FAREWELL FIELD HOUSE

DECADES IN THE MAKING, THE 71-YEAR-OLD ICON

MAKES WAY FOR A LONG-AWAITED UPGRADE
College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., addresses those gathered at the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery to celebrate Professor Maurice Géracht being honored as a knight of arts and culture by the French government (see story, Page 22).
Looking Back in Gratitude, Forward in Hope

Over the past few weeks, as I have walked back and forth between my home in Ciampi and my office in Fenwick, I have been struck by the stunning sight of the Field House sporting a gaping hole in its back wall. The demolition of this Holy Cross landmark, once an epicenter of activity on our campus, is a bittersweet moment. Since 1948, the Field House has been the site of dances and concerts, athletic practices and intramural sports contests, speakers and ceremonies. Musical acts such as the Glenn Miller Band, Duke Ellington, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, The Who, Aerosmith and LL Cool J have performed there, the structure is central to their memories of Holy Cross; as the site of these memories, it serves as part of the identity of our community.

As the crumbling wall of the Field House inspires these reflections on our history and community, it also spurs reflection on the great momentum that Holy Cross has sustained and our bright future. The new Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, which will be built on the site of the Field House, will offer state-of-the-art fitness and recreation spaces for our entire campus community beginning in Fall 2020. “The Jo,” as we are already affectionately calling it, will fill a great need toward meeting our goals of strengthening the minds, bodies and spirits of all our students, faculty and staff. In addition to beginning the process of constructing the newest physical addition to campus, at the end of last semester we launched the new Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca ‘59 Center for Business, Ethics, and Society. The Ciocca Center will offer expanded workshops and internship opportunities to allow students to gain the technical skills, entrepreneurial mindset and ethical framework they will need to become leaders of rapidly changing businesses and organizations. Through our new interdisciplinary Business, Ethics, and Society minor, students will also examine the role of business in a just society.

And while we work to provide physical structure and creative new opportunities, it is our students who give these projects and programs life. Their passion, their ingenuity, their drive and their faith inspire me each day. I see that instead of roadblocks, their faith inspire me each day. I see that instead of roadblocks, these student-athletes demonstrated an exemplary level of dedication and teamwork.

We are not without our challenges. We have had incidents of bias and disrespect on our campus, and we have community members who have not lived up to our standards for behavior. But, together, we are working hard to build the respectful and inclusive community that we seek at Holy Cross; you can learn more about that on our website at www.holycross.edu/campus-climate.

As we address these issues that are facing our campus and most across the country, I am constantly reminded of how blessed we are at Holy Cross to be a community of individuals who are so deeply committed to our mission and values. How fortunate we are to be in a position to consistently improve our programs and physical plant to better prepare our students for successful lives of purpose. And how exciting it is to be inspired daily by the character and accomplishments of our extraordinary students.

I hope that you enjoy a peaceful and hope-filled Easter, as our world so desperately needs people of hope who are committed to addressing the multiple challenges the human family is facing.

Sincerely,

Phil L. Boroughs, S.J.

President
Students take one last spin around the Field House during a December 2018 roller skating party, the last official event of its 71-year history on The Hill.
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DEAR HCM,

The Responsibility to Take Risks

Congratulations on another excellent edition of Holy Cross Magazine. Your work continues to reflect well on every aspect of the Cross. Some of us particularly appreciate receiving a print version rather than a cyber ghost.

Melissa Shaw’s article on the Black Student Union was especially compelling (“For Us, For Others, For Action,” Winter 2019, Page 28). As a 1966 graduate, I left Holy Cross before the developments she reports on. My late brother Richard was still there as a member of the class of 1970. However, I did know both Rev. Raymond Swords, S.J., and Rev. John Brooks, S.J. We math majors all knew Fr. Swords. Fr. Brooks was one of my classroom teachers. My memories of those two men together with nearly 30 years as an academic dean and provost at a Jesuit university lead me to a few observations.

As it is now, Holy Cross was a leader in those days. Vice President Brooks was a leader and a risk-taker through his proactive (and highly personal) approach to the issue of enhancing diversity in the student body. The members of the Black Student Union were leaders and risk-takers in their willingness to commit themselves – individually and collectively – to their just cause and to do so in a respectful, peaceful and effective manner. President Swords was a leader and a risk-taker in facing a complex and contentious situation and resolving it by doing what was right rather than what was politically expected. My years as provost taught me how difficult it is to emulate the leadership of these great men. The entire Holy Cross community remains forever in their debt.

If I were to quibble at all with the content of Shaw’s excellent piece it would be to express surprise at the minimal attention given to the role of the faculty. References to the faculty are oblique and not especially complementary. The faculty whom I remember from those days merited more attention.

Art Martin is sadly correct that “racism is still alive in America.” So are homophobia and sexism in all their manifestations. Holy Cross has the opportunity and the responsibility to continue as a leader and a risk-taker in the ongoing struggle to heal our American society, which is in such pain. The Black Student Union and the College are clearly rising to that challenge.

Thanks for reminding us of these important and difficult times in the life of our great school. And for the rays of hope about the future of Holy Cross. Be well.

Allan L. Service, Ph.D. ’66
Provost Emeritus
Regis University
Denver

The Boldness of Fr. Brooks

I attended Holy Cross from 1970 to 1974, the early years that pursuit and must now be proud to look down and read your Winter 19 issue, which celebrates the impact of his early mission (“For Us, For Others, For Action,” Winter 2019, Page 28). A wonderful story.

Jim Murphy ’55
Dallas

EDITOR’S NOTE

The late Joseph J. “Joe” Reilly Jr. ’55 was former special assistant to the president and to the vice president of student affairs and dean of students. He was also chairman emeritus of the Bishop Healy Committee. Both roles were devoted to increasing racial and ethnic diversity at the College. In recognition of Reilly’s dedication, the Office of Multicultural Education presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001. Since 2002, it has been presented annually to two fourth-year students “who exemplify the ideals of Holy Cross and the caring and loving example of Joe Reilly.”

Progress on the Path

I just wanted to compliment you on the terrific coverage of the BSU at 50 (“For Us, For Others, For Action,” Winter 2019, Page 28). As a member of the class of 1961, where we had only two black students, I am delighted to see the progress in diversity that the College has made. We, as a society, still have far to go, but this retrospective reveals the progress the College has made.

Robert Hurley ’61
Cherry Hill, New Jersey
of the Black Student Union and Fr. Brooks’ drive to make the school more diverse. 1972 was the first year women were enrolled. Undeniably, these were two of the most critical changes in the history of Holy Cross. I recall that black students and white students kept mostly to themselves. There was some animosity expressed by white students toward the growing number of black students, but there was mostly a sense of wariness.

I am now 66. In the time since I graduated from Holy Cross, I sometimes marvel at how clueless I was then, and sometimes since, at the challenges and cruelties that people of color experience on a daily basis in America. On the plus side, I feel that my Holy Cross education accelerated my interest in reading black intellectuals and in studying and understanding the complex and pervasive ways in which race permeates American life. Reading Diane Brady’s book, “Fraternity,” renewed my deep appreciation for Fr. Brooks, but the accounts of the painful obstacles faced by black students in those days was disheartening.

The article in Holy Cross Magazine (“For Us, For Others, For Action,” Winter 2019, Page 28) was a reminder of how things were back then, but might also be an opportunity for all of us to consider whether we are living our own lives with the boldness of Fr. Brooks – to ask ourselves what we have done, in small ways or large, to make our country more just and equitable.

Stephen E. Dawley ’74
West Hartford, Connecticut

I did not know I had saved this picture.

The photo was taken during a Christmas banquet at Kimball Hall in 1964. Seated at the head table are, from left to right, James M. Murphy, president of the student council; Rev. Francis J. Hart, S.J., director of intermurals; Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., dean of discipline; Bishop Bernard Flanagan, bishop of Worcester; and Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., president of the College. The person at the dais, wearing a cassock and biretta, is yours truly, a senior doing an imitation of Fr. Dunn. Somehow I had been able to imitate Fr. Dunn’s stentorian voice rather well, and several classmates suggested I do my imitation at the Christmas banquet.

When I walked into Kimball Hall, the students roared. Fr. Dunn, while adored, was also feared by many, so my imitation was considered daring at the least, if not foolhardy.

As you can perhaps tell from the waiters in the background trying to get a glimpse of the proceedings, the skit went over quite well and without incident.

I should add that Fr. Dunn and I have had many laughs over this in the intervening years. I respected him then and still do today. If imitation is a sign of flattery, then I trust that Fr. Dunn enjoyed the imitation at the banquet as much as I did.

Peter Sughrue ’65
Bridgehampton, New York

EDITOR’S NOTE
We forwarded the photo and letter to Fr. Dunn, who responded: “I remember clearly Peter coming through the front doors and the cheers for him. Well deserved.”

Errata
In “In Memoriam” (Winter 2019, Page 87), the yearbook photo of the late Dennis A. McCormack ’73 was mistakenly included with the obituary of the late Daniel J. Kerwin ’72. Holy Cross Magazine regrets the error.

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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US!
Have you come across a photograph of your days on The Hill that makes you smile? Do you have a memento that brings you right back to campus? We would love to see it and share with your fellow alumni! E-mail us a picture or scan at hcmag@holycross.edu. If you are paring down your possessions, don’t throw away your Holy Cross memories! Send that old yearbook, publication, memento or photo you no longer want to the address above. We may feature them in a future issue and we will deliver them to College Archives, where they will become a part of Holy Cross history.
Our writer warned me early: “Art Ciocca doesn’t want to be the focus of the story.” My reply was a fantastically eloquent: “Huh?”

We were writing a profile of Ciocca’s prescient understanding of the role entrepreneurship would play in modern business and how at Holy Cross his vision has — and will continue to — shape future generations of ethical business leaders with a liberal arts foundation. How could the story not be about him? He wants the story to be about the students and the opportunities for them, the writer explained. “OK,” I replied, clearly on a roll, vocabulary-wise.

Art Ciocca ’59: visionary business leader and humble human whose foundation is focused on “principled entrepreneurship.” Not cutthroat competition or making a mountain of money. As he explained to our writer, “Entrepreneurs who take their satisfaction on the basis of merit — I believe those people create real, long-term, sustainable value for society and for others.”

Ciocca deferring the spotlight — and believing in principled leadership with a decidedly Ignatian bent — tells you, I think, everything you need to know about the man. However, I encourage you to read and enjoy the story, starting on Page 30. It is a fascinating look at business, entrepreneurship, visionary philanthropy — and wine. (You’ll learn the genesis of wine in a box, which makes a great story to share over a glass of said wine. We also did write about the man himself because, frankly, his story is inspiring. We hope he doesn’t mind.)

Ciocca’s mention of leadership benefiting others instead of self immediately brings to mind Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.’s legendary call for the Jesuit-educated to be “men and women for others.” The phrase gets used so much, it could easily be viewed as just a nifty slogan to the cynical or unfamiliar. But, as the saying goes: Hang around a barbershop long enough and you’re going to want a haircut. In this case, I’d amend that to: Hang around a Jesuit school long enough and you’re going to want to do good, which is exactly what we see from so many Crusaders — from first-year students to Purple Knights — in so many ways.

Starting on Page 46, you’ll learn about Ron Lawson ’75, whose story reads like a movie. First-generation college student. Holy Cross graduate. Enjoys a long career on Wall Street until a recession, when he eventually finds himself homeless. With the help of friends, he eventually gets back on his feet and vows — not to make enough money to never be homeless again — but to help others like others helped him. Today, Lawson is an executive with a nonprofit fighting homelessness in New York City, which is currently experiencing the highest levels of homelessness since the Great Depression. And he’s also making time and opportunities for Holy Cross students to gain real-world experience and do their part by interning with the organization.

For others, indeed. Enjoy this issue and, as always, I’d love to hear your thoughts: hcmag@holycross.edu.

Melissa Shaw
Managing Editor
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Campus Contributors

16 The Holy Cross Archives and Special Collections Team collects, preserves, arranges and describes records of permanent value from the College’s founding in 1843 to the present. Made up of Mark Savoliss ’77, archivist, and Sarah Campbell, assistant archivist, they are invaluable colleagues to HCM. We couldn’t put together an issue without their historical research and context, as well as the access to archival images and objects.

WHO WE ARE

Melissa Shaw

Managing Editor

is very excited to see spring arrive on Mount St. James, as it’s always better to see The Hoval covered in green instead of white. She also enjoys any chance she gets to write about Holy Cross lost history, such as the Artifact story on Page 96, or try to solve campus mysteries, such as the (Kinda-Sorta) Solved Photo on Page 64.

Stephen Albano

Art Director / Designer

has been a part of the HCM team for over seven years — with this being his 31st issue. He earned his degree in studio art at Clark University. He is looking forward to the nicer weather and celebrating another of his siblings’ nuptials this June as his little brother, Thomas, is getting married. The above photo is from his sister Laura’s wedding last April.

Avanell Brock

Multimedia Producer

is excited to join the Marketing and Communications team as the Multimedia Producer. She has just returned from three years in Malawi, where she worked for a Christian children’s hospital called CURE International, telling through photo, video and writing the stories of children being healed of chronic disabilities.

ContributionS
Spring is here and lush green will soon return to campus, including the grounds surrounding the former campus bakery, at left, located next to Smith Hall and across from Healy Hall. The building, which is believed to date within a decade of the 1843-1844 construction of Fenwick Hall, is currently unused. Baking was relegated to its own structure due to constant (and justified) concerns about fire hazards in Fenwick, which was later nearly destroyed in an 1852 blaze. And while we can easily identify the bakery, the group posing in front of it is proving to be a challenge. Do you recognize anyone? Email us at hcmag@holycross.edu!
At the time of Holy Cross’ founding in 1843, the Quinsigamond Village neighborhood, nestled in a valley at the base of Mount St. James, teemed with activity as workers flocked to the nearby paper mill. Powered by the headwaters of the Blackstone River, whose mill-driving waters also fueled the start of the American Industrial Revolution, production boomed in this former farming community.

By 1898, the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company operated an iron and wire complex at the former paper mill, employing 85 percent of the villagers — many of whom emigrated from Sweden. Triple-decker homes built to increase worker housing cropped up throughout the neighborhood as residents built a tight-knit, vibrant community.

However, after steel production eventually moved abroad and across the U.S., the company ultimately closed entirely in 1977, taking jobs with it.

More than 40 years later, on land where the Washburn & Moen complex once sat, Jane Petrella — a tireless neighborhood advocate and prominent village resident — cut the ribbon at the October 2018 opening of the new Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center and adjacent Blackstone Gateway Park.

 “[The opening] was just a great celebration of the fact that we have worked so hard for so long and that so many people were involved in this,” says Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Donahue ’09, a lifelong resident of the village and one of the project’s many champions.

With its saw-tooth roof and steel structure purposefully designed to harken back to the area’s early factories, the center alludes to the past while representing new, innovative opportunity for the village.

An environmentally friendly building with solar panels providing up to 80 percent of its electricity, the visitor center features historical exhibits, interactive displays and a space for a theater, classroom or events, as well as views of the Blackstone Canal — the only place in Worcester where it is still visible. The center is designed to not only introduce visitors to the region, past and present, but also serve as a community gathering space; ideas for future use include a food festival and summer movie night.

The new Blackstone Gateway Park, which sits adjacent to the visitor center and leads to the base of campus, includes a linear half-mile of walking paths, boardwalks and bridges weaving over wetlands and the Middle River as it runs into the Blackstone’s waters, which were
a rich source of salmon and lamprey for Native Americans. Exhibits throughout the park point out the wildlife visitors can still see today.

“You’re in the second-largest city in New England, but you feel like you’re in the middle of the woods,” Donahue says. “There’s deer down there — all kinds of birds and wildlife; it’s a great way to leave Holy Cross and make it down to the village and the visitor center.”

MAKING THE PROJECT A REALITY

Petrella was one of the first voices of support for the project in the neighborhood she has called home since her husband Frank’s job as a Holy Cross professor of economics brought the family to Worcester in the 1960s. Two village families welcomed them on their first day — cake in hand. Struck by “how kind and open the people were,” she has been working for her neighborhood ever since.

The opening in October showcased this spirit, marking a two-plus decade collaboration between federal, state, city, community and nonprofit partners committed to the projects and the village.

For its part, Holy Cross contributed $135,000 over three years toward the salary of Devon Kurtz, former director of audience engagement and now executive director of Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. The College gave Kurtz office space on campus so he could work close to the site as it was being built.

“Holy Cross contributed things that you wouldn’t even consider,” Kurtz says. From professors offering technology advice for the visitor center classroom space, to facilities staff letting Kurtz bounce snow removal or heating budget estimates off them, proximity was key.

“It was so neat: Because of where my office was, I was able to talk to the right people,” says Kurtz, who even spoke with professors and students about topics such as sustainable architecture and landscape design. Holy Cross students presented ideas to increase engagement at the visitor center and were the first to see the exhibits before it opened to the public.

The College also donated $25,000 for the visitor center’s first year of operations in honor of its 175th anniversary, as well as a key parcel of land for the park entrance.

“We’re proud to be part of the neighborhood and the city,” says Jamie Hoag ’98, director of government and community relations at Holy Cross. He notes the College community is already planning to use the space for gatherings. “Quinsigamond Village is a special place in this city,” he adds. “We want to support our neighbors.”

Hoag, and everyone involved, is quick to name others who contributed enormously.

Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) was dedicated to the visitor center project for decades and instrumental in its funding and opening. Edward M. Augustus Jr., current Worcester city manager and former director of government and community relations at Holy Cross, helped immensely by keeping the project alive alongside many other elected officials and community members, including Petrella.

“That’s the attitude of those in the village — everyone cooperates and helps to make things happen,” Petrella says.
The 52,000-square-foot center will offer a new home for campus recreation through a range of fitness and wellness spaces, including sports courts, weight rooms, a golf simulator, three rooms for yoga, cycling and fitness, and a third-story one-tenth-mile jogging track overlooking Worcester. The building will also house club and intramural sports and an expanded office for the Department of Public Safety. Even the vending machines are getting an upgrade and will offer only healthy options.

“This new facility will more than meet an ever-growing need for a modern fitness and recreation space on campus,” says Michele Murray, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “We know the vast majority of our students value wellness, and The Jo will be an essential component to the health and wellness of the minds, bodies and spirits of not only students, but the entire Holy Cross community.”

Construction is made possible by a $40 million donation — the largest in College history — from John Luth ’74 and his wife, Joanne Chouinard-Luth, D.M.D. A significant part of the gift, $25 million, was allocated toward the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center, now the Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex, which was dedicated in 2018. The balance of the donation, which was recently increased by an additional $7.5 million to $15 million, is being used to fund The Jo.

Dr. Chouinard-Luth has a long and deep commitment to health and wellness. An alumna of Newton College of the Sacred Heart and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Chouinard-Luth had a 30-year career in dentistry and public health. She also holds an M.S. in nutrition from Columbia University’s Institute of Human Nutrition. Her degree and interests in mitochondrial medicine focus on the prevention and mitigation of risk factors for chronic diseases. Along with her husband, Dr. Chouinard-Luth established a charitable foundation to promote global awareness of nutrition’s fundamental importance to an individual’s quality of life and athletic performance potential. — Jane Carlton

Field House Demolition Begins, New Facility Slated for Fall 2020

Upper campus is saying goodbye to the iconic 71-year-old Field House and beginning work on its replacement: the Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art facility for campus recreation and intramural sports. Demolition of the Field House began in February and the new facility — colloquially referred to as “The Jo” — is slated to open in fall 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION  The College announced the two inaugural recipients of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-sponsored “Scholarship in Action” grants, which will support community-based faculty research projects in the city of Worcester: Susan Rodgers, professor emerita of anthropology, and Stephanie Yuhl, professor of history. Rodgers’ project, “Refugee Resettlement in Worcester,” is an anthropological ethnography about how refugees from Burma, Bhutan and several African nations are making new lives for themselves in the city. Yuhl is partnering with the Worcester Historical Museum and others to direct “From Margin to Center,” a three-year project aimed at developing a historical archive and oral history and artifact collection of LGBTQ+-related materials in Worcester County.
Rodin Exhibition Celebrates 35th Anniversary of Cantor Art Gallery on Campus

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery celebrated its 35th anniversary at Holy Cross with a 10-week exhibition, “Rodin: Truth, Form, Life.” Running Jan. 24 through April 7, the exhibition included 22 works originally sculpted by Rodin between 1860 and 1910, on loan from the Cantor Foundation collection, as well as those from Holy Cross' permanent collection, which were gifts from the Cantors in the early 1980s.

At the exhibit's standing-room-only opening, Judith Sobol, the Cantor Foundation’s curator of collections and exhibitions, explained how Rodin’s rejection of convention revealed new potentialities within art: "What Rodin wanted to show was people living the lives that they lived truthfully, using material to convey the structure of the body beneath the clothing. From this truth to what he saw around him, he was able to create a sense of life, not only of the people in Paris but also the life that sculpture could convey. Rodin created his own form of artistic expression, which today we acknowledge as having led sculpture into the modern era."

The exhibition was a fitting celebration of the Cantor Art Gallery at Holy Cross, which became a reality thanks to the transformative vision of then-President Rev. John Brooks, S.J. ’49, and the donations of famed philanthropists and art collectors Bernie and Iris Cantor, who had a particular passion for collecting Rodin sculptures. In 1983, Holy Cross became the first of many Cantor-supported arts spaces in the United States, alongside major art institutions like the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

“I’m just delighted to be at Holy Cross because the Cantor Foundation has such a long history with this astonishing College,” said Sobol, who also served as organizer of the Holy Cross exhibition, and noted the strong connection between Bernie Cantor and Fr. Brooks. “That resulted in a closeness, not only of these two distinguished men, but also in a pact between them to make this College a mecca for extraordinary sculpture here in New England. And that’s what they accomplished.”

The Cantor Art Gallery now holds nearly 2,000 pieces in its permanent collection and has hosted countless historical and contemporary public exhibitions since its genesis, becoming a vital resource for Holy Cross faculty and students, linking exhibitions to the broader liberal arts curriculum.

“The presence of the gallery on campus affords the entire Holy Cross community an opportunity to experience that artistic beauty which so readily helps us attain the openness and tolerance necessary if we are to understand who we are and how we relate to one another,” shared Fr. Brooks at the inaugural opening of the gallery, which kicked off – appropriately – with a Rodin exhibition. ■ — Evangelia Stefanakos ’14

FOOD ON THE HILL  Holy Cross was named home to the No. 4 dining hall in the nation on College Consensus’ list of the 25 Best College Dining Halls. “A national model of sustainability and service, Holy Cross’ dining program was one of the first to establish an allergy-sensitive kitchen and one of the first to incorporate an organic campus garden into its service,” the site notes. “For students at Holy Cross, food is the fuel for success, and Holy Cross makes it the best food possible.”

OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET  The SGA Office of Social Justice and Multicultural Peer Educators held their annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet, an interactive community event designed to bring hunger and poverty issues to life. The event was a metaphor for how food and other resources are inequitably distributed in the world.
20 Years Strong, Plumley Village SPUD Programs Continue to Grow

Each week, dozens of Holy Cross student volunteers take a short drive across the city to continue a commute that started two decades ago. The students, members of Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), make their way to Plumley Village, a large brick housing complex in Worcester, which has become a popular – and growing – volunteer site for helping youth.

Home to around 500 children and their families, Plumley Village partners with Holy Cross to help foster youth engagement through mentoring, tutoring and more. What began as a Boys and Girls Club extension more than 20 years ago has blossomed into three core Plumley Village SPUD programs, including new Homework Help and LUK Mentoring offerings.

Through the Boys and Girls Club, students work with the children who are Plumley Village residents, offering everything from homework tutoring to a game of foosball. “The best thing they get is a consistent presence in their lives that is solely there to help them with whatever they need,” says SPUD student leader Geraldine Connolly ’19.

The Homework Help Program has seen increased participation thanks to Holy Cross student leadership and partners such as Community Builders, a nonprofit real estate development company dedicated to improving quality of life at its properties. About 10 Holy Cross students volunteer for Homework Help, a drop-in center that runs Mondays through Thursdays. While it started off slowly, the program now has 40 children registered.

Seeing the children’s progress each week serves as a major source of motivation to keep the program going, says Kwame Marshall, Community Builders youth services coordinator: “Giving them leverage, helping them gain confidence and watching them grow academically is such a great feeling.”

Another newly formalized Plumley SPUD site is LUK Mentoring. Its partnership with Holy Cross was born out of a need for more volunteers beyond community mentors. The program pairs 16 female Holy Cross volunteers with 16 girls from Plumley – ranging in age from 7 to 14 – based on their interests and personalities. The goal is to form relationships, encourage healthy habits and foster self-esteem.

Clare Courcey ’19, LUK Mentoring SPUD student leader, says sometimes hearing about the challenges the girls are facing can be disheartening, but it fuels her involvement. “It makes me twice as
Holy Cross ranked No. 3 on Money magazine's 2019 list of the "10 Best Liberal Arts Colleges for Your Money." According to the article, the list was compiled to help prospective students interested in the humanities find a college from which they can have a strong chance of graduating into a good job. The schools were ranked based on Money's annual Best Colleges rankings, which measures colleges by their affordability, quality and career outcomes.

Money magazine highlighted Holy Cross' emphasis on helping students refine their "essential foundational skills," like critical thinking and analysis, in its assessment.

In 2018, Holy Cross placed No. 42 overall on the publication's list of "Best Colleges for Your Money" and No. 3 on its list of "10 Top Colleges That Don't Care About Your SAT Scores."
Many Faiths Represented, Celebrated at Multifaith Community Prayer

As hundreds of students, faculty and staff entered Mary Chapel for the eighth-annual Multifaith Community Prayer, each was handed a candle. The reason was soon revealed as 12 students representing a variety of religions – from Unitarian Universalism to Jainism to Orthodox Christianity – lit a candle in the center of the chapel before sharing their flame with those sitting around them. As light fanned down each aisle, the chapel was illuminated with hundreds of lit candles, a powerful, visual representation of unity and tranquility.

Following welcoming remarks from Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the Office of College Chaplains, invited religious leaders from the Worcester community offered readings from their faiths, sharing texts and songs from Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

A handful of students reflected on the meaning and power of hearing their faiths included and celebrated on campus.

VIDYA MADINEENI ’20

The Hindu reading at the service was a prayer for peace, known as a Shantih Mantra in Sanskrit. The prayers read are used to calm the body, mind and its surrounding environment. These prayers are read daily by Hindus to maintain a peaceful soul. This prayer means a lot to me, as it is something I read on a daily basis.

I have participated in this service since my first year on campus and I am extremely grateful for the experience it has given me. Hinduism, as well as the other religions represented at the service, is underrepresented at the College. The service brought together members of various faith traditions in the community to pray and learn about each other’s traditions. I hope everyone who attended learned something new about our community at Holy Cross.

ISABEL BLOCK ’20

I really enjoyed the Jewish song that cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson and her son sang at the service. The message of not waiting for change, but rather being the change you wish to see in the world is an important one and something I think about and act to live up to on a daily basis.

In times when it seems hate crimes and acts of anti-Semitism are increasing, it can be challenging to be one of the few Jewish students on campus. Having my religion represented at this service is a reminder to me and others that no matter what race, religion or beliefs Holy Cross community members may have, we all stand together, support each other and are kind to one another.
PRINCY SINDURAKAR '20
As someone who grew up in Kathmandu, Nepal, and with Buddhist traditions my whole life, it feels special that even in a Catholic college, there is an effort to organize ceremonies that celebrate the diverse religions on campus. Buddhism has been an important part of my life and after my move to the U.S., I had been a little disconnected compared to how accessible it was back in Nepal.

It is really great that the College holds this ceremony, so I am able to pause and reflect on how my religion plays a role in my life. By having a leader recite the reading during the service, I believe it shows respect and acceptance of students practicing Buddhism.

JOE ERTLE '21
It was exciting to be able to serve as a representative of Catholicism. I hope my presence showed that I look forward to entering into dialogue with members of other faith traditions and that there is always time to have these incredibly important conversations.

The song “O Day of Peace” that was sung serves as a great representation of the hope that lies in the fundamental beliefs of Christianity. Subscribers to the faith are those who believe it is in Jesus’ second coming that “all the earth shall know the Lord.” We are encouraged to look ahead to the images of the peace that are written in Isaiah 11. — Jane Carlton

Holy Cross Named Top Producer of Fulbright Students in the U.S.

Holy Cross is once again among the colleges producing the highest number of Fulbright students, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education, which in February published its annual “Top Producers of Fulbright U.S. Scholars and Students” for the 2018-19 academic year.

This year’s recipients are Patricia Corey ’18, Russian major (in Latvia); Joshua DeYoung ’18, political science major (in Spain); Isabel Fitzpatrick ’18, psychology major (in Spain); Martina Umunna ’18, history major (in Malaysia); and Jacob Wronski ’18, political science major (in Russia).

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is widely recognized as the most prestigious international exchange program in the world. The highly competitive grants are awarded on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.

Each year, approximately 1,900 grants are awarded through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, which offers opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Since the program’s inception in 1946, more than 360,000 participants, throughout more than 160 countries worldwide, have had the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

At Holy Cross, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program application process is supported by the Office of Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies. Since 2005, the College has produced 98 Fulbright scholars and has consistently been among the nation’s top producers of Fulbright students at the undergraduate level, according to data submitted by the Institute of International Education.

“I am very proud that Holy Cross put forward a school record 69 applicants for the Fulbright last year, exceeding the number submitted by many research universities,” says Anthony B. Cashman, director of distinguished fellowships and graduate studies at the College. “The Fulbright is an unforgettable journey for the recipients, but even the students who do not receive the grant gain valuable skills and experiences, such as application writing, interview practice and one-on-one faculty mentoring.”

UNITY WEEK KEYNOTE Civil rights activist DeRay McKesson provided the keynote address for 2019 Unity Week, discussing “Activism in the Age of Social Media: How to Use Your Platform to Incite Change.” McKesson is host of Pod Save the People, a weekly podcast dedicated to providing news analysis and conversations about social, political and cultural issues.

WOMEN HONORED The Male Involvement Coalition celebrated its 10th Annual Women’s Appreciation Award winners. The banquet honored Jimena Collingwood of the Study Abroad Program, Kayla Lee of Athletics, Mariel Aleman of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students and Isabelle Jenkins ’10 of the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning.
ON THE HILL

Donors Break Records in Fundraising Challenge

The largest number of donors ever: check. The most generous donations: check. The enormous photo collage of all Holy Cross Difference Makers: check. With 6,342 donors gifting a total of $2,683,777.77, this year’s 175th anniversary giving challenge honoring the impact of generations of Holy Cross graduates was a record breaker. Each donor and gift helps Holy Cross to prepare today’s students for lives of impact.

The challenge – set for 1.75 days – kicked off at 6 a.m. on Jan. 25, taking to social media in a big way. Hundreds of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and began their outreach to friends and former classmates. Throughout the weekend, students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff read stories about alumni who have made an impact on the world, from CEOs to humanitarians to veterans.

To encourage donations and a little healthy competition, incentives were big and bold. For each 1,000 donors, a group of challengers donated $250,000 – and with upward of 6,300 donors, that equaled $1.75 million.

As part of the on-campus celebration during Winter Homecoming, members of the community near and far were invited to participate in the creation of an 8’4” x 5’10” mosaic. The completed mosaic is an image of Fenwick Hall, made up of 2,816 individual photos of Holy Cross community members. Students, faculty, staff and visiting alumni and parents took photos and submitted them on campus as part of the festivities, while those not able to be at Holy Cross just had to snap a photo on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #HolyCross175 to be added. The wall-sized mural will be installed and displayed on campus for the remainder of the 175th anniversary year.

“Once again, we are overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and participation of the Holy Cross community,” says Tracy Barlok, vice president for advancement. “This community continues to support the mission of this special College in remarkable ways. We are grateful beyond words for their love, loyalty, generosity and enthusiasm. For 175 years, Holy Cross has been changing lives. With the help of our impassioned benefactors and advocates, we are poised to write the next chapter in our history.”

In December 2018, U.S. News & World Report ranked the College eighth in the nation for its alumni participation in giving, according to a recent report based on data submitted to the media company by roughly 1,100 universities.

— Jane Carlton

OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE  Astrophysicist Jeff Hester, professor emeritus at Arizona State University, held a lunchtime talk, “More than Specks of Dust: Being Human in a Vast, Evolving Universe,” giving attendees an insider’s narrative of the story of the universe – from its origins to the evolution of minds capable of pondering their place in the cosmos – sharing his thoughts on how it dramatically changes our understanding of what it is to be human.
College Joins Partnership to Add More Lower-Income, First-Generation Students

Holy Cross has joined some of the nation’s top colleges and universities in an alliance to substantially expand the number of talented lower-income and first-generation students at America’s undergraduate institutions with the highest graduation rates.

The American Talent Initiative (ATI) brings together a diverse set of public and private institutions united in a shared goal of educating 50,000 additional high-achieving, lower-income students across the country by 2025. ATI aims to increase the total number of low- and moderate-income students enrolled at these institutions from about 480,000 to 530,000 by 2025.

Each college and university participating in ATI identifies its own strategies to contribute to the collective goal. Over the coming months, Holy Cross will develop action plans to recruit more students from economically diverse backgrounds, increase the rate at which they apply for financial aid and ensure they continue to graduate at a high rate. Holy Cross is committed to supporting these students socially, academically and financially, from before they arrive on campus to graduation and beyond.

“Too often young people with the talent and desire to attend college are discouraged by the barriers, real and perceived, present in our higher education system,” says College Provost Margaret Freije. “As educators, we must do all we can to reach out to lower-income and first-generation students and break down those barriers. Holy Cross is proud to join the American Talent Initiative and other colleges and universities committed to those shared goals.”

ATI, which welcomed its first members in December 2016, works with institutions across the country that graduate at least 70 percent of their students in six years—a threshold that just under 300 colleges achieve. Holy Cross holds a 92 percent six-year graduation rate.

While many ATI member institutions have existing efforts to support lower-income students on their campuses, what sets Holy Cross and other members’ ATI-related work apart is that they are working collectively toward a common national goal and creating a community of practice where members convene regularly to share best practices and contribute to research that will help other colleges and universities effectively serve lower-income students.

Collaborative Art

Working with participants across campus, visual artist and member of Grammy Award-winning ensemble Silkroad Kevork Mourad led a weeklong collaborative art project, “Imagining Healing.” The project was held in collaboration with the Student Art Society and the departments of music and visual arts.

Hanify-Howland

Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, one of the world’s leading experts on the psychology of morality, delivered the 53rd Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture, “Politics and Polarization.” Haidt conducted a seminar for students and signed copies of his book, “The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure.”
“I’ve always loved working in coffee shops. A lot of people seem to think of work as this separate thing that’s in competition with their real lives. That’s what’s going on when people talk about ‘work-life balance’ — the idea that there’s my work and there’s my life, and my job is to divide myself between them. Working in coffee shops, for me, is a way to reject that model, to do my
work in a life space and to bring my whole self to it. The best thing about working at Acoustic Java is that the space is gorgeous and the coffee is amazing. But the next best thing about working at Acoustic Java is that I can share the space, the coffee and the entire model of working as a whole person with my students.”
Fittingly held in a gallery surrounded by 22 priceless Rodin sculptures, Maurice Géracht, professor of English, was honored on campus by the French government for his lifelong mission of promoting the country’s language and culture in the United States.

At the January event held in a packed Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery at Holy Cross, Géracht received a Chevalier dans l’Ordres des Palmes Académiques from Latifa Bentiri, cultural attaché from the Consulate General of France in Boston. The distinction is the country’s oldest non-military decoration, created by Napoleon in 1808. “Chevalier” translates to “knight” in English, and the award dubs Géracht a knight of arts and culture.

“Teaching and researching in the fields of 18th-century English literature, and English, American and French narrative traditions and narrative theory, you have remained close to your French heritage throughout the years and have honored it through so many different projects,” Bentiri said. “Maurice, we know how much French culture means to you, and how much you have given in order to honor it, we thus express our recognition for your immense accomplishments in honoring you today with the rank of Knight in the order of Academic Palms.”

Now Stephen J. Prior Professor of Humanities and in his 52nd year at the College, Géracht founded Holy Cross’ award-winning Study Abroad Program, which he directed for 18 years, in addition to his classroom duties. For the past decade, the College’s Study Abroad Program has been annually recognized as one of the best. In 2018, it was named No. 2 among baccalaureate
colleges in the United States for long-term study abroad participation.

Géracht has also served on a multitude of College committees, including the one that drafted the institution’s current mission statement, and was a co-founding member of “Interfaces,” an award-winning French and English word and image journal, as well as the publication’s annual international conference.

A champion for the campus’ Cantor Art Gallery, Géracht was instrumental in the donation of more than 700 works on paper by acclaimed American expressionist Robert Beauchamp to its permanent collection and orchestrated a 2017 Cantor exhibit of work by French impressionist Gabrielle Thierry, who previously had never shown her work in the United States.

“What a long and cherished history we have here with Maurice,” College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., told the crowd, which included Géracht’s family, friends and an array of past and present colleagues. “He has a deep commitment to our mission and identity and a contagious passion for the arts and culture.”

When Géracht took the podium, he thanked his family, friends and colleagues – administrators, faculty and staff across the decades – for their support.

“I heard of this award and distinction almost a year ago. I first did not believe it, and when confirmed, I was rather stunned,” he said. “This honor bestowed is for activities and accomplishments which are, in fact, institutional, for work which is collaborative.” Pointing to the new medal pinned to his lapel, he noted: “This medal does not belong to me alone.” — Melissa Shaw
Meet Holy Cross’ New Tenured Faculty

From researching fruit flies to reimagining the first commercially successful color film, Holy Cross faculty members are making massive contributions to their fields — and to their classrooms.

OLIVER DE LA PAZ, English
Oliver de la Paz, of the English department, earned a B.S. in biology and a B.A. in English from Loyola Marymount University, as well as an M.F.A. in creative writing from Arizona State University. His research focuses on poetry and hybrid genres, contemporary American poetry and Asian-American literature. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2016.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
A hybrid book of prose poems and questionnaires of mine will be published by the University of Akron Press and is forthcoming this summer. I’m also working on a documentary poem about dictators, violence and the camera.

YOU’VE WRITTEN A NUMBER OF BOOKS OF POETRY. IN WHAT PLACE DO YOU DO YOUR BEST WRITING?
I do my best writing when I have time to do my best reading. I also do my best writing in places without scenery, like a closet or a corner. I can’t have any sensory distractions. I tend to play droning music without lyrics while I write. I try to construct a sensory cocoon.

DANIEL DICENSO ’98, music
Dan DiCenso, of the music department, earned a B.A. in music from Holy Cross; an M.A. in music, an M.S. in education and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Pennsylvania; an M.A. in classical studies from Villanova University; and a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Cambridge. His research focuses on medieval liturgy, with an interest in the history of Gregorian chant during the eighth and ninth centuries. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2008.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
I’m finishing work on an article about an...
A overlooked, ninth-century manuscript in Monza, Italy. The manuscript is a missing link of sorts, giving evidence of the Gregorian repertory in Italy at a time when witnesses to chant of this kind are scarce.

**YOU’VE TAUGHT SOME HYBRID COURSES OVER THE YEARS, LIKE MUSIC & GAY RIGHTS AND MUSIC & THE JESUITS. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE VALUE OF THESE HYBRID MUSIC COURSES?**

The wonderful thing about teaching music is that music is not extractable from its cultural and social context. It simply cannot be done. In this way, music serves as an excellent excuse to learn just about anything you want to know about. Want to learn about the gay rights movement? You can learn about it through music. Want to understand politics and power in the Middle Ages? You can learn about it through music. Want to learn about the social and cultural impact of the Jesuit order? You can learn about it through music.

**GEOFFREY FINDLAY, biology**

Geoffrey Findlay, of the biology department, earned a B.A. in biology from Carleton College and a Ph.D. in genome sciences from the University of Washington. His research focuses on the function and evolution of reproductive proteins in Drosophila fruit flies. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2013.

**WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?**

My students and I are working on two main projects. In one, we are using fruit flies to study the function of a gene that our collaborators at UMass Medical School have shown is important for mammalian sperm movement. The other project looks at genes at the opposite end of the age spectrum. Typically, the older a gene is, the more important its function, but we’ve found at least three examples of young genes that have quickly become essential for fertility.

**WHY SHOULD STUDENTS BE INTERESTED IN RESEARCHING DROSOPHILA FRUIT FLIES?**

Flies are one of the few animal model systems where you can proceed through six or seven generations during the course of a single semester, which means you can perform a lot of experiments quickly. I think students like being able to do both organismal and molecular work: You can be examining flies under the microscope and watching their behaviors in the morning, then analyzing or cloning their DNA after lunch.

**SELINA GALLO-CRUZ, sociology**

Selina Gallo-Cruz, of the sociology and anthropology department, earned a B.A. in sociology from Wellesley College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Emory University. Her research focuses on culture, gender, global change, NGOs, nonviolence methods, social movements and theory. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2013.

**WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?**

Currently, I am finishing my manuscript on women’s peace movements during civil wars in Argentina, Yugoslavia and Liberia. I am also developing two projects with Holy Cross students on women’s activism against domestic violence. In one project, we consider the strength and limitations of nonviolent tactics in resisting sexual assault and rape culture. In another, we have documented the contentious discourse surrounding different approaches to domestic violence activism.

**YOU’VE COME TO HOLY CROSS BY WAY OF ATLANTA — WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORCESTER?**

Worcester is a vibrant city of people with roots from many different parts of the world. I love the community here and the mix of cultures. We have so many dedicated social justice advocates in the city, an admirable history of activism and community-oriented scholarship, a vibrant arts scene and many opportunities for my children to learn and grow. One of the biggest perks of working at Holy Cross has been connecting my classroom to all that is happening in Worcester. I loved working with students to collect women peace activist biographies for the Worcester Women’s History Project, for example.

**MATTHEW GAMBER, visual arts**

Matthew Gamber, of the visual arts department, earned a B.A. in two-dimensional studies from Bowling Green State University and an M.F.A. in studio art from Tufts University with a focus on photography and printmaking. His research interests include the history of print media and the origins of color photography. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2014, having previously taught at Holy Cross during the 2008-2009 academic year.

**WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?**

One of my current projects, Lost Color of God and Man, is inspired by the color photography experiments of Leopold Godowsky Jr. and Leopold Mannes. They were both musicians and amateur scientists who developed the first commercially successful color film, Kodachrome. I have been reinterpreting their early tests as projections and sculptures to demonstrate how their experiments changed the way we experience color.

**YOUR WORK HAS BEEN FEATURED IN A NUMBER OF EXHIBITIONS OVER THE YEARS. IS THERE AN EXHIBIT THAT STANDS OUT AS BEING ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL TO YOU?**

A few years ago, I was invited to propose new work for a solo exhibition at The Neon Heater Gallery in Findlay, Ohio. The gallery is a nationally recognized project space for experimental installation, and it happens to be a short drive away from my hometown. The show was a rare opportunity to share an aspect of my professional life with my family.
Ji Hao, of the modern languages and literatures department, earned a B.A. in Chinese language and literature from Renmin University of China, an M.A. in Chinese literature from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. in Chinese literature from the University of Minnesota. His research focuses on Chinese language and literature. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2012.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
I am currently working on the formation and development of the Xiyou ji (“Journey to the West”) tradition in pre-modern China, which is associated with a Chinese Buddhist monk Xuanzang and his well-known pilgrimage to India in the seventh century. There are some notable gaps in our knowledge of the evolution of this tradition. My project seeks to launch a systematic investigation of the formation and development of the Xiyou ji tradition in pre-modern China.

YOU RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ABOUT A NEWLY DISCOVERED SCULPTURE AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM — CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE DISCOVERY?
A few years ago, I saw a beautiful Buddhist sculpture when I visited the Worcester Art Museum. The sculpture was labeled as “Kwan Yin seated in a grotto.” At that time, I began to teach the novel “Journey to the West” in my traditional Chinese literature class. In the novel, Kwan Yin served as an important protector of Buddhist pilgrims. I paid close attention to the sculpture, which had never been mentioned in previous scholarship on “Journey to the West.” Whenever I teach the novel now, I take my students to the museum and see the sculpture.

Alvaro Jarrin, of the sociology and anthropology department, earned a double B.A. in English and anthropology from Williams College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Duke University. His research focuses on medical anthropology, science and technology studies, race, class and gender inequality in Latin America, queer theory, social justice and the social construction of beauty. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2014.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
My new research project investigates how gender-nonconforming individuals in Brazil negotiate the multiplying categories that interpolate them, particularly as globalized terms like “transgender” take hold in Brazil, and the unexpected ramifications of these complex politics of naming. The Brazilian context is particularly interesting because the new government is openly LGBT-phobic, making activism in this area particularly urgent and creating a situation where the recognition of some identities over others is particularly fraught.

YOU’VE DONE A FAIR AMOUNT OF RESEARCH IN BRAZIL AND HAVE WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ABOUT THE COUNTRY. WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES THE COUNTRY HAVE TO YOU?
Brazil is one of the most unequal countries in the world and its democracy is currently very fragile, yet I am always struck by the hopefulness of the most vulnerable in the face of extreme injustice. Brazilians are survivors, and we have so much to learn from Brazilian activists and their hunger to make a difference despite severe obstacles.

Denis Kennedy, of the political science department, earned a triple B.A. in international relations, political science and French from Bucknell University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota. His research focuses on international relations theory, global governance, NGOs and humanitarianism. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2013.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
I’ll be spending my sabbatical researching “do it yourself” international nongovernmental organizations, building on summer research I conducted with François Venne ’19. In studying these organizations, I seek to investigate and critically assess the implicit assumption in the literature that professionalism equates to better practice, and to scrutinize the north-south relationships facilitated by amateur aid.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE WANTING TO GET BETTER VERSED IN TODAY’S POLITICS?
Read credible, varied news sources — and do so consistently. Stories generally develop slowly, so if you’ve made the initial investment to bring yourself up to speed on an issue, it’s much easier to stay current. In addition to American outlets, broaden your perspective with international journalism and, if possible, practice your language skills.

Elizabeth Landis, of the chemistry department, earned a double B.A. in chemistry and mathematics from Williams College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research focuses on analytical and materials chemistry. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2012.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
My research focuses on understanding how new nanoscale materials differ from more conventional, macroscale materials. We’re currently attaching molecules to nanoporous gold, which is like a nanoscale gold sponge. By comparing molecule binding between the nanoporous gold and flat gold surfaces, we hope to understand the role that nanoscale structure plays in chemistry and understand new uses for nanoscale materials.
WE SEE THAT YOU HAVE A PATENT. CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT IT?
In graduate school, I was part of a team that discovered a new reaction for attaching molecules to metal oxide surfaces, including titanium dioxide. The reaction formed very stable attachments to the surface and could be useful for creating biosensors like glucose sensors.

SHANNON STOCK, mathematics
Shannon Stock, of the mathematics and computer science department, earned a B.S. in applied mathematics and an M.S. in biostatistics from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Ph.D. in biostatistics from Harvard University. Her research focuses on the application and development of statistical methods for large, complex clinical studies. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2013.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?
Several collaborative projects with colleagues at nearby medical schools and research institutes are currently underway. One project includes translational research with Alo Basu, associate professor of psychology, in conjunction with our clinical colleagues and several Holy Cross research students. We are using machine learning to model patterns of genetic risk and metabolic outcomes in schizophrenia. The results from our exploratory study demonstrate the potential utility of genetic screening in personalized clinical decision-making and treatment management.

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS BE INTERESTED IN BIOSTATISTICS?
Biostatistics is a dynamic and engaging field that allows students to apply their quantitative reasoning skills to solve real-world clinical or biomedical research problems. Biostatisticians have the opportunity to delve into a vast and varied number of projects simultaneously, in areas such as oncology, infectious diseases, environmental health, genetics and other exciting frontiers of science. Students trained at liberal arts colleges commonly thrive in this highly collaborative and interdisciplinary work because they are often drawn to the field’s larger aims of bettering human health and identifying health disparities as a foundation for social justice. — Jane Carlton

History’s O’Donnell is Leading National Voice on Irish-American History

In this time of divisive rhetoric about recent immigrants and terrorism, Ed O’Donnell ’86, associate professor of history, says that we can learn a lot from the discarded stereotypes of the past.

As a leading voice nationally on Irish-American history, O’Donnell was also interviewed by The TODAY Show on the history of St. Patrick’s Day.

“St. Patrick’s Day began as a religious holiday,” O’Donnell told TODAY. “But over time it has become a universal celebration of ethnic pride and Irish culture.”

O’Donnell is the author of several books, including “1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish-American History” (Broadway Books, 2002) and “Henry George and the Crisis of Inequality: Progress and Poverty in the Gilded Age” (Columbia University Press, 2015). He also hosts a popular podcast, In The Past Lane, exploring various topics in U.S. history. The series can be found at inthepastlane.com, Apple iTunes, Stitcher and Google Podcasts.
Music & the Jesuits

with Daniel DiCenso ’98, assistant professor of music

BY JANE CARLTON

What do Freddie Mercury and Chance the Rapper have in common? They’ve both created music that nods to their Jesuit ties. And they’re both topics of discussion in the course Music & the Jesuits, taught by Daniel DiCenso ’98, assistant professor of music.

The Jesuits’ relationship to music is widely misunderstood, says DiCenso — and it’s also widely under-researched.

“I could have called the course ‘Music & the Jesuits?’ — question mark intentional — because, initially, the Jesuit order was the only order of priests that outlawed involvement in the Office, meaning the singing of the Divine Office,” DiCenso explains.

The roots of the music aversion can be traced back to St. Ignatius of Loyola, who wanted the Jesuits to be free to go forth among the people without needing to come back to congregation multiple times a day to sing the psalms. As a result, the Jesuits got a reputation for being against music. “There’s a truth to that, but it doesn’t mean they weren’t involved anyway,” DiCenso says.

With limited resources about the relationship between music and the Jesuits (upon completing a textbook in class, DiCenso remarked, “Congratulations! You’ve now read everything ever written about music and the Jesuits.”), DiCenso saw the course as an opportunity not only for students to discover the history, but for him to do the same.

“I knew what I knew, and I knew what I wanted to find out,” he says. “So I thought it would make a great research seminar, in which I frame some things and then we send the students out on quests.”

DiCenso dug deep to find unexpected stories about how the Jesuits relate to music. His colleague Jessica Waldoff, associate professor of music, suggested the class study an orphanage Mass written by Mozart.

“There was a Jesuit orphanage in Vienna that was consecrating a new church and they hired 12-year-old Mozart to compose a piece for it,” DiCenso says. “The idea was that the piece would be composed by someone the same age as the charges in the orphanage.”

But throughout the semester, DiCenso and his students are expanding the Jesuit music connection beyond commissioned works to unconventional pieces in which Jesuits are more influencer than direct driver. To capture this surprising relationship between Jesuits and music, DiCenso assigns a weekly “snapshot,” where students identify examples of “tenuous, stretchy supposition about a relationship between some kind of music that we wouldn’t think to be Jesuit music, and the Jesuits,” says DiCenso.
Course Catalog

MUSIC 299
Music & the Jesuits

PROFESSOR
Daniel Dicenso

DEPARTMENT
Music

DESCRIPTION
The purpose of this research seminar is to document the many ways in which the Jesuit order has been involved in the field of music over time and space. A major aim of the seminar is to investigate the relationship between music and the Jesuit mission. While it is now well-known that the Jesuits have been important composers and patrons of music, the many ways in which the Society of Jesus has used music as a tool of its mission across all contexts remains less well understood. The goal of the course is to construct a more robust sense of the many ways the Jesuits have engaged with music as art and music as a tool of mission. In doing so, the seminar will not only increase students’ understanding of the subject at hand, but also contribute to scholarship in the field. By investigating through course projects some never-before-explored aspects of the Jesuits’ engagement with music.

MEETING TIMES
Tuesday | 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

CLASSROOM
Brooks 452

REQUIRED READING
• “The Jesuits: A History from Ignatius to the Present” by John W. O’Malley, S.J.
• Additional readings throughout the semester

ASSIGNMENTS
• Snapshot in Jesuit music history
• Program notes and lesson presentation for Music & the Jesuits concert
• Three short one-page written responses
• Final paper

GRADES
Jesuit snapshot, written response papers, concert program notes and lessons, final paper, attendance and participation

ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
Dan Dicenso earned a B.A. in music from Holy Cross; an M.A. in music, an M.S. in education and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Pennsylvania; an M.A. in classical studies from Villanova University; and a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Cambridge. He is a specialist in medieval liturgy, with a particular interest in the history of Gregorian chant during the eighth and ninth centuries. He has also taught courses on common practice music and contemporary popular music, including pop music, hip-hop and rock.

In the classroom – a small, warm room nestled in Brooks Hall – students teach each other about unexpected connections they’ve discovered. The late Mercury, front man of the rock band Queen, attended a Jesuit high school in India; a number of Queen’s songs (think, “Bohemian Rhapsody” and “All God’s People”) lean in heavily to Jesuit themes of social justice and equality. More recent examples are even less expected. Chance the Rapper’s manager, Pat “The Manager” Corcoran, also attended a Jesuit high school; on the albums he’s produced, multiple songs nod to his Jesuit heritage.

“Initially, Jesuits were missionaries, though they eventually got into the business of schooling and it’s been quite controversial as to whether schooling put the brakes on the missionary work,” Dicenso remarks. “Regardless, you are, in a sense, training missionaries.” Dicenso points out that a Jesuit education is no guarantee that Jesuit influences will seep into the lyrics, but once in a while, to the careful listener, that’s just what happens.

For Lauren Carey ’19, a music major with a minor in education, finding and redefining what “counts” as Jesuit music has been enlightening: “In most of my other music classes, it’s rare that we discover something ‘new’ about music. However, since there has not been a lot of scholarship on the Jesuits’ relationship to music, in this class we make it a goal to find new connections to music that is not obviously ‘Jesuit’ music.”

The course, which was born out of discussions surrounding the College’s 175th anniversary, leads to a final event much more spectacular than an exam — a full concert with Jesuit music performed by various musical groups on campus (of which include a number of students from the class). The lineup includes traditional songs and psalms written, composed and performed by Jesuits, interspersed with spoken lessons about different aspects of the Jesuits’ relationship to music throughout the years.

Every element of the culminating concert, held at the end of March in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, was planned by students, from the program notes to the spoken-word elements accompanying the music. Henry Stutz ’19, an accounting major, says the concert-planning process has been a wild ride as a non-music major.

“But,” he adds, “it will be very rewarding to see our work and research come to fruition as a grand concert, as opposed to the tradition-al paper or exam that I am used to.”
Art Ciocca ’59 pours a glass from the iconic, innovative box of Franzia Merlot in his San Francisco home. His mindset, which led to that revolutionary box, is one he wants to encourage in future generations of transformative business leaders.

WHAT ART CIOTCA ’59 HAS LEARNED FROM A LIFETIME IN BUSINESS Define success — in business and in life — as creating real, long-term, sustainable value in every role. • Dare to dream — especially big, bold, audacious, out-of-the-box dreams. You’ll be amazed at how many of them you make come true. • Encourage everyone at your organization to “think like an owner.” Developing an entrepreneurial mindset — no matter what your role is — will sharpen your focus and enable better decision-making. • Embrace change and respond with innovative action. Find new and better ways to solve problems and bring better products to market. • Don’t be afraid to take risks — and never punish failure. We learn more from failure than success. • Surround yourself with good people in all areas of life. When hiring, always choose people based on character, values and cultural fit over talent. • Understand the enormous power of cultural values in an organization. Help shape and sell them. Lead by example. • Always put performance over politics. • Attitude is everything — maintain a winning one at all times. • Understand the value of simplicity. • Good ethics are good business. • Be proud, but never arrogant. • If it’s too good to be true — it probably is. • Make a lifelong commitment to good health. • Be a good steward in your every role — make it better and more viable than it was before you got there. • Enjoy the journey — you only go around once.

Art Ciocca ’59 takes an entrepreneurial approach to philanthropy — and is paving the way for future entrepreneurs and ethical business leaders at Holy Cross

BY MAURA SULLIVAN HILL
Before tech startups flocked to Silicon Valley, before entrepreneurs competed for millions in funding on the TV show “Shark Tank,” and before entrepreneurship was part of the cultural zeitgeist in the U.S., Arthur “Art” Ciocca ‘59 saw entrepreneurship as the future of business.

When he started his family foundation, the Arthur and Carlyse Ciocca Charitable Foundation, Ciocca focused on providing entrepreneurship training and opportunities for college students, with hopes of equipping the next generation of business leaders with the practical skills to succeed and the ethical foundation to do so in a way that adds the most value to society.

Each of these decisions is rooted in his personal philosophy of “thinking like an owner,” honed at early jobs where he saw management and higher-ups make decisions he didn’t support.

“I would put myself in the owner’s shoes and ask myself what I would do if it were me in those situations. That was a turning point for me, where I knew I wanted to control my own destiny and chart a course around a lot of the obstacles I had learned about in these experiences,” he says. “Entrepreneurship offered the best opportunity for me to control my own destiny and create maximum value.”

For example: When Coca-Cola wanted to get out of the alcohol business in 1981, Ciocca took a risk and bought the wine division, growing it into The Wine Group, the country’s second-largest wine company by sales volume. Today, The Wine Group is famous for brands like Franzia, Cupcake Vineyards and Benzinger Family Winery — and its unique, management-owned structure. Unlike other large companies, it is privately owned and accountable to the employees, rather than outsiders.

When The Wine Group’s competitors had a cost advantage because they self-manufactured their own bottles, Ciocca led a team that decided to do away with glass bottles entirely. Putting Franzia in that now-famous box with the image of wine pouring into a glass was a disruptive innovation that converted a disadvantage into a huge advantage. It offered Franzia consumers the best value in wine and provided dramatic shelf presence that made it easy to find. In addition, it offered many consumer conveniences. It was easier to pour and store and kept wine fresher longer (after opening); it also provided huge barriers to entry for competitors. As a result, Franzia became the largest wine brand in the industry, a position it has held for years.

BLENDING BUSINESS AND LIBERAL ARTS

At alma mater, Ciocca has been sup-
porting business and entrepreneurship programming for students since the early 2000s, culminating in the recent announcement of Holy Cross’ new Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca ’59 Center for Business, Ethics, and Society.

“We wouldn’t be where we are with the business program if it hadn’t been for Art,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president emeritus and special advisor to the offices of the president and advancement, who was involved in the planning and execution of the early years of the program. “Entrepreneurship is so prevalent today, but he was a proponent of this notion and trying to bring it to Holy Cross decades earlier. And that’s what a great entrepreneur does: comes up with a great idea before other people have thought of it. He applied his entrepreneurial spirit to his philanthropy.”

Ciocca’s desire to integrate business training into the liberal arts education at Holy Cross stemmed from the one thing he felt was lacking in his undergraduate experience.

“Holy Cross prepared me very well for life and really helped me refine and solidify my values. It left me with an insatiable curiosity and desire to create ways to solve problems. It also built determination and resiliency in me, all things that were fundamental to succeeding in the world,” says Ciocca, who graduated with a degree in English. “But I didn’t understand business, so it didn’t prepare me for a strong start in the business world.”

And after a more than 50-year career – including positions at General Foods, Gallo Winery and Coca-Cola Bottling Company – Ciocca thinks that what the business world needs is more Holy Cross alumni.

“Based upon my experience, I think Holy Cross-educated people have the potential to become highly successful leaders in business and many other areas of life, and that’s why I think it is invaluable to help those students get their careers off to a smart start,” he says. “That’s why one of the biggest focuses of our foundation is principled entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurs who take their satisfaction on the basis of merit – I believe those people create real, long-term, sustainable value for society and for others.”

**ALUMNI EXECUTIVES RALLY TO HELP**

The first step in making this happen was a weeklong business program for students held during spring break 2005. Ciocca’s classmate, Bill Maloney ’59,
has been involved since, and vividly remembers how standout alumni in the business world jumped in to help make that first program happen. They called it the Executive in Residence Program.

“Art and I got on the phone with alums who had agreed to be part of an advisory council, to figure out what we were going to do for this program. And each of them offered to take one day of the weeklong program,” Maloney remembers. “Peter George ['81, then-president and CEO of security company Crossbeam Systems] says he’ll bring his team of managers and venture capital guys to show them how we build a startup. Brian Kelley ['83, then-CEO of moving company SIRVA] says he’ll take Day Two and show how to create a company from mergers and acquisitions. Tommy Patton ['86, then-principal of Vista Advisors, LLC], who had fixed two broken companies, says he’ll take Day Three to talk about how you fix companies. For Day Four, Ed Ludwig ['73, then-CEO of Becton Dickinson and Company] says he would bring members of his management team to show students how to sustain growth in an established company. On Day Five, we decided to put a panel together and ask the students to propose a business plan and ask the panel for funding.”

Maloney recalls one student noting after the week wrapped up: “This is the best thing I’ve ever done at Holy Cross.”

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

David Chu was a professor on campus when that first Executive in Residence Program took place. As the business program efforts expanded – spurred by alumni support and the relentless dedication of Ciocca himself – his role expanded to director of the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies and prebusiness advisor. Today, in the new Ciocca Center for Business, Ethics, and Society, Chu will coordinate the experiential learning component of the center: the business certificate programs that offer students hands-on experience
Chu considers Ciocca a mentor and is in constant contact with him about the programming for Holy Cross students.

"Art mails me books that he thinks will be helpful and sends me newspaper clippings about ethical business and entrepreneurship. He pushes me to improve the program content and grow the program," Chu says. "The nice thing about Art is that he is not the type of guy who says, 'I'm going to write the check and I'm out of here.' He's been a wonderful mentor to me, very supportive, and also pushes me."

Ciocca has similarly mentored his niece, Casey Fisher-Georgeson '99. The California native says she never would have thought to go to school on the East Coast, or even considered Holy Cross, if Ciocca hadn’t nudged her in that direction.

"He told me, 'You really should consider Holy Cross, where I went. It was great for me,'" says Fisher-Georgeson, who was a 4-year-old flower girl when Art and Carlyse married, and has enjoyed a close relationship with her aunt and uncle all her life. "And Holy Cross ended up being a great decision for me."

Today, Fisher-Georgeson is the vice president of creative at The Wine Group, responsible for new brand ideation and design development; Cupcake Vineyards is one of her signature achievements. And she is an entrepreneur herself, another move she says she wouldn’t have made without her uncle’s guidance and inspiration. Her cosmetics line, Saint Jane Beauty, launched in January 2019 and uses CBD – an oil that naturally occurs in cannabis plants that Fisher-Georgeson says has beautiful skincare benefits. The name is a nod to the innocent side of the “Mary Jane” nickname, and also references the real-life Catholic St. Jane, who set up a healing center in her home in the 1500s to treat the outcasts of society. The company’s female-focused emphasis on wellness is partly inspired by St. Jane.

The former Holy Cross English major says she wishes there had been a program like the Ciocca Center when she was in school, but it is safe to say that spending time with her uncle was like a master class in business.

"I happen to be his niece – but there are so many other young people who have been deeply inspired by his advice and mentorship," she says. "For me, he has not only been a mentor, but also a tremendous support system both personally and professionally. I wouldn’t be where I am today without him as my sounding board. Holy Cross is lucky that his lifetime passion for the school has resulted in this extraordinary opportunity for students."

**CULTIVATING ETHICAL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Not only has Ciocca’s support made an extraordinary difference for Holy Cross as an institution, but it has done the same for individual students – even those he has never met.

Tolu Akinosho ’20, a native of Lagos, Nigeria, who now lives in Providence,
Rhode Island, was set on pursuing a career in physical sciences when he arrived at Holy Cross. Then he created a program called Py Coding Academy for Worcester high school students and realized that scientific knowledge alone wasn’t enough to get the initiative up and running.

The program – named for the Python programming language – hosts weekly meetings on campus for local high school students who want to learn more about coding and computer programming.

“In the process of putting the program together, I had to write grants to secure funding and form community partnerships, and I began to realize the importance of an entrepreneurial approach,” Akinosho says. “I had always felt my interests lay purely in science, but through this process, I started to see a different side of me. I would never have guessed that I would be doing anything that has to do with business. It wasn’t that I disliked it, I just never considered it until Holy Cross.”

Now, Akinosho is a student in the entrepreneurship certificate program, alongside his studies as a computer science and physics double major. The Py Coding Academy is in its second year, supported by funding that Akinosho secured from the College’s Ignite Fund, a program that helps students put scholarship into action in the community. The academy partners with six Worcester high schools, and participants from that first year have gone on to study coding in college.

This experience, coupled with what he is learning in the entrepreneurship certificate program, has changed Akinosho’s future career plans. Now, he wants to combine his interest in science with technology to take discoveries from the lab and devise real-life, practical applications of data – and he knows this certificate is going to help him get there.

“I wouldn’t have discovered what I have right now without the Ciocca Center,” Akinosho says. “It opens up a path for all students to discover their inner entrepreneur, something they might not have had the chance to do without these resources being available. The center is going to change a lot of lives — like it did with mine.”

While Ciocca’s impact on generations of Holy Cross students like Fisher-Georgesen and Akinosho is already undeniable, he has no plans to slow down. He says that Holy Cross has only scratched the surface of its potential impact on the business world, with its distinctly liberal arts approach. Through the creation of the Ciocca Center, his dream of more Holy Cross alumni entering the business world with an ethical foundation moves closer to fruition. And he says the world will be better for it.

“My vision, and my best hope for this center, is that I hope it operates just like a startup business, because startups continually challenge themselves to arrive at new solutions,” Ciocca says. “If they are open to trying new things and failing — all that comes with a startup — the center can distinguish the College and will turn out principled entrepreneurs who will create enormous value for society.”
Since 2005, the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies — or COES as it was affectionately known around The Hill — helped students complement their liberal arts studies with practical, hands-on business classes and experiential learning.

The motto was, “Major in anything, succeed in business,” and hundreds of Holy Cross alumni did just that, thanks to COES.

And now the new Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca ’59 Center for Business, Ethics, and Society takes business programs at Holy Cross to the next level.
“Before, we emphasized that students could ‘major in anything, succeed in business,’ but we only offered the one pathway, the co-curricular certificate of readiness through COES,” says David Chu, the center’s director of certificate programs and prebusiness advisor. “Now, we are going to give students multiple pathways to learn about business.”

Arthur “Art” Ciocca ’59, chairman emeritus of The Wine Group Inc., and his wife, Carlyse, have been significant supporters of “pre-business” programs over the years. With other alumni, parents and friends, their newest investment will greatly expand on the College’s current opportunities for students to study business alongside the liberal arts.

Chu will continue to oversee the certificate programs, which include a business fundamentals certificate and an entrepreneurship certificate. Students can complete the certificate programs over the course of their four years at Holy Cross. Requirements include a set of introductory business workshops, advanced training in Excel and spreadsheet data analysis, a summer internship and three relevant academic classes from options across the curriculum.

“The workshops cover finance, banking, marketing communications and advertising, sales, supply chain – all the various aspects of business that students need to be aware of for them to have a better idea of what business entails. It helps them tremendously in building their knowledge base and, therefore, to have confidence in an interview,” Chu says. “The workshops are designed to prepare students to have a basic level of business literacy and confidence to nail an entry-level position when they graduate from Holy Cross.”

Student interest in these business certificate programs is booming. This semester, there are more than 470 students participating, and they come from all majors. Enrollment in the workshop about supply chain management doubled from 2017 to 2018, from 20 to more than 40 students. The spring 2019 workshop on business ethics and principled leadership had so many students enroll that Chu hopes to offer multiple sessions in the future.

“My job is not to prepare students to go to business school or an MBA program, but to prepare them to get right into the business world if they choose,” Chu says. “With the center, we’re going to be able to significantly expand opportunities to meet student demand. The purpose of the center is to provide students with multiple pathways to learn about business – pathways that can complement any major in the curriculum. We don’t try to replicate a business school curriculum; we take a distinctively liberal arts approach.”

In addition to the co-curricular certificates, another pathway exists for students who are interested in studying business as a topic of analysis in connection with many of the fundamental ethical, political and economic questions facing our world today. The College has recently developed a new interdisciplinary minor in business, ethics, and society, offered through its Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. The minor draws on a range of liberal arts disciplines to help students develop historical, economic, political and philosophical perspectives on the world of business, while exploring overarching questions about the role of business in a just society. In addition to this coursework, students in the minor will complete an internship and participate in relevant workshops offered through the Ciocca Center.
The common thread among these pathways is an emphasis on ethical principles, human dignity and the importance of contributing to the common good. “We are not just concerned with what our students will do, we are concerned with who they will be in the world,” says Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the College. “This is the unique contribution that Holy Cross can make to our students, and to our world, as we prepare some students to become principled business leaders and all to become critically engaged citizens in a world deeply shaped by business.”

For Ciocca, whose steadfast support of business and entrepreneurial studies at the College has stretched over decades, this expansion to a center stands out as a major milestone for the College and its students.

“The program has made great progress, but we are just getting started — only scratching the surface,” Ciocca says. “This has huge, huge potential for students.”

Sarah Anderson ’20, is participating in the business fundamentals certificate and is chair of the planning committee for the College’s annual Women in Business Conference. She’s also the center’s first intern, writing the center’s new blog and sharing the stories of alumni working in the business field in c-suite roles. She’s spent the semester interviewing them about leadership styles and management techniques, and between that and her work with alumnae on the Women in Business Conference, Anderson says that seeing the success of the alumni who have gone before her is motivating.

“We talk a lot here at Holy Cross about the alumni network and the strong connection between those who graduated and current students. The Women in Business Conference is just one example of how willing and excited alumnae are to come back to campus to both connect with their peers and former classmates, and also to make connections with current students and talk to them about their journey and how they got to where they are,” says Anderson, an English major and religious studies minor from Westford, Massachusetts. “To hear how an English major can end up in marketing or a history major can go into finance – all the different routes you can take – it is inspiring.”

Anderson is eyeing a transition from English major to a marketing career herself, and will spend the summer as an intern at fashion retail company Nick and Zoe in Natick, Massachusetts. She says that what she learned in the workshops for the business fundamentals certificate helped her land the role.

“The workshops are specifically designed to be very hands-on, while also thinking about these business skills from a liberal arts perspective. It is a really unique combination to study marketing or communications skills at a liberal arts school,” she says. “I’m not taking classes about these specific things, but between the workshops and the different projects and case studies and competitions that we participate in, we can gain specific skills and put them into practice.”

And Anderson is just one of the nearly 500 students on the receiving end of this kind of experience, due to Ciocca’s vision. As the work of the center progresses, Chu says, “The most important thing is that we see this as a win-win for Holy Cross – for students and alumni, and for the business community and society.”
Holy Cross students have a wealth of ideas, but not all fit into a neat box. Enter the Ignite Fund, where unexpected projects get the space, opportunity and money to become a reality and make a difference.

BY DAVE GREENSLIT

Rev. Thomas McMurray, S.J., wears many hats at Nativity School of Worcester – director of admissions, director of Jesuit mission and identity, and chaplain. When he needed help developing a religious education curriculum for the school, he knew where to look – just a few miles away.

Holy Cross, it turned out, had the perfect program to assist the private middle school: The Ignite Fund. A now two-year-old initiative of the College’s J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World, the program funds student-driven projects, providing the opportunity and resources to put what they’ve learned in the classroom to work. Rather than waiting until after graduation to make an impact on the world beyond The Hill, The Ignite Fund gives students the foundation they need to put their scholarship and skills to the test immediately.

The religious education curriculum written by Stefanie Raymond ’18 and Roxana Ruiz ’20 is impacting students every day at Nativity School of Worcester, like Marcos, NSW class of 2022 (right). “What most appealed to me was the ability to combine two things that I really loved: religion and education,” Raymond says.
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Rev. John Gavin, S.J., associate professor of religious studies, looked to two students: history major Stefanie Raymond ’18 and religious studies major Roxana Ruiz ’20, both women offering backgrounds in Catholic studies and education.

“They understood what a curriculum plan would be,” Fr. Gavin says. “It seemed like a perfect fit.”

The women thought so, too, and embraced the project.

“What most appealed to me was the ability to combine two things that I really loved: religion and education,” Raymond says. “Because my own religious education had played a big part in my life — I attended Catholic schools from kindergarten to college — I was excited to have an opportunity to apply what I had been taught in a new way.”

“I believe in the goodness that a Jesuit, Catholic education can give to students and even teachers that teach it,” Ruiz adds. “It can provide a more holistic development of the person, no matter the background they come from.”

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“We hope to develop an environment where Jesuit identity is not only recognized in the classroom, but also throughout their schooling experience. We wish for the students to take on this identity when they move on from Nativity School of Worcester, where they continue reflecting, discerning and forming a community with others.”

— ROXANA RUIZ ’20

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“For the majority of boys who come to Nativity, the word ’Jesuit’ has no other meaning than the fact their class is named after one,” says Lily Cook ’17, Nativity School of Worcester teaching fellow. “The curriculum that Stefanie and Roxana wrote provided me with a strong framework and connected me with resources to bring Jesuit identity, spirituality and Catholic education into my classroom in a way that was both meaningful and engaging for fifth-grade boys. My students will leave their first year at NSW with a richer understanding of Jesuit identity and how it will affect not only their time at Nativity, but also beyond.”

Adds Fr. McMurray: “One of the great features of the religious education curriculum is how spirituality informs all four years of the program, providing a spiritual formation for both students and teachers that integrates the service and retreat program with the academic. And, most importantly for us as a Jesuit school, how Ignatian spirituality offers a world view and serves as a lens through which students can explore and engage...”

(Clockwise from top left) Daniel Klinghard, director of the J.D. Power Center, which administers The Ignite Fund; Rev. John Gavin, S.J., associate professor of religious studies, who proposed the project to Raymond and Ruiz; Nativity School President Patrick T. Maloney ’02 and Francois, NSW class of 2022; Lily Cook ’17, Nativity teaching fellow, who says the curriculum “connected me with resources to bring Jesuit identity, spirituality and Catholic education into my classroom in a way that was meaningful and engaging for fifth-grade boys” and Rev. Thomas McMurray, S.J., Nativity School director of admissions, director of Jesuit mission and identity, and chaplain.
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the important human issues confronting the world today.”

Raymond, who worked on this project during her senior year, can well identify with the life of a new teacher, as she has since graduated and is now a first-year teacher at Grace Academy, a Hartford, Connecticut, school for girls in grades five through eight. “It’s been a good, but hard, transition,” she notes. Thanks to her Ignite Fund experience, she has greater appreciation of – and experience in – curriculum writing.

The project has continued into this academic year, with Michael Raheb ’20 joining Ruiz, as they write the curriculum for grades six, seven and eight. The work is time-consuming, Ruiz says, but has produced myriad benefits.

“I feel it’s made me grow a lot as a person, not just as a student,” Ruiz says. Working on the project has given her confidence about becoming a teacher and she has shifted her focus from math to religious studies. After graduating, she hopes to teach in an underserved Catholic community, then possibly earn a master’s in theology or education.

THE INTERSECTION OF INNOVATION AND RISK

Daniel Klinghard, director of the J.D. Power Center, says the center is a hub that brings together traditional, time-tested programs, such as academic internships, with new initiatives like the Ignite Fund, with the goal of promoting real-world learning opportunities for students outside of a classroom. Encouraging innovation and risk-taking – and providing the funding – allows students to test an idea, launch a project or, like Raymond, Ruiz and Raheb, meet a community need.

“Students come away with confidence, thinking, ‘I know my degree has prepared me for the real world because I have this experience working in the real world,’” Klinghard says.

The seeds of the Ignite Fund were planted a few years ago – literally – when students interested in sustainable food sought to establish community gardens on campus. As Klinghard tells it, there weren’t many resources on campus available to make a resource-intensive project like that happen: It wasn’t research. It wasn’t an internship. College Provost and Dean Margaret Freije funded the project on an ad-hoc basis. The students did their research, visited other colleges that hosted community gardens and eventually plots were planted near O’Neil and Ciampi halls.

The success of that effort prompted Freije and others to wonder what else students might accomplish if given the opportunity to pursue their ideas. Ultimately, the Ignite Fund was born. It has since funded a range of projects, including an after-school program for children; a student musician’s recording to help his music career; a study of how the colors and styles of plates affect food choices and waste; and even the development of a prototype sports net that measures the speed of balls and pucks.

Students who apply for funding work with J.D. Power Center staff to develop a proposal, identify possible community support, create a budget and run a Launchpad session, a meeting open to the campus on the particular issue.

“The idea is to get people together who share common intellectual interests and get them talking about how they can do something about it in the world,” Klinghard says.

Even if no project emerges, there is value in getting students talking about issues and what they can do about them, he says.

“If my job was to tell people what to do with the money, it would be a very boring program,” Klinghard notes. “What’s really cool is that the ideas the students are coming up with themselves are so much more creative, so much more varied and so much more innovative.”

The Nativity School of Worcester religious education curriculum and other projects funded by the Ignite Fund are grounded in the Jesuit tradition of experiential learning and impact, Klinghard notes: looking at the world, putting hands and mind to work, reflecting and moving on to greater action. It’s a desire Ruiz hopes will have an impact far beyond its Worcester roots.

“We hope to develop an environment where Jesuit identity is not only recognized in the classroom, but also throughout their schooling experience,” she says. “We wish for the students to take on this identity when they move on from Nativity School of Worcester, where they continue reflecting, discerning and forming a community with others.”
Nearly 30 years ago, Ron Lawson ’75 found himself homeless — now he helps others in the same situation
Ron Lawson ‘75 had worked for 14 years as a financial analyst and manager for some of the biggest firms on Wall Street. So when he was suddenly laid off in the early 1990s recession, he didn’t think much of it. “I figured with my professional and academic background, it would only take me two or three weeks to find another job,” he says.

Three weeks stretched into three months, and then four or five, with no new job materializing. Despite his high-powered lifestyle, Lawson hadn’t given much thought to savings — “everything I earned I wore on my back or on my feet,” he says — and suddenly he found himself unable to pay his rent.

At age 39, he was homeless. “I wound up on the floor of a friend of a friend who I barely knew,” he says, “and all I had to my name were three wardrobe boxes of clothes, a mattress and a sheet I used to pull over my head so that the roaches wouldn’t crawl on me.”

He spent the next six months without a home, without a job and feeling increasingly desperate. The only thing that kept him going was the kindness of friends, one of whom introduced him to a church in Brooklyn Heights led by civil rights icon Rev. Dr. Paul Smith.

“I’d go sit with him and we’d talk and pray, and he’d say, ‘Hard times don’t last always,’” Lawson remembers. Every time, Smith would give him an envelope with a couple of subway tokens and a few dollars that would help him get his next meal. Finally, a good friend asked if a few dollars that would help him get his time, Smith would give him an envelope last always,” Lawson remembers. Every day, he’d go sit with him and we’d talk and pray, and he’d say, “Hard times don’t last always,” Lawson remembers. Every time, Smith would give him an envelope with a couple of subway tokens and a few dollars that would help him get his next meal. Finally, a good friend asked if he’d be willing to help manage finances for Mayor David Dinkins’ re-election campaign, and suddenly Lawson went from homeless to managing the finances of an $11 million campaign.

But Lawson never forgot the kindness of everyone who helped sustain him during the time he had nothing. “I don’t think I can ever repay you for everything you did for me,” he told them. To a person, they replied: “We don’t expect you to. We just expect you to do it for someone else.”

That’s a lesson that Lawson has since taken to heart. Now chief operating officer for nonprofit Care for the Homeless (CFH), he helps provide health care for New York City’s massive population of unhoused people, giving those without the kind of connections he had an ability to get back on their feet. “Our belief is housing is health care and vice versa,” Lawson says. “If you are ill and homeless, just think about how difficult it would be trying to find a job or a home.”

On any given night, there are over 62,000 people sleeping in New York City shelters — including more than 23,000 children — but the actual population of homeless is estimated to be much higher.

“If the homeless population of New York was its own stand-alone city, it would be one of the 10 largest cities in the state,” Lawson notes. CFH not only provides emergency medical care to homeless people, but it also provides them with primary care doctors who can help them overcome chronic conditions and ensure continuity of care. As a sign of its success, the state recently awarded the organization with grants totaling $7.5 million, which will enable it to dramatically expand its services. But the organization still struggles to provide care for a population that only continues to rise. The issue has reached epidemic status in New York City, where homelessness is at its highest levels since the Great Depression, according to statistics from the organization Coalition for the Homeless.

MAKING HIS WAY TO THE HILL
Lawson grew up Wyandanch, a largely African-American suburb on Long Island, where his father worked as a presser in a dry cleaner and his mother worked in a laundry. “I didn’t know I was poor,” he says. “Since my parents worked in the cleaning industry, I could get as dirty as I wanted to, and I wouldn’t get into trouble — so everyone envied me.” He attended neighboring North Babylon High School, where he excelled in academics and track. When he visited Holy Cross, he was immediately taken in by its Georgian brick buildings and hilltop setting. “It was everything I envisioned my college experience to be,” he says.

Lawson loved everything about his Holy Cross years, especially piling into the Black Student Union van on weekends and driving to parties at Wellesley, Radcliffe or Mount Holyoke. “I graduated near the bottom of my class because I spent a good portion of my time hanging out and not as much time studying as I should have,” he admits.

After graduating with a degree in political science, he attended the Summer Skills Institute at the School of Urban and Public Affairs (now Heinz College) at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was initially overwhelmed by the heavy quantitative focus. He buckled down in calculus and statistics, however, and not only completed the summer institute but also earned a scholarship to the master’s program. He called to tell his dad the good news and drove home from Pittsburgh to New York the next day, only to learn his dad had died overnight of a massive heart attack. “I literally went from the best four years of my life to the worst two,” he says.

He credits his studies at Holy Cross, however, for allowing him to succeed at Carnegie Mellon and receive an M.S. in public policy and management. Upon graduation, he landed a job as an auditor at Arthur Young & Company (the precursor to Ernst & Young), the first of a series of Wall Street positions at firms including Solomon Brothers, Chase and Deloitte & Touche. When he suddenly found himself homeless in the early 1990s, it was his family that was uppermost in his mind.

Ron Lawson, chief operating officer for nonprofit Care for the Homeless, says a lack of affordable housing in New York puts organizations like his on the front lines of helping those in need.
“My mother died of breast cancer at the age of 48, when I was 17, and my dad died of a heart attack at the age of 57, when I was 23, so I had convinced myself they had worked themselves into an early grave to ensure my success, and here I was sleeping on someone’s roach-infested floor,” Lawson says. 

After finishing his work with the Dinkins campaign, he took a job as national head of operations for the YWCA, the start of a career turnaround providing operations and financial management, as well as consulting for nonprofits. “I realized if I went to work and did a good job, somebody somewhere would be a little better off, and I liked the way that made me feel,” he says.

Lawson joined Care for the Homeless in 2016 as its chief operating officer. Under the leadership of Executive Director George Nashak, Lawson is responsible for the operations and administrative oversight of the organization. CFH also runs its own shelter, a 200-bed facility for women living with mental illness. Clients can also access housing and job assistance. “It’s been in existence for 10 years and over 1,000 women have been placed in permanent housing,” Lawson says. Additionally, the organization plans to open community-based medical centers in neighborhoods with large numbers of underserved and homeless populations, providing medical care even to those who may not feel comfortable coming into shelters.

**INTRINSIC MOTIVATION AND MENTORSHIP**

Despite a booming U.S. economy, homelessness in New York has surged and Lawson blames one factor more than any other: “There is no affordable housing,” he notes. “Ten to 15 percent of the women who live in our shelter in the Bronx go to work just like you and I, but they can’t afford to put food on the table and pay rent.” With no substantial increase in affordable housing in the city, more pressure is put on organizations like CFH to become the first line of defense in helping those affected.

CFH served over 7,500 patients last year; the new state grants will help expand services to more than 10,000 patients. That has meant a total transformation of Lawson’s job in order to meet the new demand. “We ended the last fiscal year as a $20 million organization with 130 employees and next year we will be a $32 million organization with over 200 employees,” he says. “We are growing by more than 50 percent in a year.” Among other growth initiatives, Lawson and Dr. Regina Olasin, D.O., CFH’s chief medical officer, are overseeing the opening of several new health centers in vulnerable neighborhoods.

In that area, Lawson has found help via several Holy Cross students who have interned at CFH. For as long as she can remember, Daniela Fazio ’18 has wanted to be a doctor. While at Holy Cross, she volunteered with Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), serving as student director at Worcester’s Cambridge Street Family Shelter during her freshman and sophomore years. Junior and senior years, she worked as a liaison between SPUD volunteer sites involved with meeting the hunger and homelessness needs of Worcester.

“It was really exciting for me to take on an internship where I could merge

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(clockwise from top left) Lawson in his Healy dorm room with his father; CFH Executive Director George Nashak, Holy Cross trustee Stan Grayson ’72, Charlie Whelan ’70, Lawson, former Holy Cross trustee John Murphy ’73 and Ivan Watanabe ’08 at a CFH reception; Healy 3 residents gather for a photo; Lawson with his former boss, New York Mayor David Dinkins; Lawson with Julia D’Ambrosio ’20, Daniela Fazio ’18, Regina Olasin, D.O., CFH chief medical officer, and Nashak; Lawson and fellow Black Student Union members gather for a photo following the November 2018 Convocation in which Ted Wells ’72 received an honorary degree; Lawson with his father, sister-in-law and stepmother outside the Hogan Center after commencement; Lawson offering a prayer of thanks right before his Holy Cross commencement; Lawson and his CFH team meet with contractors to discuss finishing the organization’s new facilities serving New York’s homeless.
my career interest and my passion for helping this particular population,” she says. While at CFH, Fazio used software to analyze New York neighborhoods to identify those most in need of a new center and helped introduce child literacy materials in the health centers. After graduating last May with a degree in psychology, she started work at NYU Langone Health Center, conducting research on how to keep at-risk emergency department patients from becoming homeless. “CFH was such an incredible stepping stone and learning experience for me,” she says.

Over the past two years, Christian Haynes ’20 and Julia D’Ambrosio ’20 have continued the neighborhood analysis work and helped Lawson obtain information necessary for building the new centers. Going to her first homeless shelter was an emotional experience for D’Ambrosio: “I saw many kids and families, and often these are people who have jobs, but just can’t find affordable housing. It’s hard to see people at this point in their life, but it’s been very motivating to be surrounded by people who are working hard to break the cycle.”

The Holy Cross CFH interns characterize Lawson as an extraordinarily attentive mentor, helping them through the unfamiliar territory of community analysis. “From the first day, he made the time to make sure I understood what I was doing.”
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Even though her internship ended two years ago, Fazio is still in regular contact with Lawson, who has served as a sounding board for her research and has also connected her with other Holy Cross alumni in New York.

“He loves Holy Cross more than anyone I know and has shared many stories about the meaningful experiences he had there,” says Fazio, who remembers finding him decked out head to toe in Holy Cross gear in their first interview on campus. “He embodies what it means to be a crusader for others — he lives out the Jesuit mission of being a person that is for and with others in everything he does and he is such an inspiring role model.”

And just as Lawson swore to honor those who helped him by helping others, he has done so much for me,” Fazio says. “The only way I could repay him is to do the same for others.”
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Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex.
Black Student-Athletes Take Leadership Role in Creating Shared Community

How the student-founded group Men of Color Athletes is impacting members and driving discussion

BY STEVE ULFELDER

Former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick spent the 2017 and 2018 football seasons out of work. And even if he never takes another snap, he leaves quite a legacy.

Kaepernick’s influence was on display at January’s Black Student-Athlete Summit (BSAS) in Austin, Texas, where Marcellis Perkins ’19, a sociology major and member of the men’s basketball team, presented a paper, “Because He Is Seen but Not Heard: How Creating Spaces for Black Male Athletes Contributes to Holistic Development.” Perkins’ presentation won raves, making him an “instant rock star,” according to fellow Holy Cross student-athlete and BSAS attendee Martin Dorsey ’19.

Perkins’ presentation was inspired by Men of Color Athletes (MOCA), a student group he helped found three years ago with Dorsey, a wide receiver, and Andre Chevalier ’19, a linebacker and the third Holy Cross student-athlete to attend BSAS. MOCA, in turn, was partly inspired by Kaepernick, whose activism in 2016 sparked nationwide debate and had a powerful influence on athletes of color.

A SHARED EXPERIENCE
MOCA was launched to give Holy Cross student-athletes of color a safe space in which to discuss a range of issues, from the national (Kaepernick’s outspokenness, followed by what many argue has been an unofficial league ban, keeping him unsigned) to the local (challenges faced by students of color at a predominantly white college) to the personal (topics such as dating, a subject that arises at meetings, Chevalier says).

The trio of co-founders are quick to give credit to fellow pioneers Armani Dawkins, former associate director of athletics for student-athlete development, and Steven Martinez ’16, former Crusaders defensive back.

The MOCA co-founders frequently cite empathy when explaining the need for the organization. “I love it here,” Dorsey says, but “we might be scared to speak our minds in classes, in a primarily
white institution. We feel a little more comfortable at our Sunday night meetings. A lot of times, freshmen want to talk about the experience of being the only black face in a class. We tell them, yes, there are challenges, but it’s also an opportunity to offer insight and education to others.”

The meetings take place every other week in the Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex or the Hogan Campus Center, and they’re popular—a typical session may include 20 or more student-athletes of color, as well as administrators and professors. In contemporary America, where the line between sports, entertainment and politics is blurry, there’s never a shortage of topics.

“We’re talking about whatever’s relevant that day,” Perkins says. “There’s a really wide range of topics. It’s also important to get the viewpoints of other teammates and coaches who may not agree with you.”

**SHARING MOCA WITH THE NATION**

Impressed by MOCA, in 2018 Dawkins urged Perkins to craft a presentation for BSAS, a major annual conference hosted by the University of Texas, designed to elicit thought, discussion and ideas to serve and improve the experiences of black student-athletes across the U.S. Perkins declined that year, but he submitted a proposal for the 2019 conference. It was accepted, presented and was a major success—especially in light of the fact that student presentations are relatively rare, with the event dominated by those from researchers, professors and administrators.

“We’d never been in a room with that many black, educated student-athletes,” Chevalier says. “Afterwards, we learned that [Ohio State University] and others were kind of doing the same thing, which made us feel like we’re trending in the right direction.” Perkins notes that since the presentation, other universities have contacted him to learn more.

**MENTORING AND EXPANSION**

With MOCA solidly established and nationally recognized, the group’s leaders feel a responsibility to reach out to the College community. In 2018, the organization held a come-one-come-all roundtable at which student-athletes discussed the group and their points of view; one member videotaped a session and shared it with his sociology class. According to Aaron Dashiell, MOCA adviser and assistant director of athletics for student-athlete development, the group has plenty of other ideas in the pipeline, including an invitation to women student-athletes of color for a joint session.

Seniors Chevalier, Dorsey and Perkins all note that helping underclassmen adjust to college life is one of MOCA’s major benefits. First-year student-athletes of color “have mostly been to [high] schools that more resembled their population,” Chevalier says. “We definitely help them deal with that. There’s also the everyday grind all student-athletes get used to—the time commitment. And when racial things happen around campus, we give them someone to talk to.”

As the men prepare to graduate, they are especially mindful of their mentoring responsibilities. “We remember what was passed on [to us]” by Martinez and others, Perkins says. “Now it’s our turn.” He and Dashiell add that while specific underclassmen have not been officially named as future MOCA leaders, several are organically moving in that direction. That’s especially gratifying, Dashiell notes, “as we make sure this is sustainable.” In fact, he’s pushing to send juniors, rather than seniors, to future summits because “it would be nice to see that energy and mindset harnessed for a full year at Holy Cross.”

MOCA is eager to “reach out and get involved with the campus as a whole,” Dorsey says. “We have a lot to offer the Holy Cross community.”
‘Outwork the Guy in Front of You’

The never-say-die work ethic of Jimmy Murray ’17 propelled him from Fitton Field to the 2019 AFC Championship game

BY BENJAMIN GLEISSER

Jimmy Murray ’17 sees opportunity where others see stop signs. He first worked his way onto his high school football team and later onto the Holy Cross football team as a walk-on. In 2018, he beat the odds once more, going from undrafted free agent to earning a place on the practice squad of the Kansas City Chiefs and, ultimately, the active roster.

In January 2019, the 6’5” 304-pound rookie offensive lineman became the first Holy Cross graduate to make it to an AFC Championship game since 1989.

Though the New England Patriots beat the Chiefs, 37-31, and Murray did not play in the game, “It was surreal just being there,” he says. “In my sophomore year at Holy Cross, I was sitting in the 300-level seats [at Gillette Stadium] and saw the Patriots in the AFC Championship game. Then, a couple years later, I’m going up against [Patriots quarterback Tom] Brady.”

Born into a football-loving family in Chicago, Murray rooted for the Bears, collected football cards and played the game with his four brothers in their back yard. At Loyola Academy High School in Wilmette, Illinois, he grinded it out at practices until he finally convinced his coach to give him a spot on the team.

“During senior year, I got my shot,” he remembers. “And it
was the same way in college, too. I knew as long as there was a chance, I would do everything in my power to make it. I never put myself down. My philosophy was: Outwork the guy in front of you.”

At Holy Cross, Murray walked onto Fitton Field hoping to land a spot with the Crusaders. His hard work not only convinced coaches to add him to the roster, but he also started each game during his four-year career and was named captain during his senior season.

His never-say-die attitude drove him, yet he also credits Crusaders offensive line coach Chris Smith ’09 for helping him meet his goals.

“Coach Smith did a great job helping me focus on the fundamentals,” Murray says. “He is very passionate about what he does and made me want to do everything in my power to make him happy. He loves Holy Cross and came in every day with a great attitude.

“And [Chiefs offensive line coach] Andy Heck taught me what it takes to be a professional in the NFL. He helped me step up my game big-time.”

Smith remembers Murray as a smart, athletic player who didn’t need a lot of drills to get everything right: “Jimmy led by example and was well respected by his team for his work ethic.”

Murray learned more than just football at Holy Cross, graduating with a major in economics and a minor in Chinese. “It was a tough school, but it prepared me for what I was going to do in life,” he says. “I use those skills when I’m taking notes in the film room to help me prepare for the next game, so I can hit the ground running.”

After graduation, Murray went undrafted, but he refused to give up his dream of playing in the NFL. A few days after the NFL draft, the Chiefs called to see if he was interested in joining the practice squad. Murray gave that role his all and was promoted to the active roster in late October.

“He laughs for a moment, remembering the first time he entered a game: Nov. 11, 2018, against the Arizona Cardinals. “The first play, I was put on my back,” he says. “I thought, ’Wow, this is crazy.’ But after that first play, I got back into the NFL mode.”

The biggest difference between playing at the college and pro level, he notes, is “the speed of the guys. In college, you’re either going against big dudes or fast dudes. When you get to the NFL, you’re going against big and fast dudes.”

Playing on the offensive line can be a thankless position — there are no statistics to compare yourself to others — but Murray is OK with that.

“Having no stats is a good thing, because you never let numbers get your head too big,” he says. “You’re not getting any glamour. You’re your own critic and always looking for ways to get better.”

His satisfaction comes when youngsters ask him to sign his football card or when he visits schools to give motivational talks. “I visited my grade school and told the kids I was once in their shoes,” he says. “I told them whatever you want to do, just go for it. And at the end of the day, you become what you believe in.”
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In fall 1996, I moved from Cape Cod to greater Boston. I had accepted my first job (a job I learned about from Holy Cross’ Career Development Office’s summer mailing). For this homebody from Harwich, Massachusetts, moving to Boston was a big deal! I had never been one to venture too far from home (my favorite beach is still the one 5 minutes from the house where I grew up) or from the Holy Cross campus (Caro Street, where’s that?). Moving to Greater Boston required me to grow my comfort zone.

As I started to get a handle on living and working around Boston, I learned about the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston and that it held monthly meetings near me. I attended one — and one was all I needed. I was hooked. OK, so the board hooked me as a volunteer (I received and read the minutes of that meeting a few weeks later and learned I had been elected to the club’s board of directors ... who knew it was that easy?). But I also hooked the club. I found my peeps. I found my comfort zone. In the hectic pace of life, figuring out my job, getting settled into my first apartment and learning that not all streets in Boston are two-way, the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston reassured me, reminded me and recharged me.

Over the next few years, I cooked burgers and dogs at our freshman/first-year picnics, hosted the club’s annual reception and interviewed candidates for the club’s scholarships. I gained great experience, but even more valuable has been the network of people, Holy Cross alumni, I got to know.

To Don Faulkner ’69, Lynne Dunbrack ’82, Mark Taylor ’82, Chris O’Hara ’83, John Loughnane ’87, Carol Donovan Juel ’95 and everyone else from the Boston club between 1997 and 2005, thank you! Thank you for helping me find my way out of my shell and around Boston!

To all those actively involved with the Holy Cross regional clubs today, thank you for all you do to engage with other alumni and keep the Holy Cross spirit alive and well away from Mount St. James.

And to all alumni seeking to connect with other Crusaders, look for a regional club in your area. If there isn’t one near you, consider the regional events that the Holy Cross Alumni Association sponsors, such as Crossroads in September or Holy Cross Cares Day in April. To find out more about getting involved, go to holycross.edu/alumni/crusaders-connect.

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Nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the Alumni Association bylaws, which allow for no more than 13 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, with 10 of them from class-year groupings, two representing regional clubs and one representing affinity groups. 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, 2019. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in an issue of Holy Cross Magazine so alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition.

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S tretching from the middle of Connecticut north to the Massachusetts border, the Holy Cross Club of Greater Hartford serves more than 2,200 alumni, parents and friends — making it one of the largest regional clubs in the Holy Cross network. An active group, the club organizes just about one event each quarter, ranging from after-work networking events in downtown Hartford to Holy Cross Cares Day service projects to “fan rallies” whenever Crusader Athletics teams visit the area. The club keeps a strong connection to current Holy Cross students: Each summer, it hosts a popular “Purple Pizza Party,” where it welcomes incoming first-year students and their families to the Holy Cross community (just before they pack their bags and head up to campus for the fall semester). Because of its geographic proximity to many New Englanders, the club is always willing to collaborate with neighboring regional clubs, often organizing joint events with the Holy Cross clubs of the Pioneer Valley (Massachusetts) and Greater New Haven. The more Crusaders to connect with, the better!

Year-round and occasional visitors are always welcome at club events. There’s something for everyone in Greater Hartford!

(top left) Tradition… Christina Carlone ’15 (then an incoming first-year student) poses with her parents, Natalie and Thomas, along with Ron Selchik ’87 at the club’s Purple Pizza Party summer send-off event in August 2011.
(top right) Camaraderie… Young alumni gather for an after-work social in September 2016.
(bottom) Service… Alumni and families take part in a Holy Cross Cares Day service event at Grace Academy in Hartford, Connecticut.

Add a Little Purple to Your Career

T his issue, Alumni Career Development highlights its popular webinar series, exclusively for Holy Cross alumni. This free resource serves alumni of all ages and stages, from landing your dream job to crafting a meaningful retirement. Alumni are welcome to attend live or watch a recording from our archive.

Do you or someone you know have career tips and expertise to share? Please submit a proposal! We love to feature alumni speakers who are making a difference in their fields.

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Winter Homecoming 2019

From family fun at the rink to alumni career-related networking sessions to a basketball win against Navy, Winter Homecoming had something for everyone. Current legacy students celebrated with their alumni parent(s) and families at a special luncheon and others met in Kimball to enjoy brunch. Crusaders gathered in Crossroads to reconnect and reminisce while student-led a cappella groups provided entertainment. Many capped off the day by completing a community work of art in honor of our giving challenge, Holy Cross 175: Celebrating Difference Makers.

Enjoy these photos of a fun-filled day on The Hill and save the date for Fall Homecoming on Oct. 19, 2019.
All That’s Missing is the ‘What’

Most of the details about last issue’s Mystery Photo are known but, like all good gatherings, some of them are still hazy. This photo garnered many emails and, collectively, we can piece together the who, when and where — but not necessarily the what.

The picture was taken in The Pub; everyone quickly noted the setting. At the time of the photo, The Pub was still in its original location — the second floor of a still relatively new Hogan Campus Center, which in this mid-’70s photo was less than 10 years old.

As for the date, the majority of respondents believe it was taken in 1976 or 1977, with Jim Berlanti ’79 positing a range of December 1975 to January 1976 “based on Trish Soma [’79]’s snowflake sweater and the winter coats around.” (At that time, the drinking age in Massachusetts was 18; it would be raised to 20 in 1979 and the current 21 in 1985.)

“There are many familiar faces from the class of 1977, but names have faded over time,” notes Ed Hyland ’77. “The two definite are Mike Buckley, who is in the upper left-hand corner, and Sam Sacco, who is kind of sitting on a table in a plaid shirt with a beer in his left hand.”

“Oh boy!!” began the email from Dick Reid ’75. “[Far left] foreground is my wife, Maryellen (Hartnett) Reid ’77. Next to her is her roommate and my ex-girlfriend, Chris (Dufresne) Lovely ’77.”

Maryellen also emailed with several helpful IDs: “The short-haired girl in the foreground [on the right] is Sylvia (Gill) Lavoie. Behind Sylvia is John O’Leary. Standing to my left is Mike Buckley; all are from the class of 1977. The best guess is that this was an event in Hogan Pub when it was upstairs during the 1976-77 school year. Since most people appear to be from our class, it may be an event leading up to the 100 Days Banquet.”

Ron Marrocco ’80 and Dean Trudeau ’79 both identified the long-haired Kathy Reilly ’79 in the right foreground, one of only two people in that packed room who noticed a picture was being taken (the other being Trish Soma, center). Marrocco said the picture “stopped me in my tracks. I immediately felt as if I could have been in that photo.”

Can anyone confirm Reid’s guess of a lead-up to the 100 Days Banquet? If this jogs your memory, let us know at hcmag@holycross.edu! — Melissa Shaw
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Young alumni are a vital part of the Holy Cross family. They stay connected and pay it forward as consistent donors and dedicated, passionate volunteers. Through their devotion and support, Holy Cross has reached new heights.

RYAN MCGRATH '14
NAME
Ryan McGrath ’14

HOMETOWN
Originally, Pittsburgh; currently, New York

FAMILY
Parents Kathy and Paul McGrath; sister Kaitlyn McGrath

WHAT HE DID AT HOLY CROSS
“I studied political science, while also a member of the men’s varsity ice hockey team, on which I served as captain my senior year. I also served three years as the hockey team’s representative at the Holy Cross Athletics Leadership Academy. After completing my sophomore year, I participated and studied in the Maymester Henry J. Leir Luxembourg Program. Outside of the classroom and Hart Center, I founded and served as president of the Alexander Hamilton Society, Holy Cross chapter.”

HOW HOLY CROSS AFFECTED HIS LIFE
“In every aspect, and certainly in more ways than I can comfortably put into words. However, as cliché as it may sound, Holy Cross truly awakened me to, and instilled in me, a great appreciation for the enduring power of a liberal arts education, while simultaneously redefining my sense of, and gratitude toward, being part of a community as special as Holy Cross.”

THE WORKING LIFE
“I am currently a director at UBS Financial Services in New York, where I serve as the head of our Alternative Investments Sales Desk.”

HOLY CROSS MEMORIES
“Certainly, one of my more memorable experiences occurred during my senior year, when we beat archrival and then seventh-ranked team in the country, Boston College, on their home ice. Additionally, and in retrospect only, I will always look back fondly upon the grueling late nights spent studying with classmates (those of you reading this know who you are) during each final exam season. As difficult as it felt at the time – with the help of a lot of coffee and midnight breakfasts at Kimball – we all successfully made it through.”

WHY HE STAYS CONNECTED TO HOLY CROSS
“I am tremendously grateful for the experience I had at Holy Cross and for the inspiring generosity of those who came before me – and I am passionate about helping current and future generations of Crusaders have that experience. The Holy Cross spirit and camaraderie constantly inspires me to stay connected and involved with both the school and our powerful alumni community.”

WHY HE BELIEVES IN HOLY CROSS
“Because I firmly believe in the College’s mission to cultivate and produce ‘men and women for others’ and its demonstrated ability to do so. I cannot help but believe that every student to walk the halls of Holy Cross has been, in some way, positively impacted by their experience.”

WHY HE GIVES TO HOLY CROSS
“I have always tried to make it a priority of mine to ensure that I am doing my part to pay it forward to the school, its students and our alumni, all of whom are poised to benefit from the College’s continued and increased levels of success.”
When Karen McManus ’91 published her first book in May 2017, she realized a dream deferred. An aspiring author since childhood, she experienced the thrill of watching her first novel catapult onto The New York Times’ best-seller list and remain there for 73 weeks.

“I was 8 when I first started writing books, and I wrote all through elementary and junior high,” she explains. “I always wanted to be an author, but when I reached high school, I suddenly found myself unable to finish anything, so I put the pursuit aside.”

In 2014, McManus, a veteran of a 20-year career in marketing and communications, picked up a copy of the young adult (YA) best-seller “The Hunger Games” and experienced an epiphany. “I loved the voice, and it hit me that it was my voice,” she says. Her passion for writing was rekindled.

“YA literature is an incredibly interesting and dynamic category – these books address topics in boundary-pushing ways that both teens and adults can relate to,” she says. While the genre is “officially” geared toward readers ages 12 to 18, it’s estimated that more than half of YA readers are over 18. McManus adds that writing for the YA audience gives her a way to connect with people at a point in their lives when their world view is still being shaped, which is very gratifying to her as the mother of a 12-year-old.

Sparked by Suzanne Collins’
hit, McManus wasted little time in getting back in the game. She initially penned what she describes as a “very bad ‘Hunger Games’-style book.” Then, on the way to work one morning, McManus heard Simple Minds’ “Don’t You (Forget About Me),” best known from the soundtrack to the 1985 John Hughes movie “The Breakfast Club,” and was struck by an idea for a murder mystery that begins with five teenagers in detention. That kernel of an idea became “One of Us is Lying,” a murder mystery that quickly landed on The New York Times’ best-seller list and earned plaudits such as an EW.com Best YA Book of the Year selection, Buzzfeed Best YA Book of the Year selection, New York Public Library’s Best Book for Teens selection and more. The book is currently in development as a TV series with Universal Cable Productions. The months since have been exciting and transformational, McManus admits, and have elicited memories of a lesson she first learned at Holy Cross: It’s never too late to pursue your dreams.

As a sophomore at Holy Cross, McManus considered studying abroad, then waffled on the decision and missed the application deadline. Bitterly disappointed, she shared her sadness with the late Maurizio Vannicelli, professor of political science, who encouraged her to apply anyway and helped shepherd her through the process. “Professor Vannicelli went to bat for me, and I was ultimately allowed to participate in the program,” she recalls. “It was a transformative experience for me and also taught me an invaluable lesson: It’s never too late to go after what you want.”

That said, McManus admits it was grueling to write and publish a book as a single mother with a full-time job. “I wrote most nights from 9 p.m. to midnight, after my son went to bed,” she recalls. “I also wrote as much as I could on weekends. Sometimes I’d bring my laptop to my son’s baseball games and write in the stands. I gave up things like television and reading for pleasure; I don’t think I watched a single show in 2015! Nobody who’s juggling career and family responsibilities has time to write, so you have to fit it in around the margins of everything else you’re doing.”

In April 2018, almost a year after “One of Us is Lying” was published by Delacorte Press, McManus left her day job. In January 2019, she released her second YA thriller, “Two Can Keep a Secret,” which immediately debuted on The New York Times’ best-seller list. She has two more books in the queue with Delacorte: a sequel to “One of Us is Lying” arriving in January 2020 and a stand-alone mystery slated for release in 2021. To date, her work has been translated into 39 languages.

The books that follow a best-seller are much harder to write, McManus concedes, but she’s learned a lot about her own process in the past 18 months and notes she is confident in her writing, thanks in no small part to her time at Holy Cross.

“I had really good experiences as an English major at Holy Cross and got lots of positive feedback on my writing,” she says. “Holy Cross is a great school for fostering critical thinking and personal growth. Like many of my peers, I was figuring out who I was and my place in the world during my four years at the College. My professors really pushed me to get outside my comfort zone and read widely. It was a wonderful experience.”
Holy Cross Magazine publishes In Memoriam to inform the College community of the deaths of alumni, trustees, students, employees and friends. In Memoriam content, which is based on obituaries published in public forums or provided directly to HCM by the family, is a limited overview that includes service to alma mater and a survivors listing. Family members are welcome to submit an obituary or additional information, which will be included at the discretion of the editor; due to time and space constraints, the final obituaries will not be sent to family members for approval. Portrait photos from the Purple Patcher appear as space permits and at the discretion of the editor (photos provided by the deceased’s family are not accepted). Obituaries appear in the order in which they are received; due to the volume of submissions and magazine deadlines, it may be several issues before they appear in print. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at 508-793-3039 or email AlumniRecords@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of an obituary, if available.

1940
F. Patrick Zailckas
F. Patrick Zailckas, of Waterbury, Connecticut, died on Nov. 28, 2018, at 100. Mr. Zailckas studied premed at Holy Cross and earned an L.L.B. from the Catholic University of America. A successful civil and criminal defense trial lawyer, he practiced law in Waterbury with a variety of partners, including his son in the law firm of Zailckas & Zailckas. He supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the Varsity Club and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Zailckas is survived by his wife of 71 years, Florence; one son, Patrick Zailckas ’75; two daughters; two sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; two granddaughters-in-law; one grandson’s fiancée; and four great-grandchildren. His alumni relatives include niece Beth M. Hennessey ’04; nephew John A. Jenusaitis ’84; eight nieces; and one nephew. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother and his spouse; and seven great-grandchildren; and his cousin, Rev. Lee F. Bartlett III ’67. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Walter W. Foley Jr. ’37 and Eugene O. Foley ’40; his infant son; and his cousin, John P. Sheehan Jr. ’39.

1946
Francis C. Kearney Jr.
Francis C. “Frank” Kearney Jr., of San Diego, died on Nov. 18, 2018, at 92. Mr. Kearney participated in ROTC at Holy Cross, was a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He rose to the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy and retired after 22 years of active and reserve service. He spent most of his career working as a civil servant for the Navy in a variety of civilian personnel management positions, including personnel director at the 32nd Street Naval Station. Mr. Kearney is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jeanne; three sons; four grandchildren; and one sister.

1947
Rev. James F. Bresnahan, S.J.
Rev. James F. Bresnahan, S.J., of Weston, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 23, 2018. A philosophy and economics major at Holy Cross, Fr. Bresnahan was a member of the Debating Society and Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society. A renowned professor of medical ethics, he was a recipient of the Father Flatley Medal (philosophy). He supported the College as a class agent and member of the career advisor network and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He is survived by one brother, Thomas M. Bresnahan ’56; one sister-in-law; eight nieces, including Natasha K. Giftos ’14; one grandaughter-in-law; and two great-grandchildren.

1949
George A. Kaftan, D.D.S.
George A. Kaftan, D.D.S., of Manasquan, New Jersey, died on Oct. 6, 2018, at 90. A biology major at Holy Cross, Dr. Kaftan was the starting center for the College’s basketball team. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1947 NCAA tournament, which Holy Cross won. Named by the NCAA as one of the greatest college players in history, the two-time All-American went on to play professionally for the Boston Celtics, New York Knicks and Baltimore Bullets. Following his professional basketball career, he graduated from Georgetown University’s School of Dentistry. He worked at the dental clinic stationed at Mitchell Field Air Force Base, Long Island, New York; he later opened his private dental practice. He also coached basketball and taught anatomy and physiology at C.W. Post College. Dr. Kaftan was a member of the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. He supported the College as a member of the 1943 Society and President’s Council; he also served on the Class Reunion Committee and the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York Dinner Committee. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; three daughters, including Georgette Kaftan ’84; five grandchildren, including Natasha K. Giftos ’14; one grandaughter-in-law; and two great-grandchildren.

1950
John R. Baraniak
John R. Baraniak, of Manchester, New Hampshire, died on Oct. 3, 2018, at 90. Mr. Baraniak graduated cum laude from Holy Cross with a degree in...
economics. He received a master’s degree in economics from the University of New Hampshire. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps; upon discharge, he joined a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve unit in Manchester, where he served as executive officer with the rank of captain. Mr. Baraniak began his career with the R. P. Burroughs Co., and held various management positions with a number of technology firms, including Van Norman Industries, Transistor, Raytheon and Sanders; he retired as vice president of Northrop Grumman Corporation, where he worked for 26 years. He also served as an adjunct professor at the University of New Hampshire and St. Anselm College, where he taught management and labor courses over a span of 25 years. Mr. Baraniak participated in ROTC at Holy Cross; he was a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. He supported the College as a member of the President’s Council and Class of 1943 Society. Dr. O’Toole later worked at the Boston VA Hospital for rehabilitation, subsequently serving as a physical adviser to the New England Medical Center Hospital, and was chief of rehabilitation at the Boston VA Hospital for several years and had a longtime association with the New England Rehab Hospital. A published author, he was a founding member of Fairlawn Rehab in Worcester, and served as a physical adviser for the disability evaluation service at UMass Medical. Dr. O’Toole is survived by three sons, one daughter and their spouses; one brother and his wife; one sister-in-law; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Julia “Julie”; and one grandson.

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IN MEMORIAM

Donald W. Ilko
(1943–2018)

Born in Philadelphia, Professor Ilko graduated from Emerson College in Boston in 1965 and continued his studies at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he earned an M.A., M.F.A. and Ph.D.

In 1970, he was hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre Art and was promoted to associate professor in 1975. In 1976, he was also named director of Fenwick Theatre.

Ann Marie Shea, professor emerita of the visual and performing arts department at Worcester State University, recalls Professor Ilko as an unexpected castmate in an Entr’Actors Guild production of “A Day in the Death of Joe Egg” at Fenwick Theatre. She was cast opposite the late Kenneth F. Happe ’58, associate professor emeritus of classics.

“Never known for moderation, Ken threw his all into the performance, including a manic transport of the title character in and out of doors,” Shea recalls. “Alas, the morning after the first preview, Ken was unable to walk, due to back issues.”

In stepped Professor Ilko, who played the role six months earlier in another production. “As I recall, we had a single rehearsal, which required Don to recall the lines for a monumental script from months before and, almost as onerous, reconstitute a performance he originally performed in a pocket-handkerchief of the New Hampshire stage, to the relatively operatic dimensions of Fenwick,” she says. “The most amazing thing for me was his mastery of the broad stylistic and emotional traits of the character – from broad vaudevillian humor to painfully intimate reflections.”

Remembers the production’s director, Bill Sigalis: “He was letter-perfect and dazzling.” Sigalis recalls being in another local production with Professor Ilko, one that was “partially manned by a contingent of Don’s students, who adored him.”


Following Holy Cross, he spent two years at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, before relocating to New York, where he worked as an actor and acting coach. He later returned to teaching, working as an associate professor at The Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago, and later became the school’s first head of the theatre studies program. In addition to his work as an educator, he also had an extensive acting and directing career in productions staged throughout the United States.

David C. Sullivan

David C. Sullivan, of North Hill, Needham and Brewster, formerly of Wellesley, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 6, 2018. Mr. Sullivan received his law degree from Boston College. He served as president of R.C. Sullivan Co. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and president of the Plumbing and Heating Assoc.; he was involved with the Charles River Workshop in Needham and Latham Center in Brewster. As a student at Holy Cross, he participated in cross-country and track. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara; his children and their spouses; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his siblings and their spouses; and several nieces and nephews.

1952

Arthur V. Ferrara

Arthur V. Ferrara, of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, formerly of Westchester, New York, and Greenwich, Connecticut, died on Dec. 18, 2018, at 88. At Holy Cross, Mr. Ferrara studied administration and enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until his discharge as a second lieutenant. He retired as CEO and chairman of the board after 38 years at Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. Mr. Ferrara is survived by his wife, Susan; two sons and their wives; one daughter; one stepdaughter and her husband; two sisters; one brother; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife of 48 years, Isabel “Dolly.”

Meredith B. Murray Jr., M.D.

Meredith B. “Bud” Murray Jr., M.D., of River Forest, Illinois, died on Oct. 12, 2018, at 88. A biology major at Holy Cross, Dr. Murray also graduated from the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He established a medical practice in Oak Park, Illinois, where he spent more than 40 years delivering babies; he was on staff.
at West Suburban, Oak Park and Loyola hospitals. Dr. Murray served as a lieutenant commander in the Medical Corps on a U.S. Navy destroyer after the Korean War. He supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society and served as an admissions advisor. Dr. Murray is survived by his wife, Sheila; one sister; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; nine grandchildren; three grandchildren’s spouses; Sheila’s four children and their spouses; 13 step-grandchildren; one step-grandchild’s spouse; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife of 35 years, Janine.

1953
Robert J. Cullen

Robert J. “Bob” Cullen, of Yarmouth, formerly of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 17, 2018, at 88. Mr. Cullen left Holy Cross to serve in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge, he returned to the College, where he earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemistry. He held various positions over his 37-year career at Shell Chemical Co., from which he retired as sales manager. He supported the College as a member of President’s Council and was active in the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod. Mr. Cullen is survived by one son; three daughters; one daughter-in-law; one son-in-law; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Constance; and brothers James G. Cullen ’54 and Charles E. Cullen Jr. ’52.

1954
Gerard H. Boule

Gerard H. “Jerry” Boule, of Marlborough, Massachusetts, died on Dec. 19, 2018, at 86. At Holy Cross, Mr. Boule participated in ROTC and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and, following his discharge, remained in the Reserves, where he was named commander of a communications company in Worcester. He also owned and operated the H.J. Boule Insurance Agency in Marlborough for many years. Mr. Boule is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dolores; two sons; one daughter; one sister and her husband; six grandchildren; one grandson-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

1955
John X. Evans

John X. “Jack” Evans, of Tempe, Arizona, died on Dec. 1, 2018, at 85. At Holy Cross, Mr. Evans majored in English literature, participated in cross-country and track and was involved with the Student Congress; he graduated cum laude. He was a member of the Varsity Club and a recipient of the Alumni Sodality Award. A founding member of “Great Hearts” schools and “The Phoenix Institute,” he held a Ph.D. and was an English professor at Arizona State University, University of Notre Dame and Middlebury College. Mr. Evans is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosemarie “Rosie”; one son; one daughter; and four grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward F. Donnelly

Edward F. Donnelly, of Scituate, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 10, 2018, at 88. A history major at Holy Cross, Mr. Donnelly earned a master’s degree in public administration from Boston University. He went on to a long career as an assistant city manager in Worcester, executive secretary of Winchester, Massachusetts, and, later, town administrator of Scituate. In retirement, he worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Department of Communities and Development. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Mr. Donnelly served the College as a class agent and regional club career counselor. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary; two sons; one daughter; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Hon. Francis M. McDonald

Hon. Francis M. “Frank” McDonald, of Middlebury, Connecticut, died on Oct. 8, 2018, at 87. Mr. McDonald received his J.D. from the Yale Law School, and he then joined the FBI in Kansas City and served as an assistant U.S. attorney in New Haven, Connecticut. He later worked in private practice before serving as the state’s attorney for the judicial district of Waterbury, Connecticut. He was appointed to the Connecticut Superior Court and then served on the Connecticut Supreme Court, finishing his term as chief justice. Mr. McDonald studied mathematics at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; seven grandchildren; two brothers, including John J. McDonald ’58; one sister; one sister-in-law; his niece, Lynne McDonald Harding ’85; and his nephew, David J. McDonald ’81. He was predeceased by four brothers and four sisters-in-law.

Edmond M. Koury, M.D.

Edmond M. Koury, M.D., of Worcester, died on Oct. 11, 2018, at 86. A biology major at Holy Cross, Dr. Koury earned his M.D. at Boston University School of Medicine. He practiced medicine for 37 years, and was affiliated for 20 years with the now-closed Hahnemann Hospital, where he served as president of the medical staff and chief of medicine; for a time, he was a medical doctor at what was then Worcester State Hospital and for the Masonic Home in Charlton, Massachusetts. He also served as an instructor and, later, an assistant professor at UMass Medical School. In retirement, he worked at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester for 19 years. Dr. Koury is survived by three daughters; two sons-in-law; two sisters; one brother-in-law; and cousins and many friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn.

Norman A. Goyette Jr.

Norman A. “Norm” Goyette Jr., of California, died on Dec. 7, 2018, at 86. Mr. Goyette studied physics at Holy Cross before earning his master’s degree in physics at Tufts University. He had a long career in the aerospace industry, during which he worked for TRW and the Aerospace Corporation. Mr. Goyette is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marian; four sons, one daughter and their spouses; 24 grandchildren; two granddaughters’ spouses; three great-grandchildren; and two siblings and their families.

Theodore J. Mooney Jr.

Theodore J. “Ted” Mooney Jr., of Rochester, New York, died on Oct. 30, 2018, at 86. Mr. Mooney was a pharmaceutical salesman, and he also taught religion for 33 years. He was a veteran and served in the Korean War. Mr. Mooney is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lucille; five children and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two siblings; and one son-in-law.

John X. Evans

James Edward McGolrick Jr.

James Edward “Ed” McGolrick Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, died on Oct. 19, 2018, at 86. Mr. McGolrick studied English, modern languages and prelaw at Holy Cross, and he was a member of the Pre-Law Society. He then entered the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia; he attained the rank of captain. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and opened his own law practice in Manassas, Virginia, where he worked for many years. He was also a board-certified civil and criminal specialist for 20 years with the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. McGolrick is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean; four children and their spouses; one grandmother’s child; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister.

Robert F. Flacke Sr.

Robert F. Flacke Sr., of Lake George, New York, died on Nov. 10, 2018, at 85. At Holy Cross, Mr. Flacke studied education and played football. He was a member of the Varsity Club and O’Callahan Society. A U.S. Navy veteran, he
was a submarine warfare expert on a naval destroyer escort; he later served in the Naval Reserve for 30 years, attaining the rank of captain. He was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Queensbury (New York) School District, where he implemented one of the first learning-disability programs in the state and created both the basketball and football teams. He also served as president of Fort William Henry Corp., which owned and operated one of Lake George’s tourism destinations, the Fort William Henry Hotel. Active in many state and local organizations, Mr. Flacke served on the Lake George Town Planning Board and as supervisor of the Town of Lake George, among other roles. An environmentalist, he was chair of the Adirondack Park Agency and commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Flacke is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean; one son, three daughters, including Kathryn F. Muncil ’80 and Nancy J. Reuss ’79, and their spouses; nine grandchildren, including Amanda J. Muncil ’10; and one granddaughter’s spouse.

Robert N. LaVigne
Robert N. “Bob” LaVigne, of Hingham, formerly of Dorchester and Worcester, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 15, 2018, at 86. After graduating from Holy Cross with a degree in education, Mr. LaVigne worked as a French teacher at a Jesuit high school in Louisiana. He then served as a social worker for 30 years in the Department of Rehabilitation for the state of Massachusetts. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the Class Reunion Committee. Mr. LaVigne is survived by one brother; one sister-in-law and her husband; one brother-in-law, Timothy F. Neville ’70, and his wife; one sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Rita; his parents; one brother; and one granddaughter’s mother; two sons-in-law; one step-daughter; one stepson; two step-siblings; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by six siblings.

Daniel J. Sullivan
Daniel J. Sullivan, of Dyer, Indiana, died on Dec. 4, 2018, at 85. At Holy Cross, Mr. Sullivan majored in marketing and participated in the College Choir. Later, he supported the College as a member of the Class Reunion Committee and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anne; two sons, four daughters, including Margaret S. “Peg” Keiller ’93, and their spouses; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; one brother-in-law; and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Emmet E. Tracy Jr.
Emmet E. Tracy Jr., of Detroit, died on Nov. 24, 2018, at 85. Mr. Tracy studied English at Holy Cross and was a member of the President’s Council and Holy Cross Lawyers Association; he was affiliated with the Holy Cross Fund Scholarship. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn “Mickey”; one daughter, three sons and their spouses; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by parents; two sisters; and one brother.

Thomas G. Yasensky
Thomas G. “Tom” Yasensky, of National City, California, died on Nov. 30, 2018. At Holy Cross, Mr. Yasensky studied political science, played baseball and made the dean’s list. He was a member of the Varsity Club and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. His alumni relatives include daughter Robyn Y. Gauntt ’79.

Brian C. Flynn
Brian C. Flynn, of Hammondspor, New York, and Naples, Florida, died at age 83. Mr. Flynn studied prelaw at Holy Cross. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marines, and later attended Georgetown Law School. He served as a defense attorney and judge before becoming a first assistant district attorney in Bath, New York; he later returned to private practice in Hammondspor, specializing in village and town law. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association, 1843 Society and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife, Jill; one son; one daughter; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; his former wife, Joan, her siblings and their families; one sister-in-law and her family; and many extended family members, including grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; his mother- and father-in-law; one brother-in-law; one sister-in-law; and his former wife’s parents and brother.

Raymond A. Nothnagle
Raymond A. “Ray” Nothnagle, of Pittsford, New York, died on Oct. 26, 2018, at 82. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Nothnagle joined his family’s business, Nothnagle Gallery of Homes, where he served as president and CEO for many years. He was actively involved in the Holy Cross Alumni Association and served on the Alumni Career Services Advisory, Class Reunion, Class Reunion Gift, In Hoc Signo, Nominations & Elections, Reunion Gift and Senior Reception committees. He was a member of the HCAA board of directors and Alumni Board Senate. He was a class agent, class chair and past president of the Holy Cross Club of Rochester as well as a member of the Fitzton Society and 1843 Society. He also supported Holy Cross football, men’s basketball, men’s ice hockey, women’s basketball and women’s ice hockey. He received the In Hoc Signo Award, the HCAA’s highest honor, in 2007 and the Joseph A. Perrotta ’29 Award in 2010. Mr. Nothnagle is survived by his wife of 37 years, Glenda; three daughters; two sons; one son’s spouse; two granddaughters; one stepdaughter; one stepson; two step-granddaughters; two step-grandsons; two sisters; four brothers; one brother’s spouse; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son; one stepson; and one brother.

William R. Murray
William R. “Bill” Murray, of Decatur, Georgia, died on Oct. 24, 2018, at 82. Mr. Murray studied chemistry at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He later received master’s degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and The George Washington University. He was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps for 10 years; he managed the development of an advanced communications system and led the deployment of the system in Vietnam. He also worked on the White House communications staff under Presidents Johnson and Kennedy, and he was awarded a number of medals for his service in the Marines. Mr. Murray later worked at IBM for 20 years, rising to the position of regional vice president, and he then went on to teach quality and sales programs to Honda, GE, J&J and IBM globally. He supported the College as a class agent, class chair and class correspondent, and as a member of the Reunion Gift Committee. He was also a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Murray is survived by his wife of almost 23 years, Mary; one son; three daughters; three sons-in-law; one step-daughter; one stepson-in-law; nine grandchildren; one granddaughter’s mother; two brothers; one sister; and two sisters-in-law.

Thomas J. Groark Jr.
Thomas J. “Tom” Groark Jr., of New London, Connecticut, died on Nov. 16, 2018,
Francis J. Higgins

Rev. Philip Rule, S.J.

(1931–2018)


Fr. Rule was born on Feb. 4, 1931, in Cleveland. After graduating from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, he entered the Society of Jesus on July 24, 1949, at the Milford Novitiate in Milford, Ohio. He was ordained on June 14, 1962, at Colomberie College in Clarkston, Michigan, where he took his final vows on Aug. 15, 1966.

While in the Society, he earned licentiate degrees in philosophy and theology from West Baden College in West Baden, Indiana. He also earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English from Loyola University Chicago and a doctorate in English from Harvard University.

During his regency, Fr. Rule taught English and Greek at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. After studies, he taught English at the University of Detroit for 12 years. During that time, he held such roles as rector of the university’s Jesuit community, director of studies for the Detroit Province and literary editor of America magazine.

A well-respected teacher, scholar and author, Fr. Rule joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1980. He was a professor of English for 25 years, from 1980–2005, and professor emeritus, from 2005–2015. The author of numerous articles and peer reviews, Fr. Rule served on several College councils and committees. Following his retirement, he served as the editor of the Faculty Forum and the assistant director of Alumni Continuing Education at the College.

“Throughout his years at Holy Cross, he acted with an exemplary sense of dedication to the College,” recalls James M. Kee, professor emeritus of English. “His Harvard Ph.D. was earned at a time when candidates were required to become broadly learned in English and American literature and much of classical literature as well. In addition, he was steeped in both theology and philosophy from his training as a Jesuit. The students who took his courses admired the immense sense of learning he was, therefore, able to bring into the classroom.

“Fr. Rule never ceased to be an active scholar,” continues Kee. “Late in his career, his years of persistent research and reflection bore fruit with the publication of a book on Coleridge and Newman (“Coleridge and Newman: The Centrality of Conscience,” Fordham University Press, 2004). His wide and deep understanding of 19th-century literature, philosophy and theology enabled him to uncover striking parallels in the thinking of these two important 19th-century British figures.”

Reflects Rev. William Reiser, S.J., professor and chair of the College’s religious studies department: “Phil was an avid movie-goer, an expert on John Henry Newman, and (at his request) the community presented him with a set of Jane Austen’s collected works when he left … He read widely, he enjoyed great culinary skills and he took a keen interest in the College’s campus arboretum. But what Phil was really, genuinely in love with was the Society of Jesus and the Church. As with so many of his contemporaries, his vocation to priesthood and religious life had been forged anew by the Second Vatican Council and the profound renewal it set in motion.”

Fr. Rule is survived by his many Jesuit companions and one cousin.
Hon. John J. Gibbons ’47, Hon. ’70
(1924–2018)

A distinguished judge, legal scholar and lawyer, Judge Gibbons served in the U.S. Navy before graduating from Harvard Law School. He worked at the law firm Crummy & Considine before he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, where he served for 20 years, the last three of which as chief judge. He left the bench to become the Richard J. Hughes Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law and later rejoined his former firm, which would eventually become Gibbons P.C.

In his more than 65 years of legal and public service, Judge Gibbons handled numerous cases involving significant constitutional and civil rights issues, including marriage equality, racial profiling and domestic violence; he was the recipient of many honors and awards, and a former president of the New Jersey State Bar Association. In 2004, at age 79, he successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court that the United States government was required to give alleged terrorist detainees held in Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba, legal representation and the right to challenge their detention in federal court.

“...and I and my fellow Gibbons law clerk Arthur Martin ’70 first met Judge Gibbons in the spring of 1969,” says Theodore V. “Ted” Wells Jr. ’72, Hon. ’81. “I was then a 19-year-old freshman at Holy Cross and Art was a 21-year-old junior. Art and I were two young, black student activists who were part of the first wave of black students to integrate Holy Cross. When we met Judge Gibbons, he took an immediate interest in us, and the three of us began a friendship that would last for 50 years. That Judge Gibbons would take two young, black Holy Cross students under his wing and embrace us spoke volumes about his willingness to mentor young people and to try to open up opportunities for African-Americans.”

“Judge Gibbons had all the characteristics required to be a Supreme Court Justice, and if the timing had been more fortuitous, he most certainly would have been appointed,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president emeritus and special advisor to the offices of the president and advancement. “He was wise, open-minded, humble, compassionate, firm and ethical. And throughout his years as a judge, he exhibited common sense in making sound and prudent judgments that reflected a profound understanding of the law and how it should be applied. To have known him and to have worked with him when he was on the board was, for me, a true grace.”

Judge Gibbons served the College as a member of the Alumni Board Senate, Board of Advisors and Holy Cross Lawyers Association; he was affiliated with the Holy Cross Fund Scholarship. He served on the board of trustees from 1972 to 2000 with 24 years of service. He was a member of the board’s Executive Committee from 1974 to 1979 and from 1981 to 1991. He rejoined the board in 1992 and served until 2000.

“For more than 10 years, Judge Gibbons and I would serve together on the board of trustees, and five times each year Judge Gibbons would pick me up at 5 a.m. for our four-hour drive to Holy Cross,” Wells remembers. “On those road trips we would continue my education in American history and also talk about life, politics and sports. Judge Gibbons dearly loved Holy Cross and he was one of the most respected members of the board. At the board meetings, the most powerful and dominating presence in the room was the great trial lawyer Edward Bennett Williams ’41. But Judge Gibbons was the one Holy Cross board member who could get Williams to back down on an issue. Williams recognized that although Judge Gibbons was not a great orator and a quiet, humble person by nature, he possessed a razor-sharp intellect that deserved maximum respect. When Judge Gibbons talked, everyone listened — including Williams.”

Judge Gibbons received an honorary degree from the College in 1970 in recognition of his achievements (pictured, above).

He is survived by four daughters, including Hon. Mary E. Whipple ’76, Nora F. Cary ’77 and Maude A. Houston ’83; three sons; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister; and one brother. His alumni relatives also include son-in-law Michael J. Houston ’83. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary.
Robert J. Imbus Jr.

Robert J. Imbus Jr., of Fayetteville, Ohio, died on Oct. 9, 2018, at 81. Mr. Imbus studied marketing at Holy Cross, participated in ROTC and served in the U.S. Marines. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and the O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Susan; two daughters, three sons and their spouses; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters. He was predeceased by one son-in-law.

1959

John T. Connerty Jr.

John T. “Jack” Connerty Jr., of Ogunquit, Maine, died on Dec. 3, 2018, at 82. Mr. Connerty majored in economics at Holy Cross and earned his law degree from Suffolk University. He had a long and successful career as a pharmaceutical sales executive in the Philadelphia area. He supported the football team at Holy Cross. Mr. Connerty is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jacquelyn “Jackie”; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; two sisters, one brother and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John H. Cranston

John H. “Jack” Cranston, of Barre, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 19, 2018, at 84. Mr. Cranston studied business administration at Holy Cross and served in the U.S. Army. He opened the Cranston Insurance Agency, which he ran until selling the company. He later worked for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue; he also spent many years as a tax preparer. Mr. Cranston is survived by his wife of 46 years, Patricia; one son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Francis J. Cranston ’50. His alumni relatives include niece Kathryn A. Cranston ’82; and nephew Francis J. Cranston Jr. ’79.

J. Peter Doohan

J. Peter “Pete” Doohan, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 23, 2018, at 80. At Holy Cross, Mr. Doohan majored in business administration – marketing and philosophy. He also participated in ROTC, was a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. An officer in the U.S. Navy, he was a pioneer in the information technology field, where he spent the majority of his career. Mr. Doohan is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dolores; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister and her husband; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son.

Raymond A. Murphy

Raymond A. “Ray” Murphy, of Novi, Michigan, died on Nov. 15, 2018, at 81. At Holy Cross, Mr. Murphy majored in marketing and participated in ROTC. He was a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. A lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for four years, he worked for the Ford Motor Company for 35 years before retiring. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife of 56 years, Audrey; two sons; and four grandchildren.

John J. Ormond

John J. Ormond, of Jupiter, Florida, formerly of Garden City, New York, died on Dec. 16, 2018, at 80. At Holy Cross, Mr. Ormond studied English and was involved in yearbook photography. He had a 30-year career on Wall Street. An active supporter of the College, he served as class agent, class correspondent, reunion gift chair, Alumni Board director and regional club president. He was also a member of the Alumni Board Senate, Class Reunion Gift Committee, Reunion Gift Committee and career advisor network; he was the recipient of the Matthew P. Cavanaugh Award. Mr. Ormond is survived by his wife of 50 years, Virginia; two daughters, two sons, including Douglas J. Ormond ’99, and their spouses; two grandchildren; three sisters; one brother, James F. Ormond Sr. ’62; brother-in-law Andrew E. Brennan ’64; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by one sister.

Lawrence A. Rancourt

Lawrence A. “Larry” Rancourt, of Lakeland, Florida, died on Sept. 25, 2018. A marketing major at Holy Cross, Mr. Rancourt played football and baseball for the College; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He signed with the Cincinnati Reds baseball team and spent five years in their system. He then bought Joyce’s Menswear in his hometown of Sherburne Falls, Massachusetts, and renamed it Larry’s Clothing and Footwear; he and his wife ran the business for 30 years. Mr. Rancourt served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sylvia Ernestine; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; three grandchildren; and one brother.

1960

Robert W. Marcato

Robert W. “Bob” Marcato, of New York, died on Oct. 7, 2018, at 80. Mr. Marcato graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in physics; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife, Ann; two siblings; two sons; and one granddaughter. His alumni relatives include his father-in-law, the late Francis R. Curry ’32.

Lt. Cmdr. Henry J. Ryan, USN (Ret.)

Lt. Cmdr. Henry J. Ryan, USN (Ret.), of Port Charlotte, Florida, formerly of Northampton, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 19, 2018. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Ryan had a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, completing three tours of duty in Vietnam as an adviser/trainer of local military and police forces. His numerous decorations and medals included the Bronze Star medal with combat V; a second Bronze Star medal with gold star and a Navy Commendation medal with combat V; he retired as a lieutenant commander. Mr. Ryan served as vice president of the Northampton Country Club, and he was also active in officiating as well as mentoring and assigning officials in several youth athletic programs. He supported the College as a class agent. Mr. Ryan is survived by three brothers, including Robert D. Ryan ’69; and several nieces and nephews.

1961

Peter Dix Devers

Peter Dix Devers, of New York City and Southampton, New York, died on Nov. 14, 2018, at 80. Mr. Devers studied history, political science and prelaw at Holy Cross; he graduated magna cum laude. He was a member of the Glee Club, Purple Key Society and Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society. He was a Root-Tilden scholar at NYU Law School and went on to practice business law at Shearman & Sterling; he finished his career at the Equitable Life Assurance Company. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Devers is survived by his wife, Mary; one daughter; one son; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters and one brother.

Arthur L. Doenecke, M.D.

Arthur L. Doenecke, M.D., of Clive, Iowa, died on Sept. 24, 2018, at 79. An English literature major at Holy Cross, Dr. Doenecke served as a medical corpsman in the New York Air National Guard while completing his premedical courses at Columbia University. He received his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Dr. Doenecke was on the medical staff in the departments of family medicine and emergency medicine at Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania for 23 years. He later worked as a locum tenens physician in clinics in Iowa; he also served as a visiting physician at the University of Iowa Hospital. Dr. Doenecke served as chair of the first Holy Cross All-Class Reunion in Iowa to celebrate the College’s 175th anniversary. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Norma; one sister-in-law; two nephews and their wives; two grandnephews; and several cousins.
IN MEMORIAM

Martin J. Waters Jr.

In Memoriam

Martin J. “Marty” Waters Jr., of Larchmont, New York, died on Oct. 5, 2018, at 78. Mr. Waters graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in history, and he received his MBA from Columbia Business School. After completing service in the National Guard, he began his career as an advertising executive and media buyer, first with BBDO and later with Jordan, Case, McGrath and Taylor and ITN Networks; he was credited with transforming the advertising industry with his invention of unwired networking for television. He supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society and President’s Council. Mr. Waters is survived by his wife, Catherine; his family of cousins, nieces, nephews and several nieces, nephews and grandnephews.

1962

James A. Fitzgerald

James A. “Fitz” Fitzgerald, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died on Oct. 31, 2018, at 77. Mr. Fitzgerald studied history and philosophy at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He then graduated from Yale Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal; he remained in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 28 years and attained the rank of captain. Mr. Fitzgerald worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C. He then joined the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where he served nearly 20 years as assistant general counsel for legal counsel, legislation and special projects, and helped establish the NRC’s Office of Investigations; he later became deputy director of that office. During his tenure at the NRC, he served as a member of the Senior Executive Service for nearly 30 years, and was the recipient of meritorious service awards. As a student at Holy Cross, he participated in the Band and Sodality. He later supported the College as an admissions officer and member of the career advisor network; he was also a member of the 1843 Society and O’Callahan Society. Mr. Fitzgerald was survived by his wife, Geraldine; one son, one daughter, one stepson, one stepdaughter and their spouses; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Doris. His family includes his cousins, the late Mr. Frank M. Granfield, OSB; one daughter; two sons; and 13 grandchildren.

1963

Edward J. Condon Jr.

Edward J. “Ed” Condon Jr., of Naples, Florida, died on Dec. 12, 2018, at 78. Mr. Condon majored in economics at Holy Cross before serving in the U.S. Air Force. Upon release as a first lieutenant, he began his 27-year career with Sears, Roebuck and Co., where he served in various finance positions, including vice president and treasurer; he later founded and served as chairman and CEO of The Paradigm Group, Ltd. Mr. Condon is survived by his wife, Catherine “Cathy”; two daughters; two sons; and 13 grandchildren.

1964

Edward B. Hanify Jr.

Edward B. “Ed” Hanify Jr., of Hancock, Massachusetts, died on April 11, 2018, at 80. Mr. Conroy majored in French and philosophy at Holy Cross, and he earned an M.Ed. from Worcester State University. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he worked for 37 years in the Worcester Public Schools, teaching French, Latin, Spanish and photography at Providence Street Junior High, South High Community School and Doherty Memorial High School. He also taught languages and photography in Worcester’s Adult Education programs for many years. Mr. Conroy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judith; one son, two daughters and their spouses; five grandchildren; one brother and his wife; three brothers-in-law and their spouses; and a large extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws as well as friends and former students. He was predeceased by one sister.

1965

Frederick L. Cumming III

Frederick L. “Rick” Cumming III, of San Diego, died on Oct. 2, 2018, at 74. An English major at Holy Cross, Mr. Cumming spent most of his career as an occupational safety engineer for the city of San Diego. He earned his master’s degree in health and safety studies from California State University, Los Angeles, before creating and managing the Risk Management Joint Powers Authority, which oversaw occupational risk management for the many municipal entities in the Imperial Valley. Mr. Cumming served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War; he earned several awards, including the Army Commendation Medal. He served the College as a member of the career advisor network. He is survived by two sons; two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; his wife’s three children and one grandson; one brother, Louis F. “Lou” Cumming ’60; one sister; many nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Sachiko.

Malcolm B. Fraser

Malcolm B. “Mal” Fraser, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 28, 2018, at 75. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Fraser earned his master’s degree from Syracuse University. He worked for more than 40 years as a teacher and coach, first at Triton Regional High School in Byfield, Massachusetts, then at Georgetown High School in Georgetown, Massachusetts. Mr. Fraser is survived by one son, one daughter and their families; his former wife, Eina; his partner’s children and their families; one brother and his wife; and extended
family and friends. He was predeceased by his partner, Sandy Elkin; and one sister.

**John E. Linehan**

John E. Linehan, of Carlsbad, California, died on Oct. 29, 2018, at 75. A sociology and education major at Holy Cross, Mr. Linehan joined the U.S. Air Force as an officer and served in Vietnam. He was an executive with GE, Honeywell, Solar Turbines, Chemtronics and BAE Systems; he also had his own consulting business, Sea Bright Enterprises. Mr. Linehan supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. He is survived by his wife, Donna; four children and their spouses; and three grandchildren.

**1966 Kevin W. Callahan**

Kevin W. Callahan, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 14, 2018, at 76. An English major at Holy Cross, Mr. Callahan completed his graduate studies at Colgate University and Boston College. His counseling and teaching career spanned decades; he was a guidance counselor at St. John’s Prep in Danvers, Massachusetts, and in the Wilmington (Massachusetts) Public Schools. Subsequently, he was a clinical psychologist in private practice in Billerica, Massachusetts, and later with mental health services in the greater Lawrence area; he also taught undergraduate and graduate classes as adjunct faculty at Middlesex Community College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He was a member of the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society and participated in cross-country and track at Holy Cross; he was a member of the Varsity Club. Mr. Callahan is survived by his wife, Linda; two daughters; two sons-in-law; six grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; one sister-in-law; and five nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

**1967 John Gorter**

John Gorter, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, died on Sept. 29, 2018, at 73. A history major at Holy Cross, Mr. Gorter participated in football and lacrosse. He later served the College as a class agent and on the Class Reunion Committee; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. He worked for Atlantic Richfield Company prior to owning and operating Main Street Shell in East Greenwich, Rhode Island; he later worked at The Home Depot in North Kingstown. Mr. Gorter is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karen; two daughters; one son; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; one sister; and several nieces and nephews.

**Steven Terrell**

Steven “Steve” Terrell, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, died on Oct. 19, 2018, at 74. Mr. Terrell studied economics at Holy Cross and worked at IBM as a systems engineer for 25 years. He is survived by two daughters, one son and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and one brother, two sisters and their spouses. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

**1968 Philip C. Bates**

Philip C. “Phil” Bates, of Rochester Hills, Michigan, died on Nov. 24, 2018, at 72. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Bates served in the U.S. Navy before working at Chrysler for more than 37 years. He was an admissions advisor and President’s Council member at Holy Cross; he also supported College Athletics. Mr. Bates is survived by three children and their families; his fiancée, Celeste Beaver; and three brothers, including Paul E. Bates, M.D., ’64 and Ronald James Bates ’70, one sister and their spouses. His children include cousins Peter J. Sanderson ’54 and Peter M. Dunn ’58; and niece Alyssa J.

**Jeffrey Hunter ’69**

(1948–2018)

Jeffrey Glen “Jeff” Hunter, of Jamestown, Rhode Island, died on Dec. 28, 2018, at 70.

Born in Maynard, Massachusetts, Professor Hunter received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Holy Cross; he later earned an MBA from Western New England College and a D.B.A. from Golden Gate University. At Holy Cross, he was active in Marching Band and WCHC. Following graduation, he supported the College as an admissions advisor, career advisor and as a member of the 1843 Society.

Professor Hunter returned to alma mater in 2005 as a lecturer in the Academic Internship Program in the then Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies (now housed in the J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World). For 14 years, he taught courses on management, leadership and persuasive communication. In this capacity, he inspired a generation of students seeking insight into careers in the field of business, encouraging them to bring insights from their internships into the classroom.

“What stood out most clearly about Jeff, particularly as a part-time instructor, was his dedication and commitment to his teaching and his students,” says Gary Delaney DeAngelis, associate director, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, and lecturer in the religious studies department. “Having been a graduate of the College, his commitment to Holy Cross was not surprising. But his dedication to his students went far beyond the classroom, often assisting them with high-quality internship placements in Worcester as part of his courses and also providing them with advice and direction on post-graduate and career plans. He cared deeply about his students and what they wanted to do with their lives, and how what they learned in his classroom would be of value to them – the quintessential professor.”

An educator for more than 35 years, Professor Hunter spent the majority of his career as a faculty member in the business studies department at Assumption College. He also taught at Merrimack College and Nichols College, in addition to running a career counseling firm.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; two children; six grandchildren; five siblings; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.
Richard Fisher ’47
(1923–2018)

Richard B. “Dick” Fisher, of Pittsburgh, died on Oct. 23, 2018, at 95. Mr. Fisher served in the U.S. Army. He co-founded Federated Investors, which today is one of the largest independently owned mutual fund companies in the U.S. As president of Federated Securities Corp., then chair, he was the head of distribution and a salesman who worked with brokers for more than 60 years.

A dedicated Holy Cross alumus, Mr. Fisher served as a class agent, and on the Alumni Board Senate, In Hoc Signo Committee and Board of Advisors. He was a member of the President’s Council and supported the College’s Charles S. Weiss Summer Research Program. In 2005, he received the In Hoc Signo Award, the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s highest honor.

“Mr. Richard B. Fisher provided unstinting support of our summer science research program and has left an enduring legacy through his early nurturing of its humble beginnings in the late 1980s,” says Daniel Bitran, professor of psychology and coordinator of the Weiss Summer Research Program. “Scores of talented students received their first introduction to the world of scientific discovery, and as a result, many have enrolled and completed advanced study in some of the leading graduate programs in physical and natural sciences.”

Mr. Fisher was one of the founding members of the College’s Investment Committee in the 1970s and served until November 2000. During his years of service, the committee saw the College’s endowment grow from less than $7 million in 1978 to $384 million in 2000.

“His legacy at Holy Cross was his inspired, energetic leadership of the Investment Committee in a critical era for our endowment, the financial cornerstone of alma mater,” says Richard Patterson ’80, chair of the board of trustees.

“Dick always challenged us to be our best,” adds Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of the College. “His generosity and leadership have made an indelible mark on the College. His legacy will live on via the endowment he carefully nurtured and through the many students who benefited from our Summer Research Program. Dick was a champion of Holy Cross.”

He is survived by one brother and his spouse; four daughters, three sons, including John B. Fisher ’79, and their spouses, including Diane Medeiros Fisher ’80; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Barbara; one sister; one half-sister; and one half-brother.

George E. Chandley

George E. “Chip” Chandley, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on Dec. 25, 2018, at 72. Mr. Chandley majored in sociology at Holy Cross. After serving in the U.S. Army in South Korea, he attended the Culinary Institute of America and was a chef in several restaurants, including Windows on the World at the World Trade Center in New York. Before his training as a chef, he was a social worker for the city of Worcester. Mr. Chandley is survived by one sister; four brothers, including Brian M. Chandley ’73; three sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces, including Carolyn P. Chandley ’12. His father was the late Nathaniel F. Chandley ’33.

Timothy A. Ferris

Timothy A. Ferris, of Cleveland, died on Oct. 2, 2018. An English and religious studies major at Holy Cross, Mr. Ferris participated in the Purple Patcher, student newspaper and Rugby Club. He later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the 1843 Society and career advisor network. Mr. Ferris is survived by his wife, Gloria; two daughters; one daughter’s spouse; two grandchildren; one sister; three brothers; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Herbert S. Hoffman III

Herbert S. “Stewart” or “Stu” Hoffman III, of Milton, Florida, died on Nov. 14, 2018, at 74. At Holy Cross, Mr. Hoffman studied psychology and commanded the Naval ROTC battalion; later, he was a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. A talented aviator, he served in the U.S. Navy as a P-3 aircraft commander during the Vietnam War. He later transitioned to flying the C-130 Hercules, both for service missions and in his capacity as instructor of rising aviators and flight officers; his service was recognized several times over the years by the Navy. Upon retiring at the rank of lieutenant commander, he wrote and taught, and earned a bachelor’s degree in English education and a master’s degree in English literature at the University of West Florida. Mr. Hoffman is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rosemary; two daughters, one son and their spouses; two sisters, two brothers and their spouses; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters; one brother; and one brother-in-law.

Paul M. Lorenzen

Paul M. Lorenzen, of Thornwood, New York, died on Dec. 5, 2018, at 67. At Holy Cross, Mr. Lorenzen majored in economics. He held a position at HEPCO Inc. He supported the College’s baseball and football teams. Mr. Lorenzen is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mary; and one son, one daughter and their families.

Fred A. Contrada

Fred A. Contrada, of Florence, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 6, 2018, at 66. Mr. Contrada was a longtime reporter and columnist for The Republican of Springfield; in 2017, Leveler’s Press published “The Columns of Fred Contrada.” He also wrote works of fiction, including “Trager Stories,” “Dorchester Ave.,” “New Orleans Stories” and “The Trail.” He studied English at Holy Cross, served as editor of the College’s literary journal, The Purple, and received the Purple Purse Award (Short Story). He later supported the College as a class agent and member of the career advisor network. Mr. Contrada is survived by his wife, Joan; two children; and one brother.

Kevin E. Kingsman

Kevin E. Kingsman, of Atlanta, died on Sept. 14, 2018, at 65. Mr. Kingsman graduated from Holy Cross with
a degree in economics. He worked for more than 35 years in the mortgage industry. He is survived by his wife, Jo; one daughter; one son; and one brother.

1977
James P. Roque

James P. "Jim" Roque, of Sarasota, Florida, died on Sept. 27, 2018. Mr. Roque graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in English. He began his financial career with First Union/Wachovia Bank before working at TD Bank; he later joined SunTrust, where he was vice president, client advisor with SunTrust Private Wealth Management. He was a member of the College’s career advisor network. Mr. Roque is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Carla Malachowski; his parents; three brothers and their wives; one uncle; his mother- and father-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

1978
David R.J. Kenyatta

David R.J. Kenyatta, of Baltimore, died on Sept. 22, 2018. Known as David Johnson while a student, Mr. Kenyatta graduated from the College with a degree in psychology; he later earned a master’s degree in counseling from Ohio State University, a master’s degree and Ph.D. in education from Penn State, and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore. Most recently, he was a self-employed contract attorney and professional consultant. An early proponent of distance education, he also worked with programs for U.S. soldiers stationed around the world. At Holy Cross, Mr. Kenyatta participated in the Black Student Union, Cross and Scroll Society, Alternate College Theatre (ACT) and Martial Arts Club; he was affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha. He later supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association.

1980
Maj. Robert P. Howe, USMC (Ret.)

Maj. Robert P. Howe, USMC (Ret.), of Lincoln, Rhode Island, died on Nov. 14, 2018, at 60. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Howe participated in Band and ROTC. He earned his MBA from Babson College and was an account executive for International Group Insurance for John Hancock Insurance Company for 30 years. A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served in Desert Storm and retired with the rank of major. He supported the College as a member of the career advisor network, O’Callahan Society and HOIAH Marching Band Alumni; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Howe is survived by his wife, Carol; his mother; four children; two brothers, including James E. Howe Jr. ’79; one sister, Mary F. Cornell ’82; and several nephews and nieces, including Cara A. Santoro ’10 and Meagan A. Grill ’06.

1990
Timothy S. Delehaunty

Timothy S. “Tim” Delehaunty, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 14, 2018, at 50. At Holy Cross, Mr. Delehaunty studied history and participated in Band, cross-country and track. A published fiction writer, he earned an M.A. in English from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. His career in education included roles at the Rectory School in Pomfret, Connecticut, Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia and Lawrence Academy in Groton, Massachusetts. He later served as head of Upper School at New Canaan Country School in Connecticut and head of Tower School in Marblehead. Mr. Delehaunty supported Holy Cross as a member of the career advisor network, Varsity Club and HOIAH Marching Band Alumni. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Theresa; two children; one sister and her husband; his father, James F. Delehaunty ’67; his mother; his grandmother; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

1992
Leigh Ann Kennedy

Leigh Ann Kennedy, of Iowa City, Iowa, died on Dec. 14, 2018, at 48. At Holy Cross, Ms. Kennedy studied French and Chinese and served as manager of the swim team; she was also involved with Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD). She received a Juris Doctor degree from Creighton University School of Law and worked as an attorney in several positions before raising and homeschooling her children. Ms. Kennedy supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. She is survived by her husband, David; two sons; one daughter; her parents; three siblings and their spouses; her father- and mother-in-law; three brothers-in-law and their spouses; 13 nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her grandparents.

1993
Theresa J. Cornish

Theresa J. Cornish, of Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, died on Dec. 4, 2018, at 47. Ms. Cornish studied sociology and premed at Holy Cross; she later supported the College as a class agent and admissions advisor. She attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

FRIENDS

Palma Arcuri, mother of Ivana Pellegrino of dining services and grandmother of Robert Pellegrino of environmental services; Richard M. Bause, father of Richard M. Bause Jr. ’73; William F. Bernhard, M.D., father of William F. Bernhard Jr. ’77; Helen Cavanaugh, wife of Raymond Cavanaugh ‘49 and mother of Maureen Cavanaugh ’79 and Sheila Cavanaugh ‘81; Armond Colombo, father of Peter Colombo ’79, grandfather of Caitlin Colombo ’04 and founder-in-law of Christopher W. Cummings ’05; Patricia G. Consiglio, wife of Louis V. Consiglio ’56 and sister-in-law of Daniel A. Riley ’56; Julia Abrantes Correia, mother of Alberto A. Correia ’78 and grandmother of Emily E. Correia ’14; Gail M. Cronin, wife of Robert J. Cronin ’52; Lesley A. Darling ’76; Laura Eagan, wife of Richard E. Eagan ’50, mother of Michael Eagan ’77 and Thomas Eagan ’82 and aunt of Mary Ellen Eagan ’73, Bill Eagan ’77, Constance Eagan ’81 and Gail Eagan ’87; Rev. John P. Fitzpatrick ’56; John Fitzpatrick, father of Paul Fitzpatrick ’86; Gloria Donlin Foley, mother of Marla Maykel-Pyle ’79 and wife of the late Thomas Donlin ’39; Cecily McClatchy Glavin, wife of William F. Glavin ’53, mother of Joanne McClatchy ’79, William F. Glavin Jr. ’80 P10 and Tina Glavin DiScipio ’83 P14 and grandmother of Heather Yetman ’10 and Christin A. DiScipio ’14; Priscilla Gull, mother of Jeff Gull, office of the controller, and grandmother of Taylor Gull ’16; Julie Hebert, formerly of the chemistry department; Richard Johnson, father of Kerstin Bean of visual arts and husband of Carol (Bonnie) Johnson, formerly of the office of the controller; Geraldine Dwyer Joyce, mother of Michael Joyce ’79 and grandmother of Jack Joyce ’18; Elizabeth R. Keane, wife of Martin E. “Marty” Keane ’83 and mother of Caroline E. Keane ’17; Irene D. (Gregoire) Lahair, mother of Bob Lahair of the chemistry department; Kathleen Le Jacq, mother-in-law of William J. Phelan ’73 and grandmother of Catherine Phelan Contino ’99; Margaret P. Cook ’01 and William L. Phelan ’04; Ann Luth, mother of John E. Luth ’74 and grandmother of Hamilton S. Wyatt-Luth ’20; David G. Massad, father of Pamela A. Massad ’77 and grandfather of Theodora A. Massad ’15; Marilyn Slye McLaughlin, mother of Kathleen McLaughlin LaCroix ’79 and grandmother of Caitlin LaCroix ’08; Richard J. Mullaney ’55; Robert W. Mungovan, father of Thomas W. Mungovan ’88, Timothy W. Mungovan ’91 and Patrick Mungovan ’93 and father-in-law of Elizabeth C. TéPas, M.D., ’89 and Carol Mungovan ’90; Helene Connelian O’Neil, wife of the late John J. O’Neil ’38; Rev. Robert Taft, S.J., Hon. ’90, brother of the late Hon. James Taft ’52 and son of the late James L. Taft, class of 1922; Irmand Tardiff, mother of John Tardiff of the finance department; Anthony Tiro ’59; Patricia Glennon Whamond, wife of the late James W. Whamond ’60, mother of Helen Boucher, M.D., ’86, James D. Whamond Jr. ’87 and Catherine Whamond Walsh ’02 and mother-in-law of Norman Boucher ’83; Doris White, wife of the late William C. White ’40; Ann Wright, wife of the late Andrew R. Wright Jr. ’59; Willoodean Dowd Yasensky, wife of the late Thomas G. Yasensky ’55 and mother of Robyn V. Gaunt ’79.
The porticoed façade of the nearly 92-year-old Dinand Library is as grand as it gets on Mount St. James. Atop the massive staircase, you find eight 35-foot-high Ionic columns. An entablature above the columns quotes the Gospel of John (17:3) and summarizes the College’s mission: “UT COGNOSCANT TE SOLUM DEUM VERUM ET QUEM MISISTI JESUM CHRISTUM” (“That they might know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent”).

To the left of the doorway “are emblems of four academic disciplines concerned with individual personal development: RELIGIO (religion), PHILOSOPHIA (philosophy), ARS (art) and LITERAE (literature),” wrote Rev. Edward J. Vodoklys, S.J., in his 1997 book, “Lessons in Stone: The Latin Inscriptions of Holy Cross.” To the doorway’s right are four fields Fr. Vodoklys described as “more public or practical in nature:” HISTORIA (history), SCIENTIA (science), MEDICINA (medicine) and JUS (law). “The Greek and Latin inscriptions on and within this imposing structure clearly suggest that traditional liberal education is the means of achieving a balance between self and society,” he added.

But there is one engraving that never became reality. This July 1926 blueprint from library architect Charles Maginnis shows a three-word Latin inscription that was proposed to be engraved over the library’s main doorway: EMITTE LUCEM TUAM: “Send forth thy light.” The library, named for the College’s 19th and 21st president, Rev. Joseph N. Dinand, S.J., would open 16 months later (Nov. 2, 1927), but the area directly above the main entrance was — and
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While the blueprint was found in College Archives, unfortunately no paperwork accompanied it explaining why the phrase was proposed or why the plan to engrave it did was scuttled.

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