Tony Award-winning director Bartlett Sher ’81 stands in the house of the Lincoln Center Theatre: “We’re not doing utopian theater-making,” he says of mounting classic works for modern audiences. Read the story on Page 46.
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Dear HCM,

Field House Memories
I have many memories of the Field House: the mixers, the scrappy intramural basketball games, Bill Samko’s training room, which I took ample use of during the lacrosse season (“Field House Demolition Begins, New Facility Slated for 2020,” Spring 2019, Page 12). But the one memory that sticks out occurred early in my freshman year. I decided to go up to the Field House to watch the varsity basketball team practice. I noticed this big 6’7” guy in the scrimmage and I thought, “He looks pretty good.” I guess so – it was Tom Heinsohn ’56. The Celtics must have had a night off, so Heinsohn, rather than take a night off, decided to get an extra workout in and maybe help a few of the varsity players as well. Getting this informal, up-close view of a Holy Cross great and future NBA All-Star was a Field House memory that has stayed with me throughout the years.

Dick Maloney ’63
Indian Land, South Carolina

I do not have a specific story about the Field House, but more an enduring love for the place. The Field House was the meeting spot for the women’s cross-country and track and field team. We would arrive at 3:30 p.m. to practice every day. We spent many hours stretching, talking, working out and fostering lifelong friendships. Seeing the crane against the building brought a little sadness, but rekindled my appreciation for the four great years I spent at Holy Cross.

Nancy (Sullivan) Fulcher ’91
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Business Must Incorporate Ethics
I cannot express the importance of Holy Cross incorporating the word “ethics” into the title of the Ciocca Center for Business, Ethics, and Society (“Inside the New Ciocca Center for Business, Ethics, and Society,” Spring 2019, Page 37).

Four years at the Cross capped off a combined 12 years of Catholic education (added to a lifetime as a member of a color-blind family), ingraining in me the importance of ethics in how daily we should and must behave with everyone we meet.

I grew up at a time and in an area (the nation’s capital) where a short jaunt outside the city limits in any direction was replete with Jim Crow signage distinguishing between areas allowed or barred to those with different skin pigmentation. My family didn’t quite count because of our Sicilian-Italian background; although the negative sentiment existed, I never saw signs emblazoned with “No olive-skins allowed.” Ethics dictates that we are all simply humans, no matter how we tan (pity my red-haired, freckled son).

Now 50 years after Holy Cross, the negative juxtaposition of “ethics” and “business” was brought home thanks to Hurricane Harvey. Our town of Rockport, Texas, was the first to welcome Harvey. Many who had no insurance lost everything. Many who did watched contractors without ethics take their money and either do poor work or nothing before disappearing. The contractor at our devastated shrimp farm charged $65 an hour for his workmen. We found out later he never paid them more than $15 per hour. “That’s just business” is the universal response to such behavior. Business must incorporate ethics. Otherwise, we are simply a society of hypocrites.

So bless those who teach and study at the Ciocca Center. May they redefine the definition of “just business” now and forever.

John Aquilino ’68
Rockport, Texas

Sacred Words
It is indeed right and just to give praise to the magazine for noting the fact that the “missing inscription” meant for the doors of Dinand Library – “Emitte Lucem Tuam” – is taken from Psalm 42, the psalm that forms part...
of the preparatory prayers at the beginning of the traditional Latin Mass ("Dinand Library’s Missing Inscription, Spring 2019, Page 96).

The words come from the second verse assigned to the priest for recitation, as he alternates verses with the servers or other sacred ministers: Emitte lucem tuam et vertitatem tuam. Ispa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua. “Send forth thy light and thy truth. They have led me and brought me to thy holy mountain and into thy tabernacles.”

For generations, each student heard these words, sitting in his place for the daily Mass. They would have formed a fine compliment to the words inscribed on the frieze above the entrance to St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, where we read the verse that proceeds Emitte lucem tuam in the preparatory prayers. Those are the most fitting of all the words carved into stone throughout the campus: Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat iuventutem meam. “I shall go into the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth.”

May these verses be known and heard again on Mount St. James!

Christian Browne ’98
Rockville Centre, New York

A Call for Coverage
As a 1970 graduate of Holy Cross, I was more than delighted to read the excellent article about the Black Student Union ("For Us, For Others, For Action," Winter 2019, Page 28). With their courage, the members caused tremendous positive change on campus in my short four years there. However, I remain dismayed that the College’s magazine has not done a front-page article and condemnation of the Catholic Church’s decades-long child abuse crisis.

Perhaps I missed it. If not, I hope to read it soon.

John Mayotte ’70
Clarksville, Maryland

The Greatest
Professor Callahan (he said “Dr.” was reserved for physicians) was a magnificent teacher and man (“In Memoriam,” Summer 2018, Page 121). We students loved his classes and the challenges he thrust before us. No one said his courses were easy, but no one complained. We luxuriated in the experience of literature that he opened for us. It is a shame that such teachers pass on.

I corresponded with him over the years, not as often as I should have. I remember one interesting story he related to me, and perhaps others. After being a navigator/bombardier in B-24s in World War II, he was mustered out and returned to Brockton, Massachusetts, I believe. He was temporarily employed digging ditches. He was talking with one of the other guys one day and said he planned to use the GI Bill to go to college. The other guy said he was going to become a prize fighter. Professor Callahan tried to talk him out of it. No luck. The man went on to become the only undefeated heavyweight champion – Rocky Marciano. They both were the greatest.

Rob Green ’68
San Antonio

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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! Email 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.
In the Unlikely Event of an Emergency...

With today’s 24-7 nonstop, always-on culture, it’s no wonder people are burning out.

In fact, the stress disorder is so prevalent and dangerous today the World Health Organization recently announced that “burnout syndrome” has been recognized for the first time as an official medical diagnosis.

Not the most auspicious news for our culture, but also not surprising. You only have to think about one familiar section of an airplane safety speech for a real-world example of why self-care is imperative: “In the unlikely event of a loss of cabin pressure, panels above your seat will open revealing oxygen masks. Reach up and pull a mask towards you … Secure your own mask first before helping others.” In other words: If you pass out, you’re no good to anyone else. That’s true in the air, on the ground and in everyday life.

In this issue, we feature two stories that touch on different aspects of self-care. Tucked away in the woods a short car ride away from Mount St. James is the College’s Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center. It was built as a quiet place in which everyone in the Holy Cross community, from staff and students to alumni and the administration, can rest, recharge and refocus.

In our story, Narly Cabral-Nunez ’14, an eighth-grade math teacher from Lawrence, Massachusetts, sounds like many when she talks about juggling the demands of modern life: “My battery was drained.” She, like many other alumni, is turning to alma mater for help, specifically an alumni retreat, in which she found the time and space to slow down and breathe.

Thanks to the facility, the Office of the College Chaplains is realizing a long-held dream: to offer a slate of annual spiritual development opportunities to Crusaders of all faiths after they leave campus, regardless of whether that was five, 15 or 50+ years ago.

Another decades-long College wish coming true is the construction of a new recreation and wellness center. While the Field House was certainly beloved, it was well past its prime, to put it mildly. How long has a replacement been on the to-do list? Almost as long as the Field House stood: The College has been publicly talking about replacing it since at least the mid-’50s. The new facility, slated to open in fall 2020, will not only meet the physical fitness needs of students and the Holy Cross community, but their wellness needs, as plans call for mindfulness classes, yoga and more. As Michele Murray, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, notes: “This new facility will raise the profile of well-being, not just fitness, but general and overall well-being on campus: stress reduction, enough sleep. It will be a place for them to gather and be in community and recreate in the true sense of the word: to give time to create themselves anew.”

These two facilities, one in full swing and the other underway, will meet the needs of Crusaders past and present, representing the next generation of educating the whole person on The Hill — and beyond.

Melissa Shaw
Managing Editor
WHO WE ARE

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Managing Editor

is ever-grateful for the many on-campus partners who help make Holy Cross Magazine a reality. Colleagues from alumni relations and advancement to the administration and ITS — and everywhere in between — provide invaluable assistance in helping us write, edit, design, print and mail this publication for you.

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has been a part of the HCM team for nearly eight years; this is his 32nd issue. Stephen earned his degree in studio art at Clark University and is looking forward to all things tennis this summer, including attending the U.S. Open in NYC and visiting with family and friends, including his in-laws, as seen in the photo above.

AVANELL BROCK
Multimedia Producer

is finally settling in here at Holy Cross after joining the Marketing team in January. She’s looking forward to getting more involved with her new church, visiting her boyfriend Daniel in Maryland this summer, and seeing just how much her plants can grow in these hot, humid months! She may just be one of those “millennial plant addicts”...

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Biology major — and new alumna — Edith Mensah Otabil ’19 celebrates at the College’s 173rd Commencement at Worcester’s DCU Center.
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Speakers Urge Class of 2019 to Speak Out, Stand Up

The College welcomes 698 new alumni with its 173rd Commencement

A total of 698 students were awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees surrounded by family, friends, faculty, staff, administrators and honored guests at Holy Cross’ 173rd Commencement Exercises at the DCU Center in Worcester.

“Making a difference, effecting change, continuing to be ‘men and women for and with others’ — these actions can be part of each and every one of our futures because that is, in so many ways, who we are,” valedictorian Isabel Block told her classmates.

Themes of speaking up, starting dialogue across differences and challenging injustices were weaved throughout the ceremony. Commencement speaker Jane McAuliffe, a world-renowned scholar of Islam and senior leader at the Library of Congress, shared that the key to addressing the biggest issues facing our nation — from climate change to economic inequality to international conflicts — is reasoned discourse.

“You know how to do this. It is one of the core accomplishments of your liberal arts education,” she said. “You have learned how to listen to another person’s point of view; you have learned how to make a persuasive argument without resorting to personal attacks; you have learned how to find and analyze the information you need. These proficiencies are now such a part of you that you may not realize how rare they are becoming in the world you are about to enter.”

Throughout her career, McAuliffe has devoted sustained attention to Muslim-Christian dialogue and to the advancement of women around the world. She served on the Vatican’s Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims and participated frequently in Building Bridges, a meeting of Muslim and Christian scholars established by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Block, a mathematics and Chinese double major from Georgetown, Massachusetts, added to McAuliffe's message, noting what she has seen the class accomplish as Holy Cross students.

“What is most impressive about the class of 2019 is the way in which those of us graduating today have taken stands against injustices and fought for the betterment of this school and the world around us,” she said. “Whether it be through providing bus transportation to voting centers, participating in and helping to organize the sit-in in Fenwick to change the campus culture, attending the vigil after the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, raising voices to advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community, or by confronting and challenging institutionalized racism, the members of Holy Cross’ class of 2019 have shown unwavering courage, strength and unity.”

She praised her classmates for their commitment to refusing to stay silent: “Never have any of us had the chance to be surrounded by so many activists and advocates who are committed to making this school and the world beyond a better place than we are right here, right now. The members of this class refuse to be silent, refuse to be bystanders and refuse to not give everything they have to the issues that are important to them.”

While at Holy Cross, Block was a co-chair of the all-female a cappella club The Delilahs, a member of the Mathematics and Computer Science Student Advisory Committee and a co-chair of the Modern Languages Student Advisory Committee. For the past three years, she served as the Jewish representative at the Multifaith Community Prayer, an annual event celebrating the many faiths on campus.

Block also volunteered in the admissions office as a member of the Admissions Outreach Program, greeting prospective students and other visitors on campus.

In addition to McAuliffe, Holy Cross awarded honorary degrees to Rev. Sean Carroll, S.J., executive director of the Kino Border Initiative, a migrant shelter and assistance program that conducts work on the U.S.-Mexico border; and Frank Kartheiser ’72, the newly retired founder and lead organizer at Worcester Interfaith, an alliance of Worcester religious congregations and organizations working together to empower the underprivileged.

— Jane Carlton
Eight Holy Cross Students, Recent Alumni Receive Distinguished Scholarships

Holy Cross students and alumni (above, left to right) earned an impressive array of scholarships this year from prestigious organizations, including the Knight-Hennessy Scholar and Fulbright programs.

Chris Puntasecca ’19 was named a Knight-Hennessy Scholar, an honor that will fund his next four years of study at the Stanford University School of Medicine; the award is worth approximately $450,000. A chemistry and classics double major at the College, Puntasecca, of Wayne, New Jersey, also served as the captain of the track and field team. He is one of 67 Knight-Hennessy Scholars named this year, all receiving full funding to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford, including J.D., MBA, Ph.D. and others.

FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS

Seven students and recent alumni were awarded Fulbright grants to teach around the world during the 2019-2020 academic year. Since 2005, Holy Cross students have received 102 Fulbrights, placing the College consistently among the nation’s top producers of Fulbright Scholars at the undergraduate level. The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and established in 1946, is widely recognized as the most prestigious international exchange program in the world. The highly competitive grants are awarded on the basis of academic merit and professional promise.

William Griffin ’19, of Cheshire, Connecticut, will spend the next year in Germany. A German and international studies double major, he studied abroad in Germany during his junior year.

Claire MacMillan ’19, a chemistry major with a minor in German from Ridgefield, Connecticut, will also call Germany home for the next year, where she will teach English in Bavaria.

Elisaveta “Lisa” Mavrodieva ’19, of Gainesville, Florida, is spending the next year in Vitebsk, Belarus, teaching English at the Vitebsk State University. An anthropology and studio art double major, Mavrodieva was born in Russia and spent the summer of 2018 in Volgograd conducting ethnographic field research.

Kristina Washer ’17, of Bedford, Massachusetts, will call the Galápagos Islands home for the next year. While at Holy Cross, Washer, a biology major, spent nearly three years in the lab studying the theoretical anatomy of the dodo bird, and traveled to the Turks and Caicos Islands and Mauritius to study birds. Since graduation, she has been doing biological fieldwork for wildlife research projects across the United States.

Amanda Wibben ’19, a biology major with a minor in religious studies from Riverside, California, will spend the next year in Vellore, India, teaching English to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Gregory Wood ’18, a political science and Asian studies double major with a minor in Chinese from Southborough, Massachusetts, is heading to Taiwan, where he will work as an English teaching assistant.

Michael Morigi ’19 (not pictured) was awarded a Fulbright to teach English in Bulgaria, but declined due to a job offer in Boston. — Jane Carlton

LGBTQ+ HISTORIES AT HOLY CROSS

Curated by Emma Powell ’20, Nora Grimes ’19 and Stephanie Yuhl, professor of history, a spring exhibition in Hogan Campus Center celebrated the multitude of LGBTQ+ histories and cultures, past and present, at Holy Cross. Sponsored by the Weiss Summer Research and Scholarship in Action programs, “I’m Not the Only One” collected and presented writings, oral histories and objects to make public the ways that LGBTQ+ persons at Holy Cross have experienced significant obstacles over the College’s history.
Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in Science

Clare Boothe Luce scholarship recipients Sarah McGuire ’19 and Abby Corrigan ’19 and a team of female Holy Cross STEM students coordinated the 3rd Annual Women in Science Day this spring for female Holy Cross and area high school students.

On April 13, Holy Cross students led laboratory demonstrations for more than 100 high school students, introducing them to the world of STEM at the collegiate level. At the same time, nearly 20 Holy Cross STEM alumnae spoke on panels — representing industries and academic positions from neonatologist to chemistry teacher — with plenty of built-in time to network.

Jennifer Franks ’20, a biology major who helped plan the event, came away with a sense of possibility: “It’s important to highlight how women can go into STEM careers that span across health care, research and industry.”

The keynote address was delivered by alumna Courtney Kennedy ’91, a physics major who’s making her mark in Silicon Valley, first at Apple, where she managed teams of engineers, and now at Netflix, where she manages a team working on the video player inside the Netflix app. She encouraged the women at the conference to embrace diversity.

“You all have your own set of experiences and perspectives on the world,” she said. “So many disciplines in science and technology and engineering right now have too few women in them. As you pursue your careers in STEM, you’ll bring those with you and increase the diversity of organizations that you join.

“Remember the value you bring,” she continued. Having different perspectives and different approaches to problems will not only help you be successful, but it will also change the industries you work in – and it will give the whole world a new set of options.” — Jane Carlton

IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST TO WAR In an event recognizing the College’s 175th anniversary, the Schola Gregoriana of Holy Cross, consisting of 60 students in Assistant Professor Daniel DiCenso ’98’s Gregorian Chant courses, was directed by Laurence Rosania, director of liturgy and music, Office of the College Chaplains, in a Latin vespers service. The service was dedicated to alumni and students of the College who gave their lives in service of their country.

READING FROM THE ROOTS The College hosted a two-day ecumenical conference, “Readings From The Roots: Bible Translation and Its Impact” of the Revised Common Lectionary, a collection of biblical readings used in Protestant worship translation. Clergy, scholars and students discussed the new, historically sensitive translation, which was designed to enrich understanding of Christianity and reduce potential anti-Judaism.

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Music & The Jesuits: A 175th Celebration

A spring 2019 research seminar, “Music & the Jesuits,” taught by Daniel DiCenso ’98, assistant professor of music, culminated in a student-planned March concert at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Traditional songs and psalms written, composed and performed by Jesuits were performed by various musical groups on campus (including a number of students from the class), interspersed with spoken lessons about different aspects of the Jesuits’ relationship to music throughout the years. DiCenso’s seminar focused on documenting the many ways in which the Jesuit order has been involved in the field of music over time, with a goal of investigating the relationship between music and the Jesuit mission.

Holy Cross, Notre Dame Launch B.A., Online M.S. Degree Program in Data Science

Embracing the demand for professional data scientists equipped with quantitative skills as well as ethical training, Notre Dame and Holy Cross – two of the leading Catholic institutions in the nation – have launched an innovative Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science degree collaboration.

This program, open to students beginning with the class of 2021, creates an integrated, cost-effective pathway for Holy Cross undergraduates to begin Notre Dame’s online M.S. in data science during their senior year. Notre Dame’s online graduate program, which has been supported by AT&T, is focused on developing “three-dimensional” data scientists who possess the rich quantitative, ethical and communication skills necessary for professional success in today’s data-driven age.

After graduation from Holy Cross, participating students continue in Notre Dame’s online M.S. program, receiving their graduate degree the following spring. Inspired by a shared commitment to liberal education in the Catholic intellectual tradition, this collaboration aims to create the next generation of data scientists. Research and teaching partnerships in data science and analytics will expand the collaboration.

“This partnership helps Holy Cross to expand our curriculum in a high-demand field and connect our liberal arts model with professional graduate training, all while maintaining the deeply residential quality of the undergraduate experience,” said Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the faculty at the College. “We are delighted to collaborate with Notre Dame to support our students in achieving their post graduate goals and to cultivate ‘three-dimensional’ data scientists.”

“Integrating online professional-graduate education with an undergraduate liberal arts experience is a new frontier,” said Elliott Visconsi, associate provost and chief academic digital officer at Notre Dame. “Notre Dame is thrilled to partner with the College of the Holy Cross to explore innovative educational models, deepen our shared commitments and welcome superbly trained Holy Cross students into the Notre Dame family.”
In conjunction with the celebration of National Student-Athlete Day on April 6, Holy Cross Athletics recognized its student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade point average from every varsity program with an inaugural Student-Athlete Academic Excellence Breakfast. Each student-athlete invited a faculty member who has had an impact on his or her time at the College.

John Axelson, former faculty athletics representative, was presented with the Outstanding Faculty Member Award by Jackie Brewster ’19, softball team member and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president. Axelson has taught in the psychology department since 1982 and served as the school’s faculty athletics representative, as well as Holy Cross’ representative on the Patriot League Policy Committee, since 1998. In his role, Axelson had a direct impact on the experience of all Holy Cross student-athletes.

Student-athletes honored, pictured above, include Jenna Barnes ’21, women’s soccer; Patrick Benzan ’19, men’s basketball; Jackie Brewster ’19, softball; Joe Brosseau ’20, men’s golf; Liam Butler ’20, men’s soccer; Christopher Cerulli ’21, men’s swimming and diving; Mitch Collett ’19, men’s ice hockey; Declan Cronin ’19, baseball; Emily DeMaso ’21, women’s lacrosse; Emily Devine ’21, field hockey; Emma Gurchiek ’19, women’s swimming and diving; Henry Harris ’19, men’s tennis; Rowan Hart ’21, men’s lacrosse; Clare Honan ’21, volleyball; Hayden Ivatts ’21, men’s cross-country; Mackenzie Jordan ’21, women’s cross-country / women’s track and field; Caroline Kam ’19, women’s tennis; Michael Mambuca ’21, football; Antonia Matzka ’21, women’s ice hockey; Shannon Murphy ’21, women’s basketball; Christopher Puntasecca ’19, men’s track and field; Emily Rodicks ’21, women’s golf; John Romano ’21, men’s rowing; Andrew Selima ’21, baseball; Tyler Sparling ’19, women’s rowing; and Haley Walker ’21, women’s lacrosse.

In other student-athlete academic news, 18 of the varsity athletics teams received Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) public recognition awards from the NCAA. These teams posted multiyear APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. Holy Cross finished in a four-way tie for first in the nation among all Division I athletics programs in the number of teams honored (18), matching the total of Brown, Columbia and Dartmouth.

Programs to receive public recognition awards this year include baseball, women’s basketball, men’s cross-country, women’s cross-country, football, men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s ice hockey, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, women’s rowing, softball, men’s swimming and diving, women’s swimming and diving, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, men’s track and field, and women’s track and field. Of those teams, women’s cross-country, men’s swimming and diving, and women’s swimming and diving were all recognized for the 14th year in a row, a feat accomplished by just 73 squads in all of Division I.

Ten Holy Cross seniors participated in an oral presentation competition, in which they gave an unscripted speech about an aspect of their Holy Cross experience. Participants in “Share Your Magis: The Senior Exit Talks” had three minutes to share their story before the three-judge panel and were not allowed props, notes or visuals. Christopher Whamond placed first, Jerome Siangco placed second and Juliana Holcomb, third.

Derek Chang, associate professor of history at Cornell University, visited campus to present “A Curve in the Well-Known Color Line: Race, Respectability and the Multi-Racial South.” Chang discussed the place of Asians in the Jim Crow South, in which those who were neither white nor black experienced a system that seemed to insist that they identify — or be identified — as one or the other.
ON THE HILL

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Directed by Steve Vineberg, distinguished professor of arts and humanities, the department of theatre and dance’s spring production was Kaufman and Hart’s “Once in a Lifetime.” A savvy, sharp-witted satire of Hollywood, the show played two weekends at Fenwick Theatre.

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Area High School Students Celebrate Classics Day

Holy Cross welcomed more than 300 local high school students to campus to participate in activities such as Certamen (quick-thinking classics trivia), a lively costume contest, an art contest and a manuscripts challenge, in which high school students translate ancient texts and present their findings in front of the crowd. The event, now in its 47th year, is planned entirely by Holy Cross students, from coordinating the high schoolers to writing trivia questions for Certamen.

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Class of 2018: Where Are They Now?

Holy Cross graduates continue to refute the story told by media, that liberal arts graduates are under- or unemployed. Each year, the College conducts a survey of the graduating class and the results stand in sharp contrast to the national narrative. For the class of 2018, outcomes were reported for 625 graduates, for a knowledge rate of 85 percent.

Key findings for the class of 2018 include:

- 97 percent report they are employed in a job or internship, in graduate school, engaged in service work or on a fellowship.
- Employed full time (72 percent), graduate school (14 percent), volunteer full time (7 percent), fellowship (2 percent), internship (2 percent), travel (2 percent), part-time employment (1 percent), seeking full-time employment (1 percent), not seeking (1 percent)
- For the employed: salary range, $24,000 - $95,000; mean salary, $51,600; median salary, $50,000
- Top industries for those employed: health care (17 percent), financial services (16 percent), technology (8 percent), education (8 percent), government, politics and law (7 percent), accounting (7 percent), insurance (4 percent), communications (3 percent), marketing and advertising (3 percent), staffing and recruiting (3 percent)
- Of the 14 percent enrolled in graduate school: professional master’s (31 percent), academic master’s (19 percent), law (19 percent), health (13 percent), Ph.D. (12 percent), other (6 percent).

Academic Conference Celebrates Wide-Reaching Research, Creativity

Over four days, 415 current students of all class years showcased their work in a variety of disciplines through poster presentations, lectures and performances, including a dance performance led by famed choreographer Ronald K. Brown, Arts Transcending Borders’ spring 2019 artist-in-residence and a parade of wearable trash costumes and larger-than-life dragons put on as an “anti-celebration” of plastic waste by the Montserrat Global Society cluster.

OLD MACDONALD HAD A FINAL  Students took a break from studying for finals to hang out with furry friends on the Hoval, thanks to a portable petting zoo, co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the DREAM Team, the Men’s Involvement Coalition and the Office of the College Chaplains.

175TH ANNIVERSARY ADVENTURE  More than 125 faculty and staff participated in a scavenger hunt, “TREK across the CROSS,” to celebrate the College’s anniversary. Twenty-four teams raced around The Hill solving clues and completing missions, with team “Aluminati” (at left) from Alumni Relations taking first place.
“I’ve never been traditional. I’ve embraced the fact that my creativity flows in unconventional times and spaces like the tennis court. It’s a space that I experience immense joy, where my passion for improvisation is at a maximum. I’m able to step away from the pressures of productivity and allow my ideas to flow naturally, utilizing the focus and concentration the court demands.”
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Institutional Memory

College archivist Mark Savolis ’77 retires after almost three decades of preserving Holy Cross’ past

BY JANE CARLTON

After a nearly 30-year career cataloguing and preserving the College’s past and present, archivist Mark Savolis ’77 is looking to the future — specifically, retirement.

Savolis ended his 29-year tenure at alma mater this spring as head of College Archives and Special Collections, a position he has held since 2000. But it wasn’t his first job on Mount St. James — that came the summer before his freshman year, when he and a few other incoming freshmen were hired by facilities to help with maintenance and grounds work around campus.

When he joined the College in 1990 as an assistant archivist, Savolis witnessed the power of institutional memory when he walked down to facilities to see if any of the old crew was still around. “I thought, ‘I’ve got to go see who’s down there.’ I walk in, and most of the maintenance crew remembered me,” he says.

After graduating with an A.B. in history in 1977, Savolis took a job as a manuscript processor at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester. He worked there for a little under two years before starting as the manuscript curator at the Worcester Historical Museum, where he remained for a decade. While at the museum, Savolis also worked on earning his Master of Library Science degree, which he received from the University of Rhode Island in 1989. Little did he know he’d soon be back on a campus — one he knew well — in a different capacity.

“They did a whole re-evaluation of the archives here, and Rev. [Paul] Nelligan, S.J., who was the archivist at the time, knew me from being in the neighborhood and asked me to do a report on what was going on,” he says. “So I did that, and then the job came up at about the same time. I applied for it, got the job and then started in 1990 as the assistant archivist.”

In the mid-’90s, Fr. Nelligan wanted to semi-retire, so he and Savolis switched
jobs — Fr. Nelligan became assistant archivist and Savolis head archivist. In 2000, the College renovated and combined its archives and special collections, and Savolis received his last title: head of archives and special collections. Today, College Archives and Special Collections resides in a 4,400-square-foot space, comprising Dinand Library’s third floor and encompassing 175 years of Holy Cross history, from documents and photographs to artwork, audio visual material and everything in between.

Over his tenure, Savolis has learned to be nimble, as technology changed the field — for the better, he says. “When I started in 1990, I would handwrite what was in a collection and hand it to the secretary, who would then type it up and put the description in a binder,” he says. “Gradually everybody got PCs and after that everybody got laptops, and now we have our iPads. The technology has totally evolved.” (Fittingly, all of Savolis’ handwritten work cataloging how to find materials, known as ‘finding aids,’ can now be found online at holycross.edu/archives-and-special-collections.)

But while Savolis embraces modern technology, he also has a deep appreciation for the contributions of the past: “I’m impressed at what our predecessors saved here. I mean, there was always a sense of history and a sense of tradition amongst the Jesuits at the time, and so there was sort of a sense of documenting things.”

That deep care for the archives is a hallmark of Savolis’ work, says Mark Shelton, director of library services. “This wasn’t just a job for him. It was part of his life, and the fact that he had a very positive relationship with students, faculty and other administrators made him an invaluable asset to promoting the whole purpose of who we are as a library, who we are as an archive,” he notes.

Sarah Campbell, Holy Cross assistant archivist who worked with Savolis for 11 years, notes that she wouldn’t be the archivist she is today without his mentorship. “Without him, there’s a gigantic piece of Holy Cross that will be missing,” she adds. “He and Fr. Nelligan really built this place, bringing forward the archival mission, housing it, organizing it, setting up all the finding aids. I believe that the archives is really a legacy to him and the work he did. He’s an institutional memory.”
Retiring Faculty Members Leave Rich Legacy on Students, College

BY EVANGELIA STEFANAKOS ’14 AND JANE CARLTON

After decades of shaping students and the College, the following faculty members announced their retirement from Holy Cross this spring: Isabel Alvarez Borland, distinguished professor of arts and humanities; Patricia Bizzell, distinguished professor of humanities; John Hamilton, associate professor of classics; Baozhang He, associate professor of Chinese; Joseph Lawrence, professor of philosophy; Carol Lieberman, associate professor of music; and Charles Locurto, professor of psychology. Over the course of their academic careers and long service, these seven professors have impacted the lives of countless students and made significant contributions to their fields.

ISABEL ALVAREZ BORLAND
distinguished professor of arts and humanities
Isabel Alvarez Borland joined the Spanish department in 1981. Her research interests include U.S. Cuban and Latino literature, Cuban literature, Caribbean literature and contemporary Latin American narrative. She authored the books “Cuban-American Literature of Exile: From Person to Persona” (University of Virginia Press, 1999) and “Discontinuidad y Ruptura en Guillermo Cabrera Infante” (Ediciones Hispanamerica, 1983), and co-edited “Negotiating Identities in Cuban American Art and Literature” (SUNY Press, 2009) and “Identity, Memory, and Diaspora” (SUNY Press, 2008). She is currently an associate editor of Hispania and was co-director of the 2006 NEH Seminar for College Teachers, “Negotiating Identities in Art, Literature and Philosophy: Cuban Americans and American Culture.” She has published more than 40 articles on Cuban and Latin American literature in prestigious scholarly journals. At Holy Cross, Alvarez Borland taught a range of language and literature courses, in Spanish and English, including in the Honors program. She served on multiple College committees, including several terms on the Committee on Tenure and Promotion and the Committee on Research and Publication. Alvarez Borland also served two terms as director of the Latin American and Latino studies concentration, and was coordinator of the Spanish section of modern languages and literatures several times throughout her career.

“We wouldn’t even be a department today if it were not for Isabel’s leadership and tireless advocacy over a period of many years,” shares Cynthia Stone, professor of Spanish and department chair. “We certainly would not have done as good a job motivating and nurturing our growing numbers of heritage students, as her classes on exile, immigration, ethnicity, Latina memoir and Spanish for bilingual students have played a crucial role in providing a sense of belonging and a space for our students to explore their many identities in flux.

“One of the things those of us in Spanish cherish most about our time in the classroom is the opportunity for students from many different backgrounds to come together over our shared love for the language and culture as expressed through literature and the arts,” she continues. “Isabel embodies and activates that ideal from her own particular vantage point as a Cuban exile raised in the United States who is fascinated by the role of memory and loss in shaping how we view and act in the world.”
PATRICIA BIZZELL
distinguished professor of humanities
Patricia Bizzell joined the English department in 1978. She is an expert in the field of rhetoric and composition, having written, edited and collaborated on dozens of essays and books, including “The Rhetorical Tradition: Readings from Classical Times to the Present” (Bedford Books of St. Martin's Press, 1990; second edition 2001; third edition in progress), which earned the National Council of Teachers of English Outstanding Book Award in 1992. Bizzell, who has made major contributions to her field, served as the president of the Rhetoric Society of America from 2004-2005. At Holy Cross, Bizzell taught a variety of literature and writing courses across all levels, founded and directed the Writer's Workshop, served as the director of the College Honors Program and English Honors Program and chaired the English department for a number of years.

“One of my favorite courses to teach over the years has been Rhetoric (ENGL 381),” Bizzell shares. “It combines theory and practice, allowing us to turn in class from the complex ideas of rhetorical theorists, such as Plato and Aristotle, to the practical requirements of real-world speaking occasions. Theory alone might be too dry, but not when the students can see how to apply it in their own speeches, which, without this intellectual content, might be too simplistic.

“I like having the opportunity to help students who take this course because they are very nervous about public speaking,” she says. “To help them get over their fear, I always began on the very first day by bringing in a large blue glass goblet, and I tell them that each of them is going to raise this goblet and give a toast, speaking in front of the whole class. I offer a simple template for the toast and let each student fill in whatever occasion is meaningful to them. Some are eager and some are shocked, but everyone does it!”

JOHN HAMILTON
associate professor of classics
John Hamilton joined the classics department in 1972. With particular interests in the fields of Greek literature, mythology, Roman lyric and satire, Hamilton has authored or contributed to nine books, including multiple chapters in "Antiquities: Modern French Thought" (New York, 2001). He has also authored nearly 25 conference papers and essays and held faculty appointments at University of London and McGill University, among others, over the course of his career. At Holy Cross, Hamilton taught courses on ancient Greek, Latin and translation, including honors courses, such as Virgil, Pastoral Poetry and Ancient Greek Music. He also served as director or reader for many student theses, including as adviser for the 2018 Fenwick Scholar and as interviewer for Fulbright applicants. In the past few years, Hamilton has partnered with Kirk Freudenburg, professor and chair of classics at Yale University, to lead a colloquium on Hamilton's Juvenal course and collaborated with members of the Holy Cross English department to help develop a new minor in rhetoric and composition.

“I once told my class, ‘Basically, this is mortuary science,’” Hamilton says. “All these authors we study are dead; my job is to resuscitate them. As a classicist, I’m looking toward the past — and, you see, there’s so much to learn from these great insights and these great stories.

“I’ve also learned a lot from the students — they were really bright, interesting, funny and consistently extraordinary,” he continues. “That’s the reason it’s been such a wonderful experience here. Most of them don’t go on in classics, but they love classics and they love languages. They’ve really been a pleasure to teach.”

BAOZHANG HE
associate professor of Chinese
Baozhang He joined the modern languages and literatures department in 2003. Within the fields of Chinese language, linguistics, literature and culture, he has co-authored five books and nearly 20 scholarly articles and book reviews, which range from theoretical discussions of Chinese syntax to textbooks and pedagogical grammars for students and teachers.
of Chinese as a foreign language. He has served his field in many ways, including as president, vice president and board member of the Chinese Language Teachers Association and as the co-chair of the College Board Advanced Placement Chinese Language and Culture Development Committee. At Holy Cross, He taught many Chinese courses, including advanced Mandarin Chinese and Introduction to Chinese Linguistics, and served as a faculty adviser to ALANA students, international students from China, students in the Chinese program and the student organization ASIA. He also coordinated three study-abroad trips to China.

**JOSEPH LAWRENCE**

Professor of Philosophy

Joseph Lawrence joined the philosophy department in 1986. His expertise is on the philosopher Schelling, German idealism and comparative metaphysics, and he is the author of three books: “Schellings Philosophie des ewigen Anfangs” (Königshausen & Neumann, 1989); “Socrates among Strangers” (Northwestern University Press, 2015); and a translation of Schelling’s 1811 “Ages of the World,” (SUNY Press, 2019). At Holy Cross, Lawrence taught dozens of philosophy courses, directed tutorials and honors theses and served as the chair of the philosophy department on multiple occasions.

“Working in conjunction with graduate programs in both Germany and the United States, I have had the honor and privilege to mentor a number of students all the way through to the Ph.D.,” Lawrence shares. “My primary aim, however, has been to make students across the disciplines aware of the power and importance of philosophical reflection.

“I have always tried to set an example for my students by stubbornly and consistently challenging ideological fixations, whether of the left or the right, believing as I do that we owe our primary allegiance not to ever-shifting norms and arbitrary regulations, but to the eternal verities of reason and the dictates of a kind and loving heart,” he says. “Challenging the truisms of the day is not the antisocial act that true believers make it out to be. Quite the contrary, it is the condition of the possibility of a community that, instead of self-righteously preaching inclusion, is itself genuinely inclusive.”

**CAROL LIEBERMAN**

Associate Professor of Music

Carol Lieberman joined the music department in 1985. She has been one of the leading exponents of Baroque violin performance for five decades and is equally well known for her performances of 19th- and 20th-century violin repertoire. She has concertized throughout Europe, North and South America, and frequently performs for radio and television, including Radio Nacional España, Belgian Radio, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and National Public Radio. Lieberman performs as violinist of the Lieberman-Kroll Duo and the Early Music Ensemble of Boston, and she is first violinist and founder of the Quartetto Tomasini, a period instrument string quartet. At Holy Cross, Lieberman was the director of the Holy Cross Chamber Players, taught a litany of courses, from Music of the Baroque Period to From Opera to Broadway, and served as chair of the music department.

“My proudest scholarly moment was the receipt of my Doctor of Musical Arts from the Yale School of Music,” Lieberman says. “I was the first violinist to receive that degree. My professional career includes my hundreds of recitals in the U.S. and abroad; my employment as first violinist in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; and my many chamber music recordings, including my latest two-CD release on Centaur Records, ‘The Art of Carol Lieberman.’”

**CHARLES LOCURTO**

Professor of Psychology

Charles Locurto joined the psychology department in 1976. Over the course of his academic career, he has done extensive research on animal behavior, comparative intelligence, individual differences in animal problem solving and behavioral genetics. He authored and co-authored two books, respectively: “Sense and Nonsense About IQ: The Case for Uniqueness” (Praeger Press, 1991) and “Autoshaping and Conditioning Theory” (Academic Press, 1981). Locurto has received multiple grants from the National Science Foundation, in addition to a $250,000 grant from the National Institute of Health for his work on implicit learning in cotton-top tamarins. At Holy Cross, Locurto ran a busy lab, working with nearly 50 student researchers in the past 15 years alone. Locurto served as the director of the biological psychology concentration for many years and taught a variety of courses throughout his tenure, including Evolution of Behavior and History and Theory of Psychology.

“Chuck is well known for his passion for research,” share his colleagues in the psychology department, “his careful and caring work with lab animals, his mentorship of countless students, within both the lab and the classroom, and, not least, his fierce intellect and commitment to speaking out about difficult issues. Less well known is the fact that he’s written novels, gone on the road with Grace Slick and the band Starship for a rock magazine article, interviewed B.F. Skinner at the latter’s contraption-filled house in Cambridge and, in addition to being a first-rate scientist, has variously served as a philosopher, a historian, a cultural critic and more. We’ll all miss his sharp mind, his wit and, yes, even his provocative, well-aimed questions and ‘tweaks,’ designed to get us thinking about important things.”
Holy Cross Professor Works with Worcester’s LGBTQ+ Community to Share Their History

Stephanie Yuhl’s three-year project aims to make this long-overlooked history visible and accessible.

On April 25, the Worcester Historical Museum was filled with emotion — sorrow, anger, joy — as hundreds explored the museum’s newest exhibition, “LGBTQ+ Worcester — For the Record,” a chronicling of images, histories, voices and experiences of Worcester’s LGBTQ+ community over the past 50 years.

The exhibition, timed to the 50th anniversary of New York’s Stonewall uprising and the advent of the modern gay liberation movement, showcases the scattered documentation of Worcester’s LGBTQ+ experience, which is quickly growing due in large part to the work of Stephanie Yuhl, professor of history. Supported by a three-year Scholarship in Action grant, Yuhl is working as part of a team of scholars to develop a physical and digital historical archive, oral history project and artifact collection of LGBTQ+-related materials in Worcester County.

While Worcester’s LGBTQ+ community has claimed space in the city for decades, their history has long been overlooked, a common occurrence for marginalized, hidden or oppressed communities, Yuhl explains. Through partnerships with the museum and various community representatives, Yuhl’s Scholarship in Action grant project, “From Margin to Center,” aims to make this rich history visible and accessible — and, in doing so, showcase its value.

For Yuhl, this is social justice history work. “The idea was to build a collection, because if you start collecting materials, you start validating that history, and if you have a history, you’re not easily erased,” she shares. “I always say — and said at the opening of the exhibition — that archives are a form of power.”

In order to build this collection, Yuhl and her community partner William Wallace, executive director of the Worcester Historical Museum, established an extensive network of partners in the city. The team of collaborators includes professors Robert Tobin from Clark University and Joseph Cullon from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, both co-curators of the exhibition and larger archive project, along with a community advisory board made up of organizations, including Worcester Pride, the Boys and Girls Club and UMass Medical School. These many touchpoints helped guide the collection process and reach the variety of people who self-identify as members of Worcester’s LGBTQ+ community.

“This has required a lot of social energy, a live network, a lot of building up relationships and trust before people are willing to share their stories,” Yuhl says. “This is especially true because we’re talking about a population that has generally been disparaged. You don’t want to only be extractive.”

This grassroots effort — in partnership with the community, for the community — is vital to the success of the project.

“One of the central tenets of this type of public history work,” Yuhl explains, “is shared authority. It’s not just a scholar expert that comes in and says, ‘This is the story,’ but rather serves to ask questions and be a platform for communities to tell their own histories.”

Through this project, Yuhl has been able to marry her scholarly interests in public history and in gender and sexuality in the U.S. context with the needs of the local community, making it a perfect fit for the Scholarship in Action initiative. The initiative, sponsored by $800,000 awarded to the College from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, aims to support sustainable, community-based faculty research projects in Worcester over the next five years through a series of grants.

Yuhl received one of the two inaugural Scholarship in Action grants, alongside Susan Rogers, professor emerita of anthropology, who is studying refugee resettlement in Worcester. A new crop of grants will be awarded in the coming months.

The Worcester Historical Museum exhibition, which will be up through Oct. 12, could mistakenly be seen as a culmination of the collecting, but Yuhl explains it is rather a catalyst for it.

“The exhibit serves as an opportunity to report out to the community on the state of collecting,” she says. “It is the sort of middle point, and we’re looking at it as a provocateur, an invitation both to catalyze and invite the community to understand what it is we’re trying to do and to contribute, to share their stories, to help shape it, because, ultimately, it’s theirs.”

Louie Despres

Holy Cross Professor Works with Worcester’s LGBTQ+ Community to Share Their History

BY EVANGELIA STEFANAKOS ’14
HEADLINERS
Combined Course, Study Trip Deliver Firsthand Look at Post-Hurricane Puerto Rico

History and biology courses examine complex intersection of health, politics and public policy  BY JANE CARLTON

When Madeline Vargas, professor of biology, and Rosa Carrasquillo, professor of history, teamed up this spring to teach a combined, two-part course about understanding the before, during and after effects of hurricanes, they were in uncharted waters. Neither had taught such a course, and there were few models to follow. But they both knew one thing – the course would culminate in a trip to Puerto Rico, so students could see the devastation of one of the deadliest U.S. storms – 2017’s Hurricane Maria – firsthand.

Once finals were complete, the two professors took a group of 11 students on a five-day study trip to the island. There, they ventured far beyond the usual sun-and-sea holiday to meet and work alongside grassroots organizations making an impact in hurricane recovery.

On the itinerary: Students toured a self-sustaining farm in the mountains, installed drainage in an urban community garden and helped plant coconuts on the beach as part of an organization called Coconut Revolution. They also met with young activists who have rehabbed formerly abandoned buildings in Caguas, a hard-hit city 20 minutes south of San Juan, and created a soup kitchen and other community spaces.

Students hit the ground well prepared to look at the complex intersection of health, politics and public policy given the way the coursework was structured. While they enrolled in a single class, they also met jointly with their course counterparts six or so times throughout the semester.

Each professor – Vargas in her biology course, Microbiology of a Hurricane, and Carrasquillo in her history course, America’s Colony – tailored her teachings to underscore the common and interwoven threads of not only hurricanes, but also different phenomena of the 20th century, such as diseases and colonialism.

“We tried to blur that line between scientific content and historical context,” Vargas says. “Public policy and economic policy affect science and vice versa.”

Carrasquillo urged her students, as U.S. citizens, to learn about the importance of Puerto Rico and its relationship with the United States.

“It’s their history, too,” she says. “Most people do not want to know it or don’t care about knowing it, but it’s part of that history. No one is going to be proud of the history of colonialism, and so it’s easier to ignore it and to intentionally not to learn about it. For instance, in class, it was easy for students to think about solutions where Puerto Ricans were completely ignored. They were challenged not to ignore Puerto Ricans.”

EXPERIENCING REAL-WORLD IMPACT

Students found the mix challenging – and intriguing. “One way we found common ground was by reading articles surrounding diseases from older scientific journals,” says Katherine O’Malley ’21, a biology major with a concentration in Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean studies. “Students from microbiology read with a scientific lens and investigated the microbe and its properties, while history students were able to place the article into a broader context and see what was happening at the time it was published. It was really cool to see the different perspectives coming together.”

Going from the classroom to the island brought the impact to life. “When we toured a university, we heard a graduate student giving a PowerPoint slide show on hurricane damage,” Vargas says. “She had to stop several times because she was very emotional, and she just kept saying, ‘I haven’t seen these pictures since it happened; I took them and I didn’t want to look at them.’ You don’t see that in the news.”

That mission to go beyond what’s reported drove the learning before and during the trip.

“One of the things that became very evident for students, I hope, was that Maria was just another crisis,” Carrasquillo says. “The context of Maria’s devastation was the financial crisis of a public debt of over $74 billion. This financial crisis is still more damaging to most Puerto Ricans today. As we walked around the University of Puerto Rico, for instance, we can see how all the libraries, the satellite libraries were closed – all of them. The bookstore was closed, and then when we went through the tour of the town, we saw more of the economic devastation. It’s really surreal; it looked like a bomb went off.”

“You can’t teach that,” Vargas added.

And the ramifications carried back to campus. “Sometimes it is easy to compare myself to what the majority of other people have and what I don’t,” says Sienna Ablorh ’21, a history and psychology double major with a concentration in Africana studies. “But seeing that people went without electricity, clean water and gas for so long after Hurricane Maria reminded me that I, too, am privileged.”

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here's something poetic about the youngest members of the Holy Cross community spending an entire year learning about the oldest members of society. That's the scientific quest students undertake in Biology of Aging: Understanding and Combating Aging, a Montserrat class in the Self cluster taught by Michelle Mondoux, associate professor of biology.

Mondoux breaks the yearlong course into two essential questions: How do we age (the fall) and what can we do about it (the spring)?

“We talk about what it means to age and then discuss how scientists think about that — and how scientists should think about that,” Mondoux says. “The first question on the first quiz is also the first question on the midterms and both final exams: What are the two factors that influence aging and diseases of age?
And the answer is the same every time — genetics and the environment. That's all there is.”

And while the course description reads like a 300-level biology class, Mondoux makes a persuasive case that it's a perfect fit for students fresh to campus.

“We don't have a textbook, and I use very little in terms of actual scientific texts because that's not how students will encounter science in their future,” she says. “We work hard on reading something like a New York Times article about a recent discovery in aging and then ask critical questions: What did the scientists actually do? What was their experiment? What were their results? What are the things this article is not telling us? Did they test men and women? All of these different factors.”

Peter Oliver '22 says the most interesting part of the course was that it wasn't just memorizing and regurgitating facts. “Instead,” he notes, “we used information that we learned to apply to real-world situations. This was a really important step for me academically because it taught me how to apply things that I learn in the classroom to real life.”

Mondoux's hope is that the course is a model for how to approach science — and, really, everything — in the media with a critical lens. "We ask: How do we approach a problem? And how do we think about the information we need to decide how we think about that problem? In that sense, I think it's a really good fit for Montserrat.”

One of Mondoux's favorite aspects of the course is that students can bring their own experiences and interests.

“I had a student who wrote a research paper about music therapy and Alzheimer’s,” she says. “Student-athletes may want to look at exercise and aging. One of my students is really interested in..."
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MONT 100/101S
Biology of Aging: Understanding and Combating Aging

PROFESSOR
Michelle Mondoux

DEPARTMENT
Montserrat

DESCRIPTION
In this course, students will explore the different evolutionary, physiological and molecular theories of aging and how they apply to modern human societies. They will also consider the diseases of age, including Alzheimer's disease, cancer and Type 2 diabetes. They will discuss how scientists conduct studies on aging and analyze how citizens make health care choices based on media reports or scientific discoveries. Students will also evaluate the therapies that are being developed to combat aging and the research that led to those discoveries, the business of science, and how research funding and pharmaceutical profit margins drive discovery.

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REQUIRED READING
• Various articles from sources such as Time Magazine, The New York Times and medical journals

ASSIGMENTS
• Short writing assignments
• Research article
• Research presentation
• Poster presentation
• Midterm and final exam
• Various quizzes and in-class activities

GRADERS
Writing assignments, scientific comprehension and analysis, attendance and in-class participation

ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
Michelle A. Mondoux is an associate professor in the biology department. She earned her Ph.D. in molecular biology from Princeton University and was a post doctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health before coming to Holy Cross in 2010.

As part of her post doctoral work, she used the model organism Caenorhabditis elegans, a small nematode worm, to study the effects of a high-glucose diet and a glucose-responsive enzyme on aging. She actively engages undergraduates in her research lab at Holy Cross, where she continues to use C. elegans to understand the cellular and molecular responses to a high-glucose diet.

Her recent interests include sex-specific responses to glucose. C. elegans come in two sexes, male and hermaphrodite: The lab is currently testing how a high-glucose diet affects fertility in both sexes.

Given that first-year students are eons away from their elder years, what keeps them engaged?

“Students are always interested in aging because it's an issue that's affecting people they love, and at some point, they're going to need to make decisions about their own health, about their parents' health. And that's going to be true as we get more and more into finding out about our own genetic information. And then the question is, do you have any ability to interpret that information? I think that's going to be important in everyone's health care.”

As Mondoux points out, “God willing, none of us are going to escape aging, right?”

Julia Zepernick ’22 thought the course was a great introduction to college classes, from class participation to writing assignments: “It acted as a 'home base,' providing stability during all the changes I encountered during my first year as a college student. Not only that, I really appreciated having the same professor all year. Professor Mondoux was someone I could turn to for both my academic and social needs.”

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A state-of-the-art recreation and wellness facility will foster a new era of holistic wellness on The Hill, thanks to a surprising source and her urgent mission.
BY MAURA SULLIVAN HILL

(left) Joanne “Jo” Chouinard-Luth, D.M.D., on the construction site of her namesake recreation and wellness center. (above) A future view of the facility, approaching the main entrance from Hogan Campus Center.
Dentists are all about preventive care, says Joanne “Jo” Chouinard-Luth, D.M.D, MPH, M.S. She spent 30 years in practice embracing an approach of preventing and mitigating disease, and now she’s using that same tactic in her philanthropy, promoting health and wellness as a way to help people avoid chronic illness and lead long, healthy lives.

Chouinard-Luth is one half of a dynamic couple dedicated to supporting recreation and wellness at Holy Cross. She and her husband, John E. Luth ’74, made the largest single donation in Holy Cross history. Their $40 million gift supported the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center and the creation of the Luth Athletic Complex for varsity athletes, which opened in 2018.

Now they have turned their attention to the wellness of all Holy Cross students, as part of their historic donation will fund the new Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, dubbed “The Jo” in honor of Chouinard-Luth and her commitment to holistic wellness.

While not an alumna, Chouinard-Luth – and her personal crusade – are responsible for providing the College with a new home for fitness and fun, a facility for which Holy Cross has been longing for more than 60 years.

EVOLVING FROM DENTISTRY TO NUTRITION RESEARCH

Chouinard-Luth likens the dental profession to the canary in a coal mine – a songbird brought into mines to detect carbon monoxide or other dangerous gases. Canaries are more susceptible to such gases, so if miners noticed their canary had stopped singing, they knew something dangerous was coming. Likewise, cavities detected by a dentist can be evidence of a high-sugar diet that can exacerbate insulin resistance and lead to chronic illness, such as Type 2 diabetes.

“When I went to dental school, they were
not lecturing to us saying, ‘By the way, this is all chronic inflammation, that’s what you’re going to fight all day,’ but as I progressed in dental practice that seemed to be the case,” Chouinard-Luth says. “By the end of my time in practice, I was diagnosing full-blown Type 2 diabetes in adolescents.”

Having a front-row seat to this kind of health shift inspired Chouinard-Luth to return to school in 2011, earning a master’s degree in nutrition at Columbia University’s Institute of Human Nutrition. Nutrition was always the foundation in caring for her dental patients and holding a master’s degree in public health made the leap to wellness a natural one. Her degree focused on the prevention and mitigation of risk factors for chronic diseases and metabolic syndrome, a cluster of conditions that occur together, increasing a person’s risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and Type 2 diabetes.

She then took her nutrition work from the classroom to the kitchen, earning a chef’s certificate from the Institute of Culinary Education in 2016. “I thought a natural extension of this would be to become a chef. I wanted to apply what I knew about nutrition,” she says. “If you are eating meals that are supposedly healthy, but taste like the box they came in, it is uninspiring to want to make that a habit. Getting interested in meal prep can be fun and is a big part of the solution.”

Chouinard-Luth, who studied nutrition as an undergraduate biology major at Newton College of the Sacred Heart, says she was always interested in the subject and its relevance in medical and dental care. That inquisitiveness expanded into other projects, including integrating nutrition into the curriculum at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, her alma mater, where she serves on the board of overseers, and working with her local YMCA in Madison, New Jersey, where she serves on the board of directors.

**COMMITMENT TO WELLNESS**
For Chouinard-Luth, her work with the University of Pennsylvania, the YMCA and Holy Cross is united via a common goal of increasing the visibility and accessibility of nutrition and wellness activities and education. The Luths run their own charitable foundation dedicated to promoting global awareness of nutrition and its fundamental importance to every individual’s quality of life.

“We are always talking about how much quality of life is enhanced by lifestyle and, of course, lifestyle means both nutrition and fitness,” Chouinard-Luth says. “We understand that most of chronic disease comes from inflammation, so what people choose in terms of exercise and food can greatly change patient outcomes, whether they are currently perfectly healthy or fighting a chronic disease. You get the tools to make those kinds of lifestyle choices at a recreation and wellness center.”

This is why Chouinard-Luth is so excited about her namesake: It will become the place where Holy Cross students can...
find the tools to care for their mind, body and spirit. The new 52,000-square-foot facility will sport multilevel windows on all sides, creating a bright, inviting space for the College community. Chouinard-Luth is a big fan of glass as a design element and says it is especially important in a space like this: “The visibility of the activity is motivational, all by itself! This new space will make wellness activities more accessible, doable and obvious. If your roommate is meeting you for lunch, but insists on running the track before they join you, you may be more likely to put your shoes on and get to the gym that day.”

With an estimated fall 2020 opening, the new facility is being built at the upper campus entrance on College Street, on the site of the former Field House, which Chouinard-Luth also views as an advantage: “The position of the building is fabulous! Everyone who comes to campus will see it and it will be a central part of what’s happening on campus. There is a great vibrancy that will come from the thoughtful placement of the physical space.”

**HOLISTIC WELLNESS**

The first project supported by the Luths’ historic donation was the Luth Athletic Complex, a cutting-edge space for the College’s varsity Athletics teams. John Luth was a varsity soccer player for the Crusaders and called it “a dream come true” when he made the team as a walk-on after transferring to Holy Cross as a sophomore. While that project was certainly close to Luth’s heart, Chouinard-Luth also wanted to ensure recreation opportunities were improved for the entire student body.

“We wanted to make sure that everyone has the same sense of participation and possibility,” she says. “Varsity
athletes get health and physical skill opportunities automatically because they are being trained and primed at every moment. Yet, everyone has to be active! Physicality, attention to your food environment, sleep, mindfulness, etc., put you in a better position as a student and as a person; a student is better able to tackle anything and everything that is coming at them.”

Michele Murray, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at the College, heartily agrees: “This new facility will raise the profile of well-being, not just fitness, but general and overall well-being on campus: stress reduction, enough sleep. It will be a place for them to gather and be in community and recreate in the true sense of the word: to give time to create themselves anew. It is a whole new era that will open up for Holy Cross students and I’m excited about that.”

A COMMUNITY SPACE
The College’s recreation and wellness staff are also eagerly anticipating the new building. Not only will the facility be a seismic step up from the 71-year-old Field House, but the building will bring all of the College’s recreation and wellness activities under one roof. Exercise classes, workout space and club and intramural sports are currently spread out across campus, housed wherever space is available.

At The Jo, the community will have access to sports courts, a jogging track, weight rooms, locker rooms and three rooms for yoga, cycling and other fitness classes. The building will be a home for all club and intramural sports, as well as general recreation, fitness and wellness programming for students, faculty and staff.
A 1/10th-mile track will occupy the upper level of the three-story building, suspended above two basketball courts on the second level and looking out toward the hills of Worcester. There will be dedicated areas for weight training and cardio machines on the second floor and on the upper level around the track. Green space and a landscaped path will connect The Jo to the Hoval, and the additional outdoor space provides even more options for fitness classes or events during warmer months.

“This space will be for the entire campus — not just students, but also for faculty and staff. It will bring everyone together,” says Mike Leavitt, director of the College’s Office of Campus Recreation. “We’re going to have state-of-the-art equipment and new features, like the walking track. And we’ll be able to make club sports more competitive, with opportunities to host games and tournaments in the new space.”

Leavitt is also looking forward to his office space in the new building, where his neighbors will be Elizabeth Drexler-Hines, director of wellness programming, and Jenn Coode, manager of Worksite Wellness, the employee wellness program. Drexler-Hines says this configuration will give them more opportunities for organic collaboration that benefits the entire campus.

“We have been working on a strategic plan for our division and one of the main points is student well-being. We are thinking about wellness and well-being from a more holistic model,” Drexler-Hines says. “The building is going to be a place for that, as a community gathering space, not only for students, but for faculty, staff and community members, as well. Having a multiuse space like this new recreation and wellness center will give us the opportunity to think outside of just physical wellness classes. We want people to understand that wellness is beyond just physical and I’m looking forward to bringing that holistic model into this amazing new space.”

While programming is still well in the planning stage, she anticipates
expanded yoga offerings, as well as mindfulness classes and trainings, and events that connect physical wellness with spiritual wellness.

**THE JESUIT CONNECTION**

Chouinard-Luth sees a connection between physical and spiritual wellness and problem-solving. Through her husband and her stepson, Hamilton Wyatt-Luth ’20, she says she has witnessed and embraced a Jesuit approach to tackling problems in the world.

“What I see in Hamilton and other Holy Cross students is an absence of negativity about problems or injustice. What is there, is an attitude of figuring out how to be part of the solution,” she says. “And this work is my contribution to the issues of ever-increasing chronic disease burdens worldwide. I thought things were going in the wrong direction in the medical field and that there should be more focus on mitigation of disease through nutrition, increased exercise, reduced stress, attention to sleep and communication.”

She feels that the better people care for themselves — at places like The Jo or the YMCA — the more equipped they will be to make a positive impact on their communities and the world. “To me, the more energy you have, the greater your abilities to find solutions to issues you care about,” she says.

Chouinard-Luth has enthusiastically embraced the College’s mission of men and women for and with others and has her own connections to Mount St. James. On weekends during her college years in Newton, she could often be found in Worcester — at Holy Cross. “Because I knew John as a college student, I would socialize more on weekends at Holy Cross than anywhere and that became my community,” she says. “I would go to dances at Healy and I remain an avid dancer to this day.”

It seems fitting, then, that in the spot where she found community and camaraderie as a college student, Chouinard-Luth’s donation will facilitate the same for future generations of Crusaders. “The Luths’ commitment to the College and to the well-being of all students is astounding,” Murray says. “They have high energy and a love for Holy Cross and its students. It is very clear, through their unwavering commitment and very generous donations, that they want the best for our students. And because of their generosity, we will be able to provide the best for them.”

The Luths and family: Martha Wyatt-Luth; Anna Margaret Luth and son, John; Joanne and mother, Cecile Chouinard; Hamilton S. Wyatt-Luth ’20; and Avery Wyatt-Luth.
One was looking for a community of faith. Another was mourning the death of his wife of more than 50 years. And a third, juggling grad school and a full-time job, just needed time to breathe.

Their reasons are as individual as their lives, yet dozens of alumni are looking to — and heading back to — Holy Cross for alumni retreats as a way to find direction, rest or enrichment.

An unexpected community

They were snowed in, but no one minded, including Tom Beecher ’56, P’90. “It was beautiful,” he says of the snowy March 2019 alumni retreat at the Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center, tucked away in the woods overlooking the Wachusett Reservoir. “It kind of confirmed that we should be there.”

Thanks to a popular new program offering a slate of retreat options for all alumni and their spouses, Beecher was on his second retreat at Holy Cross — over six decades after he graduated.

A humble, high-energy father and grandfather at 84, Beecher works full time as chairman of the board of Barrantys LLC, a wealth management firm, and is a widely respected leader in his community, where he has championed many causes, from health care initiatives to scholarship funding for low-income students. In 2017, he received a Sanctae Crucis Award from Holy Cross in recognition of his exceptional life of service, which has been guided by his belief: “If you can do well, you can — and should — do good.”

When Beecher made his first alumni retreat in 2018, his beloved wife of 51 years, Judy, had recently passed away, and he was coping with grief. He signed up for a weekend silent retreat, a shortened version of the Spiritual...
Exercises, a compilation of meditation, prayer and reflection developed by St. Ignatius to help people deepen their relationship with God. His experience was so powerful, Beecher didn’t want to go home. This past winter, he made the trip again from his home in Buffalo, New York, for a five-day silent retreat, which was open to alumni and students. Beecher says he couldn’t believe the sense of community that formed, even in silence, and loved experiencing it with current students who were participating over their spring break: “They inspire me at the end of my life by seeing how they are beginning theirs.”

On his first retreat, he spent time reflecting on his life: “I tell my kids and grandkids to be ‘men and women for others.’ So it’s important for me to go back and say, ‘How have I done?’” He also looked ahead, asking, “What is God’s plan for me?” even though he knew he wouldn’t necessarily get an immediate response. “You get to learn to live with as much of the answer as God wants to give you at any time,” Beecher says.

Coming out of the retreat, Beecher says he was very open to a suggestion a friend made at a dinner. Both are concerned Catholics with heavy hearts over the sexual abuse crisis in the church. That conversation eventually led to the founding of The Movement to Restore Trust, an independent organization seeking reform and healing in the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. “We’ve really gotten a lot done,” he says, crediting the retreat with giving him the push to take action. He plans to return for another retreat to recharge for the year ahead.

“It’s a structure into which you fit your own program, so it’s as applicable to an 18-year-old freshman as to an 84-year-old alum,” he explains. “You just show up and then follow — it’s all organized for you. It will change your life. This is what Holy Cross is about.”

THE DOOR IS OPEN WIDE

Three years ago, the opening of the Joyce Contemplative Center gave the campus community a long-awaited peaceful retreat home. Located in West Boylston, Massachusetts, a 20-minute drive from Mount St. James, it is widely used year-round by students, faculty and staff.

The facility also fulfilled a long-held dream of the Chaplains’ Office: to give graduates like Beecher the chance to return for rest and spiritual development at any point throughout their lives. Without a dedicated space,
the program was logistically impossible.

“Anyone — including alums, their spouses and even widows of alums — can come at any stage, from any faith background or tradition, on an alumni retreat,” says Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the Office of College Chaplains. “We have many alums for whom it’s their first retreat and then we have people who have been on a retreat either as a student or at other points in their lives. You don’t need to have your faith figured out — it’s very much a place that’s good for seekers.”

“We understand that so much goodness and joy and sadness happens in people’s lives,” says Megan Fox-Kelly ’99, associate chaplain and director of retreats. “What a gift to be able to give our alumni, to come back and pause in a place that’s so foundational to who they are.”

ALUMNI OPTIONS
Whether it’s Mass or mindfulness, the Chaplains’ Office is well-attuned to the need for self-care.

Annual alumni retreat choices include silent weekend retreats, Spiritual Exercises-based retreats, an Ignatian weekend retreat, an Advent day of prayer, a women’s retreat, a men’s retreat and a marriage prep retreat, which fulfills the pre-Cana program requirement in most dioceses, including Worcester. Retreats for young alumni and students of color, as well as one for LGBTQIA+ alumni, are offered alternating years, with both slated to run next in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Program lengths vary in duration from one day to five, with silent and non-silent options. All retreats, even silent, offer an opportunity for participants to get to know each other, talks or ideas for reflection or prayer throughout the day, one-on-one meetings with a spiritual director and optional time for worship. Certain retreats incorporate yoga or guided meditation. And overnight stays include individual private rooms with
bathrooms, as well as all meals. Some alumni retreats include current students, which has surprised even the skeptical as a favorite aspect. “The wisdom that’s shared both ways is really remarkable to watch,” Fox-Kelly notes.

There is also time to do artwork, take walks outside, sit in the chapel or read a book. Many simply crave a long nap, which is encouraged to be taken guilt-free as part of a holistic mind-body approach.

**RECHARGING BATTERIES**

Narly Cabral-Nunez ‘14, an eighth-grade math teacher from Lawrence, Massachusetts, says “finding the time to slow down and breathe is challenging.” When she decided to go on an alumni retreat, she was working full time and pursuing a master’s degree in education.

“There was a lot to juggle,” Cabral-Nunez says. “My battery was drained. I was exhausted and burnt out.”

But even simply signing up for the program gave her a sense of relief: “As a student I went on a few retreats, and I loved them. That was the time when I also realized that contemplative prayer and meditation replenishes my self-care ‘bank’ or ‘battery.’”

Cabral-Nunez has attended a silent weekend retreat and the women’s retreat. “Being spiritually guided by Meg Fox-Kelly was a blessing,” she says of the one-on-one time with her spiritual director. “At the end of the retreat, I felt an incredible sense of calmness and clarity. I was able to see and feel God around me, which is something that took me a long time to acknowledge and understand.”

Jane Morrissey ’87, P21, a school nurse who lives in Salem, Massachusetts, had never been on a retreat before. Two years ago, she found herself “looking for a community of faith” in her life. When she saw an alumni retreat email arrive in her inbox, she took a leap and registered for the women’s weekend program.

“It was amazing to be around women of all ages who are thinking and coming from different walks and stages of life,” Morrissey says. “I felt like my faith was being fed, my soul was being enriched. It was nice to reconnect with a community like that after so long being away from it.”

Her daughter, a high school senior at the time, had just been accepted to Holy Cross. As a mother about to send her daughter off to college, Morrissey thought, “Wow. She’s going into really
During a weekend talk given by a Holy Cross professor, Morrissey was so struck by a quote, she had to write it down: “If you can’t find it, just found it.” After the retreat she realized, “If I’m not finding what I’m looking for in the world, I have to found it.” So she and a friend started a women's book club centered around faith, which has since grown by word of mouth. “For me,” Morrissey says, “that was a big deal.”

She loved her experience so much, she returned in 2019 — this time joined by her daughter, now a sophomore. As long as there is space, Morrissey plans to keep coming back and she has stayed in touch with alumni she met through the weekends.

“If you even have the thought, you’re ready to go,” Morrissey says. “I honestly couldn’t think of a safer and more welcoming environment than the one I experienced in those weekends at Holy Cross.”

SUNRISE SURPRISE

When Freddy J. Sinchi ’09 showed up for the Ignatian retreat weekend in 2016, he was planning to sleep in after a busy week teaching Spanish to high schoolers in New York City. But an early-morning (and ultimately uneventful) fire alarm made for the start of an unexpected personal tradition after the entire group ended up watching the sunrise together. “It was God-sent,” Sinchi says. “The second time I went on retreat, I went to sleep early so I could get up and see the sunrise — just being able to see nature and the beauty of God.”

Sinchi made several retreats as a student, but at that time they were held at different rented spaces throughout New England because the College didn’t have a dedicated space to host them. The feeling he gets at the Joyce Contemplative Center, however, is different — and strong. “You’re coming back home,” he says.

On retreat, silence and slowing down are key for Sinchi. “It’s difficult when you are so busy and things are on your mind, but being able to retreat is the point of it,” he says. “We have to take care of ourselves. One thing I started doing was journaling. Before, I wasn’t about that. We’re so attached to our phones that we write everything there — sometimes it’s good
to just have a notebook around.”

He’s made new friends through the programs, valuing the ability to “pray and be in faith and community with a group of Holy Cross alums who also need that as well.”

Currently pursuing his second master’s degree while working full time, Sinchi wasn’t able to make a retreat this year because of weekend classes. “It kind of threw me off,” he says, but knows he can return. “When things become hectic in life, just pause and take a moment to retreat.”

And while Sinchi wasn’t new to retreats, he gets that those who are might be nervous. He remembers wondering before his first student retreat, “Should I do it or not? I had those thoughts – but I’m glad I didn’t back out,” he says. “Trust the process that you will get something out of it. After the retreats, I feel renewed and refreshed – that I can go back to work and go back to the city and conquer life.”

**HOME BASE FOR LIFE**

Kearns-Barrett hopes that the College’s alumni retreat offerings serve as a freeing and comforting reminder that “God doesn’t leave me when I walk across the stage at graduation.” As alumni make their unique journeys through life, they and their spouses should all feel welcome to return and explore their faith through the retreat program, she adds.

“If there is any requirement, it’s just a generous heart – our heart, or our hands, open to see what God wants to put in there,” reminds Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., the College’s director of special projects in mission. He adds that every retreat builds in time for sharing life’s struggles or questions “because, for all of us, that’s so helpful – to know that we’re not alone in the world.”

For more information about the 2019-2020 alumni retreat schedule, visit holycross.edu/faith-and-service-opportunities/retreats/alumni-retreats.
RETREAT OPTIONS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

While the Chaplains’ Office welcomes all alumni to the Joyce Contemplative Center, they understand that personal and professional schedules, geography and many other factors may preclude people from making the trip to West Boylston. However, for those who feel called, retreat and spiritual development opportunities can be found across the country or even in your home. Just as participants vary, so do the types of retreats and ways to make them.

“Look for a retreat that fits into where you feel you are, but also look for a retreat that is going to push you a little bit,” advises Rev. William R. Campbell, S.J. ’87, the College’s vice president for mission.

The Spiritual Exercises are the foundation of Ignatian Spirituality, traditionally experienced via a 30-day retreat. But even over 400 years ago, St. Ignatius Loyola understood that many would not be able to make that time commitment. In response, he outlined a “19th Annotation” retreat, also known as the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. “It means someone makes the commitment to pray every day and meet with a spiritual director once a week, working their way through the Spiritual Exercises,” Fr. Campbell explains.

“There are also books to do it alone and even some wonderful online resources for retreats and apps with a daily reading and reflection,” Fr. Harman says of other resources rooted in Ignatian spirituality. (Pray As You Go, pray-as-you-go.org, available for Android and Apple phones, is a favorite app recommended by Fr. Campbell.)

To find retreats or spiritual direction opportunities across the country, below is a list of facilities provided by the Society of Jesus.

For more information, including links to individual centers, visit jesuits.org/retreat-centers.

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Bartlett Sher ’81 uses a classic art form to tackle contemporary questions in a world that “is complicated and messy and full of weird contradictions.”
It’s really hard to say what the national narrative is anymore,” says Tony Award-winning director Bartlett Sher ’81, “but one thing you can almost be certain of is every eighth-grader in the United States is probably going to read ‘To Kill a Mockingbird.’”

Harper Lee’s 1961 Pulitzer Prize winner is now a Broadway play, and the adaptation joins an elite roster of classics (“South Pacific,” “My Fair Lady,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “The King and I”) Sher has directed for modern audiences who — in witnessing the events of a fictional Maycomb, Alabama — may confront their own very real nation that’s wrestling with parallel issues of race, class and gender.

Sher is a master of mounting works that challenge perceptions, subvert expectations and tackle prejudices, which is an especially ardent effort today as theater becomes an increasingly necessary medium for reflection and perspicacity.

“As our technology changes, and as we change, theater’s one of the few remaining community experiences where people who might not agree with each other come into the same place and hear the same story,” notes Sher, who won a 2008 Tony Award for his direction of “South Pacific” and has been nominated an additional eight times.

In response to today’s fractured political climate, audiences can come together out of a hunger to be comforted. As such, some new plays simply affirm an audience’s views instead of fostering rigorous dialogue about our complex world. To engender forward-thinking conversations that push boundaries and perspectives through his shows, Sher notes, “We’re not doing utopian theater-making – we’re not creating a version of the world we want to live in. We have to reflect the world we are actually living in, and that world is complicated and messy and full of weird contradictions.”

To that end, he uses – and has used, throughout his career – storytelling as a vehicle to continue exploring questions instead of providing easy solutions.

Take his acclaimed 2018 Broadway revival of Lerner and Loewe’s “My Fair Lady,” for which he was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical. The musical was, during its 1956 premiere, an update of George Bernard Shaw’s 1913 play “Pygmalion.” But gender norms have more than shifted since the musical’s original Broadway run. Staging a contemporary production meant Sher had to address the treatment of Eliza Doolittle, the musical’s plucky heroine, and how the story might end.

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without asking who Eliza Doolittle would be today and what that ending would be — and that’s not a question I can answer by myself,” Sher says. “It’s something I answer with Lauren Ambrose [who received a Tony Award nomination for her portrayal of Eliza] and ask of all my collaborators as we’re building the work. It’s a consistent question; you always have to ask, ‘Why am I doing this particular piece, especially for a revival or a great classical work, at this time in history?’”

In perhaps the revival’s most striking shift, Sher had Eliza enter the audience and ascend the theater’s stairs in the musical’s final moments. Is she staying with Henry Higgins, the phonetics professor who berated her lower-class dialect — as implied in the original 1956 production and 1964 movie — or abandoning him?

“When she goes up into the house, she goes into the future. That music is so big at the end, so I tried to use it to bring her out and into the world,” Sher says.

Timely issues similarly informed Sher’s latest Broadway smash “To Kill a Mockingbird,” which, since its December 2018 opening, has become the top-grossing American play in Broadway history. Supreme Court nomination hearings for then-nominee Brett Kavanaugh were being held at the same time as the play’s rehearsals. “I brought in some specialists on legal matters regarding sexual assault and the position of women,” Sher says of the play’s rehearsal process.

Gender, class and race are the tools in Lee’s seminal book that inform “the moral education of children and how they learn about justice,” as Sher says, and though published 59 years ago, the novel becomes topical anew as Alabama contends with women’s reproductive rights, economic instability and racial tensions.

Still, that doesn’t mean the central story needs to be set in 2019 to make the narrative resonate. “We’re not pretending it’s now, we’re pretending it’s Scout’s perspective on her community from 1958 looking back to 1934 and what she had experienced,” Sher explains. “We tried to make sense of that world. And then the audience has the chance to make the comparison of where they feel they are with their own history.”

Writer Aaron Sorkin’s stage adaptation of the book is faithful, one that — under Sher’s keen eye — becomes a moving
memory play where episodes from Scout Finch’s youth swirl in and out, tracing the events that led her to look back on her town’s tumultuous past. But as this story has been adapted in the present, certain shifts were made to better empower some of the classic’s marginalized characters, including Calpurnia, the Finch family’s long-serving housekeeper.

In the novel — and its Academy Award-winning 1962 film adaptation — some of Atticus’ features mirror those of a “white savior,” with those questionable traits then exacerbated in Lee’s 2015 “Go Set a Watchman,” which divulged a bigoted side to Atticus. His credo that all people are inherently good and deserving of respect maims Calpurnia, who notes that such beliefs are easy to feel when coming from someone more protected by privilege and not impacted by systematic oppression.

“Aaron is brave enough to have Calpurnia challenge Atticus,” Sher says. “The myth that somehow the white man is going to save these ‘poor people’ is something we directly try to address with this story.”

Much like considering a modern Eliza, Sher had to create a more well-rounded version of Atticus: “We get to this novel in 2019 and we have to stay respectful of the original work, but we also have to ask questions. One of the primary questions was who Atticus Finch was: Can he be a person who can’t take a side? Doesn’t he have to take a side? That’s what happens when you get different iterations over time. You're having a conversation with your past, your present, with your colleagues, and all of that goes into making a relevant and contemporary piece of theater.”

And this collaborative nature of theater — and the shared experience with an audience — can unite different groups of people. Such is the case for “To Kill a Mockingbird,” which is attracting audiences from different areas of the country.

“Harper Lee grew up in Monroeville, Alabama, but she lived in New York half her life,” Sher says. “So one of the other issues besides race and class that’s incredibly important is region. Lee is dealing with the differences between the North and the South, so we have lots of audience members come in from all over the country, especially the South, as they’re excited and honored to see their region getting represented on Broadway and feeling it’s part of their history.”

This communion is one of theater’s most extraordinary and rewarding elements: “The theater is one of the only places where a group of people actually have to be in the same room, watching the same event, at the same time,” Sher says. As the ways in which we consume art evolve, plays continue to demand attention with their immediacy and craft. And, as such, he adds: “Theater is becoming more and more unique.”
MEETING AN ETHICAL OBLIGATION, ENLIGHTENING THE NEXT GENERATION

Whether it’s the Great White Way or College Street, questions of social justice in an increasingly polarized country can be asked and explored onstage.

“I think a lot about my responsibilities as a white man,” says Edward Isser, W. Arthur Garrity, Sr. Professor in Human Nature, Ethics and Society and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. “What do I have to offer? I have a tremendous resource here as a theater professor and an ethical obligation to partake in the discourse.”

Isser has staged productions on campus that illuminate contemporary issues in unexpected ways, an approach he notes has a rich history across time: “Shakespeare understood that great political theater is not about a specific event but an intersection between the political and the psychological; he wrote allegorically. There’s a reason he wrote plays about Julius Caesar – that’s how he was commenting on contemporary events.”

In 2017, Isser directed students in “Fuenteovejuna,” Lope de Vega’s sweeping 1619 drama about the ominous outcomes of a dictatorial regime. “In my production, it was the women who did the killing,” he notes of the climactic moment when the oppressive commander is taken down. Instead of the male villagers attacking him, it was the women, who endure terrible acts throughout the play, including attempted droit du seigneur. It was an eerily timely update; during rehearsals, movie producer Harvey Weinstein was publicly accused of being a serial sexual predator of actresses, news that launched the #MeToo movement and electrified the country, as well as Isser’s student cast, illuminating the play’s themes of the sexual oppression women too often experience.

He recalls the process being “emotional, cleansing and cathartic. There was a lot of energy, a lot of anger, so by the time this show opened on campus we were all really wound up. The production was an artistic outlet.” As a result, Isser calls the play: “one of the most fulfilling productions in my career. The young women in the ensemble really bonded – they were incredibly empowered.”

This unique ability to confront adversity and inspire collaboration and conversation is the impact of theater, especially in a divided era. As such, Isser notes – through bold, topical productions – that “we have an ever-greater responsibility to enlighten.”
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The team defeated nationally ranked Boston College and Santa Clara on the way to finishing behind Notre Dame and eventual champion, St. Joseph’s University.
Line Change

After nearly two decades of leading Holy Cross women’s ice hockey from fledgling program to the peak of national competition, coach Peter Van Buskirk engineers one more transition: retirement

BY STEVE ULFELDER

People keep telling Peter Van Buskirk he’s lucky — now he can finally work on his golf game. But he laughs at the suggestion: “First, I have to develop a golf game. I was always at the rink, so I never gave golf much of a shot.”

Those who’ve coached with or played for Van Buskirk confirm he’s a rink rat. In a career that’s seen monumental change, well-worn skates and a whistle were constants. In 1979, when Van Buskirk started at Holy Cross as the head coach of the men’s hockey team (the only team, at the time), coaching was a part-time job that came with a stipend. “We all worked in the offseason to pay the bills,” he recalls. “And at the time, Holy Cross was playing at the very highest level of college hockey.”

Managing change, accepting it with grace and humor and thriving: These are the hallmarks of Van Buskirk’s career. He coached the Crusader men’s hockey team for 10 years, including two stints as head coach. Back in those stipend days, “I was on the ice pretty much alone with 25 guys,” he says. In 2000, he took over the women’s team in just its second year as a varsity program and built it nearly from scratch. He coached the women’s program to where it became a Division III juggernaut — and then helped engineer its leap to Division I Hockey East, the toughest conference in women’s hockey. This led to last year’s frustrating-yet-promising inaugural DI season, in which Van Buskirk made one final transition: handing the whiteboard to
associate head coach Katie Lachapelle, who now takes over as head coach — just the third in team history.

But, believe it or not, feats such as 462 total wins (295 with the Crusader women), 16 postseason berths and even six championships are the footnotes, not the headlines, in Van Buskirk's career. He possesses a deep, abiding knowledge of the sport — even now, he's eager to discuss trends in college and professional hockey. But, unlike many Xs-and-Os coaches, Van Buskirk spent more than three decades building teams on which student-athletes felt seen, heard and respected.

"Pete was very modern, very progressive, always implementing systems," recalls Chris Brown '83, P18, a Crusader defenseman from 1979-1983. "But he never put you in a box. He let you play to your strengths and molded his systems around you."

Casey Harvell Bowers '08, a center and wing on the women's team from 2004-2008, echoes Brown: "He spent a lot of time drawing out plays, but one year we totally shifted our systems based on personnel. What I'll always remember is Pete's passion for the game and that he always had time for his players."

Those players all have stories about Van Buskirk's chattiness in practice. He told generations of Crusaders that he used to work out with Arnold Schwarzenegger on Southern California's Muscle Beach — leaving those players divided as to the seriousness of the claim.

"Such a great guy and so many stories!" says Tori Messina '19, who was part of the team's transition to Division I. "He liked my class a lot and really stuck up for us," she adds, referring to the team's first Hockey East 2018-2019 season in which it went 1-29-3. "That balance between being friendly and being a coach ... Pete's not afraid to say what he's thinking and sometimes [it was] a tough conversation to have."

Even 35 years later, Brown remembers one such tough conversation after the Crusader men "lost a game we never should have lost." Van Buskirk merely stuck his head in the locker room door and said: "Boys, prior planning prevents piss-poor performance." On a lighter note, the now-76-year-old coach never hesitated to poke fun at himself, right to the end of his career: "I'd tell them during practice, 'I've had both hips done, anything I demonstrate I'm going to demonstrate in slow motion!'"

Van Buskirk says that over his coaching career, women's college hockey has advanced significantly in one major area: athleticism. "The puck skills, the power of the athletes, it's been a fast and impressive evolution," he notes. When he took over, Holy Cross had a team with players of various abilities. "That first year, we had a varsity team but weren't in a league, we just looked for any other varsity team to play," he says. "I remember we brought down Mercyhurst [University] from Erie, Pennsylvania, and they had about six Canadians. That was the first women's team I ever saw really fire the puck."

Gracious as ever, Van Buskirk is embracing retirement, with or without a golf game. As for the future of women's hockey on Mount St. James, he notes: "It's been a great ride, but Katie's ready to take them to that next level. Me, I'm going to be a big fan."
Want to evaluate team character during a rough season? Check out a Monday practice.

“Mondays were the hardest,” says Tori Messina ’19, a co-captain on Holy Cross’ women’s ice hockey team that went 1-29-3 last year in its first season in Division I’s toughest conference, Hockey East. “You get beaten up all weekend and then you have to come back to the rink. But we were resilient. We kept showing up.”

Katie Lachapelle, the team’s new head coach, shares the same observation, and has high praise for Messina’s class. “Those [class of ’19] seniors set the tone for our culture,” she says. After a pair of often-frustrating weekend games, they would “come in Monday morning working just as hard as they had on Friday. I give them so much credit for that.”

And, with that, all involved with the program agree it’s time to put that season in the rearview and look to the future. With optimistic yet grounded goals, Lachapelle and the entire squad are ready to move on to a brighter 2019-2020 season.

STRONG BACKGROUND, DIVISION I EXPERIENCE

Lachapelle’s promotion to head coach is the culmination of a thoughtfully planned transition, as coach Peter Van Buskirk retired and the team, a longtime Division III hockey power, continues its acclimation to the ultra-competitive Hockey East. Prior to two seasons as Van Buskirk’s associate head coach, Lachapelle was a nine-year assistant coach of Boston University’s
consistently ranked team, helping the Terriers earn six NCAA Tournament appearances and five Hockey East titles. In 2013, she won the Women’s Ice Hockey Assistant Coach Award from the American Hockey Coaches Association. She’s also a prominent figure in U.S. Women’s National Team hockey, having won multiple gold medals, all of this following her own collegiate hockey career at Providence College.

“We had so much success at our previous level,” Lachapelle says. “Well, there’s no way [Holy Cross] got us in Hockey East just to come in last. So we need to find success here. That’ll require a different level of commitment from me and from the players,” she says. “It’ll take some time, but we’ll keep climbing the ladder. We’ll get a little better every year.” And when they reach the pinnacle? “Then we’ll stay there,” she says, adding she is excited to be joined on the bench by associate head coach Meredith Roth and assistant coach Maddy Norton.

In order to compete against the best in collegiate women’s hockey, the coaching staff knows that expanding its recruiting reach is a necessity, and that plan is well underway. “We’re out on the road more,” Lachapelle says. “Canada, Austria, this is part of the commitment. We get to as many tourneys as possible, keep the biggest database we can.”

She’s learned that Holy Cross’ excellent reputation helps in this effort: “It has so much respect academically, that makes things easier. I can’t tell you how many [prospects] have said, ‘I’m interested in your program because I know that’s a great school.”

**REFLECTING ON CHANGES**

While wins on the ice are important, they’re just one part of the story. Athletes who’ve skated for Lachapelle applaud her steady approach and leadership. “Her mantra [last season] was ‘Never too high, never too low,’” recalls goaltender Jada Brenon ’22. “She cares about people and she makes you want to be better.”

That’s just one lesson Lachapelle has learned about coaching student-athletes during her career, which dates to her Providence playing days in the 1990s. “My freshman year we still used wooden sticks,” she laughs. “The changes in training have been amazing. Players are bigger, stronger, faster now.” But they are still student-athletes, and Lachapelle – like her predecessor – is fully aware that studies take precedence. “Katie is understanding about school,” Messina says. “Holy Cross is very rigorous, she knows that and respects it.”

With an extensive Division I background, a well-engineered transition and the respect of the Holy Cross community, Lachapelle is ready to make the Crusaders competitive in college hockey’s toughest division. “Katie can take us to the next level,” Brenon says. “Everybody on the team agrees on that.”
My vision for Holy Cross Athletics is simple,” new Director of Athletics Marcus Blossom said in a May press conference welcoming him to campus. “It’s to raise the level of Athletics to match the level of esteem and recognition attained by the College as a whole. We will do so by ensuring academic success and reinforcing our Jesuit values, providing student-athletes with a distinctive experience highlighted by competitive success, and being a campus partner committed to Athletics’ alignment to the College’s mission and strategic priorities.

To the entire Holy Cross family, thank you for trusting me to lead a program with such rich history and tradition. I won’t disappoint you.”

Blossom, who assumed his new role July 1, was previously senior associate athletics director for business and finance at Boston College. He succeeds Nathan Pine, who stepped down in December 2018 to become director of athletics at the United States Air Force Academy. At BC, Blossom was responsible for all budget and financial operations, and served as a member of the department of athletics executive team assisting with all aspects of strategic planning and vision execution. He was also the sport administrator for men’s basketball and had oversight of technology, interactive media and broadcast services.

Marcus distinguished himself from an impressive pool of candidates with his strategic vision, demonstrated leadership and commitment to the development of a successful Athletics program that values academic excellence and integrity,” said Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president of the College. “Marcus’ demonstrated experience in engaging students, faculty, staff and alumni, combined with his positive energy, business management expertise and commitment to Jesuit education made him a perfect fit.”

NAME AND AGE
Marcus Blossom, 39

EXPERIENCE
Senior associate athletics director for business and finance, Boston College

Associate athletics director, business operations, Providence College

Associate athletics director, finance, Brown University

Assistant director of championships, NCAA

Assistant athletics director, business operations, Central Michigan University

EDUCATION
MBA, University of Rhode Island

M.S., sport management, West Virginia University

B.S., business administration, with a concentration in finance, Northeastern University

ATHLETICS
America East All-Conference selection (men’s basketball, Northeastern University)

Three-time GTE District I Academic All-American (men’s basketball, Northeastern University)

FAMILY
Wife, Karli; daughters, Maya and Mora

(left) College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., introduces Blossom to the press and the Holy Cross community, along with his wife, Karli, and daughters, Maya and Mora.
Two students enjoy campus in their own quiet way. But who are they? And where are they? Do you recognize these women and their location? Email your thoughts to hcmag@holycross.edu!
This year marks the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s sesquicentennial. In honor of this milestone, we will be celebrating the alumni experience throughout the course of the next year.

The HCAA mission — to engage alumni for life — continues. For us to engage all Holy Cross alumni, independent of a person’s geographic location, giving level or specific affinity, is a tall order. Yet it has been my experience that the board of directors and alumni senators are an incredible group of people. Every year they commit to delivering our traditional programs (e.g., Homecoming, Move-In Day) and new programs that will quickly become traditions (e.g., Holy Cross Cares Day, Crossroads). And they do so with a love for alma mater and their fellow alumni that never fades.

During my time on the HCAA board, I had the privilege to work with some truly remarkable people:

- Mary Ellen Eagan ’75 and Paula Murphy ’76, whom I met at the Boston club and helped get me acclimated to the HCAA board.
- Rick Peirce ’67 and Kim Stone ’90, whom I worked with to refresh the Holy Cross Book Prize.
- Fr. Tom Olson ’02 and Brian O’Connell ’71, who launched the Spirituality Book Club with me.
- HCAA past presidents, including (but not limited to) Maureen Moran ’89, Jim Sparkes ’71, Colleen Doern ’89 and Bryan DiMare ’06, for setting us – and keeping us – on a great path.
- Melissa Alves ’06, Payton Shubrick ’15 and Ivan Watanabe ’08, who represent a solid future for our board.
- Laura Cutone Godwin ’96, Dan D’Agata ’05, Maggie Granados ’88, Sarah Jensen ’08, Schone Malliet ’74 and Jackie Rock ’02, who as members of recent executive committees made sure we kept the goal of engaging alumni for life as the core of what we do.
- Mike Shanahan ’78, who for more than 20 years made sure the HCAA had the treasury needed to support all its efforts!

This is by no means a comprehensive list. To recognize more could fill this entire magazine. But no list of those who make the HCAA so special is complete without this last recognition: The HCAA does not operate in a silo. We have had and continue to have incredible partners at the College. Only with Kristyn Dyer ’94 (and Pat McCarthy ’63 before her), everyone in Alumni Relations and many other colleagues across campus, can the Alumni Association offer the experiences and programs we all so greatly appreciate.

I have been honored to serve as president of your HCAA for the past two years and in this time my appreciation of my fellow alumni and love for alma mater has only grown. With Mike Shanahan assuming the role and leading the HCAA into our next 150 years, I know our alumni experience will only continue to thrive!

Thank you!

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Finding Alumni in LinkedIn

PRO TIP! Did you know that LinkedIn offers a database to search for alumni? It’s a great resource to use alongside the Holy Cross Career Advisor Directory when networking.

To search for Holy Cross alumni using LinkedIn, first log in to your account. Type “College of the Holy Cross” in the search bar and visit the College’s page. Select “Alumni” from the menu of options, and you will be taken to the LinkedIn database for Holy Cross. From there, you can search for alumni by class year, location, company, industry, etc.

When you see someone you would like to speak with, check the Career Advisor Directory to see if they are open to giving advice. There are more than 6,000 people in the directory, so your chances are pretty good!

Access the Career Advisor Directory and more career resources at www.holycross.edu/alumni/careers.
LGBTQ Alumni Network Celebrating The Past, Present & Future...

On Saturday, March 30, nearly 100 alumni, spouses, allies and friends joined the LGBTQ Alumni Network to celebrate the 25th and 20th anniversaries of the founding of Allies and ABiGaLe. Nearly every class year from the late 1960s to the 2010s was represented – a terrific, diverse turnout of Crusaders. Held at Bull Mansion in Worcester, the event was an opportunity to recognize several decades of LGBTQ activism at Holy Cross.

“It was wonderful to have so many alumni and friends join us to recognize our accomplishments as a community and the huge impact we continue to make at Holy Cross,” said Phil Dardeno ’02, alumni network chair.

Founded in 1995, Allies was the first student-run organization of its kind at a Jesuit institution of higher education. ABiGaLe (the Association of Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians) was founded in 1998 to meet the needs of a growing campus to show awareness that an LGBTQ community existed at Holy Cross along with straight allies. The two groups combined to form ABiGaLe/Allies in 2010 and was renamed PRIDE in 2016.

Interested in learning more about the LGBTQ Alumni Network? Contact the group at hclgbtqalumni@gmail.com ■

HCF1RST Alumni Committee

Were you or your siblings the first in your family to graduate from college? HCFIRST Scholars, a student organization that serves as a resource for first-generation and/or low-income students, invites alumni to share their experiences of being a first-generation college student and to connect with us. Your participation will also help provide students with valuable perspectives on life after Holy Cross.

To learn more, email firstgenalumni@holycross.edu ■

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

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Alumni Recognized for Extraordinary Service

The Holy Cross Alumni Association (HCAA) has announced the 2019 recipients of its highest alumni honor, the In Hoc Signo Award, given in recognition of significant, longstanding and exceptional service to the College (above, left to right): Rabbi Norman M. Cohen ’72, Kathleen Taylor Connolly ’77, Stephen J. Kelleher Jr. ’71, P02, 00 and Michael J. Toner ’63. The recipient of the HCAA’s Young Alumni Leadership Award is Payton A. Shubrick ’15.

Rabbi Norman M. Cohen ’72 is well known for his substantial commitment to the College and his spiritual care of its community. For nearly 20 years, he has made pastoral visits to campus, during which he ministers to the spiritual needs of Jewish students and faculty, as well as mentors Jewish students, teaches classes, hosts a Shabbat dinner and interacts with Jesuits and students of all faiths. In addition, he has taken part in College spirituality retreats and assisted with the recruitment of Jewish students; he has been a participant and leader in alumni club activities since he graduated.

Among his many efforts on behalf of Holy Cross, Rabbi Cohen delivered the Kraft-Hiatt lecture in 2001, co-led an alumni pilgrimage to Israel in 2014 and conducted a model Seder for Montserrat students in 2018. He has taught in Cincinnati and the Twin Cities of Minnesota at several Christian colleges and universities, including Xavier, United Theological Seminary, St. Olaf and St. Thomas. He is the author of the book “Jewish Bible Parsonages in the New Testament.”

Retired yet active in a number of civic, community and rabbinic organizations, Rabbi Cohen is founding rabbi and now rabbi emeritus of Bet Shalom Congregation in Minnetonka, Minnesota; he and his wife, Andrea, spend winters in Arizona, where he is a rabbinic consultant to several congregations.

Kathleen “Kathy” Taylor Connolly ’77 has served Holy Cross as a loyal and engaged alumna for more than 40 years. A class chair since graduation, she is recognized for her incredible leadership and energetic commitment to keeping her classmates connected to each other and to the College. Through countless phone calls, emails, texts and Facebook messages – even in person at events around the country – Taylor Connolly uses her talents and enthusiasm to foster interaction and champion the College’s efforts among her class.

And her endeavors have resulted in high levels of support: The class of 1977 consistently exceeds the 50 percent participation mark each year, and its members raised a record-setting $317,455 for the Holy Cross Fund during their 30th reunion. In addition to her work on behalf of her class, Taylor Connolly has also served on the HCAA’s board of directors, from 2011-2014, and was an active and involved member of the HCAA Dinner Committee.

Taylor Connolly is a past member of the board of directors of the Rochester Community Schools Foundation and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council. She is employed by Association Management Resources and resides in Rochester Hills, Michigan, with her husband, Joe ’77.

Stephen J. “Steve” Kelleher Jr. ’71, P02, P00 is an energetic leader whose wisdom and skill have advanced the HCAA for more than 20 years.

Since 1998, Kelleher has reliably and enthusiastically volunteered with the HCAA as a member of the board of directors or the alumni senate. He has served on the Alumni Career Services Advisory Committee since 2005, and was previously a member of the Alumni Admissions Committee for six years.

Kelleher served on the Executive Committee of the HCAA board on three separate occasions, and his sound advice and encouragement have been sought.
by numerous HCAA presidents. A class agent, he is a former president of the Holy Cross Club of Maine.

As co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, from 2013-2014 and 2016-2017, Kelleher put forth significant time, effort and organizational skill in evaluating the programmatic success of the HCAA. The resulting strategic plan he oversaw has guided the HCAA in the years since.

A retired health care administration and policy consultant, Kelleher and his wife, Kathy, reside in Harwich, Massachusetts.

Michael J. “Mike” Toner ’63 has enthusiastically served Holy Cross – and, particularly, the class of 1963 – for four decades.

Described by classmates as an “inspirational leader,” “role model” and the “glue that binds” them, Toner has served as class correspondent, class agent and/or class chair for more than 40 years, keeping members of the class of ’63 connected through his engaging and humorous communications.

Toner has planned several successful reunions, all of which have strengthened bonds and Holy Cross loyalty among classmates. In fact, at its 50th reunion, the class of ’63 achieved the second-highest gift total for a 50th reunion class, as well as the highest annual fund total – this in addition to its ongoing record of 77 percent class participation. On off-reunion years, he has been instrumental in organizing the class’ popular summer gathering at Saratoga Race Track in New York.

Toner also served as a board member for the Class of ’63 Foundation, which provided financial and other assistance to classmates and family members who are most in need.

A psychologist for many years, Toner is currently president of Setauket Financial Center. He and his wife, Mary, reside in South Setauket, New York.

Payton A. Shubrick ’15 dedicated her time and talents to Holy Cross while she was a student – and has continued to serve alma mater ever since.

As a student, Shubrick was co-president of the SGA and co-chair of the Black Student Union. As an alumna, she serves on the HCAA board of directors and is a current or former member of the following HCAA committees: Bishop Healy, 150th Celebrations, Dinner and Young Alumni, the latter of which she is co-chair.

Known for her exceptional enthusiasm for and commitment to the HCAA and the College, Shubrick has also served as a member of the BSU 50th Anniversary Planning Committee and as a presenter at the 2017 and 2018 Holy Cross Women in Business conferences; she is currently a member of President’s Council and its Executive Committee.

Shubrick is an innovation & design thinking manager with Mass Mutual Financial Group and resides in Springfield, Massachusetts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SATURDAY, OCT. 19, 2019
Alumni, family and friends are invited to attend this annual gathering to honor the In Hoc Signo and Young Alumni Leadership Award recipients. For tickets or sponsorship information, visit alumni.holycross.edu/alumni or call 508-793-2418.

Special World Premiere Access: “Falling Out of Time”
Alumni, parents and friends are invited to enjoy exclusive, web-based access to the world premiere of Osvaldo Golijov’s “Falling Out of Time,” a song cycle written for the renowned Silkroad Ensemble and based on the genre-defying book by Israeli writer David Grossman.

The Grammy-Award winning Golijov (above), the College’s Loyola Professor of Music, and Silkroad will premiere this piece at Holy Cross in October before taking it on a national tour. Join us for part of this journey! For more information, visit holycross.edu/onlinelearning.

This web-based opportunity, featuring behind-the-scenes access, is a collaboration between the College’s Arts Transcending Borders initiative, Holy Cross Online Learning and Silkroad.
SOLVED PHOTOS

One Down, One to Go

Russ Walsh ’70 called in to identify and date this photograph (“Beaven Beginnings,” Fall 2018, Page 16).

“The gentleman in the tie is Holy Cross graduate J. Edward ‘Ned’ Sweet Jr. ’53,” reports Walsh, Sweet’s nephew. Walsh dates the photo to Freshman Move-In Day 1966, as Sweet was on hand helping Walsh do the same: “He was there to help me move in, but he was helping someone else, also.”

Walsh doesn’t know the identity of the young man holding up the other side of the trunk, surmising it could have been a fellow first-year student moving into Beaven, an upperclassman or a family member helping on Move-In Day.

Do you recognize the young man on the right? Email hcmag@holycross.edu.

Solving a Well-Timed Mystery

Thanks to eagle-eyed readers and a caption in the 1966 Purple Patcher, the group of dapper gentlemen in the above photo (“Snapshot,” Spring 2019, Page 8) have been confirmed as members of the class of 1969.

“The unknown picture in the spring edition couldn’t have come at a more appropriate time,” says John J. Malgieri, M.D., ’69. “Everyone in that picture, including myself, will be celebrating our 50th Reunion. Thanks to my former roommate and still close friend, Dan Murphy, who still has all his old yearbooks, that picture is one of the residents from Beaven Hall III in our freshman year. The giveaway are the jackets and ties, which were required at the start of that year for classes. Fortunately that, as well as several other requirements like mandatory chapel, became history at the Cross during our first year.”

Indeed, the photo and all IDs can be found on Page 174 of the 1966 Patcher. Kneeling: Mike Ferrone, Pat O’Connell, Joe McGrath, Jim Ryan, Bob Ryan, Steve Hackman, Dan Reardon, Jim Stormes, Jim Brennan, Tom Kenney, Mike Stanton and Pete Bloniarz. Standing: Jim Donahue, Jim Franklin, Tom Martin, John Malgieri, Bill Ross, Derm Reardon, Bill O’Connor, Joe McManus, Blaise Berthiaume, Kevin Bimmler, Mike Witham and Mike Sheehan.

“I think [1965] was the last year that Beaven was a dorm, many of the rooms were triples; I believe Mulledy was under construction and opened the following year,” Berthiaume notes. (Editor’s Note: Mulledy, now Brooks-Mulledy, did open in 1966.)

Thanks to other class of 1969 members who provided many of the IDs from memory: John Stansfield, Michael Daley, Frank Blum and Paul Shannon.

“Love the picture,” Shannon says. “Brings back good memories from over 50 years ago.”
The Mystery of the Mailboxes

Last issue’s Mystery Photo was special in that not only was it solved once — it was solved in two separate ways — and both were correct.

Initially, emails arrived noting that the picture was taken in the Kimball basement. Bill Richards ’64 gets the A+ memory prize, noting not only did the iconic mailboxes used to reside there, but he also remembered his post office box number (1118) and his combination (F J +)!

“The Office of the Dean of Men [Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J.] was there as well and the caf was nearby,” he wrote. “In the days when there was just one payphone in each dorm, letters were a lifeline to and from the outside world.”

“To the right outside the picture was the snack shop where I got my fruit cocktail,” added Ray Bruttomesso ’56. “To the left was Fr. Dunn’s office. I well remember visiting Fr. Dunn with Tommy Heinsohn ’56 on an occasion.”

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BY REBECCA SMITH '99 AND KIMBERLY STALEY '99

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By James Masciarelli '70  
Koehler Books  
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**Legends and Lore of the Hudson Highlands**  
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Fortis  
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NAME
Katie Bobinski ’15

HOMETOWN
Torrington, Connecticut

FAMILY
Father, Jim; mother, Maura; and sister, Megan

WHAT SHE DID AT HOLY CROSS
“I was a member of the women’s track and field team. One of my favorite memories with my team was participating in the Benching Against Breast Cancer event in the weight room, which raised money for breast cancer victims. As an American Sign Language minor, I spent Thursday mornings of my senior year at the Worcester Deaf Senior Center playing bingo, raffling off prizes and signing with the deaf seniors about their families, friends and childhood memories.”

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THE WORKING LIFE
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WHY SHE STAYS CONNECTED TO HOLY CROSS
“I am proud to say I am a Crusader. Many alumni gave me opportunities, experiences and advice that helped me get to where I am now, so it is important that I do the same and pay it forward. I attended the Women in Business conferences for four years as a student, and now I go back to share my experiences as an alumna. I love going back to campus for the various student business workshops, to see former coaches and to see all the new construction and buildings!”

WHY SHE BELIEVES IN HOLY CROSS
“I believe in Holy Cross’ value of being men and women for others, and the emphasis on family. My family has grown from my parents and sister, to my college roommates, track teammates and countless other friends. These lifelong friends are some of the best people I’ve met and we always have each other’s back. I believe in Holy Cross because I know that past, present and future Crusaders will continue to look out for one another.”

WHY SHE GIVES TO HOLY CROSS
“I give to Holy Cross – and specifically the women’s track and field program – because I am so thankful and fortunate for my time on campus and as a member of the track team. I grew as a person in so many ways on the track and in the classrooms. It’s incredibly important for me personally to give back to Holy Cross to ensure others have the same opportunity that I had.”

DAN VAILLANCOURT
Bridging the Gap

Retired U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Kevin Schmiegel ’89 serves civilians and military in a new way: by closing the divide between them

BY LORI FERGUSON

or Operation Gratitude CEO Kevin Schmiegel ’89, each morning breaks with a cup of coffee and some reading. “I start each day reading emails from service members who have received our care packages,” he says. “They express gratitude and astonishment to learn that people across America appreciate their service and understand their sacrifice – it’s incredibly powerful.”

The retired Marine lieutenant colonel understands the impact of appreciation expressed. He experienced it firsthand during his two decades of service in the United States Marine Corps and has encountered it many times since returning to civilian life. And it’s the reason he has chosen to spend his post active-duty life serving members of the military and first responders. “We have to say thank you to all who serve,” he notes, simply.

There’s no gap in Americans’ appreciation for the men and women who serve this country, he notes, but rather, “It’s a gap of understanding. There’s a civilian-service divide. People don’t have everyday interactions with those who serve, so they don’t understand what it entails.”

In response, Schmiegel has dedicated his life to changing that. After retiring from the Marines, he joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as chief of staff, traveling the world to meet with senior executives. It was fascinating work, but something was off. “I missed serving my country...
and serving others,” he says. “In my meetings, I repeatedly heard CEOs say that they liked hiring former service members.”

That observation led Schmiegel to leave his position and found Hiring Our Heroes, a program designed to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. In no time, he realized he was onto something: “A young man came up to me at a hiring fair in Chicago and said, ‘You changed my life. … I got a job.’ He didn’t realize it, but that day he changed my life, too.”

He equates problems facing active-duty military and veterans to a national security imperative. “For example, when I started Hiring Our Heroes, veteran unemployment was at 12.1 percent,” he says. “I saw that it hurt our nation’s security imperative. “For the first decade, the organization only served deployed service members, but now we’re serving our heroes at home as well, from veterans and military families to first responders, a cohort that is equally important to me,” he notes.

Leading the organization, Schmiegel continues to focus on closing the civilian-service divide. “There’s a big disconnect between the general populace and service members because Americans don’t understand the jobs these people do or how to thank them for their efforts,” he says. “Gratitude is very important to those who serve, and it’s more than just saying ‘Thank you.’ Those who serve appreciate receiving snacks and hygiene items, but it’s the handmade-with-love items that mean the most. They’re not just a symbol of gratitude, they’re an actual expression of gratitude that volunteers make with their own hands, and they mean so much.”

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He’s also giving volunteers the chance to put a personal spin on their participation by allowing them to deliver care packages, rather than just assemble them, and expanding outreach through grassroots initiatives. Schmiegel encourages those looking to help narrow the civilian-service gap to find hands-on volunteer opportunities where people can interact with and get to know service members and first responders.

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— LT. COL. KEVIN SCHMIEGEL ’89, USMC (RET.)

percent,” he says. “I saw that as a national security issue because if men and women who serve in the military don’t feel valued and don’t have a path to a career after service, it hurts our nation’s ability to recruit for our all-volunteer force.”

Over the next two years, Schmiegel and his team helped more than 120,000 veterans and military spouses find employment; today veteran unemployment stands at 4 percent.

In December 2017, he joined Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit that connects civilians and service members through gifts and handwritten letters. “Operation Gratitude offers me the opportunity to have a much broader impact on men and women in uniform, as well as on ordinary Americans who want to make a difference and give back,” he says.

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“When they have that opportunity to say ‘Thank you for your service’ and express gratitude face to face, they can take the next step and ask them questions about their service, the challenges they face every day and the sacrifices they and their families make,” he says. “That is the best way to create understanding and bridge the divide. We are all called to serve in different ways. And when you are called, you have a responsibility to answer.”

FIVE QUESTIONS with KEVIN SCHMIEGEL ’89

1) What was your most important takeaway from 20 years in the Marines? How blessed I was to serve alongside honorable and humble people who believed in our country and what we stand for.

2) What do you think would most surprise someone who’s never served in the military or as a first responder?

The real meaning of service – it’s about sacrifice. As active-duty military, you’re away from family. You miss birthdays and special occasions. As a first responder, you walk out the door every day and don’t know if you’ll be coming home.

3) What’s the most meaningful gift you received while on active duty?

The first care package I received from my family as a young 2nd lieutenant during Operation Desert Storm. It was filled with my favorite things, letters and cards, and a handknit scarf from my grandmother. I can still picture it all.

4) How do you start each day to make every minute count?

I read email from the recipients of Operation Gratitude care packages. The sheer volume of work in my position can be overwhelming at times, but when I read these emails I think, ‘I must do more.’

5) What’s something that every individual who serves needs to know?

“Thank you.” It’s the easiest thing for someone to say and it does make a difference.
1940
Col. George O. McCafferty, USAF (Ret.)
Col. George O. McCafferty, USAF (Ret.), of Watertown, Connecticut, died on Feb. 23, 2019, at 102. Mr. McCafferty graduated from Holy Cross and became a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After his military service, he opened Friendship International Aviation Corporation in Baltimore; he later worked for Rafferty-Brown Steel Company in Watertown, where he retired as an executive vice president. Mr. McCafferty is survived by three daughters; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita.

1943
Peter J. Rogers
Peter J. Rogers, of Portland, Maine, died on Feb. 14, 2019, at 98. Mr. Rogers enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and completed boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, and officer training at Quantico, Virginia, receiving a commission as a 2nd lieutenant. He served in the Marine Corps 17th Defense Battalion attached to the 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. Following his military service during World War II, he managed the Rogers Baking Company, which was founded by his father, in Portland. He later completed law school at the University of Virginia and then opened his law office in Portland; he also founded the Onex Corporation, bought real estate and amassed more than 30 rental properties in the area. A reservist in the Marine Corps, he was assigned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as a camp legal officer during the Korean War; he attained the rank of captain. Mr. Rogers supported the College as a member of the Alumni Association and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He is survived by II children and their spouses, including John J. Sheehan '80; 24 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews, including Maureen T. Cavanaugh ’79. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Mary; three siblings; and one son-in-law. His alumni relatives also include his in-laws, the late Paul J. McMahon ’38 and the late Raymond F. Cavanaugh ’49.

1944
James R. Lucid
James R. Lucid, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 28, 2019, at 97. Mr. Lucid graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in physics. He later earned his B.S. in electronics engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and his MBA from American University. An electrical engineer, Mr. Lucid enlisted in the U.S. Army and was commissioned as a first lieutenant; he worked for the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was promoted to second lieutenant, then chief of staff of the War Department. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel, having served tours of duty in Europe and the United States. Following his military career, Mr. Lucid worked for 15 years in federal civil service for the Department of the Army Headquarters, NATO, in Brussels, and later at Fort Richie in Maryland; he provided communications support for U.S. Air Force intelligence collection sites around the world. Mr. Lucid is survived by one sister; three daughters; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Laurette; one sister; and one brother.

1946
Thomas A. Boyd Jr.
Thomas A. “Tom” Boyd Jr., of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, died on Jan. 29, 2019, at 94. Mr. Boyd served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked on Wall Street for many years before becoming a self-employed accountant. Mr. Boyd is survived by six children and their spouses; two sisters; one brother-in-law; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean; and one brother.

1947
Joseph C. Fleming Jr.
Joseph C. Fleming Jr., of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on Dec. 31, 2018, at 94. Mr. Fleming studied mathematics and physics at Holy Cross. A U.S. Navy veteran who served as an officer in World War II, Mr. Young served the College as a class agent and class bequest chair, and he supported Crusader Athletics. He was a member of the In Hoc Signo Committee and O’Callahan Society; he was also affiliated with Naval ROTC. In 1996, he received the In Hoc Signo Award, the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s highest honor. Mr. Young is survived by two sons, including Roger J. Young ’73, four daughters, including Christine L. Lucey ’77, Constance A. Crimmins ’80 and Joan F. Eccleston ’83, and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Navy veteran of World War II, he served in 88th Construction Battalion Pacific Theater and on USS Schmidt North Atlantic Fleet; he was honorably discharged with the rank of ensign. He completed postgraduate education at Northrup Aeronautical Institute and retired from a career at Combustion Engineering. Mr. Fleming is survived by six children; one sister; 16 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia; one daughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Alexander J. Wizbicki
Alexander J. “Alex” Wizbicki, of Superior, Wisconsin, died on Dec. 3, 2018, at 97. Recruited by the College to play football, Mr. Wizbicki attended Holy Cross for one year before joining the U.S. Marine Corps and serving during World War II. He attained the rank of sergeant and received the Bronze Star for bravery. After his military service, he earned his degree in education from Holy Cross and Dartmouth. He went on to play professional football for four years, three years with the Buffalo Bills and one year with the Green Bay Packers. Following his retirement from football, he worked for Schenlen, Seaegam’s and then East Side Winery of Lodi, California, as Midwest sales manager; he later worked for Keyport Liquor in Superior until his retirement. He was a member of the Holy Cross Varsity Club. Mr. Wizbicki is survived by one daughter and her spouse; one granddaughter, one grandson and their spouses; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Mary; his parents; and four brothers.

1948
Capt. James W. Martin, USN (Ret.)
Capt. James W. Martin, USN (Ret.), of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, died on March 10, 2019, at 93. Mr. Martin graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in biology. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was ordered to the College under the V-12 program. He received his commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served on the USS San Francisco in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His career included tours as commanding officer of four ships, including two radar picket escorts, a destroyer and a replenishment oiler; his shore-duty tours included attendance at and on the staff of the U.S. Naval War College and the original staff of the U.S. Naval Destroyer School, both in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Alexandria, Virginia. Prior to assuming command of Destroyer Squadron TEN, he served as chief of staff of Anti-Submarine War Groups TWO and FOUR in Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Mr. Martin was the recipient of several decorations and medals, including Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, World War II Victory and National Defense. Following his retirement from the Navy, he taught Naval ROTC at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, Massachusetts, and ship-handling skills at Marine Safety International in Middletown, Rhode Island. He served the College as a class agent and supported Crusader Athletics; he was a member of President’s Council, Class Reunion Committee and the O’Callahan Society. Mr. Martin is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lois; six children and their spouses; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister.

1949
Philip H. Cahalin
Philip H. Cahalin, of Scituate, Massachusetts, died on March 26, 2019, at 91. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Cahalin received his J.D. from Boston College Law School. He was a corporal with the 140th Tank Battalion during the Korean War and was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star. He was a senior vice president at State Street Bank and a partner at Peabody and Arnold LLP. Mr. Cahalin was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and President’s Council. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Blanche; five sons, including Stephen R. Cahalin ’86; one daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; one brother; one sister-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by one daughter; and one sister.

Raymond F. Cavanaugh
Raymond F. “Ray” Cavanaugh, of Worcester and Boston, died on Feb. 20, 2019, at 92. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Cavanaugh earned his master’s degree in education at Fitchburg State College. He worked for 40 years in the city of Worcester as a public school teacher and principal, and he served the College as a part-time librarian for more than 30 years. He was a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester and member of the former Alumni Sodality of Our Lady at Holy Cross; he was the recipient of the regional Crusader of the Year Award in 1975. Mr. Cavanaugh is survived by four daughters, including Sheila C. Cavanaugh ’81 and Maureen T. Cavanaugh ’79; two sons; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; 12 grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers; several brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews, including James P. Horan ’81, and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen; one son; one daughter; one grandson; his parents; two brothers; four sisters; and his in-laws, Paul J. McMahon ’38 and Peter J. Rogers ’43.

Edward C. Driscoll
Edward C. “Ted” Driscoll, of Williamsville, New York, died on Feb. 8, 2019, at 90. At Holy Cross, Mr. Driscoll participated in intramural sports, Sanctuary Society, Sodality, WCHC radio station and the Yachting Club. He earned his M.Ed. from Canisius College and served as a U.S. Army Counter Intelligence officer. After his military service, he worked as an executive in the Social Security Administration, retiring as the Buffalo district manager. Mr. Driscoll is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rita; three children and their spouses; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son.

Robert W. Dunn
Robert W. Dunn, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, died on March 16, 2019, at 94. Mr. Dunn was a graduate of Holy Cross and Boston University; at the College, he participated in cross-country and track. He was a World War II veteran serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aerial engineer in the South Pacific. He served as a school principal in the town of Rockland, Massachusetts, for many years. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; three children and their families; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Gerard R. Martel
Gerard R. “Gerry” Martel, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 28, 2019, at 91. Mr. Martel put his studies at the College on hold to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II; he later returned to Holy Cross and graduated with a degree in business. He pursued a career as an entertainer and drummer in New York City before moving to Fitchburg and operating Fitchburg Music Store, which later became the New England Piano Exchange, for more than 50 years. A collector car owner, he also operated a custom auto body shop, SCAR CARS, as well as Gerry Martel Certified Appraisers; in addition, he wrote and produced more than 500 “Auto Biographies”
columns for the Fitchburg Sentinel. Mr. Martel supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nadine; one brother; one daughter and her partner; one son and his wife; one stepdaughter and her partner; one stepson and his wife; one grandson and his wife; one great-grandson; several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends; and his caregiver. He was predeceased by his parents; one sister; and one brother.

Capt. Raymond A. Pettigrew, USN (Ret.)


John A. Riordan, M.D.

John A. Riordan, M.D., of Worcester, died on Jan. 28, 2019, at 93. Dr. Riordan studied premed and graduated cum laude from Holy Cross; he earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. While at Holy Cross, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard ships in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, he returned to Holy Cross and graduated in 1949. He operated his private pediatric practice in Worcester for nearly 40 years; in retirement, he volunteered at local medical clinics. He was a longtime member of the former Alumni Sodality of Our Lady at Holy Cross, Holy Cross Alumni Association and Holy Cross Club of Worcester. Dr. Riordan is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rosemary; three daughters, including Anne R. Michelson ‘86, five sons and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and one sister and her husband. He was predeceased by three brothers.

1950

Robert C. Judge

Robert C. “Bob” Judge, of Connecticut, died on March 2, 2019, at 90. Mr. Judge graduated with honors from Holy Cross with a degree in business administration. He worked for HP Hood & Sons and later for John Sexton & Co., serving as regional sales manager, national sales manager and finally director of sales for the greater Northeast. Mr. Judge supported the football program at Holy Cross. He is survived by eight children and their spouses; and 20 grandchildren and their children. He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Lou; and his second wife, Helen. His alumni relatives include his brother, the late David W. Judge ’48; his in-law, the late John J. Ryan ’41; and niece Lt. Eileen M. Joy, JACG, USN, ’97.

Andrew Laska

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James B. Tormey Jr., M.D., of Connecticut, died on Feb. 26, 2019, at 91. Mr. Tormey majored in biology and graduated cum laude. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a dedicated physician at Mercy Medical Center, where he served as the director of the OB-GYN department for many years. Dr. Tormey supported the College as a member of President’s Council, Alumni Board Senate, Class Reunion Committee and Regional Clubs Association Committee; he also served as Alumni Board director and regional club.

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president. He is survived by his wife, Joan; six children, including Michael J. Tormey ’90 and James B. “Jim” Tormey III ’78, P’18, and their families; 14 grandchildren, including Kate Joan Tormey ’18; one brother; and one sister-in-law. He was predeceased by two brothers.

1951
Rev. Cornelius F. O’Leary
Rev. Cornelius F. O’Leary, of Worcester, died on Feb. 7, 2019, at 89. Fr. O’Leary received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Holy Cross. He then graduated from St. Mary’s Seminary and University of Baltimore; he was ordained into the priesthood in 1956. He worked in a number of parishes in Central Massachusetts, including St. Mary’s Church in Uxbridge, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Auburn and St. Martin’s Church in Otter River. Fr. O’Leary is survived by one brother and his wife; several nieces and nephews; and one cousin. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother; and one sister.

1952
Gregory H. Hammill
Gregory H. Hammill, of New York and Florida, died on Dec. 1, 2018. Mr. Hammill played basketball at Holy Cross and supported the College as an admissions advisor and class agent; he was a member of the Varsity Club, Alumni Board Senate and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He is survived by his wife, Catherine “Cathy”; and other family members, including his cousin, Jean M. Sweeney ’78.

John D. Hession
John D. Hession, of Thompson, Connecticut, died on Oct. 3, 2018, at 88. Mr. Hession taught at Putnam (Connecticut) High School for many years; he also served as the school’s recreation director and coached both the golf and basketball teams. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Constance; one son, one daughter and their spouses; one brother, two sisters and their spouses; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son; and one brother.

Ralph I. Lancaster Jr.
Ralph I. Lancaster Jr., of Falmouth, Maine, died on Jan. 22, 2019, at 88. At Holy Cross, Mr. Lancaster majored in English and history; he graduated cum laude. He worked for the law firm (now called) Pierce Atwood for over 55 years. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Lancaster is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Lou; three daughters, including Mary B. Miller ’78; three sons and their families; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his roommate, Joseph A. Califano Jr. ’52.

Albert Moniz, M.D.
Albert Moniz, M.D., of Fairfax, Virginia, died on Jan. 15, 2019, at 91. Dr. Moniz served in the U.S. Navy as a corpsman, 3rd Class. He studied premed and graduated cum laude from Holy Cross; he also graduated cum laude from Georgetown University School of Medicine. A pediatrician, Dr. Moniz practiced medicine at his private practice at the Falls Church Medical Center for 42 years. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sarah Elizabeth “Betsy”; one sister; five children and their spouses; eight grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other family members. He was predeceased by one son.

Bertram U. Mount Jr.
Bertram U. “Bert” Mount Jr., of Bingham Farms, Michigan, died on Dec. 31, 2018, at 87. Mr. Mount majored in English at Holy Cross. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and worked for the Burroughs Corporation for many years. A class chair for 15 years and class agent for 28, he also served the College as an admissions advisor, class agent and reunion class chair; he was a member of the career advisor network and a supporter of College Athletics. Mr. Mount is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joan; three children; two sons-in-law; 10 grandchildren; one sister; one brother-in-law; and one sister-in-law. He was predeceased by one son; two brothers-in-law; and one sister-in-law.

1953
Rev. Eugene L. Alves
Rev. Eugene L. “Fr. Gene” Alves, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 8, 2019, at 87. Fr. Alves studied education at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He then received his Master of Arts degree from Boston College Graduate School. After a two-year duty in the U.S. Army, he entered St. John’s Seminary and was ordained into the priesthood in 1961. He served in parishes in Woburn and Medford, Massachusetts, then became a Newman Chaplain, serving UMass Boston and Suffolk University. Fr. Alves was later appointed administrator of Our Lady of Good Voyage Church in Gloucester, where he served for 40 years. He is survived by one sister; two nephews, one niece and their spouses; and several great-nieces; great-nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents; one sister and her husband; and one great-nephew.

John J. Bain Jr.
John J. “Jack” Bain Jr., of Cumberland, Rhode Island, died on March 11, 2019, at 87. Mr. Bain graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in economics; he was involved with WCHC radio station. He then served two years in the U.S. Army. He worked in the men’s and lady’s fine garment industry for 70 years. Mr. Bain supported the College as a member of the career advisor network and Reunion Gift Committee. He is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years, Ann; five children; 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one brother; and one sister.

Ralph F. Clement
Ralph F. Clement, of Kennebunkport, Maine, died on Feb. 25, 2019, at 87. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Clement participated in the Cross & Crucible, German Club, History Society and Outing Club. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and continued his service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, from which he retired as a major. He had a long career in sales, traveling throughout Eastern Europe and New England. Mr. Clement is survived by his wife of nearly 33 years, Cynthia; seven children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; two granddaughters-in-law; and two great-grandchildren.

Bernard A. Drabeck
Bernard A. “Ben” Drabeck, of Shutesbury, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 21, 2019. Mr. Drabeck participated in the Glee Club at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst; he completed post-doctoral work at the University of Cincinnati and Dartmouth College. An author or co-author of five books, he worked at Greenfield (Massachusetts) Community College, where he helped lay the foundation of the English, music, art and theater departments. Mr. Drabeck is survived by one brother; one sister; and one nephew, his wife and their children and families.
IN MEMORIAM

1954
Edward D. Bjorn

Edward D. Bjorn, of Severna Park, Maryland, died on Jan. 2, 2019. Mr. Bjorn majored in economics at Holy Cross. A veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars, where he earned many medals, Mr. Bjorn retired from the military after 24 years of service. He went on to a long career in private industry, culminating as president of SCCI. Mr. Bjorn is survived by one daughter, Janine J. Bjorn ’81; one son and his spouse; three granddaughters. He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce.

John R. Breen

John R. “Jack” Breen, of Queensbury, New York, died on Jan. 2, 2019, at 87. Mr. Breen majored in political science at Holy Cross. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in post-war Germany as a private first class. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Frances “Frankie”; three sons and their spouses; three granddaughters; one grandson; one brother; and many nieces and nephews.

Robert J. Hoffman

Robert J. Hoffman, of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, died on Feb. 1, 2006. Mr. Hoffman participated in ROTC as a student and was later affiliated with Naval ROTC.

B. Kirk Walsh

B. Kirk Walsh, of Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Maryland, died on Feb. 25, 2019, at 88. Mr. Walsh served in the U.S. 3rd Armored Division with the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. After working at General Motors and for two brokerage firms, he entered Shadowbrook Jesuit Seminary; he later received his Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Boston College. Following his ordination, he served in Salvador Bahia, Brazil, at Tufts University and at Gonzaga College High School. Mr. Walsh later worked as a special assistant to the HUD secretary and was instrumental in the implementation of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. He then became an assistant to the president of Regis College, Denver. He was appointed to the Colorado State Housing Finance Agency, where he continued his work to provide fair and affordable housing; he also established the National Assistance Corporation. Mr. Walsh supported the College as a class agent, and he was a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Hon. Beverly B. Byron; her three children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Clune J. Walsh Jr. ’52; one sister; and many nieces and nephews, including Michael S. Berns ’71.

1955
Robert G. Galli

Robert G. “Bob” Galli, of West Palm Beach, Florida, died on Sept. 13, 2018, at 85. Mr. Galli studied physics at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he also participated in ROTC. He worked as general counsel to the Oppenheimer Mutual Funds for many years; he also served as director of various boards for the company. He supported the College as a class agent, and he was a member of the O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Galli is survived by his wife, Gail; one son and his wife; two grandchildren; two brothers and their wives; and one stepson.

Joseph A. Pardo

Joseph A. Pardo, of Middleburg, Virginia, died on Dec. 29, 2018, at 85. Mr. Pardo studied political science and prelaw at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet. He supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society, Holy Cross Lawyers Association and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. His brother was the late Stanley T. Pardo ’57.

1956
William J. Frates, M.D.

William J. Frates, M.D., of Hingham, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 18, 2019, at 84. Dr. Frates studied mathematics and premed at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He then received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Dr. Frates worked for many years at the former Quincy City Hospital, where he began his career as a staff radiologist and later became chair of the Department of Radiology. He supported the College as an admissions advisor and class agent. He is survived by two daughters, including Cheryl.

Frederick R. Hurley

Frederick R. “Fred” Hurley, of Manlius, New York, died on March 30, 2019, at 86. Mr. Hurley is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia; four children and their spouses; six grandchildren; one sister; and two sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by his infant son; his parents; and two brothers.

Joseph A. Reisch

Joseph A. “Joe” Reisch, of Burr Ridge, Illinois, died on Dec. 22, 2018, at 85. An accounting major at Holy Cross, Mr. Reisch participated in cross-country and track. After graduating, he ran his own business. Mr. Reisch is survived by his wife, Shirley; two children and their spouses; three brothers; one sister-in-law; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one daughter; and one sister.

Robert L. Ritter

Robert L. Ritter, of Southampton, New York, died on Oct. 28, 2018. Mr. Ritter majored in marketing at Holy Cross. He was predeceased by his wife, Ann.

Joseph P. Walsh Jr.

Joseph P. “Joe” Walsh Jr., of Land O’Lakes, Florida, died on Jan. 17, 2019, at 83. Mr. Walsh majored in mathematics and participated in ROTC; he served three years of active duty in the U.S. Navy. An educator and coach, he taught high school and middle school math in Lynbrook, New York, for 35 years. Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife of 56 years, Pat; one brother and his wife; five children and their spouses; and 12 grandchildren.
A. Maxim ’85, and their husbands; two sons; four grandchildren; and one brother. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara; his mother; his father, Joseph H. Frates, class of 1922; two sisters; and three brothers, including Thomas M. Frates ’52.

Carlin F. Lynch

Carlin F. Lynch, of Westport, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 14, 2019, at 84. At Holy Cross, Mr. Lynch majored in English and played baseball and football. After graduation, he was a high school teacher and coach. He later earned a master’s degree in counseling from Assumption College and pursued a career as a guidance counselor, athletics director and administrator. Mr. Lynch supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society and Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Frances; five children and their spouses; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son.

Leo A. Paquette

Leo A. Paquette, of Columbus, Ohio, died on Jan. 21, 2019, at 84. A cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Mr. Paquette earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor emeritus of organic chemistry at The Ohio State University, he was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a visiting professor at institutions across the United States and Europe. An accomplished author and recipient of many prestigious awards and fellowships, he served as an adviser for committees of the National Institute of Health and the National Science Foundation, and had been a member of the editorial board of numerous publications. His prolific career resulted in remarkable contributions to numerous areas in the broad field of organic chemistry. He received an honorary degree from the College in 1984. Mr. Paquette is survived by his wife of 61 years, Estelle; five children and their spouses; 13 grandchildren and their spouses; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and their families; one sister; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Frank J. Hartnett Sr.

Frank J. “Frank” Hartnett Sr., of Pepperrill, Massachusetts, died on March 31, 2019, at 83. Mr. Hartnett graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in marketing. He had a long career in journalism, newspaper publishing and politics. He established Nashoba Publications Inc., which managed seven weekly newspapers: the Pepperell Free Press, Ayer Public Spirit, Townsend Times, Groton Landmark, Harvard Villager, Shirley Oracle and Fort Devens Dispatch; he later sold it to Media News Group. Mr. Hartnett is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gertrude; one daughter and her former husband; one son and his wife; one daughter-in-law; one sister-in-law; two nephews; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his parents; one son; two brothers; and one niece.

Carrol A. Muccia Jr.

Carrol A. Muccia Jr., of Hobe Sound, Florida, died on March 19, 2019. Mr. Muccia studied economics at Holy Cross and made the dean’s list; he was also a CCD teacher. He then graduated from the Wharton School of Business and was a partner at First Manhattan Co. for more than 40 years. Mr. Muccia supported the College as a class agent and member of the Board of Advisors and President’s Council. He is survived by his wife, Diane; four children and their spouses; and 16 grandchildren, including Lily B. Droesch ’21. He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret.

Edward J. Harrison III

Edward J. “Ed” Harrison III, of Highland Park, Illinois, died on Feb. 18, 2019, at 82. Mr. Harrison studied premed at Holy Cross. He also attended Columbia Law School. He served in the U.S. Marines and as a special agent for the FBI. He later worked as an attorney and in other capacities for Merrill Lynch in New York and Canada; Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood in Minneapolis; and several financial institutions in Texas and California. Mr. Harrison is survived by one sister and her family; one daughter and her partner; one son and his wife; two grandchildren; and his former wife, Jennifer Lund Shaw.

Peter M. Horan, M.D.

Peter M. Horan, M.D., of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 25, 2019. Dr. Horan majored in biology at Holy Cross; he later supported the College as a member of the Varsity Club. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Horan is survived by one sister; five children and their spouses; 22 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and cousin John G. Horan ’68. He was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn Ann; one son; four brothers; and two sisters.
IN MEMORIAM

1961
Donald J. O’Meara

Donald J. "Don" O’Meara, of Northfield, Illinois, died on March 22, 2019, at 79. Mr. O’Meara earned his degree in economics from Holy Cross. He then graduated from Boston College Law School; he worked at the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson for 38 years, during which time he served as chairman of the firm. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. O’Meara is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maureen; four children and their spouses; and 10 grandchildren, including Erin K. O’Meara ’19.

1962
Peter J. Lupario

Peter J. Lupario, of North Havenhill, New Hampshire, died on March 2, 2019, at 79. Mr. Lupario studied modern languages, philosophy and Italian at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he participated in the Cross & Scroll Society. He received a master’s degree from Saint Louis University and pursued a doctorate at Fordham University and the New School. He taught philosophy and logic in Tennessee and at Sacred Heart University; after many years of teaching, he worked in Manhattan on Wall Street. He served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Lupario is survived by his wife, Johanne; three children and their spouses; and six grandchildren.

1963
T. Kevin O’Brien, M.D.

T. Kevin O’Brien, M.D., of San Rafael, California, died on Jan. 17, 2019. At Holy Cross, Dr. O’Brien studied premed and played lacrosse. He earned his medical degree at St. Louis University School of Medicine and continued his medical education at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He began his career as a physician in the U.S. Air Force assigned to Travis Air Force Base, during which time he worked as a locum tenens in Northern California. He later became a gastroenterologist in San Francisco and Sonoma counties; he completed the last 10 years of his career at Kaiser Permanente, San Rafael. Dr. O’Brien is survived by his wife of 20 years, Patricia "Pat"; one daughter; two granddaughters; one brother; nieces and a nephew; and several cousins.

1963
John R. Walsh, M.D.

John R. "Jack" Walsh, M.D., of Alamo, California, died on Jan. 15, 2019. Dr. Walsh studied premed and made the dean’s list at Holy Cross; he earned his medical degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years. Upon his discharge, he went to work for The Permanente Medical Group in Hayward and Fremont; he was a pediatrician for over 30 years. Dr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Sue; four sons; three sons’ spouses; one son’s partner; six grandchildren; two sisters; one brother; and many nieces and nephews, including Abigail N. Benjamin ’18. He was predeceased by one sister.

1965
Kenneth J. Kubat

Kenneth J. "Ken" Kubat, of Marco Island, Florida, died on Feb. 27, 2019, at 74. Mr. Kubat earned his degree in French from Holy Cross; he also graduated from St. John University. He spent a year teaching in Jamaica B.W.I. as a lay missionary and worked as a teacher and actuary until retirement. Mr. Kubat is survived by his wife, Susan; one sister; nine nieces and nephews; and 14 grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother; and one niece.

1966
Joseph M. Santaniello

Joseph M. Santaniello, of North Hollywood, California, died on Feb. 23, 2019, at 75. An English major at Holy Cross, Mr. Santaniello was the recipient of the Purple Purse Award (short story) and graduated cum laude. He attended Harvard Law School and was an attorney for more than 40 years, first in New York City at Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine and American Home Products, and later in Burbank, California, at the Walt Disney Company. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Santaniello is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jane Colton; four children; and five grandchildren.

1966
Roger Foraste

Roger Foraste, of Plymouth and Pocasset, formerly of Hingham, Massachusetts, died on March 28, 2019. Mr. Foraste graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in sociology. He then served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He worked at Xerox for 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Katherine; two daughters, one son and their spouses; nine grandchildren; two brothers, John Foraste ’67 and Paul F. Foraste, M.D., ’62; and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother, Roland Foraste, M.D., ’60; and one granddaughter.

1967
Robert F. Cahill

Robert F. “Bob” Cahill, of Palm Coast, Florida, died on Feb. 14, 2019, at 74. Mr. Cahill graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in economics/accounting. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant. He then earned his master’s degree in logistics engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and held senior positions in several Fortune 500 companies. As a student, Mr. Cahill participated in intramural sports, and he later supported the College as an admissions advisor. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Priscilla; two sons and their spouses; two grandchildren; two brothers, including Richard W. Cahill ’74, and their spouses; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his brother, James J. Cahill ’72.

Brian T. Kavanaugh

Brian T. Kavanaugh, of Eastham, Massachusetts, died on Dec. 15, 2018, at 74. At Holy Cross, Mr. Kavanaugh majored in psychology and played football. He played for the Green Bay Packers as a lineman, before he was called up by the U.S. Army National Guard for basic training. He earned a master’s degree in psychology from Assumption College and served for 50 years in the Massachusetts judiciary, as a senior probation officer at Orleans District Court. He supported Holy Cross as a member of the Varsity Club and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Kavanaugh is survived by his wife of over 51 years, Susan “Susie”; one son, one daughter and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and one sister and her husband. He was predeceased by one son.

1968
David P. Bobzien

David P. Bobzien, of Reston, Virginia, died on Dec. 30, 2018, at 72. At Holy Cross, Mr. Bobzien studied political science and participated in ROTC, College Choir, Glee Club, Paks a cappella group and WCHC radio station. A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, he also received an LLM in taxation from the George Washington University School of Law. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps for four years. He was an associate with the Fairfax firm of Fitzgerald and Smith before serving as assistant counsel in the Office of Professional Responsibility of the U.S. Department of Justice; he was
Daniel J. Desmond

Daniel J. “Dan” Desmond, of Falmouth and Portland, Maine, died on Feb. 10, 2019, at 73. Mr. Desmond graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in history. He then attended Officer’s Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge from the Naval Reserve, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Maine Law School; he practiced law for more than 40 years. Mr. Desmond was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association, Alumni Board Senate and Parents for the Class of 2005. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Cheryl; two sons, including James S. Desmond, D.V.M., ’93, and their wives; four grandchildren; one granddaughter’s father; one sister and her husband; and many nieces, nephews and extended family, including cousin Thomas C. Vhay ’86. He was predeceased by his parents; one sister; and one daughter, Elizabeth Desmond McKee ’05.

Robert T. Griffin

Robert T. “Bob” Griffin, of Stuart, Florida, and East Hampton, New York, died on Jan. 11, 2019, at 71. At Holy Cross, Mr. Griffin studied economics and participated in intramural sports. He served two years in the U.S. Army before working for Aetna for 14 years. This was followed by 28 years with Paine Webber and UBS as a vice president. Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife, Eileen Morris; one son and his wife; one granddaughter; five stepchildren; four step-grandchildren; one brother; and his former wife and mother of his son, Vicki. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

Frank C. DeMasi

Frank C. DeMasi, of Scotia, New York, died on Jan. 21, 2019, at 70. At Holy Cross, Mr. DeMasi studied economics and was involved in the Purple Patcher and student newspaper. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for several years and worked for the U.S. Post Office for 28 years. A sales associate at CVS Pharmacy, he coached track and cross-country at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School and Duanesburg Central School District. He supported the College as a class agent. Mr. DeMasi is survived by his wife of 31 years, Karen M. Adams; one sister and her spouse; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Edward F. McGilvery Jr.

Edward F. “Ted” McGilvery Jr., of Milton and East Sandwich, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 23, 2019. At Holy Cross, Mr. McGilvery majored in political science and played football; he was the recipient of the Davitt Award. He later supported the College as a member of the Varsity Club. He made his career in the commercial flooring business and founded Independent Flooring. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane; four children and their families; two grandchildren; one sister and her husband; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Joseph P. Gordon Jr.

Joseph P. “Joe” Gordon Jr., of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on Jan. 16, 2019, at 71. Mr. Gordon majored in political science and played lacrosse at Holy Cross; he earned his Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School. He began his legal career as an assistant attorney general for the commonwealth of Massachusetts before joining the New Orleans law firm of Adams & Reese LLP, where he served as a litigation partner for 29 years. The recipient of several distinguished awards during his career, Mr. Gordon served as an adjunct law professor at Harvard and Tulane for many years; he was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Gordon is survived by his partner, Micheal “Mike” Darson, M.D.; six siblings and their families; and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother, William F. Bobzien III ’65.

1970

Timothy F. Burke Jr.

Timothy F. “Tim” Burke Jr., of Pittsburgh, died on March 8, 2019, at 70. Mr. Burke studied classics at Holy Cross, participated in ROTC and WCHC radio station and served as a captain at Kimball Dining Hall; later, he was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He earned his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. After serving in the U.S. Air Force JAG, he joined the IRS as an estate tax attorney. He later joined the law firm of Berkman, Ruslander, Pohl, Lieber and Engel, concentrating his practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration and related areas. He then spent the bulk of his career as a member of Tener, Van Kirk, Wolf and Moore, an estate boutique firm, which merged with Eckert Seamans. Mr. Burke also served 19 years as an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda; two children and their spouses; five grandchildren; five siblings and their spouses, including Dominic J. Keating ’70; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

1971

Paul H. Dunphy

Paul H. Dunphy, of Haydenville, Massachusetts, died July 29, 2018, at 69. At Holy Cross, Mr. Dunphy majored in history and participated in crew; he later supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. Mr. Dunphy began his journalism career with the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Over the years, his writing appeared in a number of publications, including The Boston Globe, The New York Times, New England Monthly and WoodenBoat; for many years he was senior contributing editor at Harrowsmith Country Life. A public servant in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, Mr. Dunphy also served as a senior policy advisor for the Boston-based advocacy group Citizens for Public Schools. He served as the town administrator of Chesterfield, Massachusetts, and later joined the staff of State Rep. Steve Kulik, as director of constituent services. Mr. Dunphy is survived by his wife, Martha Phinney; two children; one sister; six sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers. His alumni relatives include his father, the late Hon. Edwin P. Dunphy ’32; and two uncles, the late J. Englebrit Dunphy, M.D., ’29 and the late Donal L. Dunphy, M.D., ’39.

William D. O’Brien

William D. “Bill” O’Brien, of Bennington, Vermont, died on March 9, 2019. Mr. O’Brien studied history at Holy Cross and participated in soccer. He later received his MBA from SUNY Albany. He managed food service operations in Bennington and Holyoke and managed a flooring business in Bennington.
Springfield, Massachusetts. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. O’Brien was a member of the Holy Cross Varsity Club and Class Reunion Committee. He is survived by two brothers, including James FX. “Jim” O’Brien ’74, one sister and their spouses; and nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; and one sister.

1973
Peter J. Delaney
Peter J. Delaney, of Quincy, formerly of Raynham and Norwell, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 23, 2019, at 68. Mr. Delaney studied psychology at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for five years during the Vietnam era as a surface warfare officer and navigator aboard the destroyer USS Bigelow (DD 942). He was an attorney and worked his entire career in the telecommunications industry at such organizations as FTG Technologies, Netversant New England, JCI Communications and MIT. He supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Air Force ROTC. Mr. Delaney is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda; one daughter, two sons and their spouses; six grandchildren; one brother, two sisters and their spouses; and many nieces and nephews.

James A. Casey Jr.
James A. “Jim” Casey Jr., of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, died on March 10, 2019, at 58. Mr. Casey studied chemistry at Holy Cross and participated in tennis. He then earned his MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Persian Gulf War and retired as a major. He was employed as the assistant safety director at PRAXAIR, Inc. for 26 years. Mr. Casey supported the College as an admissions advisor. He was a member of the career advisor network, Varsity Club and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Air Force ROTC. Mr. Casey is survived by his wife of 37 years, Meredith “Merry”; his parents; two sons; one daughter-in-law; one grandson; two brothers, including Kevin C. Casey ’84; one sister; one sister-in-law; and nieces, including Kelly Casey Bluth ‘09, and nephews.

1981
Barbara Talmadge Sieber
Barbara “Barb” Talmadge Sieber, of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on Jan. 8, 2019, at 59. At Holy Cross, Mrs. Sieber majored in sociology; she later supported the College as a class agent, class chair and member of President’s Council and the Reunion Gift Committee. She worked at WTIC radio as an account executive before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker. Mrs. Sieber is survived by her husband of 32 years, Glenn; her mother; three children and their families; and several siblings and their families, including her brother Richard F. Talmadge ’74 and his wife, Paula C. Talmadge ’75.

1978
Michael T. Bologna
Michael T. Bologna, of Fairfield, Connecticut, died on March 31, 2019, at 62. Mr. Bologna studied English at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he received the Frank Comerford Medal (public speaking). He then graduated cum laude from the University of Connecticut Law School. His legal career spanned 37 years; he later taught at The Bridge Academy. Mr. Bologna supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association, Alumni Board Senate and the Alumni Executive and Regional Clubs Association committees; he also served as Alumni Board director and Regional Club president. He is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Alice Ann; his mother; two daughters; one son; two sons-in-law; one brother; one sister; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, including Virginia M. Widmann ’85 and Lisa N. Clement, M.D., ’04. His alumni relatives also include his sister-in-law, Eileen M. Fickes ’79; and his father-in-law, the late William J. Fitzpatrick Jr. ’48.

1986
Terence A. Dolan
Terence A. Dolan, of Wilmington, Delaware, died on Jan. 15, 2019, at 54. Mr. Dolan majored in political science at Holy Cross. He was recently recognized for 25 years of service with MBNA America, now Bank of America, where he worked in the department of support services. He is survived by his mother; one brother and his wife; one sister and her husband; and four nieces, one nephew and their families. He was predeceased by his father.

1990
David B. Lebudzinski, M.D.
David B. Lebudzinski, M.D., of Walpole, formerly of Webster, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 18, 2019, at 51. Dr. Lebudzinski studied physics at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude; he was the recipient of the Nugent Gold Medal (physics) and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts). He received his medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, and specialized in internal medicine and radiology. His vocations in the medical field included Medicine Walks, several years serving as a private physician consultant and, most recently, as chief medical officer.
IN MEMORIAM

1993

Lance M. Brady

Lance M. “Duke” Brady, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 5, 2019, at 48. At Holy Cross, Mr. Brady majored in economics and graduated cum laude. He was an All-Star member and captain of the hockey team and also participated in the Ballroom Dance Club. Mr. Brady devoted most of his life to playing and coaching hockey, most recently serving as director of hockey operations for Merrimack College. Prior to that, he coached hockey at Assumption College for 10 years, and his other hockey coaching roles included associate head coach at Becker College, assistant coach at Marlboro High School and assistant coach for the ECHL Birmingham Bulls. He was a network administrator and account executive for the Worcester Ice Cats and also worked for a number of technology companies, including Microsoft and Nuance. Mr. Brady played ice hockey and roller hockey for numerous teams, including the Birmingham Bulls, Worcester Ice Cats and USA Hockey In-Line National Team, among many others. He supported the College as a member of the Varsity Club and career advisor network. Mr. Brady is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his parents; his brother and his wife and their four children; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

1998

Matthew C. McIntyre

Matthew C. McIntyre, of Decatur, Georgia, died on Jan. 14, 2014, at 38. Mr. McIntyre studied English at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He participated in cross-country and track. His alumni relatives include his father, Thomas C. McIntyre ’64.

2003

John J. Collins

John J. Collins, of Naples, Florida, died on Nov. 1, 2018, at 38. Mr. Collins graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in history.

FRIENDS

Albert Atkocius, father of Al Atkocius of ITS; Catherine Black, mother of Philip A. Black ’82 and Stephen P. Black ’83; Elizabeth Brosnihan, mother of Karen Brosnihan of human resources; Thomas Burke, son of Mary Beth (Hearn) Burke ’84 and brother of Elizabeth Burke ’81; James W. Chandless ’54, Thomas Sylvester Chieffo, brother of Virginia Raguin of visual arts; John Patrick Collins, former director of the teacher certification program; Rev. Charles B. Connolly, S.J., formerly of residence life & housing; Joseph E. Cooney 69; Francis X. Cotter 61; Charles Curley Jr., husband of Paula (Scollins) Curley ’89; Helen DeVries, formerly of the English department; John Dorenkamp III, son of the late John Dorenkamp and stepson of Helen Whall, both of the English department; Rev. John P. Fitzpatrick 56; Maureen Flaherty, mother of Francis Flaherty Jr. ’86 and Peter Flaherty ’87, mother-in-law of Leslie (Reilly) Flaherty ’90 and grandmother of Maggie Flaherty ’28, Bridget Flaherty ’21 and Peter Flaherty III ’21; Judith Foley, wife of John Foley ’60; Joseph Grasserche, son of Denise Grasserche of facilities/environmental services, nephew of Lori Blackwell of the President’s Office and Terry Blackwell, formerly of Kimball Dining and cousin of Taylor Blackwell ’12 and Rebecca Blackwell ’16 of College Marketing and Communications; Stephen A. Grasseschi, father of Lori Blackwell of the President’s Office, grandfather of Taylor Blackwell ’12 and Rebecca Blackwell ’16 of Marketing and Communications and father-in-law of Terry Blackwell, formerly of Kimball Dining; Thomas R. Hallen 58; Rev. Rudolph Leveille 53; John L’Heureux 56; Delfa Magri, mother of Julie Magri, M.D., ’85; F. Ethel McMahon, wife of the late Paul J. McMahon ’38, mother of Ann McMahon Jenkins ’75 and Paul M. McMahon ’76 and mother-in-law of John R. Jenkins Jr. ’75 and Kevin J. Deedy ’74; Jean T. Moynihan, wife of the late Arthur T. Moynihan ’53, mother of Margaret M. McManus ’84, John F. Moynihan ’83, Michael J. Moynihan ’82 and Timothy A. Moynihan ’80 and grandmother of Caitlin M. Mayo ’05 and Conor A. Moynihan ’13; James W. Nawn, father of James W. Nawn Jr. ’87, P’16 and grandfather of James W. Nawn III ’16; Robert E. O’Connell Jr. ’57; Rev. Innocent Onyewuenyi, formerly of the philosophy department; Sandy O’Shea, wife of William J. O’Shea ’57; Anne Reardon, wife of the late James G. Reardon ’50 and sister of Paul McMaster ’54; Joseph Rivard, father of Kristen Rivard ’95; Bishop George E. Rueger 53 Hon. ’91; Vito J. Sarli 51; Rose-Marie Scott, wife of the late John Scott Jr. of Athletics and mother of John P. Scott III ’78, James P. Scott ’80 and Rosemary T. Scott ’86.
Continuing Fr. Brooks’ Legacy, One Signature at a Time  By Melissa Shaw

It was November 2008 and Rodney De Leaver ’74 had an epiphany while sitting in the Hogan Ballroom.

On campus to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Black Student Union, he was watching a “fireside chat” between the late president emeritus Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J. ’49 and writer Diane Brady, who had written a Businessweek article about Brooks’ 1968 drive to recruit students of color and begin diversifying the nearly all-white college.

“It was a great, energy-filled room,” De Leaver remembers. “I’d spoken to everyone in that room at some point between my graduation in ’74 and that evening. We all have a common thread being John E. Brooks and the College. I looked around and saw all of these people I had gone to school with and had met subsequently as an alum, and I thought to myself, ‘Wouldn’t it be great if we could capture the presence in this room?’”

Brady turned her article into a 2012 book, “Fraternity,” and returned to campus after its publication to discuss the novel with Fr. Brooks and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71, one of the men recruited by Fr. Brooks and profiled in Brady’s book.

Once again, De Leaver felt that familiar tug to do something to capture the magic in the room, but this time he had a concrete idea: ‘I’ll have everybody sign a copy of the book — every chance I get.’

Now seven years later, De Leaver has been doing just that ever since, creating a physical representation of the College’s efforts and commitment to diversity.

Since that spark, De Leaver has had hundreds of students and alumni of color, as well as administrators, deans, faculty, staff and others, sign “Fraternity” as well as “Thy Honored Name,” the College’s official history written by the late Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., professor of history and unofficial College historian. Signatures are organized by class year and include past College presidents, such as Fr. Brooks, many of those profiled in “Fraternity,” and founders and early members of the Black Student Union.

De Leaver has also compiled a necrology in the back of the books, containing the names of alumni of color who have died without getting a chance to sign their name.

“I was introduced to Fr. Brooks in 1969, so my time at Holy Cross has always been tied to him,” De Leaver notes. “With Father’s passing, it dawned on me that I would then be asking alums to sign the book who had not had the opportunity to have met him, but who will have received the benefits of his work by being...
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Thanks to his tabbed organization system, De Leaver says he won’t run out of room and will continue to gather signatures every chance he gets. He adds one important note with a laugh: “I learned over time I should ask for a legible signature.”

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Joanne “Jo” Chouinard-Luth, D.M.D., may not be supervising day-to-day work on her namesake recreation and wellness center, but her vision and mission are influencing the next era of health and wellness on campus. Read the story on Page 30.