top right). The teams organized and ran the meet, giving the age-12-and-under swimmers a taste of the college swimming experience. “As college swimmers, it is so important to give back to our sport,” Shannon Quinn ’16 says. “We made sure to create a fun and carefree environment near our starting block. It was imperative to stress the importance of enjoying swimming.”

VOLLEYBALL: DIG PINK

The women of the volleyball team hosted a Dig Pink Rally and fundraiser at their match against Colgate on Oct. 23, 2015. They raised $400 for the Side-Out Foundation. In volleyball, “side-out” means to regain control of the ball, and the Side-Out Foundation aims to help breast cancer patients regain control of their lives. The funds raised by the Side-Out Foundation also go toward a clinical trial specifically for patients with stage four breast cancer, the most advanced form of the disease and the least funded area of research.

CRUSADERS FIGHTING CANCER:
UMASS MEDICINE CANCER WALK

In September 2015, Holy Cross student-athletes and coaches participated in the 17th annual UMass Medicine Cancer Walk and 5K Run to raise money for cancer research. The baseball, women’s basketball, field hockey, men’s ice hockey, women’s ice hockey, men’s track and field and women’s track and field teams all took part in the event. The UMass Medicine Cancer Walk and 5K Run is the largest single-day walk/run event in Central Massachusetts and 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to support clinical trials, cancer research and care at the UMass Medicine Cancer Center.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL:
PURPLE GOES PINK TO PLAY 4KAY

The women’s basketball team has spent the entire school year focusing on their annual Play 4Kay game in February. The Play 4Kay initiative supports the Kay Yow Cancer Fund’s mission of supporting scientific research on women’s cancers. Kay Yow was a legendary basketball coach at North Carolina State University and with the U.S. Olympic Team; she started the foundation during her 22-year battle with breast cancer, prior to her passing in 2009. The team collected donations at fall athletics events and continued the fundraising at their games and through their online fundraising page until the Play 4Kay game against Lehigh on Feb. 13. The final tally was $814, all donated to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY:
POWER PLAY POINTS FOR PINK

Since 2011, every goal scored on a power play at the Hart Center rink earned a donation to the men’s ice hockey team’s Power Play Points for Pink initiative. In 2015, Matt Vidal ’16 (second from left) worked to expand the initiative, and now every power play goal—home and away—results in a donation, with the hopes of raising a record-high $20,000 by season’s end. The team’s current record is $17,000, but they are especially motivated to top that number and support the cause this year, with Vidal’s mother fighting her own cancer battle.

BENCHING FOR BREAST CANCER

The 8th annual Benching for Breast Cancer (fourth from left) took place on Dec. 11, 2015, and drew crowds of participants and supporters to the varsity weight room in the Hart Center. Students and student-athletes alike participate in the event, and this year, more than 575 people tried their hand at the bench press competition. All it took was a $10 donation to enter—and to get a Benching for Breast Cancer t-shirt. This year’s event raised more than $2,500 for Pink Revolution, a local breast cancer awareness and fundraising nonprofit organization.

Visit goholycross.com to read more stories and see videos of student-athletes making a difference in the community, as well as info about all upcoming games and tickets.
Ice hockey became a varsity sport at Holy Cross 50 years ago, in 1966, but students have been lacing up their skates on Mount St. James since 1917, when there was a club hockey team (above). The chilly winters on the Hill provided the perfect climate for outdoor pickup hockey games, but the College opened its indoor Hart Center Rink facility in 1975. The Crusaders have won more than 60 percent of their home games on Hart Center ice. The team has made two appearances in the NCAA Tournament, in 2004 and 2006, and has won three conference championships. The team made history at the 2006 NCAA Championships, when the 4th-ranked Crusaders defeated #1-ranked Minnesota in a thrilling overtime victory to earn a spot in the quarterfinals. The 2005-2006 team reunited on campus over the weekend of Dec. 4-5, 2015, to mark the 10th anniversary of their historic win with an alumni game and a special presentation during the Crusaders’ contest against Mercyhurst. The women’s ice hockey team joined the program in 1999. In 2016, they won their 6th NEHC Open League Championship in their 8th straight appearance in the title game. All told, they have earned a spot in the championship game 11 times in the program’s 17-year history. Take a look back at Holy Cross ice hockey through the years.
Oly Cross men’s soccer first kicked off on Oct. 2, 1965, with a 9-6 victory over Assumption College. 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the men’s team and the 35th anniversary of the women’s team, and soccer alumni returned to the Hill over the weekend of Oct. 24-25, 2015, for anniversary celebrations. The men’s program was honored at a halftime ceremony during the team’s game versus Lafayette, and it must have brought luck to the current Crusader footballers, who won 1-0. It was another great moment in the history of a program that has won three Patriot League regular season championships and made an appearance in the 2002 NCAA Tournament. The women’s program has logged a number of milestones of its own in the past 35 years. The team won the Patriot League Championship in 2000, earning a spot in that year’s NCAA Tournament. In 2014, the team went undefeated in non-conference games for the first time in school history. Take a look back at both programs through the years.
women’s soccer defender Jenna Scanlon ’16 is a leader on and off the field. She was a team captain in 2015 and is also active in the Holy Cross Leadership Academy, which offers leadership development programming for student-athletes. A biology major from Auburn, Mass., Scanlon has been named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll twice. HCM caught up with her during her last semester on the Hill.

HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE You are one of three siblings — where do you fall in the lineup? And do you think you follow the stereotype for your spot in the birth order (oldest, youngest or middle child)?

JENNA SCANLON I have a twin brother, who is an hour older than me, and a sister that is one year younger than me. There’s not really a stereotype for being the younger twin, but it is definitely the position of the “Golden Child!”

HCM Do you have any hidden talents?

SCANLON I have the best handwriting you have probably ever seen. I am also pretty good at drawing and even drew my brother’s tattoo!

HCM Having almost completed your
four years on the Hill, what advice do you have for the freshmen who will start next fall in the Class of 2020?

**SCANLON** Develop good relationships with your professors! Trust me, it definitely helps to have some of the most knowledgeable and renowned people in your corner when you realize you need about 10 recommendation letters to apply for jobs.

**HCM** Can you tell us a little bit about your work as a 360 Leader in the Holy Cross Leadership Academy?

**SCANLON** It’s really a great thing to be a part of: Not only do you learn about yourself, but you learn what it truly takes to be a leader. We have a big population of student-athletes here, so it’s nice to hear their perspective about how to handle different adversities that come up on their teams. Everyone gets feedback from their teammates and coaches, so if you are being honest with the process and taking it for all that it’s worth, you will ultimately emerge a better leader, which is a skill that will benefit you both on and off the field.

**HCM** Who are your soccer heroes or role models?

**SCANLON** Zlatan Ibrahimovic—the Swedish superstar.

**HCM** One of my best days at Holy Cross was when:

**SCANLON** My sophomore year, the men’s soccer team was in the Patriot League Championship against Navy, but the game was scheduled to be played in Maryland, so not many people from Holy Cross could go. My friends and I felt bad because the soccer boys were some of our best friends and we wanted to support them. The night before the game, we spontaneously decided to drive down to Annapolis! We took two cars full of people and drove six and a half hours with homemade signs and surprised them during their warm-ups. Unfortunately, they ended up losing the game, but I think they were excited to have a few fans in the stands. To top off the day, on our way back, we made an accidental detour through Times Square while “Don’t Stop Believin’” played on the radio and we were screaming out the window like a bunch of tourists (picture it like a movie scene and that is exactly how it felt). So it wasn’t really a day on the Holy Cross campus, but what other fans would drive all night to the United States Naval Academy to see their school play? It was a day I will absolutely never forget.

**HCM** Like most of the College’s student-athletes, you’ve been named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll more than once. What is your routine for staying on top of your academic assignments?

**SCANLON** Time management, for sure. Balancing classes, playing soccer and having a job definitely limit my free time, so I am basically forced to take advantage of every free hour I have. I don’t really like the library, but I work at the laundry room in Hogan (which you most likely have never noticed) and it’s the perfect place to read or study, plus I get paid for being there. My advice is do what you can to not procrastinate … there is nothing worse than the feeling you have after pulling an all-nighter.

**HCM** Here is the dreaded question for all seniors: What are you doing after graduation?

**SCANLON** My plan is to apply to medical school within the next two years, so for now I am looking for jobs in research at different hospitals. Currently, I am going through the interview process for clinical research coordinator positions.

**HCM** Imagine it’s your 25-year reunion, and for some strange reason it’s your first time back on campus since Commencement Day 2016. What do you expect to see?

**SCANLON** An amazing new Hart Center! Since I won’t be around to make use of the new one and our graduation had to be relocated because of the construction, I am hoping it will be the best-looking building on campus. Also, since I’ll be in my mid-40s and probably out of shape, I’m hoping they’ll have figured out a way to make walking up the hills a bit easier, like putting escalators next to every staircase. ■
The Power of One
Kevin Gilbert ’06

Kevin Gilbert in Golkin Hall, on campus at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.
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Kevin J. Gilbert ’06

Hometown
Ambler, Penn.

Family
wife, Melissa; son, John

What he did at Holy Cross
“I was involved in Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) and was a member of the Senior Class Gift Committee. I also participated in the five-day Spiritual Exercises silent retreat.”

How Holy Cross affected his life
“By far, the greatest impact that Holy Cross has had on my life has been the friends that I made during my four years. We have been groomsmen in each other’s weddings, roommates after college, and although we are now spread out across the country, when we get together it is as if nothing has changed.”

The working life
“My first job out of college was at a software start-up founded by a Holy Cross alumnus. Ten years later, the Holy Cross name continues to hold a great deal of respect in the marketplace. I currently serve as the director of annual giving for the University of Pennsylvania Law School. On the side, I am working toward my MBA in marketing and run a volunteer non-profit organization, All American Day Charitable Trust, with two fellow Holy Cross alumni. I love running into fellow Crusaders through my career and find it important to carry on the legacy of helping out younger generations of alums.”

Holy Cross memories
“Professors Thomas Martin and Blaise Nagy of the classics department had the rare talent to make ancient Rome and Greece accessible and relevant in the modern world. One of my best memories from Holy Cross was traveling to Italy over spring break with Professor Nagy.”

Why he stays connected to Holy Cross
“I have a tremendous amount of pride for having attended Holy Cross. To this day, I closely follow hockey and basketball, and still get excited when I turn the bend on I-290 and see the school sitting on Mount St. James.”

Why he believes in Holy Cross
“I believe in Holy Cross because now, more than ever, there is a need for the ideals that make up the fabric of the school. In an increasingly chaotic world, we need more Holy Cross.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross
“I give to Holy Cross to honor the generations of alumni who gave in the past, so that I could attend.”
Mystery Photo

Who are these three rapscallions in the bowling alley? And where exactly was the bowling alley located on campus? We’ve heard conflicting reports. Can you set us straight?
Email us at hcmag@holycross.edu
Spring greetings! Two related thoughts have been percolating in my mind this year. First, like many of you, I am constantly amazed and humbled by how Holy Cross alumni really live the mission of “men and women for others.” Here are some of them (and two are featured in this issue):

- Schone Malliet ’74 is CEO and founder of the first nonprofit winter sport facility dedicated to children. With Ron Lawson ’75 as director of finance and administration, Schone began the National Winter Activity Center, whose mission is to improve youth health and fitness by providing access to winter sport activities, skill development, healthy meals and mentoring. What was once a closed ski resort in Vernon, N.J., is now—after much imagination, hard work and fundraising—a completely updated ski facility close to NYC, providing access to tristate youth organizations. This project is breathtaking in its ingenuity and impact on children in need.

- Inspired by his oldest child’s severe autism, Frank McCabe ’97 is launching the PrideStar Center for Applied Learning in Lowell, Mass. PrideStar will serve as a community center for children impacted by autism and other neurological disorders. What a way to turn personal experience into a valuable resource for his entire community.

- Deacon Peter Dohr ’82 is the executive director of Catholic Charities of Wayne County, N.Y. As if that weren’t enough, he has organized the successful “Holy Cross Cares Day” service events for area alumni—not only giving back himself, but providing an outlet for his fellow alumni to do the same alongside him.

- In previewing the articles for this issue, I was thrilled to read about Kate Ginsbach ’11, who takes part in mountain biking challenges for charity. Ouch, but good for her and great for the charities who benefit from her skill and stamina!

In my life, I have done nothing so dramatically impactful as creating a winter wonderland for underprivileged children or providing a haven for children impacted by autism. However, we can all serve in our daily lives, in perhaps quieter ways. Two years ago, my husband, Patrick Jones ’92, and I had to decide whether we could welcome a three-year-old girl in need into our family. Over perhaps too many bottles of wine that weekend, we discussed bedrooms and college expenses, how to style girl hair and parenting methodology. However, what really made our decision for us in the end was our belief that this was part of our mission, a way for us and our three boys to live daily as “men and women for others,” the legacy of our years at Holy Cross. We officially adopted Emily last October.

This brings me to my second rumination. As I look at this issue’s beautiful portrait of our Jesuits, I am inspired to say “thank you.” You and your predecessors have done a wonderful job instilling in Holy Cross students the moral imperative to reach out and help others. You need only look at our students and alumni to see the results. For that, we are all thankful that you chose to live your mission.

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Spotlight On... HOLY CROSS CLUB OF GREATER CHICAGO

Stretching in all directions around the Windy City, the Holy Cross Club of Greater Chicago serves over 1,300 alumni, parents and friends—making it the largest regional club in the Holy Cross network outside of the Northeast. An extremely active group, the club organizes 10-12 gatherings a year, ranging from after-work happy hours to sporting events to downtown professional lunches. The club is also involved in the Big Shoulders Fund, a local nonprofit that supports Catholic schools in the neediest areas of inner-city Chicago. Year-round and occasional visitors are always welcome at club events. There’s something for every Crusader in Chicagoland! ■

(top) Alumni and families take part in a “Holy Cross Cares Day” cleanup at Saint Frances of Rome School in Cicero, Ill., back in March 2012. (middle) Irene Murtagh Drago ’78, Jennifer McGill ’12, Patricia Fahy ’07, Mary Gurley ’01 and Mary Sue Kranstover ’78 connect at the Club’s celebration of 40 years of co-education reception in May 2013. (bottom) Stephen Dutton ’08, Alesandra LaPointe ’09 and Daryl Brown ’09 gather at the Chicago “Welcome to Your City” social event this past September.

The Holy Cross Alumni Association (HCAA) supports alma mater in its Catholic, Jesuit mission by bringing together the diverse talents, experience and knowledge of Holy Cross alumni. We accomplish this by engaging alumni for life through our reunions, regional clubs, community outreach and intellectual and spiritual formation programs. By these means, we nurture our love for and dedication to Holy Cross, its students and its alumni as men and women for others. ■

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HC Leadership Council of NY
Annual Dinner

The Holy Cross Leadership Council (HCLC) of New York will honor John E. Luth ’74 at its annual dinner, on June 20, 2016 at The Pierre in New York City. John founded Seabury Group LLC, a New York City-based global advisory and investment company, and currently serves as its founding partner, chairman and chief executive officer. He served on the Holy Cross Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2013, and joined the Advisory Board in 2013.

John and his wife, Joanne Chouinard-Luth, D.M.D. (above), recently made a record-breaking commitment of $32.5 million to the College. Their extraordinary gift represents the single largest donation in the College’s history—and it will be used to dramatically expand and enhance the College’s indoor athletics and recreational facilities. John will be honored for his success in business and his commitment to pay it forward to future generations of Crusaders.

In its 16-year history, this event has raised more than $5 million to support 375 students working at summer internships in the New York City area. Many alumni who received funding through the program have joined Mr. Luth in paying it forward and now partner with the Center for Career Development to offer internships through their companies. To learn more, please visit: holycross.edu/alumni/hclcny or with questions, call Patricia Gibbons Haylon ’83, P17 at 508-793-3856.

HCAA Announces Board Nominees

The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its Board of Directors. Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been re-appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. Alumni Association bylaws do not require yearly nomination to these offices. Nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the Alumni Association bylaws, which allow for no more than 12 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, with 10 of them from class year groupings and two representing regional clubs.

Although this slate of candidates represents the choices of the HCAA nominating committee, it should be noted that any member of the HCAA may be nominated in accordance with Article VII of the bylaws, as follows: “Any member of the Alumni Association may be nominated for director by a petition containing the signatures of 20 alumni with the executive secretary no later than May 1.” Any member of the HCAA who would like to be so nominated should submit a petition to Kristyn Dyer by May 1, 2016. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in an issue of Holy Cross Magazine so that alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition.

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Brian P. Duggan ’96
Brian P. Duggan has served on the HCAA Board of Directors since 2009, including two years as vice president from 2014-2016. Duggan, who served on the Alumni Senate from 2003 to 2009, is currently the co-chair of the HCAA Spirituality committee and former co-chair of the HCAA Book Prize committee. He is also a member of the Executive and Budget & Finance committees and former member of the Nominations and Elections committee. Duggan served as the president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston from 2002-2003 as part of his eight-year tenure as a member of the club’s board of directors. Additionally, he is a class agent and Linden Lane Society member. Duggan is a class dean at Babson College. He resides in Wayland, Mass.

PRESIDENT
Bryan J. DiMare ’06
A member of the HCAA Board of Directors since 2008, Bryan J. DiMare has served as vice president from 2013-2015 and as president-elect from 2015-2016. A former chair of the Young Alumni Committee, DiMare has also co-chaired the Strategic Planning Committee and chaired the HCAA Dinner Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Infrastructure. He currently co-chairs the Bylaws Review Committee and sits on the Executive, Budget & Finance and Nominations and Elections committees. DiMare, a member of the President’s Council, serves as a class agent and has been a member of each of his reunion Gift Committees. In 2012, he was the inaugural recipient of the HCAA’s Young Alumni Leadership Award. DiMare is a senior consultant with Cutter Associates in Hingham, Mass., and resides in Boston with his wife, Katy.

To view all the HCAA Board of Directors’ candidates, go to holycross.edu/alumni/crusaders-connect/hcaa.
Regional Clubs Volunteer Award

The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the 2016 recipient of its Regional Clubs Volunteer Award, which recognizes outstanding service to alma mater through the Holy Cross Regional Clubs Program.

MATTHEW S. ARTHUR ’02

Matt has served as the president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Chicago since 2011, and has played a key role in growing the Chicago-area group into one of Holy Cross’ most active and engaged regional clubs. The club is indebted to Matt for his commitment, collaborative spirit and leadership, demonstrated by his willingness to try new initiatives and involve energetic volunteers. Whether it be organizing a popular Blackhawks game outing or assisting at a “Give Back Day” of community service, Matt keeps the Holy Cross spirit alive in the Windy City.

A Chicago native, Matt was a double major in economics and philosophy at Holy Cross. He runs his own law firm in Chicago. Matt and his wife, Jill, are the proud parents of a 2-year-old son, Harrison (a future Crusader?). ■

Recent Graduates Working with JVC in 2015-2016

Fourteen graduates from the classes of 2014 and 2015 have dedicated themselves to a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest.

Eight students will be volunteering with JVC and four with JVC Northwest, which operates independently. The students will be serving in marginalized areas across the country, from Los Angeles to Chicago to Juneau, Alaska. Two Holy Cross volunteers will be serving internationally in Chile and Tanzania.

Jesuit volunteers work at schools, health clinics, legal clinics, parishes, domestic violence shelters and nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Those working in the Northwest also teach in schools on Native American reservations. The program is rooted in the core Jesuit values of social justice, simple living, community and spirituality.

“At Holy Cross we are grateful for the seriousness with which so many of our graduates engage the Jesuit commitment to ‘the service of faith and the promotion of justice’ that is at the heart of our mission,” says Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the chaplains' office. “Our graduates who devote themselves to one to two years of volunteer service in under-resourced communities around the United States and internationally are an inspiring witness to all of us to seek ways to place our gifts and talents in the service of the most vulnerable.”

Holy Cross has a long history with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. In 2014, the College ranked first among all colleges and universities nationwide for the most Jesuit volunteers, with 31 recent graduates serving with JVC and JVC Northwest. ■—Maura Sullivan Hill with Emma Collins ’16

Last Chance to Buy Tickets for the Ram-Crusader Cup

The 30th Annual Ram-Crusader Cup football game between Holy Cross and Fordham kicks off at Yankee Stadium on Nov. 12, 2016. Don’t miss your chance to be in the stands! Tickets are on sale through April 29. You can purchase them through the Holy Cross Ticket Office, by visiting GoHolyCross.com/tickets or by calling 844-GOCROSS. ■
The United States Navy Memorial honored two College of the Holy Cross alumni with the esteemed Lone Sailor Award in September 2015: Ambassador John William Middendorf II ’45 (sixth from left) of the U.S. Navy and Robert S. Morrison ’63 (fifth from left) of the U.S. Marine Corps. The Lone Sailor Award is given to Sea Service veterans who have excelled with distinction in their respective careers during or after their service.

“It was such an honor to be present while two Holy Cross graduates were celebrated for their honor, courage and commitment and for their lifetime accomplishments in business and civic life,” says Tracy Barlok P19, vice president of advancement, who attended the event in Washington, D.C. “Both men spoke about how important Holy Cross and our Naval ROTC program was to the formation of who they are today. These graduates are wonderful examples of how our Jesuit heritage, combined with our commitment to the classic liberal arts, define our students as men and women for others.”

A former secretary of the Navy and ambassador to the Netherlands, Middendorf served in World War II. He was the founding chairman of the U.S. Navy Memorial and co-founder of the Marine Corps Marathon, at which the winner receives the Middendorf Award. He has run eight Marine Corps Marathons and was a member of the U.S. Field Hockey National team. Middendorf is also the author of two books, Glorious Disaster: Barry Goldwater’s Presidential Campaign and the Origins of the Conservative Movement and Potomac Fever: A Memoir of Politics and Public Service. In April 2015, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Middendorf graduated from Holy Cross with a major in naval science, and was a cadet at the College’s Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit, which is one of the oldest units in the country. He earned a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.B.A. from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

The retired vice chairman of PepsiCo Inc., Morrison served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963 to 1967. He rose through the ranks to become a captain and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam in 1965. Morrison’s service as a leader continued well beyond his time in the Corps; he was the head of the Quaker Oats Company and Kraft Foods Group, Inc. prior to PepsiCo. Morrison currently serves as a director of Illinois Tool Works Inc. and Aon corporation. He is a director and trustee for several civic and cultural organizations in Chicago, including the Museum of Science and Industry and Rush University Medical Center.

Morrison graduated from Holy Cross with a major in English. He went on to earn his master’s in business from the Wharton Graduate School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He serves as a Trustee of the College.

—Emma Collins ’16
Alum Curates Community at Nine Dot Gallery in Worcester

John Vo ’09 opened Nine Dot Gallery in Worcester, to create an artists’ community in the city. “I want Nine Dot Gallery to be a community space where artists can cultivate their craft and elevate the status of the city,” Vo told Worcester’s Pulse Magazine, in a December 2015 story about the new gallery space in town. In addition to its art installations, the gallery also hosts musicians and performers.

Vo, who was a double major in philosophy and studio art, studied art in Vietnam on a Fulbright grant in 2010-2011. His parents came to the U.S. from Vietnam and he spent the Fulbright year studying his heritage and the Vietnamese art form of silk painting. “It was the first time in my life that art has taken me anywhere, and with Nine Dot Gallery, art has taken me home,” Vo told Pulse. “Upon returning from Vietnam, I realized the importance of building something special and lasting in one’s hometown.”

Mini-Reunion at Classmate’s California Winery

Alumnae from the Class of 1994 and another from the Class of 1992 reunited for a weekend of wine and fun in Sonoma, Calif. The friends gathered from the New York area, Florida, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Portland, Ore. The highlight of their trip was a visit to the Fritz Underground Winery, with a personal tour from classmate and president of the winery, Clay Fritz ’94. Maureen Haugh Powers ’94 says, “The idea for this get-together was hatched at our 20-year reunion. Clay provided the wine for our class dinner, and we all thought it would be great to actually experience the winery firsthand together.”

The group makes it a point to try to see each other annually. “All of us have had great lives—interesting jobs, fulfilling marriages, new friendships—since graduating from college. But our friendships from Holy Cross are special,” Powers says. “These are the people you can see once a month, once a year or once every five years, and it always feels like no time has been lost with each other. I always know we’ll have tons of laughter, love and good times!”

Judas was a Bishop: An Old Man in His Reforming Catholic Church
William M. Shea PO4, former director of the McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture
Anaphora Literary Press

William Shea takes an introspective, personal look at his 70 years in the Catholic Church and asks the existential question, “Why am I still Catholic, and why is anyone?” He was moved to address this question after the revelations and fallout of the church abuse scandal in the early 2000s. A former priest who left the priesthood for lay Catholic life, Shea contrasts life as a priest with family life. He argues that the Church needs to eliminate Catholic clericalism through a demythologized leadership.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“…Powerful, absorbing memoir, by turns angry, funny, engaging and painfully candid…[Shea] offers radical proposals for reform, all turning on the notion that the core problem to be confronted is the gulf that separates clergy and laity, the result of a flimsy theological rationale which insists that the act of ordination itself marks an ‘ontological’ change in its recipients, making them…fundamentally different from those they would help and teach, loyal mainly to guidance from above.” —Michael J. Lacey, coeditor and contributor to The Crisis of Authority in Catholic Modernity (Oxford University Press, New York, 2011)

101 Baseball Places to See Before You Strike Out (Second Edition)
Josh Pahigian ’96
Lyons Press

A guide to 101 baseball landmarks across the United States, this book explores the places where baseball’s history, culture and lore come to life. Stops on Pahigian’s cross-country journey include Ted Williams’ childhood home, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and Babe Ruth’s grave. This is the second edition of Pahigian’s ode to the game of baseball; the first edition in 2008 was a finalist for the Casey Award, which is presented annually to the best baseball book by Spitisball: The Literary Baseball Magazine.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“After you’ve checked the scores in the Houston Chronicle, you might feel like reading a book about the sport—but not one of those encyclopedia-like volumes overloaded with statistics…101 Baseball Places to See Before You Strike Out might be just your ticket. Some of them are straight from the “no duh” category, such as the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., the Green Monster in Boston’s Fenway Park and the Chicago neighborhood outside Wrigley Field. Other places are exactly the reason this book was written, such as the site of the World Wiffle Ball Championship in Skokie, Ill., where teams of all ages and genders play during a weekend in July.” — Conrad Bibens, Houston Chronicle (May 22, 2015)

Remnants of a Life on Paper: A Mother and Daughter’s Struggle with Borderline Personality Disorder
Bea Tusiani, Pamela Tusiani and Paula Tusiani-Eng ’95
Baroque Press

This book is a frank and personal tale of one family’s experience with borderline personality disorder (BPD), told through excerpts from Pamela Tusiani’s diaries alongside narrative by her mother, Bea Tusiani, and sister, Paula Tusiani-Eng ’95. The diaries chronicle Pamela’s struggles with drug abuse and recovery, a nervous breakdown, cutting and depression, until her accidental death at age 23. Bea and Paula describe how their family coped with Pamela’s impulsive behaviors, struggled to find treatment for her and faced gaps in the mental health services system.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“A totally absorbing and tragic personal account that speaks on behalf of the millions of
families having a member with borderline personality disorder. It speaks, too, to the tragic failures of our mental health and medical system. Despite borderline personality disorder’s good response to treatments, they remain rare and tragedies like Pamela’s are not rare—and are unnecessary.”—Dr. John Gunderson, professor in psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and director of the Borderline Personality Disorder Center, McLean Hospital, Belmont, Mass.

Into the Blue:
World Travel Adventures of the Wotrubes
Pat and Rich ’60 Wotruba
Lyons Press

Into the Blue chronicles the adventures of Rich Wotruba ’60 and his wife, Pat, as they sailed around the world on their boat, Crusader. They sailed over 30,000 miles and visited over 30 countries on the boat, named in honor of alma mater. Writing in a familiar, conversational style, Rich and Pat describe their voyage in vivid detail: from Pat assisting with a birth in the Vanuatu Islands, diving for black pearls in the Tuamotu Islands, to hand steering for five days in 40-foot seas. The couple also shares the lessons learned during their incredible experience, including patience, discipline and faith.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“I have known Rich and Pat for over 50 years. The Wotrubes thrive on adventure. Into the Blue is an illuminating account of what it takes to cross ocean waters and how important it is to have confidence in self, each other and to keep faith in God.”—Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., vice president emeritus

Read More of Rich and Pat’s reflections about the lessons learned on their journey in a special web exclusive at magazine.holycross.edu.

Lehy Three Corridor Photo for the 1968 Purple Patcher

Last issue’s Mystery Photo from the campus barbershop turned up on page 131 of the 1968 Purple Patcher, thanks to the astute memories of several readers. The photo depicts the men of the Class of 1969 who lived in Lehy Hall on the third floor that year, as juniors. “That was a corridor photo taken for the yearbook,” wrote Jim Mahon ’70. “Most corridors tried to come up with something original, and that was the result for this group.”

Bob Carlton ’71 concurred that it was Lehy Three’s corridor photo and gave some insight into the scene depicted: “It was taken in the basement barbershop in the brand new Henry Hogan Campus Center. The woman in the picture worked in the barbershop; she didn’t live on Lehy Three, as the Cross was still an ‘all boys club.’”

Tim Dulaney ’69 did not reside on Lehy Three, but he recognized many of his classmates in the photo. “I got a kick out of seeing the picture; it was a nice reminder of old times,” he wrote to HCM.

Bill Joy ’69, P97 and his wife, Mary Pat Joy P97, identified many of the faces in the photo. “Your Mystery Photo was a lot of fun for my husband Bill and me,” Mary Pat wrote. “Bill’s guess is that he and Dave Lynch ’69, P04 were in the lab at the time, as they never would have missed such a moment with these guys!”

Bill and Mary Pat pointed out: Phil Lahey, the late Don Cain, Paul Manion, Mike Trainor, Tom Hathaway, the late Frank Cashman, the late Ed Finnegan, the late Bill O’Connor and Kirk Alley.

Mike Trainor ’69 was also able to identify some of his classmates. “Brian Shortsleeve occupies the barber chair, of that I am certain,” Trainor wrote. He also spotted Jay Feeley, Jim Quinn, Carl Becker, Jerry Foley and Bill Nagle. “It was a pleasant surprise to see the picture of so many guys I recognize and about whom I have such fond memories.”
t was April of ’96. There was a chill in the damp air. The smell of mulch and tulips wafted on the breeze. Perched on the brink of the hill, with Fenwick towering behind and the stairs to Kimball before me, I stood transfixed in time, clutching the rail, as hungry students, bookbags in tow, hustled down the stairs beside me.

Bearing a profound awareness of time having stopped, if only for a fraction of a moment, I took in the grandeur of God in the hills before me. The setting sun, casting a warm glow upon the landscape, hinted at the ending of my days on The Hill.

I remained a moment more, on the verge of going forth. I wondered what my life would hold, already missing my college days, despite not yet having left them.

As the sun glinted across the Chapel cross, my thoughts turned to the homily from the “last minute Mass” the night before: “To those who have been given much, much will be expected.”

Indeed, I had been given much. My heart swelled with gratitude. And, in that moment, I was only beginning to comprehend the plethora of gifts I had been given in my years at The Cross. There was the world-class education, knowledge imparted by brilliant and caring professors who cultivated our unique attributes and fostered our full potential, friends who would accompany us through our life journeys and scholarships that had paved the way.

And, there was more. Enveloped within the gift of a Jesuit education are intractable gifts—with no return policy. Twenty years later, I am still discovering the magnitude of these gifts. Conferred to all on The Hill, is the gift of an Ignatian worldview.

And with this priceless gift come questions—questions which posit a unique and irrepressible call:
“How then shall I live?”
Ours is a special call,
A legacy certain to lend
Discomfort that ensures
We are never impervious to injustice.
Never satisfied with our own success.
We are called to see
beyond ourselves and live
in service to “the other.”

“In what way shall I live as a man or woman for others?”
Ours is a special call,
Awakened within us,
This awareness,
Tasks us with approaching the liminal,
People and places,
Outcast and forgotten,
throughout the earth,
Pushed aside
To stand with
In solidarity.
Men and women who suffer
and seek justice.

“What more can I do? What more can I give?”
Ours is a special call,
A heritage of excellence and leadership
Fearless and generous.
Knowing our place at the table
We go forth
Restless and relentless
Seeking out our brothers and sisters
Not yet at the banquet.

“How will I live ad majorem Dei gloriam?”
Ours is a special call
To rise to the challenge
for the glory of God alone,
To seek Him and to find Him
in all things, people, circumstances, and places.

And so,
we go forth
From this blessed Hill
To touch each precious
spark of life
With our own precious sparks,
Each gifted
Each called
We go forth
To set the world on fire.

There is no turning back from the brink of this Hill.
Indeed, what a gift it is, to be “ruined for life.”

Rebecca Cormier Ruiz ’96 is a freelance writer living in Northern Virginia with her husband, Rex, and sons, Rafael and Gabriel. She writes regularly for Catholic news outlets, including Loyola Press at www.ignatianspirituality.com. Happily “ruined for life,” she has also worked in domestic refugee resettlement in the Diocese of Arlington, Va., for the past 14 years.

Read more about the enduring effects of the Ignatian worldview in a web exclusive at magazine.holycross.edu. Ken Poggenburg ’56 takes us on his Ignatian pilgrimage, which he embarked on in the fall of 2015 through the College’s alumni travel initiative.
After studying biology at Holy Cross, Rochelle Bard ’98 was considering medical school when the words of a stranger inspired her to follow her passion for music. Today, she is an acclaimed opera singer. 

BY BENJAMIN GLEISER
Soprano Rochelle Bard '98 owes her operatic singing career to a chance meeting with a mysterious stranger who pushed her out from behind the scenery and onto center stage.

After graduation, unsure of whether she wanted to be a doctor or a veterinarian, Bard, who was a biology major at Holy Cross, worked at an animal shelter and taught eighth-grade biology in a rural school district in North Carolina. On a whim, she auditioned for a local production of "The Sound of Music," and won the part of Mother Abbess. Outside the theater after opening night, a man introduced himself as a professor at a nearby college and asked her, "What are you doing teaching biology?"

"Honestly, I don't know," Bard replied, thinking the man must have read her bio in the program.

"You need to be singing," the man said with a smile.

Startled, Bard realized he was right.

Today, Bard reflects on that conversation and says, "Later, I looked for that man at the local colleges, but I never found him again. I really wonder if he was an angel. That little conversation, where he thought I was worthy to be on stage, convinced me to go back to school and study music."

Actually, music had always been Bard's first love. While studying biology, she sang in the choir, played piano for recitals and ballet classes, took a slew of music seminars and, in her senior year, joined the Delilahs, an all-female a cappella student group.

"I come from a family of doctors and nurses, so going into premed was something I was expected to do," she says. "Everyone told me it was next to impossible to have a career in music. So I did music on the side. I liked biology ... but I didn't love it.

"But I loved being in the Delilahs," she continues. "It was the most fun I ever had. We let our hair down and laughed and joked around. We made and arranged our own music, and I loved doing concerts with them."

Yet it wasn't until that fateful conversation with a stranger that Bard decided to make music her life. She went on to earn a master's degree in voice from the New England Conservatory; sang at Chautauqua in New York and Tanglewood in Massachusetts; and acquired an agent who began booking her at opera companies all over the country.

Since turning professional, she has won numerous national and international vocal competitions, and performed with Opera Tampa, Sacramento Opera, Baltimore Opera, Utah Festival Opera, Knoxville Opera and, most recently, debuted at Carnegie Hall as the soprano soloist in Beethoven's "Mass in C" and Mozart's "Vespers."

The Knoxville News Sentinel praised her work in the title role in "Norma" at the Knoxville Opera: "In Bard's physical presence and wonderful singing, she is a commanding figure ... Singing one of the most difficult roles in opera because of the demands of its vocal range and emotional depth, Bard's Norma dominates the stage." She also earned rave reviews for her turn as Magda in "La Rondine" at Opera Tampa, with the Tampa Bay Times calling her performance effortless. "During her first aria in Act I, it seemed as if the entire theater was holding its breath. As if breathing would wake us up from this dream and disturb the effortless tones that Ms. Bard was sending out, floating up into the stratosphere."

In 2014, Holy Cross awarded her an honorary degree, and on April 5, 2016, Bard returned to campus to perform a concert of arias, lieder and music from the American Songbook. It will be a special performance, she says, and it's sure to bring back some sweet memories.

And some bittersweet reminiscences—especially singing in the choir under the late Bruce Miller, former professor of music and director of the College Choir and Chamber Singers.

"He heard something in me that I didn't know I had," Bard says. "He recognized my interest in music and kept encouraging his students to try new things. He created such fantastic sounds." She reflects a moment, then adds, "I wish he was still around. I'd like to thank him."

And she fondly remembers her many music seminars with Jessica Waldoff, associate professor of music: "I took as many of her classes and seminars as I could. She had such a passion for music. She really opened my ears and sparked my interest in opera."

Waldoff recalls Bard as the eager student who sat in the front of the class in her opera seminar and asked the kind of questions that sparked her fellow students to join class discussions.

"She was a marvellous student," Waldoff says. "I could tell by the expression on her face that the material really inspired her. You can see that in her nowadays when she performs—she always gets to the essence of the music."

Bard is also excited about College plans to build a new performing arts center, which will include a 400-seat concert hall, a 200-seat black box theatre and an art gallery, among other amenities. The project is funded in part by a donation from Neil Prior '56.

"Thank goodness!" Bard exclaimed. "Holy Cross deserves a facility like that. We're so lucky to have someone like Mr. Prior to support the arts. Holy Cross has always been known for its premed and prelaw curriculum—I'd love for it to also become known for its arts programs."

In addition to studying biology and music, Bard participated in social justice programs on campus. She was a member of Pax Christi, a student group involved in issues of justice and peace, and participated in the immersion programs offered by the chaplains' office.
Rochelle Bard ’98 stands in front of a grand piano in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. “My mother taught me that it was our job to give back,” she says. “During my immersion trip to Mexico, we got to know people by living with them, talking with them and attending Mass with them. They have little money, but they showed me the importance of gratitude for all the little things in your life.”

“When I was in high school, I visited Haiti and experienced the people’s poverty,” she continues. “I went back again after the earthquake. Since then, I’ve done several benefit concerts to raise money for Haiti and create awareness of the Haitian people’s plight.”

As she prepared for her concert at her alma mater, she reflected on how her life has changed and what performing means to her. “I used to be the person hiding behind the piano bench or standing in the chorus. When I sing in an opera, I’m pretending to be someone who’s larger than life. And now, when I give a recital, I can be me. That’s why I love doing concerts. I can talk between songs and be real with people.”

**FIVE QUESTIONS with ROCHELLE BARD**

You sang with the Delilahs. Did you see yourself in the characters when you watched “Pitch Perfect?”

Oh, my gosh, yes! I don’t remember the characters from the film well enough to say which one was me, but that whole movie—singing before people who judge you—is my life.

What would you rather do: Sing the national anthem before the Super Bowl, or do a duet with Andrea Bocelli?

Sing the duet with Bocelli. Singing live on TV is scary. It’s easier to sing a duet. I’m taking the easy way out.

If you hadn’t chosen opera, what genre would you sing?

Church music. I’m the music director at St. Timothy’s in West Hartford, Conn. I think Mass is so much more special when music is personal.

Which composer would you like to meet?

Giacomo Puccini or Giuseppe Verdi. They seemed to love sopranos, and wrote the best music for them. Puccini’s operas always feature a tragic heroine, a sweet, innocent woman who dies at the end. Think of “Madame Butterfly.” I think that mirrored his life—the soprano was the woman he could never have. Mozart is an amazing composer, but he writes soprano lines like they should be played on a flute or a violin. When I sing Mozart, I feel like I’m part of the orchestra. Puccini and Verdi understood the human nature of the soprano voice.

What do you think of the modern pop operas, like “Phantom of the Opera” and “Les Miserables?”

I don’t know if I’d call them operas. They’re classical legitimate musical theatre that needs performers who can sing classical. Opera is like musical theatre, but more intense—it’s so dramatic. Most of the characters I portray die at the end of the show.

Want to know more about Rochelle? And whether she thinks opera singers truly are divas? We ask her a few more questions in a web exclusive at magazine.holycross.edu.
Philosophy professor Joseph P. Lawrence conducts class on the Stein Quad on a beautiful, early spring day.
1941

Paul J. Stoll

Paul J. Stoll, of Hubbardston, Mass., died on Jan. 25, 2015, at 93. Mr. Stoll attended Holy Cross until he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he served as a 1st lieutenant in the 1886th Engineer Aviation Battalion in the Pacific. After his military service, he worked as a self-employed carpenter, as well as for several construction companies. Mr. Stoll was a resident of Hubbardston for more than 50 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 2 in Barre, Mass., served on various town boards, commissions and committees and was also a 45-year member of the Hubbardston Scholarship Committee. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Angelina; four children; and six grandchildren.

1942

Leo I. Racine

Leo I. Racine, of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on Feb. 14, 2015, at 96. Mr. Racine was a pilot on B-17s—the aircraft known as the Flying Fortress—during World War II. He worked in the New York office of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy for 42 years and also participated in the campaigns of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Edward M. Kennedy. When Mr. Racine retired to West Palm Beach, he became the historian of the “Winter White House,” the former Florida home of the Kennedys. While he was a student at Holy Cross, Mr. Racine participated in track and cross country. He supported the College after graduation as a longtime member of the President’s Council. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, June; three sons, including Timothy Racine ’66; one daughter; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and nephews Brendan Siebecker ’14 and Matthew Siebecker ’18.

1944

John J. Flanigan

John J. “Jack” Flanigan, of Northborough, Mass., died on Dec. 21, 2014, at 92. Mr. Flanigan attended Holy Cross until he enlisted in the Navy during World War II. He served as a Navy pilot and flight instructor. After his military service, he joined his father in the family shoe company in Marlborough, Mass., and later worked at Bay State Abrasive Company/Dresser until his retirement. Mr. Flanigan was a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish, an active member of the American Legion Post 234 and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. He is survived by two daughters, four sons and their spouses; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and a brother. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie.

1945

Edward J. Kain

Edward J. “Ed” Kain, of Huntley, Ill., died on Dec. 16, 2014, at 91. Mr. Kain was an Army combat veteran who served in the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan, during World War II. He was a member of the Woodstock VFW Post #5040 and the Crystal Lake, Ill., American Legion. Mr. Kain lived in Crystal Lake for many years, where he was a credit management attorney at Oak Industries. He was active in the community as the first president of the Crystal Lake Jaycees, a community service organization, and a past president of the Crystal Lake Library Board. He is survived by two sons, three daughters and their spouses; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie, a son, a daughter-in-law and a sister.

1947

Robert C. Ackles, M.D.

Robert C. “Bob” Ackles, M.D., of Naples, Fla., died on Dec. 9, 2014, at 89. Dr. Ackles enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve Force and attained the rank of ensign during World War II. He also served as a 1st lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Dr. Ackles graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and served as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. After his military service, he worked as a dentist in Naples, Fla., and later founded the Ackles Dental Practice, which he operated for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and their three children.
cum laude from Holy Cross in 1947 and went on to graduate from Cornell University Medical College in 1951. He completed his training in surgery and urology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit before opening his own urology practice in Akron, Ohio. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Ohio Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons, as well as an associate professor of urology at Northeast Ohio College of Medicine. Dr. Ackles lived in Naples for 35 years and was a member of the Men’s Auxiliary Naples Community Hospital, Retired Physicians of Collier County and St. Monica’s Episcopal Church. He served on the board of directors of Trayer Products in Elmira, N.Y., from 1970 to 2007. He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; his stepson, stepdaughter and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1949
Charles G. Bollinger
Charles G. “Charlie” Bollinger, a lifelong resident of River Edge, N.J., died on July 22, 2014, at 86. Mr. Bollinger worked as an accountant for Texaco Oil Co. in Purchase, N.Y., for 40 years before his retirement in 1987. He was an active member of St. Peter the Apostle Parish and the River Edge community, serving as both a Little League and CYO coach. While at Holy Cross, he played varsity basketball and was a member of the team that won the 1947 NCAA Championship. He is survived by four sons, four daughters and their spouses; 23 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaretta, and his son-in-law.

Thomas G. Grady
Thomas G. “Tom” Grady, of Blacksburg, Va., died on Dec. 16, 2014, at 87. While he was a student at Holy Cross, Mr. Grady participated in the Dramatic Society, Sodality and the Knights of Columbus. He continued his involvement with the Knights of Columbus for 69 years. He is survived by his wife, Marie, whom he married before his senior year at Holy Cross; four children; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

John J. Hayden, D.D.S.
John J. “Jack” Hayden, D.D.S., of Falmouth, Mass., died on Jan. 29, 2015, at 90. Dr. Hayden served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, prior to his time at Holy Cross. He graduated from St. Louis University Dental School in 1953 and returned to his hometown of Portland, Maine, where he practiced dentistry for nearly 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Margaret; three children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and many nieces and nephews, including Hayden Mitchell ’13.

Edward R. O’Keeffe, M.D.
Edward R. “Ed” O’Keeffe, M.D., of Spring Hill, Fla., died on Jan. 10, 2015, at 88. Dr. O’Keeffe was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Joann, and his cousin, Daniel O’Keeffe Sr., M.D. ’42.

1950
Howard W. Clarke

James R. Halpin P84
(1936 – 2015)

James R. “Jim” Halpin, of Hingham, Mass., and formerly of Worcester, died on April 22, 2015, at 79. Mr. Halpin called the Jesuits the “bedrock of his life” and had a long history with the order. He graduated from Cranwell Preparatory High School, a Jesuit school in Lenox, Mass., and received his B.A. from Boston College in 1959. Mr. Halpin earned an M.Ed at the University of Vermont, and then returned to the Jesuits, spending the majority of his career as the director of admissions at Holy Cross. He held the post for 24 years, from 1967 to 1991.

Mr. Halpin hired Ann McDermott ’79, the College’s current director of admissions, in 1989. “Jim Halpin was a wonderful mentor, and a very kind and gentle soul who lived his life to the fullest,” McDermott says. “It was an honor and a pleasure to work with him.” Not only did McDermott work with Mr. Halpin as a staff member, she also knew him when she was a student tour guide in the admissions office. She fondly remembers Mr. Halpin and his wife serving as the “dorm parents” for Alumni Hall.

After retiring from Holy Cross in 1991, Mr. Halpin continued to work in higher education, first at Assumption College and then as an adviser to students at St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School in Hyannis, Mass. He lived in South Yarmouth, Mass., before moving to Hingham. He also loved Irish music and literature, and traveled to Ireland frequently to enjoy the history and people (as well as some Guinness, according to his loved ones). Mr. Halpin is survived by his former wife, Mary; his daughter, Julie Halpin Anderson ’84; his son; five grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by three brothers.

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at 86. From 1953 to 1956, he served as a sergeant in the Army Security Agency in Berlin. Mr. Clarke received his master’s degree and Ph.D. in English at Harvard University. He taught classics and comparative literature at Harvard, Boston University, Michigan State University, Gottingen University in Germany and the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was professor emeritus of classics and comparative literature at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Mr. Clarke is the author of The Gospel of Matthew and Its Readers: A Historical Introduction to the First Gospel, The Art of the Odyssey and Homer’s Readers: A Historical Introduction to the Iliad and the Odyssey. From 1993 to 2010, he was a destination lecturer on cruise ships in the Mediterranean. He is survived by his wife, Ursula; two daughters; and a grandson.

1951
Donald E. Burke, D.D.S.

Donald E. “Don” Burke, D.D.S., of Broomfield, Colo., and formerly of Norwalk, Conn., died on Jan. 22, 2015, at 85. After his graduation from Holy Cross, Dr. Burke served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1955. He graduated from Georgetown Dental School in 1959 and then opened his family dentistry practice in Norwalk, where he practiced for 36 years. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patty; eight children and their spouses; 21 grandchildren; his sister; and his sister-in-law.

1952
Lemuel W. Higgins, D.D.S.

Lemuel W. “Lem” Higgins, D.D.S., of Worcester, died on Feb. 10, 2015, at 85. Dr. Higgins served as an officer in the U.S. Army Dental Corps after earning his degree at Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago. After his service, he returned to Worcester to open a private dental practice, which he ran for more than 50 years. Dr. Higgins was a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Worcester Dental Society, and served on the Worcester Board of Health. He was also a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester and a member of Christ the King Church. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Artie; five children and their spouses; and 13 grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister and grandson.

1953
Frank J. Geishecker Jr.

Frank J. Geishecker Jr., of Westwood, Mass., died on Feb. 5, 2015, at 85. Mr. Geishecker earned a master’s degree at New York University in 1956. He previously lived in Dedham, Mass., where he worked as the town treasurer and also served as a selectman. In 2009, Mr. Geishecker received the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s In Hoc Signo Award, the association’s highest honor, given in recognition of dedicated, outstanding and lengthy service to the College and alumni organizations. He is a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Boston and the Dedham Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth; four daughters, including Susan Novicki ’80 and Lori Geishecker ’81; a son; and four grandchildren, including Andrew Novicki ’12.

Rev. Peter J. Scanlon
Rev. Peter J. Scanlon, of Worcester, died on Sept. 24, 2015, at 84. He was a Roman Catholic priest of the Worcester Diocese for 58 years. After graduating from Holy Cross, he earned a degree in sacred theology from St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore. Fr. Scanlon was ordained in 1957 and served in several local parishes before becoming the Diocesan Director of the Newman Apostolate. He was also the pastor of the former Our Lady of Fatima Church in Worcester. He served as chaplain of the Worcester Fire Department for 45 years and was the full-time campus minister at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for more than 20 years. He was also a noted supporter of the Holy Cross Crusaders basketball team. Fr. Scanlon is survived by his sister and many friends and brother priests.

1954
Vito O. Mazzone, D.D.S.

Vito O. Mazzone, D.D.S., of Wethersfield, Conn., died on Feb. 1, 2015, at 84. Dr. Mazzone studied premed at Holy Cross and lived with fellow future dentists Richard R. Simone, D.D.S. and Albert S. Ogonowski, D.D.S. Dr. Mazzone went on to Georgetown University for dental school, where he was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, an honorary dental society, and received the Mosby Scholarship Award for scholastic excellence. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a dentist for two years before opening his own practice in Bristol, Conn., where he practiced for 40 years. He was a member of the American Dental Association, the Bristol Dental Society, the Elks and the Bristol Fish and Game Club. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Norma; his son and daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren.

1955
Robert W. Manning Jr.

Robert W. “Bob” Manning Jr., of Pasadena, Calif., died on Dec. 25, 2014, at 81. Mr. Manning majored in English and then served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He met his wife of 56 years, Shirley, while stationed in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and they settled in Pasadena after his time in the service. Mr. Manning worked in property management for Allstate Insurance and Home Savings prior to his retirement. He was a volunteer docent at the Gamble House in Pasadena, a national historic landmark and museum of Arts and Crafts style architecture. Mr. Manning is survived by his wife, Shirley; three sons; two daughters; 12 grandchildren; and three sisters. He was predeceased by one sister.

1956
George H. Grimm Jr.

George H. Grimm Jr., of Hobe Sound, Fla., died on Feb. 9, 2015, at 81. Mr. Grimm was a pioneering bond trader and a great supporter of the College. Along with his wife, Eileen, he was a member of the President’s Council. During his undergraduate years at Holy Cross, Mr. Grimm paid his tuition by managing several businesses and also played on the freshman basketball team. After college, he became a stockbroker and was the president of the Bond Market Association until 1980, when he left to create his own firm. The business grew to become Westpac Pollock Government Securities in New York City, one of the leading government bond dealers in the world. Mr. Grimm was the managing director and executive vice president until his retirement.
Mr. Joseph L. Cavanaugh
Mr. Joseph L. “Joe” Cavanaugh, of Vienna, Va., died on Jan. 20, 2015, at 78. After graduating from Holy Cross, he attended St. Mary’s Seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1963. He worked at several parishes and then volunteered in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. He served from 1967 to 1971, stationed in Guam and Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. In 1971, he decided to leave the priesthood and was honorably discharged from the Navy. He met his wife, Mary, after retiring from the Navy and had a 38-year career in the federal government, working at the National Center for Health Statistics, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services before his retirement in 2008. Mr. Cavanaugh enjoyed woodworking and was an active member of the Mount Tabor Catholic Community. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; and a daughter.

Michael P. Diamantopoulos

Mr. Hertzfeld was drafted into the U.S. Army while he was still an Austrian citizen but became a U.S. citizen in 1943. He ascended to the rank of captain before his honorable discharge in 1952. He worked in the automotive industry before switching to the field of education with a job as business manager at Boston University. He later served as vice president and treasurer at BU before becoming the treasurer at Amherst College, a post he held for 13 years, from 1968 until his retirement in 1983. During his career, Mr. Hertzfeld was also the chairman and CEO of two manufacturing companies, The Exolon Company of Tonawanda, N.Y., and The Permattech Diamond Tool Company of Milford, N.H.

Mr. Hertzfeld served on the Holy Cross Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1978 and continued his involvement with the College as part of the inaugural advisory board, formed in the spring of 2006. The group, composed of former Trustees and others with strong connections to the College, served as advisors to the Board of Trustees and administration.

Mr. Hertzfeld was active in other professional and charitable organizations, including the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers, the College Entrance Examination Board, the Educational Testing Service, the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, Mass., and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

In his own words, "America afforded me the opportunity of a good education, an interesting professional life, lifelong friends and above all the privilege and blessing of a great family. I tried to acknowledge this good fortune by being supportive of family and friends and serving the communities I lived in to the best of my ability. I sincerely hope that after my death my family and friends will say, 'He succeeded.'"

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Dorothy; five daughters; a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son and his first wife of 44 years, Nora.
Mass., throughout his career. Mr. Diamantopoulos was an avid tennis player and left the science field to open the Acton Tennis Club in Acton, Mass., enjoying a second career as a business owner. He is survived by five siblings and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, a brother and two sisters.

Francis V. McNabb Jr.
Francis V. “Mac” McNabb Jr., of Reston, Va., died on Jan. 29, 2015, at 75. Mr. McNabb served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1972. His passion for flying led to a 27-year career in corporate aviation. He played on the varsity football team while he was a student at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judith; five children; and four grandchildren.

1962
John K. McDevitt
John K. McDevitt, of Killington, Conn., and Cape Cod, Mass., died on Feb. 6, 2015, at 73. A 1965 graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. McDevitt first practiced law in Massachusetts. He worked at a firm in Revere, Mass., as assistant solicitor for the town of Revere and, later, for the city of Boston. He later moved to New Haven, Conn., and worked as the attorney for the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Joanne; four children; six grandchildren; his stepdaughter; and his godson.

James M. Seymour
James M. “Jim” Seymour of Alexandria, Va., died on Oct. 6, 2014. After he graduated from Holy Cross, Mr. Seymour volunteered with the Peace Corps in Borneo, East Malaysia from 1962 to 1964. He did postgraduate work at the University of Hawaii, followed by a second master’s degree and a Ph.D. in international development and education at Stanford University. He taught for three years at the City College of New York, then joined the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Seymour lived in northern Virginia for 32 years, where he worked as an independent consultant. His consulting work took him to more than 44 developing countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, South America and the Caribbean. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons; one daughter; and two grandchildren.

1965
Thomas F. Gehrmann
Thomas F. “Tom” Gehrmann, of Goodyear, Ariz., and former longtime resident of East Brunswick, N.J., died on Jan. 27, 2015. Mr. Gehrmann earned his MBA from Ryder University in Trenton, N.J., and worked as the financial vice president of the international division of Carter-Wallace Corp. in Princeton, N.J., for more than 20 years. He played on the varsity lacrosse team while he was a student at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Penny; three children; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

1968
CDR Robert J. Fedoryszyn, USN (Ret)
CDR Robert J. “Bob” Fedoryszyn, USN (Ret), of San Diego, Calif., died on Dec. 11, 2014, at 68. Commander Fedoryszyn was an officer in the Navy and part of the Air Anti-submarine Squadron 41. He is survived by his wife, Carol.

1973
William B. Saint
William B. “Bill” Saint, of Mattapoisett, Mass., and, previously, a resident of Brewster, Dennis and Attleboro, Mass., died Nov. 13, 2014, at 63. During his career, Mr. Saint held various positions caring for persons with physical and developmental challenges. In addition, he sold insurance for John Hancock and worked for the Boy Scouts of America and Nauset Public Schools in Orleans, Mass. Mr. Saint also devoted many hours of volunteer service caring for those in need. Born in Boston and raised in Needham, Mass., he was a 1969 graduate of Saint Sebastian’s School, where he played football. After attending Holy Cross for two years, Mr. Saint enrolled in Saint John’s Seminary in Brighton, Mass., for one semester and subsequently earned his undergraduate degree at Framingham (Mass.) State College (now University). He is survived by four brothers, P. Michael Saint ’71, David Saint ’75, John Saint ’80 and Joseph Saint ’88; a nephew; six nieces; and many cousins. His father was the late Paul F. Saint ’40.

2019
Joshua Andrew Pellerin
Joshua Andrew Pellerin, of Clarendon, Vt., died in December 2015, at 20. Mr. Pellerin was born in Rutland, Vt., and graduated second in his class from that city’s Mount St. Joseph Academy in 2013, where he participated in Boys State, was a member of the football and track teams and was manager of the basketball team. He was a member of the National Honor Society and enjoyed doing community service and several extracurricular activities. Before coming to Holy Cross, Mr. Pellerin took a year off from school, during which time he worked as a paraeducator at the Shrewsbury Mountain School in Cuttingville, Vt. He also worked four summers at Wallingford, Vt.’s Camp Maple Leaf, which caters to the social needs and relaxation skills of campers with various special needs. He enjoyed being outdoors, antiques, politics, Latin and French, playing tennis, swimming, music, traveling, animals (especially his Boston terrier, “Muggsy”), collecting and reading classic novels, researching real estate and spending time with family and friends. Mr. Pellerin is survived by his parents Roger and Kelly Pellerin-Loomis; his brother; his sister; his grandmother; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

FRIENDS
Mary Ann Kmetz Balbach, mother of Mary Ann Balbach Markunas ’78, mother-in-law of Jeff Markunas ’78 and grandmother of Christopher L. Markunas ’05 and his wife Morgan Montgomery ’06; Charlotte Broderick, widow of Hugh F. Broderick, M.D. ’30; Harold M. Class Jr., father of Kevin M. Class ’80; Ann M. Cloherty, mother of Maryann Cloherty Casavant ’85 and Anne Cloherty Fortune ’98 and mother-in-law of David W. Casavant ’85 and Timothy M. Fortune ’98; Constance Croteau, mother of the late Leon Croteau ’73; Margarita “Maggie” Custodio, wife of John O’Neill ’89; Regina (Jeanne) Dalzell, widow of Robert W. Dalzell ’51; Kevin Dill, father of Scott Dill ’00; Patricia Donahue, mother of Kate Bailen, office of advancement; Judith Frank, M.D., widow of John Ketterer Jr., M.D. ’57; Sheila Murphy Hulseman, mother of Richard Hulseman ’81 and Joseph Hulseman P18, mother-in-law of Frances Spann.
Holy Cross Remembers Former President (1994 – 1998)


“It can’t have been easy to follow Rev. John Brooks, S.J., as president of the College of the Holy Cross,” said Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of the College. “Fr. Reedy’s thoughtful leadership and priestly ministry served the College well during challenging times, and we are most grateful for his service and remember him and his extended family in prayer at this time.”

Increasing the diversity of the College’s administration, faculty and student body was a priority for Fr. Reedy, a goal he realized during his four-year tenure as president. Students of color comprised 12 percent of the class of 2002—an increase from eight percent for the prior class; the number of people of color among faculty nearly doubled. Holy Cross also transformed its educational technology infrastructure under Fr. Reedy’s leadership, earning national recognition in the mid-1990s as one of the “most wired campuses in the nation.”

Rev. Brian F. Linnane, S.J., the current president of Loyola University of Maryland and former professor and assistant dean at Holy Cross, said, “Fr. Reedy was a well-regarded scholar of 18th-century British literature and film and the literature around the work on the literature around the literature around films at that time. He was a very engaged scholar.”

While Fr. Linnane and Fr. Reedy were at Holy Cross together, they co-taught an interdisciplinary honors program seminar on theology, literature and film during the fall of 1997, titled Moral Weakness. “The success of this course was particularly gratifying for Jerry because it reflected what I take to be one of the central goals of his presidency—that the educational experience at Holy Cross be one that is ever more intellectually rigorous and, at the same time, broadly Catholic,” Fr. Linnane told HCM in an October 1998 article commemorating Fr. Reedy’s presidency.

Fr. Reedy was born in Bellerose, N.Y., on October 25, 1939. The son of Charles and Margaret (Deasy) Reedy, he attended Regis High School in New York and entered the Society of Jesus in 1957. He studied philosophy at Loyola Seminary and theology at Woodstock College, before earning his Ph.D in English at the University of Pennsylvania.

Fr. Reedy devoted nearly 40 years of his career to teaching and leadership at Fordham University. He taught English literature from 1973-1985 and also served as chair of the English department. He moved into the administration in 1986 as dean of Fordham College, followed by roles as dean of arts and sciences faculty and vice president for academic affairs. Fr. Reedy also authored numerous articles published in academic journals and wrote two books, The Bible and Reason: Anglicans and Scripture in Late Seventeenth-Century England and Robert South (1634–1716): An Introduction to His Life and Sermons.

At the time of his death, he was serving as university professor at Fordham University, a post he had held since 2008. He is survived by his sister.
The alumni featured in this issue have taken varied, and sometimes unexpected, paths in life after Holy Cross. None more so than Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., ’53, who declined a spot on the Boston Celtics’ roster to become a Jesuit priest.

A standout player and senior captain of the basketball team during his undergraduate days at Holy Cross, Fr. Markey was drafted by the Boston Celtics in the fourth round of the 1953 NBA Draft. There was no live TV broadcast of the draft, and none of the multimillion dollar salaries NBA players make today. Instead, Fr. Markey learned of his selection to the team by letter, and he still has the now tattered correspondence (above).

The letter is on official stationary of the “Boston Celtics Basketball Club Incorporated” and includes a reference to famed Celtics coach Red Auerbach: “Doubtless you will be hearing from ‘Red,’ if you’re interested, within the reasonably near future.”

At the time of the draft, Fr. Markey was weighing a number of options for his future. At first, he thought about going to law school, but the Celtics administration told him he couldn’t both play and go to school. Fr. Markey also happened to play guard, the same position as two Hall-of-Famers already playing for the Celtics, Bill Sharman and Holy Cross’ own Bob Cousy. "I had no assurance that I would make the team, and if I did, I had no assurance that I would get much playing time,” Fr. Markey says.

In addition to these uncertainties, the Korean War had just ended, and Fr. Markey recalls feeling a desire to make a difference in the broken, post-war world.

“My Jesuit education from the age of 13 at St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City, N.J., and at Holy Cross led me to discern the way I could best live a life of Christian commitment. My studies, my family example and my Jesuit models all led me to serious consideration of a priestly life,” he says. “While my consideration was often painful, it was also encouraging. I entered the Society of Jesus on July 31, 1953. I accepted the challenge and have felt God’s blessings ever since.”

In his years as a Jesuit, Fr. Markey has worked at two of his alma maters, first as principal at St. Peter’s Prep, and then in a number of roles at Holy Cross, including vice president of student affairs. He currently serves as the associate director of Jesuit relations in the College’s Office of Admissions. ■
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