THE KING OF CHRISTMAS
KEEPS THE HOLIDAYS IN CHECK

How Hallmark visionary Bill Abbott ’84 has led the company — and his Christmas juggernaut — to new heights.
The chrysanthemums of fall have replaced summer blooms across campus and leaves on many of our trees are beginning to turn to shades of red and orange. Our students are back and, in true Holy Cross fashion, have wasted no time immersing themselves in their studies, their pursuit of success on the field, their passion for the arts, and their commitment to impacting our community through service and activism. Special welcoming events for international students and first-generation students also brightened the first month of the new academic year.

In September, a group of Holy Cross students joined young people around the world in participating in the Global Climate Strike, a youth-led movement calling for accountability and action in response to climate change. Our students, supported by faculty and staff, held a rally on the steps of Dinand Library, then marched to Worcester City Hall to join other area students and supporters. I was able to join them on campus and was inspired by their commitment and passion for caring for others and our world. Pope Francis and Rev. Arturo Sosa,
vanell brock S.J., superior general of the Society of Jesus, have both emphasized that care for our common home has to be a priority for the Catholic Church, the Jesuits and all of us who work together. We must safeguard the earth and its beauty for the survival of future generations and human flourishing, and our students are modeling for us how to become engaged.

This leadership and engagement in social justice issues are part of our Holy Cross legacy. Over the College’s 176-year history, our students have been active participants in the important issues and movements of the day. Our institution was founded on the Ignatian commitment to putting faith into action to respect and care for all God’s people. As a reminder of those ideals, in early August we dedicated a statue of St. Peter Faber, adjacent to the Hogan Campus Center. Peter Faber is the first of three statues commemorating the early founders of the Jesuits, including Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier. The other two statues, now being cast, will be placed in the spring. When assembled, they will be seen walking together and talking to each other on their way. These three roommates at the University of Paris in the 1530s came from different ethnic, socio-economic and political backgrounds. In time, they overcame their differences, shared their deepest desires, struggles and commitments, and together formed the nucleus of the emergent Society of Jesus. Their presence on our campus serves as a reminder for our campus community of the importance of engaging in open, thoughtful dialogue about complex and critical questions. The statues of these three roommates stand in testament to the power of their conversations to change the world.

Our students, including 830 first-year students hailing from 36 states and seven countries, returned after their summer break to a changing landscape on Mount St. James. Construction on the Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, or as we are already affectionately calling it, “the Jo,” has made great progress. In September, we blessed the final beam for the structure and raised it into place. This state-of-the-art facility, scheduled to open in fall 2020, will provide a much-needed modern home for recreation and wellness for all students, faculty and staff. In mid-July, we also began construction on the performing arts center, which will become a focal point on campus and the hub of Holy Cross’ creative community. The impact of this ambitious project is already being felt on campus – quite literally – as the demolition of the rock ledge on the site is accomplished by daily blasting.

This promises to be an academic year filled with important questions, conversations, pursuits and accomplishments. I am looking forward to sharing it with all of you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.
President
Workers look on in mid-September as the final beam is put in place for the Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center, slated to open in 2020.
Bill Abbott ’84 and Santa Claus (aka, HCM Art Director Stephen Albano) face off in the Levis Browsing Room in Dinand Library. Don’t worry: The plaques featuring the names of Fenwick Scholars are still mounted over the fireplace (we Photoshopped them out).

Photo by Michael Quiet
Inspiring Service

We are delighted to add our thanks and congratulations to Mike Toner ’63, who was recently awarded one of the alumni association’s In Hoc Signo awards (“Alumni Recognized for Extraordinary Service,” Summer 2019, Page 64). The citation mentions Mike’s many extraordinary contributions to the class of ’63.

We’d like to add mention of his devotion to promoting Holy Cross – and Holy Cross swimming and diving, in particular. Mike has brought his infectious enthusiasm to organizing alumni for several iconic swims – around Manhattan (a relay), across the English Channel (a relay), across the Catalina Channel (a relay) and across the Straits of Gibraltar to name a few. In the case of the Manhattan Island relay, the swim paid tribute to those Holy Cross alumni who were killed in the Sept. 11 attacks. We find Mike’s dedication to drawing people together and his passion for Holy Cross inspiring.

Frank Bongiorno ’65
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Len Conti ’60
Sandia Park, New Mexico

Michele Intermont ’89
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Chris O’Connell ’67
Long Beach, California

Bob Somma ’66
Newbury, Massachusetts

The Storyteller

It was with great delight that I read the article about my classmate, housemate and friend Bart Sher (“Theater in a Contentious Age,” Summer 2019, Page 46). I feel privileged to have been a witness to his budding genius when we were classmates. His artistic creativity was matched only by his passion for social justice. It is no wonder to hear that he is “mounting works that challenge perceptions, subvert expectations and tackle prejudices.” The times in which we live are in dire need of a storyteller who can comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. I can think of no better navigator than Bart for this world that is “complicated and messy and full of weird contradictions.”

Kudos!

Patrick Tam ’81
Emmonak, Alaska

Schooled to be Part of the World

I was initiated into the world by Holy Cross and simultaneously commissioned an officer in the United States Marine Corps on June 12, 1963. This day was perhaps of more significance than I or any of my compatriots could have ever fully realized. We had spent a thousand days and nights together being schooled in a 360-year-old system of learning and reveling in a profound sense of fellowship. We were prepared to approach the world with a confidence and commitment that can hardly be fathomed today.

There were 420 of us on that stage and, like many Holy Cross classes, we grew to be leaders of the communities in which we served: academics, government, business, medicine, the arts, sports and the armed forces. One-hundred-forty served in the military; many of us saw action in Vietnam. Among other notable accomplishments, we had a U.S. poet laureate, a decades-long cartoonist for The New Yorker and an innovative clothier who was lionized in TV’s “Seinfeld.” The laundry list of who and what we were and what we became is truly amazing. But, to my mind, it is not so amazing when we consider how we were thrown together and what we gained by the experience of four years at Holy Cross.

The Society of Jesus was officially formed in 1540. The order developed its system of education, the Ratio Studiorum, in 1599. It was last revised in 1832 and remained largely unchanged in the system that molded us in the early 1960s. The Jesuits were commissioned as the Church’s “Delta Force” to combat the Protestant Reformation and their impact was extensive all over the Christian world for the next few centuries. The Ratio Studiorum had many facets, but it was designed to produce, as one scholar has described it, “a scholarly soldier of Christ; a morally disciplined, liberally educated, critically intelligent Christian man.” The role we were to play in the world was that of service, to be “men for others” and, to a man, I believe we have played just such a role.

Many times in my own career, I was faced with situations that baffled the organization of which I was a part. But I found myself able to step back, to see what was happening in a larger, broader light and, from that, to develop courses of action that provided understanding and relief. That only came from how I was schooled to be a part of the world and to take on the mantle of leadership and service in everything I did.
That was Holy Cross and the Jesuits working through me in very powerful ways.

Robert D. Wagner Jr. ’63
Houston

Consider the Purple Knights
Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey, has no reluctance whatsoever to use the image of knights in shining armor (“the Scarlet Knights”). I would respectfully request that the College’s board of trustees and administration revisit the issue and allow the image of the Purple Knight to be utilized in athletic apparel and sports programs. Let’s add some pizzazz to these categories! I would not be opposed to recalibrating all programs to the Purple Knights to make this a reality. I suggest that the entire Holy Cross community, including alumni, might favor this idea.

Bill McGovern ’74
Lafayette, New Jersey

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Wanted: Your Uncommon Eye

In everything we do at Holy Cross Magazine, we start and end with you. One item that never leaves our to-do list is finding ways to bring even more of you into Holy Cross Magazine: your voice, your thoughts and your expertise.

At the end of this issue, you’ll find the latest result of such effort: a new feature we call Examine. In this feature, we’re asking readers to help us examine – or re-examine – issues and topics, personal or professional, that touch our lives. These can be areas or experiences readers know well or those that may be completely new to them. The goal is to spark critical thought and greater understanding by considering subjects in a new light, via a new perspective.

On Page 104, Mary Crosby ’03, head of a New York hospice, provides a new look at the experience that may surprise you. When I approached her with this request, I asked what I thought was the most antithetical question: “Can you find joy in hospice?” At first glance, you may think “certainly not.” However, after reading Crosby’s piece, you may view the care in a new way.

The College prides itself on educating critical thinkers who approach issues with an uncommon eye and a thoughtful brain. This is a benefit of a broad-based liberal arts education, in which graduates learn to view issues from not just both, but all sides, and well understand the interplay of circumstances, conditions, rationales and more that make up the world, its events and issues.

During your years here, this perspective was fostered in lecture halls and honed at meals or in late-night discussions with your roommate, over too much caffeine and too little sleep. Today, your uncommon eyes are out in the world and we want you to share your unique perspective with us.

Is there a topic in your personal or professional life that could benefit from greater understanding and more reasoned thought in the world at large? Can you help dispel misconceptions about a misunderstood subject? If you’re intrigued by this opportunity, we would love to hear from you. Email us at hcmag@holycross.edu.

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MELISSA SHAW
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had a blast helping make Christmas come early (Sept. 7, to be exact) in the Levis Browsing Room at Dinand Library for this issue’s cover. Her kids were thoroughly confused as to why they were conscripted into hauling out Christmas decorations the night before.

STEPHEN ALBANO
Art Director / Designer
has been a part of the HCM team for eight years; this is his 33rd issue. Stephen earned his degree in studio art at Clark University. He is looking forward to going to the annual University & College Designers Association Design Conference in Portland, Oregon, where HCM will be recognized with three awards for excellence in design, including Best Magazine, Best Alumni Publication and Best In-House Team.

AVANELL BROCK
Multimedia Producer
is thankful this autumn season for her boyfriend, her family and her church, for apple picking, weddings, a hot-air balloon festival and so much more! In honor of her little brother’s birthday in October, she’d like to share her favorite family photo from her childhood, from a time when she was a little less thankful.

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One of the many cars heading up Linden Lane on Move-In Day, with Haberlin Hall in the background.
classes didn’t start until Sept. 4, but campus picked up speed long before that with the August move-in of everyone from athletes and early arrivals to alumni volunteers and members of the College’s newest population: the class of 2023. The newly minted 830 Crusaders hail from 36 states and seven countries.
200 Holy Cross Students Gain Real-World Experience Through Summer Internships

Whether advancing brain cancer research in the lab or opening up a shelter for the homeless, Holy Cross students are preparing for their future.

More than 200 students spent their summer exploring careers and gaining out-of-the-classroom experience through internships. Participants hailed from a range of disciplines, including finance, fashion, media, insurance, nonprofit, health care, law, government, public relations, advertising, publishing, marketing, production, real estate, environment and wildlife, arts administration, education and technology.

Before summer began, the Center for Career Development helped students write resumes and cover letters, practice interviews and find the perfect internship. Out of the internship pool, 103 students received funding through the Crusader Internship Fund, which supports students in unpaid internships.

COMING IN 2021 With soil removal and rock ledge blasting, site preparation began on the footprint of the new performing arts center in mid-July. Located on the south side of the Hogan Campus Center abutting the main parking lot, the facility, slated to open in 2021, will usher in a new era of creative resources and opportunities for students of all academic disciplines.
Holy Cross Community Gives $39 Million During 175th Anniversary Year

Holy Cross alumni, parents, students, and friends gave a total of $39 million to the College throughout the fiscal year and, for the third year in a row, surpassed the $10 million mark for the Holy Cross Fund. Additionally, the College is entering the final year of the Become More campaign, having raised $386 million of the $400 million goal.

“For 175 years, we have been educating the leaders of tomorrow – individuals who think both critically and ethically,” says Tracy Barlok, vice president for advancement. “We are able to continue this important work only through the steadfast dedication of the Holy Cross family. Their passion, belief and devotion sustain the College and allow us to provide a unique and life-changing educational experience for our students. They are truly difference makers.”

Continuing Holy Cross’ legacy of placing in the Top 10 colleges in the country for alumni participation, 16,225 alumni made gifts to the College this year. Reunion classes contributed $9.9 million to the 2019 fundraising totals, and the classes of 1964, 1974 and 1984 broke reunion fundraising records.

The Crusader Athletics Fund also broke records with $2.1 million coming from 4,670 donors. For the fourth straight year, 100% of graduating student-athletes made gifts to the College. And Holy Cross parents showed their generosity by donating more than $6.5 million this year.

College Sits High in National Rankings

Holy Cross was ranked No. 15 on Money Magazine’s list of “Most Transformative Colleges in 2019,” a list highlighting colleges that help students do far better than would be expected from their academic and economic backgrounds.

Money focused on the three basic factors that surveys show are most important to parents and students: quality of education, affordability and outcomes.

“Routinely cited as one of the region’s most beautiful colleges,” according to Money, Holy Cross also finished No. 43 out of 744 U.S. colleges and universities on the publication’s annual list of “Best Colleges for Your Money in 2019.”

Money’s snapshot of Holy Cross highlights the College’s 92% graduation rate: “21% higher than expected based on its student body.”

The College was also named No. 7 among “Affordable Elite Colleges” in Washington Monthly’s annual ranking of U.S. colleges and universities based on how they contribute to the public good. The magazine notes the College “stands out in helping graduates get good-paying jobs and pay their loans back.”

Washington Monthly takes a different approach to rankings by highlighting schools that serve the best interests of the country as a whole, including enrolling and graduating low-income students. Four-year schools are ranked based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research and providing opportunities for public service.

Holy Cross also ranks No. 5 on Washington Monthly’s list of “Best Bang for the Buck Northeast Colleges” and No. 13 for liberal arts colleges, from a total list of more than 1,700 U.S. colleges and universities across the country.

FENWICK SCHOLAR NAMED Matthew Pinder ’20, a music major in the College Honors Program from Peachtree Corners, Georgia, has been named Fenwick Scholar for 2019-2020. The Fenwick Scholar Program is the highest student academic honor the College bestows. The scholar designs and participates in a rigorous academic project over the course of their senior year; Pinder will compose an instrumental Passion to be presented on campus in spring 2020.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT World music powerhouse Silkroad Ensemble and guests performed in Hogan Courtyard as part of the Festival of the Arts at Holy Cross, a day of arts immersion for high school students from Worcester Public Schools.
New Sculptures Decorate Campus

College community members returning to Mount St. James this fall found two new sculptures installed over the summer. A statue of St. Peter Faber was blessed and dedicated in the Hogan Courtyard between Healy Hall and the Hogan Campus Center in August. Donated by Margaret A. and Stephen A. Lovelette ’78, in honor of Stephen’s mother, Kathleen (seated left), the statue is the first of the three founders of the Jesuit order who will occupy that space. St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier will be installed in 2020; all three were sculpted by artist Ann Hirsch.

In June, a 17-foot sculpture, “Pharaoh,” by artist Leonard Urso (above right), was installed on O’Neil Plaza outside the Integrated Science Complex. The artwork was a gift from Michael T. Tomaino Sr. ’59, P84, P82 (above left) and his wife, Beverly.
Inaugural Ogretta McNeil Emerging Scholar Lecture Series Announced

The Office of Multicultural Education, in partnership with the departments of psychology and education and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, have announced the inaugural Ogretta McNeil Emerging Scholar Lecture series.

The series was created in honor of the late McNeil, associate professor emerita of psychology and the first African-American woman to serve on the faculty at Holy Cross. A staunch advocate for diversity and inclusion, McNeil also chaired the psychology department, served as assistant dean for academic services for ALANA students and advised the Black Student Union.

The series’ first talk, Oct. 28, will feature Anthony Jack (left), assistant professor of education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and author of “Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students.”

On Nov. 12, Amer F. Ahmed (right) will discuss “Healing, Justice and Inclusion: Skills and Strategies for Campus Inclusion in Tumultuous Times.” Ahmed is director of intercultural teaching and faculty development at UMass-Amherst’s Institute for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development.

Off-Campus Housing Option Debuts

Approximately 100 Holy Cross juniors and seniors are taking advantage of a new off-campus housing option this fall, living in apartments in the newly renovated Osgood Bradley building, less than 2 miles from campus.

Now known as Edge at Union Station, the building, which also houses students from other Worcester-area colleges, is located next to the city’s iconic railway station and within walking distance to the Canal District and Shrewsbury Street. A shuttle is available to transport students to and from campus.

Robot Invades Hogan, Makes Salad

In partnership with food robotics company Chowbotics, the College debuted the world’s first fresh food robot to students, faculty and campus visitors. Holy Cross is the first Massachusetts higher education institution to introduce the fresh food robot on campus. Known as “Sally,” it will offer fresh, healthy meals to students after 8 p.m., when other campus dining facilities have closed.

Spud Starts Anew

Students lined up early in the Hogan Campus Center to get their pick of opportunities for a new year of Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD). Now in its 52nd year, SPUD helps hundreds of student volunteers donate their time and talents at more than 40 community partners throughout Worcester.
Faculty Members Celebrated for Excellence in Scholarship, Advising, Mentorship

Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the College, presented Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Awards to Juan Ramos, associate professor of Spanish, and Andrew Hwang, associate professor of mathematics, as well as the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award to Susan Elizabeth Sweeney, the Monsignor Edward G. Murray Professor of Arts and Humanities and professor of English. In a separate announcement, Neel Smith, professor and chair of the classics department, received the 2019 CUR-Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Award from the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Susan Elizabeth Sweeney
Monsignor Edward G. Murray Professor of Arts and Humanities and professor of English
Sweeney received the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, a honor presented to a faculty member with an exceptionally distinguished record of scholarly achievement throughout his or her career. The award is not presented every year, but rather when the Committee on Faculty Scholarship (CFS) judges the entire scholarly record of a faculty member to be worthy of the recognition. This is only the second time the College has bestowed the award.

Freije noted Sweeney’s achievements as a poet and as a scholar of detective fiction, feminist narratology, postmodernist literature and the works of Edgar Allan Poe, Edith Wharton and Vladimir Nabokov. Sweeney was “nominated by a large number of her departmental colleagues and selected by the CFS for her ‘impressive volume of scholarship, breadth of projects tackled and the high praise her scholarship receives from experts in her field,’” Freije explained.

Within the past 18 months, Sweeney has published eight new articles in three different areas of her scholarly interests, one of which won a prestigious award from a learned society, as well as publishing original creative works of her own.

Sweeney’s nominators praised her prowess, explaining that often her “scholarship has set a new standard or pioneered an area of study” and noting that “her intellectual leadership is amply documented by invitations to give keynote addresses and to serve on editorial boards.”

Neel Smith
Professor and chair of the classics department
The Council on Undergraduate Research bestowed its 2019 CUR-Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Award on Smith; the award was established in 2018 to nurture undergraduate research, scholarship and creative inquiry in arts and humanities disciplines.

ALUMNI REMEMBERED  Pax Christi led a guided reflection at Memorial Plaza for all faith traditions on the 18th anniversary of 9/11 and in memory of the Holy Cross alumni who perished in the attack. Edward A. Brennan III ’86, Thomas D. Burke ’85, Neillie A. Heffernan Casey ’90, John G. Farrell ’91, Todd A. Isaac ’94, Beth A. Quigley ’97 and John J. Ryan ’78 were also remembered at daily Mass and their names were displayed at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel on Sept. 10 and 11.
Smith was recognized for achievements over the past eight years as a research leader, scholar, teacher and mentor to 38 classics undergraduate researchers and more than 100 other students involved in the collaborative, interdisciplinary Homer Multitext Project and the Holy Cross College Manuscripts, Inscriptions, and Documents Club. His development of the Homer Multitext Project has engaged students from Holy Cross and other national and international institutions in the creation of digital, scholarly editions and notes for Homer’s “Iliad.”

“Smith’s teaching, mentoring and collaborative scholarship have created a culture of undergraduate research both on and off campus, distinguishing him as a transformative ‘culture changer’ in the advancement of undergraduate research in classical studies, as well as other fields in the arts and humanities,” said CUR Executive Officer Elizabeth L. Ambos.

“Professor Smith is a remarkable mentor to Holy Cross students,” Freije said. “He has a rare ability to inspire students to trust themselves, guiding them to successes that he knew they were capable of all along. His passion for his students and for classics is evident in all his work.”

ANDREW HWANG

date professor of mathematics

Hwang received the Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Academic Advising, a honor given to a faculty member who has demonstrated effective academic advisement and mentorship of students that was extraordinary in quality. The recipient is selected based on student nominations.

While presenting the award, Freije shared that student nominators described Hwang as “accommodating and helpful, dedicated to the success of students and willing to spend many hours helping them to explore curricular and career options.”

“One time he asked if he could read one of my papers for another class because he was interested in the topic,” a student nominator shared. “It was very encouraging to know that someone genuinely cared about my work.”

JUAN RAMOS

associate professor of Spanish

Ramos received the Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, an award that honors a member of the faculty for outstanding achievement in the creation of original scholarly work over the past 18 months.

He was celebrated for his accomplishments, with particular emphasis on his book, “Sensing Decolonial Aesthetics in Latin American Arts” (University Press of Florida, 2018). Described by one reviewer as a “finely tuned interdisciplinary piece of research,” the book explores Latin American popular art of the 1960s, bringing previously undervalued cultural art forms “out of the margins and into the center of serious scholarship,” Freije said during remarks to campus.

“Some people were shocked to find a scholar so equally adept at providing richly contextualized readings and at bringing to light cross-disciplinary, cross-national and cross-generational connections.”

WELCOME HOME

You Are Welcome Here: International Education Week at Holy Cross was held Sept. 16-20, welcoming new and returning international students to campus. From displays celebrating global cultures and journeys to a welcome reception to all campus eateries featuring global cuisine, some prepared from recipes submitted by international students, the week sought to embrace students as they make a home on Mount St. James.

HC Dining Recognized for Reducing Food Waste

Boston National Public Radio station WBUR applauded Holy Cross Dining for its efforts in reducing food waste, pointing to initiatives such as reducing the size of plates and eliminating trays. The College’s chefs make a point of cooking food only as needed and serving it in small serving pans, with the idea that if students take less food, they’ll waste less.

Marty Dudek, the College’s associate director of dining, says organizations may traditionally plan to provide as much food as possible when feeding a large group. Yet at Holy Cross, his team takes a different approach. “We look at it the exact opposite,” he says.

The College also collects food scraps for composting but, according to Dudek, dining services has been able to reduce waste to the point that there’s almost no food waste left to donate or compost.

In 2018, Kimball Dining Hall was ranked No. 4 in the nation by College Consensus, calling it “a national model of sustainability and service.”
Curiosity Leads to Unique Find Hidden in Fenwick for Decades

BY MELISSA SHAW

You’d think that everything hidden in Fenwick Hall would have been found by now.

But that’s the thing about 175-year-old buildings: There’s always something else to discover.

Such was the case in May when Avanell Brock, the College’s multimedia producer, was using Fenwick 421 as a quiet location for filming video interviews. Currently the Rev. William Fitzgerald, S.J., Library for the classics department, the room sports bookshelves, a desk, a table and easy chairs, and is used by students for reading and collaborative research.

As Brock surveyed the room, she spied what looked like a small door directly above the closet. Curious, she stood on a chair, opened the door and found, of all things, a heavy munitions box.

As it was too high and heavy to remove by herself, Brock popped the box’s lid and took photos with her phone to see what was in it. They revealed a stack of papers with an envelope on top addressed to: “RJ Healey, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Boston, Mass.” She closed the box and shut the door, then sent the photos to Stephen Albano, Holy Cross Magazine art director, knowing he is always on the lookout for College history.

Brock was the first person to lay eyes on
the box in years.

Fenwick 421 was the former office of Rev. Robert Healey, S.J., a classics professor at the College from 1968 until his death in 1987. “He probably put those letters in there and forgot about them,” says Sarah Campbell, assistant archivist for College Archives and Special Collections.

After Fr. Healey passed, knowledge of the box and its contents were lost and the niche — a closet designed to hold a clothes trunk — was left untouched for decades.

Campbell believes the notation on the lid (opposite page, bottom left) refers to the Newbury Street Jesuit novitiate, where Healey lived while in formation and graduate school.

The box, which has since been removed and transferred to College Archives, contains personal correspondence from that period of his life, dozens of notebooks full of his writings and research thought to correspond to his time studying at Boston College, as well as a pressed flower picked at the Temple of Demeter in Greece during a 1960 excavation.

Knowing the box belonged to Fr. Healey, it’s no surprise it was filled with scholarship, as he earned a licentiate in philosophy from Weston College, a master’s in philosophy from Boston College, a bachelor’s degree and a master’s in classics from Oxford University and a Ph.D. in classics from Harvard. He was an expert in Homer, Virgil and Cicero, and loved to travel, visiting Russia to study the religious practices of people living under communism and retracing the steps of Alexander the Great through Europe and Asia Minor.

(above left) Fr. Healey throughout his career as a Jesuit, scholar and associate professor of classics. Also pictured is his cat, Calpurnia (named after Caesar’s wife), who lived with him.
“Since starting at Holy Cross in 1977, the costume spaces in O’Kane Hall have been my creative home. These spaces and the people in them give me the atmosphere to transport myself to the characters in scripts and the lives they live. Remnants of past shows are all around me, reminding me of the pleasures and challenges of designs long ago fulfilled and lessons learned. The closets are full of the ‘ghosts’ of students and characters now long gone, but not forgotten.”
choosing fabrics for a fall production of “Ah, Wilderness!” by Eugene O’Neill
Hundreds walk by daily, but most would recognize only a handful of the names on the nearly 300 white stone markers at the Jesuit Cemetery. A new book seeks to rectify that, detailing the lives of those interred and, in the process, providing another look at Holy Cross history.

Published this summer, “Beneath the Cross” was written by Sarah Campbell, assistant archivist at the College’s Archives and Special Collections, in celebration of Holy Cross’ 175th anniversary.

“We wanted to provide readers with more information about the men who were buried within the cemetery, as well as the history of the College, through their stories,” she says.

She didn’t know it, but Campbell had been working on the book years before it was envisioned. Over time, she had been compiling information on some of the men buried in the cemetery with thoughts of creating a walking guide of the location, nestled between St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, Brooks Music Hall and Campion House.

“We got asked about [those interred] a lot, so I thought it would be nice to have a finding aid to the cemetery with the little information I gleaned,” she says.

In 2018, Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president emeritus and special advisor to the offices of the president and advancement, asked the Archives staff if they had information about the Jesuits buried in the cemetery over the past 25 years.
years; Campbell shared what she had compiled thus far. With the College’s 175th anniversary approaching, Vellaccio saw the potential for something much larger than a walking guide – a comprehensive book with biographies and photos.

“I can’t overemphasize what a great job Sarah did, the amount of work it took and the love and passion she brought to the task,” he says. “It is great to have a good idea, but the real gift is to have someone able and willing to make that idea a reality.”

INSIDE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH
The book is divided into seven chapters, each exploring a 25-year span of the College’s history. Each chapter offers a timeline of key College events, as well as biographies of the men who were buried during each period.

Campbell says the backbone of her research came courtesy of one of the men buried in the cemetery, the late Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., professor of history, who wrote the book “Thy Honored Name: A History of the College of the Holy Cross, 1843-1994.”

“I couldn’t have written this without Fr. K,” she says. “He was very much on my mind throughout writing this, and I dearly wish I had been able to talk to him about it.”

Writing a book instead of a walking guide meant hundreds of subjects to research, so Campbell also combed College Archives and the online Jesuit Archives at the University of St. Louis. Through the latter, she was able to access more than 100 years of obituaries printed in the Woodstock Letters, a publication produced via Woodstock College, a Jesuit seminary in Maryland.

“Those early obituaries were beautiful, incredibly rich in detail,” Campbell says. “The way they spoke of them, you got a sense of who they were.”

Campbell also searched internet archives, worked with the College’s current Jesuit Community and even had a hand from her mother, Judy Campbell, a librarian and genealogist who researched Massachusetts Death Records.

Contrary to popular belief, not
everyone buried in the cemetery was a member of the College’s faculty or Jesuit Community. Prior to 1939, when a cemetery was established at the Campion Center Jesuit community in Weston, Massachusetts, Holy Cross was home to one of the only Jesuit cemeteries in the east. As a result, Jesuits living in the Boston area were buried on campus; after 1939, they were buried at the Campion Center and the Jesuit Cemetery on campus was nearly all Holy Cross-affiliated men. Those interred pre-1939 also include diocesan priests, priests from southern communities who visited for health reasons and died while on campus, Jesuit brothers and scholastics. There is also one layman buried at the Jesuit Cemetery: Francis L. Miller Sr. Miller was the College’s first bursar, worked on Mount St. James for 47 years and was a well-loved figure on campus. Upon Miller’s death in 1961, then-College President Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., reached out to family members of the Jesuits interred in the cemetery to see if any had objection to Miller’s burial there. In the cemetery, each marker is identical, bearing a name, date of birth (Natus), date of death (Obiit) and entry into the order (Ingressus). Instead of the latter, Miller’s reads: “Collegii Sanctae Crucis Amicus Devotus”: Devoted Friend of the College of the Holy Cross.

RETRIEVING INFORMATION LOST TO TIME
Campbell’s research yielded much about the men’s careers, information that may have otherwise been lost to time, such as Rev. George A. King, S.J., who was the first U.S. Army chaplain to earn his Ph.D. on the GI Bill; Rev. Thomas J. Smith, S.J., who went on a 1936 National Geographic expedition to Russia to photograph the solar eclipse and was present at the 1959 atomic tests in Nevada; and Rev. Marian Balcells, S.J., a well-known scientist who did pioneering work in the field of solar physics — his obituary was published in acclaimed journals, such as “Nature.”

“They all were amazing to find out about,” Campbell says.

Her work also yielded a considerable amount of details of their lives beyond the classroom or ministry, such as:

• Rev. William A. Carroll, S.J., a
member of the classics department, loved entering contests. Over the years, he won a trip to Disneyland, a duo-console piano, a heating unit for a 10-room house, watches and a year’s supply of ice cream and cat food.

- Rev. Lionel P. Honoré, S.J., a member of the modern languages department in the 1970s-1990s, was an accomplished chef, as well as an avid gardener who started his bulbs in the Jesuit Community’s computer room.

- Kimball Hall namesake Rev. Charles Leo Kimball, S.J., was known as “the Roper” for his talent at convincing students to join the priesthood.

- Long before Rev. John D. Whitney, S.J., served as president of Georgetown University, he was a non-Catholic layman serving on a training ship for the New York Maritime College. Leaving Newport, R.I., the captain allowed a newlywed couple to hitch a ride back to New York. At one point in the voyage, the new bride dropped a book over the side of the boat, which the crew rescued via a lifeboat. Despite the crew’s efforts, the woman left the book behind when she departed the ship. Intrigued by a now twice-abandoned book, Whitney discovered it was “The Invitation Heeded,” a book given to those converting to Catholicism. Already impressed by the sermons given by the ship’s chaplain, Whitney read the book and then sought out the chaplain, wishing to convert.

As part of her research, Campbell visited other college cemeteries, where she observed that the tombstones were an amalgam of shapes and sizes. However, at Holy Cross all markers are the same size (save for two, Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick, S.J., and his secretary, Rev. George Goodwin). She soon discovered the reason: All men were considered equal in the eyes of God.

"It didn't matter if you were a scholastic who hadn't been ordained yet, or a brother or the president of a college, you all had the same grave," she says.

“Beneath the Cross” can be ordered from the College Bookstore at www.holycross.edu/beneaththecross.
Professor’s New Work Examines the Universal Exile of Grief

Grammy Award-winning composer Osvaldo Golijov’s newest piece, “Falling Out of Time,” will premiere on campus in October.

BY BILLY McENTEE

There are words in the English language for those who lose a parent, a husband, a wife. But when it comes to articulating the loss of a child, “there is not a single word,” notes Osvaldo Golijov, Loyola Professor of Music. “It’s as if language doesn’t even want to go there.”

But music can. The depths of grief and arduous road toward something like recovery are the acute and universal themes explored in Golijov’s newest piece, “Falling Out of Time,” an adaptation of the 2014 book of the same name by Israeli author and Man Booker International Prize winner David Grossman. Following development at Holy Cross and Juilliard, the two-time Grammy Award winner’s work will have its world premiere at the College’s Brooks Concert Hall on Oct. 31.

Golijov read Grossman’s novel a few
years ago and notes it “grabbed me. I started to read it and said, ‘I have to do this,’ even after just 15 or 20 pages. It goes to the place that makes me question everything in life.”

Despite the unimaginable circumstances the novel unfolds, Golijov feels a deep connection to the material. “I’ve lived in three countries and grief is a form of exile – you’re out of time and place,” he says. “And when I experienced the death of my parents, it was shocking how the sun comes out and people smile ... you’re in exile even when in the same room as others.” As in Grossman’s book and Golijov’s music, what follows the shock of grief is “not catharsis, nor solution [but] simply a place to breathe,” the composer says.

Silkroad Ensemble, the Grammy-winning musical collective started by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, will perform Golijov’s much-anticipated piece this fall; in many ways, “Falling Out of Time” was written for them. “I wanted to do this for the ensemble because they have the range of expression, the fearlessness – I don’t think I know of anyone else who can do that,” Golijov says.

As such, Silkroad’s musicians and their individual strengths helped inform the piece, which features an eclectic mix of instruments, including electronics, a string quintet, kemanche (an Iranian bowed string instrument), percussion, pipa (a four-stringed Chinese musical instrument), sheng (a Chinese mouth-blown free reed instrument), trumpet and three singers. “It’s about the specific people who play the instruments,” he notes. “If someone else was playing the pipa, I wouldn’t have chosen the pipa.”

Workshops for the piece began in 2017 with Silkroad, a company enjoying a three-year residency with Holy Cross that Golijov sees as vital to the artistic exposure and education for its students. “There’s a big effort to shift our institutional culture from one of excellence (which we want to retain) to one of creativity – to one of more risk taking,” he says.

As part of its development, Golijov and Silkroad spent four days working on “Falling Out of Time” at the College’s Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center, a 52-acre site overlooking the Wachusett Reservoir created for retreat programs, which proved to be an invaluable experience.

“It made the entire difference,” Golijov says. He has developed works at the world’s most prestigious institutions, but notes that having uninterrupted time to collaborate is a gift. “Working at Juilliard was great, but after rehearsals everyone wanted to go to their hotel or to dinner, but at the Contemplative Center, we were in a state for a few days of living only in the piece for the whole time. It was one of the most magical experiences – you understand why some rock bands rent a castle. Our workshop was unforgettable in how that experience affected the piece.”

While there, Golijov was treated to another luxury: “David [Grossman] came to one of our workshops in the Contemplative Center. His presence and his thoughts when talking to us made a great impact that the musicians and I both felt.”

Billed as a song cycle, the piece consists of multiple parts. “Five types of motion guide the piece: the heartbeat, the time clicking, the walk, the sensation of falling and the arrival to breathing,” Golijov explains. “It opens with heartbeat, it’s an overture, and then the heartbeat becomes a clock clicking. [The father] sings it’s impossible that the trees turn green, how August becomes September because in his heart he’s always stuck in August. When he leaves the home, the walk begins, but the walk and heartbeat are irregular – the limping of the soul.” He describes parts of the composition as “a continual melody – it’s organic, where you cannot tell when one thing morphs into other,” noting it’s almost like “a hallucination.”

And now, after multiple years and workshops, Golijov’s lyrical, pulsing and melancholic piece is set to debut at the College. “It’s very hard for me to call a place home, but Holy Cross feels like home,” he says. “I have pieces premiered all over, but to have this premiere at home is much more meaningful.”
Todd Lewis Brings Artistry of Nepal, Greater Understanding of Buddhism to Campus

Art exhibit featuring 60 rare pieces on display at Cantor Art Gallery through Dec. 14.

BY JANE CARLTON

When Todd Lewis decided to study Buddhism in graduate school, he wanted to explore the least-examined Buddhist place in the world: Nepal. Post graduation, Lewis set out on what was supposed to be a yearlong Fulbright trip to the Himalayan country.

One year very quickly turned into three and a half, leading him into an academic career researching Buddhism and its place in Nepal, and fortunately for the Holy Cross community, culminating in a new art exhibit on campus.

“It’s one of the most complicated places in Asia,” says Lewis, distinguished professor of arts and humanities in the religious studies department. “There’s Hinduism and Buddhism, and a panoply of other ethnic groups in the Kathmandu Valley. One of my early professors at Columbia was the famous Margaret Mead, and she taught us how to really take field work seriously. There was a long reputation that the indigenous

Lewis, professor of arts and humanities in the religious studies department, calls this fall’s exhibition “a moment... a kind of capstone to all the work I’ve done in my life.”

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people in the Kathmandu Valley, the Newars, were very hard to work with – they were secretive, they were devious. But those were all stereotypes; I was welcomed the first day.”

Once Lewis was back in the United States, he held various teaching positions before arriving at Holy Cross in 1990. In his time at the College, he developed courses not only on Buddhism, but also on other subjects where his expertise is relevant – such as ecology and religion. “I also have a passion and interest in teaching religions through the gardens people have made, because gardens are utopias,” Lewis says. “There are a lot of interesting, fun ways to explore Islam, Zen Buddhism and Confucianism with gardens, and students have really liked the class.”

The jump from the art of a garden to staging an art exhibit was somewhat serendipitous. Over the years, Lewis has run a series of summer programs on campus through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). In 2015, a frequent patron mentioned to Lewis that he had an extensive Nepalese art collection: “He said, ‘You know, I’m going to be giving away a lot of my art. I’ve given some away already, but I’ve always wanted to do a show. Can you recommend any place that would do a Nepalese show?’” Lewis had the perfect place: Holy Cross.

But to host an exhibit meant Lewis needed an art historian. He connected with Jinah Kim, a South and Southeast Asian art history professor at Harvard University, and the two worked well together. “We hit it off and became friends,” he says. “She has an expertise – how to deal with paintings, for instance – that I don’t. She’s also the world’s leading expert on illuminated Buddhist manuscripts that were written on palm leaves or paper, as well as the contextual details on devotional paintings, such as what people depicted are wearing in the artwork and the genre scenes that provide historical insights.”

It took three years to sort through the pieces and plan for the elaborate, interactive exhibit, which features live art exhibitions (opposite page, bottom right) and scholarly lectures throughout the fall semester. The team needed funding, and a $100,000 grant from the NEH allowed Lewis, Kim and others to go all in. Thus, the exhibit, “Dharma and Puya: Buddhist Ritual Art of Nepal,” was born.

The show opened in the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery on Sept. 5 and will run through Dec. 14, featuring 60 objects of Buddhist ritual art, many rarely seen in the West, such as rare manuscripts from as early as the 11th century, an elaborate priest’s crown from the 13th century, paintings and a 19-foot-long narrative scroll. The pieces illustrate the centrality of ritual in Buddhism, highlighting visual narratives that show common practices every devotee needed to do to make good karma (punya), a central tenet of the Buddha’s teaching (dharma).

Lewis is happy to have a fresh way to advance understanding about the breadth of Buddhism: “I think there’s a popular idealization of Buddhism and a hyper-focus on virtuosos in the Western imagination. But to understand typical Buddhists as human beings, you have to see that the great majority are not meditators or philosophers. But almost all Buddhists do daily rituals and do so to secure life’s basic blessings and make good karma.” Being good, generous and compassionate, Lewis emphasizes, is the center of Buddhism.

“This exhibition is a kind of capstone to all the work I’ve done in my life,” he says. “I’m not quite ready to quit or keel over, but this is a moment.”
Eight Holy Cross Faculty Members Promoted to Rank of Professor  

BY JANE CARLTON

They’ve spent years teaching at Holy Cross and advancing research in their respective fields. Now, eight faculty members have been promoted to the rank of full professor.

Learn more about their scholarship and their time at the College.

ALISON BRYANT LUDDEN  psychology
Alison Ludden, of the psychology department, earned a B.A. in psychology from Colgate University, an M.A. in developmental psychology from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in education and psychology from the University of Michigan. Her research broadly focuses on adolescent development, motivation and schooling, and health behaviors. In particular, her work examines the contexts of and reasoning behind adolescents’ use of alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana and caffeine. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2004.
At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? The success that I have experienced in the classroom and in my research laboratory with students. Every fall, I look forward to sharing research studies and my knowledge about adolescent development with new students and seeing where our discussions take us. I’m proud that my work has been well-received in academic journals and by colleagues in my field, but even more so that I’ve been able to collaborate with many students and share with them these satisfying experiences of having our work recognized and contributing to the growing knowledge about adolescent health behaviors.

You’ve taught a number of Montserrat courses in your time at the College, and you are the director of Montserrat. What is your favorite thing about teaching the newest members of the Holy Cross community? When first-year students come in, they aren’t sure what to expect, but they are excited to take everything in and they do so with enthusiasm. Over the course of the year they face unexpected challenges and can be overwhelmed, but they continue to engage deeply both in the classroom and beyond. By the end of the year, students have settled in and found themselves more securely in terms of their academic and social identities. I really enjoy the process of helping them find and have more confidence in their voice over the course of the year, whether it be in writing papers in my class or articulating their perspectives in conversations with others.

Sarah Luria, of the English department, earned an A.B. in English from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. in English from Stanford University. Her research focuses on 19th-century American literature, geography and landscape studies, environmental studies, American studies, 19th-century political oratory and rhetoric, and sentimentalism. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1998.

Jennie Germann Molz, of the sociology and anthropology department, earned a B.A. in the Plan II Liberal Arts Program from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. in popular culture studies from Bowling Green State University and a Ph.D. in sociology from Lancaster University. She is a founding co-editor of the journal Hospitality & Society and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Lapland. Her research focuses on mobilities, travel and tourism, technology, educational travel, mobile families, cosmopolitanism, globalization, and critical hospitality studies. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2007.

Karen Ober, of the biology department, earned a B.S. in biology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and a Ph.D. in insect science from the University of Arizona, Tucson. Her research focuses on exploring molecular and morphological diversity in insects. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2004.

Much of your scholarship focuses on tourism. What are your big takeaways about tourism throughout your years of research? What makes tourism and mobile lifestyles such an intriguing focus for me is the fact that people often assume these practices are on the margins of society — that tourism is an escape from everyday life — when, in fact, these leisure mobilities are deeply reflective of broader cultural values, emotional climates and social transformations of our time. Travelers are often the first to experiment with new technologies, the first to navigate shifting geopolitical conditions and the first to pioneer new forms of work and play. So I see the phenomena of travel and tourism mobilities not as something set apart from everyday life, but as a lens for understanding the hopes and anxieties, structures of power and social changes that are shaping life in late modernity.

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At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? At this point in time, I am most proud of being awarded promotion to full professor at Holy Cross. Holy Cross has afforded me the opportunity to grow as a scholar and teacher. I am proud to see how far I have come in those areas of my work.

Why should students be interested in studying insect diversity? More than half of the described species of life on earth are insect species. Insects are crucial components of many ecosystems and food webs. Some insects eat crops or food in storage; others spread diseases. Certain insects are helpful by producing products we can use (honey or silk), by pollinating crops or by attacking pest insects. Plus, they’re just really cool!

MATHEW SCHMALZ

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*A. B. in religion from Amherst College, an M.A. in religious studies and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago Divinity School. His research focuses on global Catholicisms, Hinduism, Catholic esotericism, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, religion and violence, and religion and the erotic. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2005.]

At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? While it wasn’t really my accomplishment, I think working for six years as director of the College Honors Program has been the most meaningful part of my career thus far. It was wonderful to see students develop their intellectual interests in such powerful ways.

You’re trained in the Jesuit pedagogy. How does this training come into play in the classroom? Interestingly enough, it was Peter Faber’s discussion of “discernment of spirits” that was most influential to me. Reading the class and sensing its tone is so important for running seminars.

LORELLE D. SEMLEY

*LORELLE D. SEMLEY  history*

Lorelle Semley, of the history department, earned a B.S. in French from Georgetown University, an M.A. in African studies from Yale University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Northwestern University. Her research focuses on modern West Africa, French imperialism, gender and the Atlantic world. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2011.

At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? I am most proud of the range of work that I have published on West Africa, the Caribbean and Europe. I did not imagine that I would write on this variety of topics when I first began my career.

You’re the director for the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at the College. What type of interdisciplinary work do you do? As an Africanist scholar, I was trained to use a range of sources in my research and teaching. At the beginning of my career, that interdisciplinary approach meant using ethnographic methods and engaging with religious studies in my first book. For my second book, I drew on legal history, urban studies and visual art. For my next book, I will continue to develop my analytical skill using legal and urban history and visual art studies and hope to incorporate digital mapping. Perhaps more challenging, I would like to write a work of historical fiction as part of this Bordeaux project. Often we work with gaps in the historical sources for African and African diaspora history, and I would like to find some creative ways to address those silences.

ANN SHEEHY

*ANN SHEEHY  biology*

Ann Sheehy, of the biology department, earned B.A.s in both biology and chemistry from Kalamazoo College and a Ph.D. in immunology from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her research focuses on the cellular immune response to HIV invasion. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2005.

At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? Over the last 14 years, I have been fortunate to work closely with a variety of students in my own research lab. We work side-by-side, grapple with the science and present our work at conferences all over the world. I often get to know my research students quite well. Accompanying them on their journeys through undergraduate education and postgraduate exploration is uplifting. Many of these students are just beginning to realize how truly talented they are and, as that realization unfolds, when they receive offers from various graduate schools or employers, it is a great joy to watch them seize the incredible opportunities they have earned.

You’ve held a number of research positions in various labs. How does your lab experience play into your teaching? What I cherish most about research is the intellectual curiosity at its core and the great freedom that discovery research allows. In my courses, I do my best to convey to my students this passion for diving into the unknown, tackling a difficult question one experiment at a time. There must be a willingness to take risk and even fail. Research is often about looking for the next path after a failure, and it is often in these moments of frustration that the next step reveals itself. I also want all of my students, even students who are not science majors, to understand how data are collected and analyzed. While science cannot answer all of life’s questions, the ability to incorporate information with a scientific mindset is an invaluable addition to the toolbox.

JESSICA WALDOFF

*JESSICA WALDOFF  music*

Jessica Waldoff, of the music department, earned a B.A. in music and English from Amherst College and an M.A.
Ph.D. in musicology from Cornell University. She is the author of “Recognition in Mozart’s Operas” (Oxford University Press, 2006/2011) and many scholarly articles written for books, journals and European opera houses. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1995.

At this point in your career, what is your proudest accomplishment? I am most proud of my students’ accomplishments. I learned very early that some of the most important teaching, learning and mentoring takes place outside of the classroom: in College honors theses, Fenwick Scholar projects, and independent tutorials. As the graduate studies adviser in music, I have helped many students follow their passions into careers beyond Holy Cross. Just this year, two of my former students who went on in musicology received tenure at first-rate colleges and universities, another received her Ph.D. and a fourth won the prestigious Rome Prize. Nothing gives me a greater sense of accomplishment than seeing my students succeed!

A significant part of your scholarship focuses on Mozart. What interests your students the most about this composer? Mozart is one of the most celebrated and best-loved composers of all time. His music is heard around the globe — not just in concert halls, but in a host of popular venues: in films, on television, in novels, in video games, while you’re shopping. Mozart’s story has always had the power to amaze: He was the most famous child prodigy of his day, composing his first works for piano at 6, his first symphonies at 8 and his first operas at 12. In the years that followed, he pushed the envelope in every musical genre. When I teach Mozart, I invite students to think about how he lived and worked in an age defined by enlightenment and revolution — a time not so very unlike our own.

Professors Partner with Worcester Organizations for New Research Projects

The College announced the recipients of its Scholarship in Action grants for the 2019-2020 academic year. Now in their second year, Scholarship in Action grants advance Worcester-based faculty research with community partners to make a lasting impact and provide rich experiential learning opportunities for Holy Cross students.

The projects are funded by a five-year $800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, enabling faculty, students and partners to engage in diverse projects.

- Lauren Capotosto, assistant professor of education, will work with Burncoat Middle School on a project aimed to increase adolescents’ book access and reading engagement through a justice-oriented summer reading initiative.

- Daina Cheyenne Harvey, associate professor of sociology, has partnered with the Community Harvest Project and South High School to develop a nutrition curriculum that will address food equity among Worcester’s youth and a larger study about food movements in urban spaces.

- Justin Poché, associate professor of history, and Cynthia Stone, professor of Spanish, will work with the Latino History Project of Worcester and the Worcester Historical Museum to expand the Latino History Project’s archive. Their work will lead to a 2021 exhibit at the museum that will narrate and document the diverse and dynamic history of the Latino experience in Worcester.
The music of Steely Dan, the movie “O Brother, Where Art Thou” and the history of two world wars may seem an odd trio of discussion topics for a classics course. But the juxtaposition of the modern and the ancient is just the point of The Classics & Conflict in the United States, taught by Timothy Joseph ’98, associate professor of classics.

“We look at how the cultures of Greece and Rome have been put toward both positive and negative uses in the U.S.,” Joseph says. The course, which also serves as an elective for the peace and conflict studies concentration, looks at the role of ancient Greece and Rome in American life and includes debates on race, gender and class identity from the 18th century to modern times.

The discourse happens around a scattering of large tables in a light-filled classroom in Stein Hall. Joseph often has students rearrange the tables into a circle to elicit more engaged dialogue.

“What you include, and what you leave out, can define that thing in the past,” says Joseph, with students in Stein Hall. “Whatever the argument or issue, most Americans will charge headlong toward antiquity to find a matching millennia-old intellectual justification for their position,” says Matthew Anderson ’21, a history major. “This course really pushed me to be a deeper critical thinker by analyzing the ways in which Americans received the stories, histories and philosophies of the past and how they incorporated them into our history.”

As a former classics major at the College, Joseph designed the course from a unique point of view: “In the last several years I’ve spent more time interrogating the discipline and unpacking its history. A number of the students [in the most recent class] were senior classics majors, so they’ve had this experience of four years of a rigorous study of Latin and ancient Greek and of these cultures. And now they’re looking at it in entirely different ways and interrogating their own experience.”

Throughout the semester, students read a variety of texts, ranging from ancient (“The Odyssey” by Homer, in its entirety) to modern (“Not All Dead White Men:
The Classics & Conflict in the United States

PROFESSOR
Timothy Joseph '98

DEPARTMENT
Classics

DESCRIPTION
The course looks at uses of ancient Greece and Rome in American civic life and culture. This includes American engagement with classical ideas and models in the revolutionary and constitutional periods of the 18th century, in debates about slavery and the abolitionist movement of the 19th century, and in discussions about race, gender and class identity in the 20th and 21st centuries. The focus, then, will fall on acts of reception of the classics in the United States — that is, how individuals and movements put classical ideas and models toward their own ends. The course will take the perspective of the American reader and move more or less chronologically from the 18th to the 21st centuries. Throughout the course, there will be divergences and explorations of points of contact between different periods.

MEETING TIMES
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

CLASSROOM
Stein 315

REQUIRED READING
• “The Odyssey” translated by Robert Fagles (Penguin Books, 1997)
• “Not All Dead White Men: Classics and Misogyny in the Digital Age” by Donna Zuckerberg (Harvard University Press, 2018)

ASSIGNMENTS
• Short writing assignments
• In-class presentation of close reading
• Research essay
• Research presentation
• Midterm and final exam
• Various quizzes and in-class activities

GRADES
Quizzes, Ciceronian oration, essay of reception analysis, homework, midterm, final exam, attendance and participation

ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
Timothy Joseph graduated from Holy Cross with an A.B. in classics and taught Latin at Cresskill Junior-Senior High School in New Jersey from 1998-2001. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in classical philology from Harvard University in 2007. Joseph has been teaching at Holy Cross since fall 2006. He has taught several years in the Montserrat first-year seminar program and is currently serving as the director of Montserrat’s Divine Cluster. Joseph’s research concentrates on Latin historiography and epic poetry. In 2017 and 2018, he served as the director of the Classical Association of New England’s Summer Institute at Brown University.

As it turned out, students were up for the historical dichotomy — for that work and others.

“The course forced us into situations that were new to us,” Anderson says. “We had to write persuasive orations based on the classical rhetorical model, and each Friday, a student pair, rather than Professor Joseph, would do the day’s lecture. It wasn’t a course where the professor simply lectured. Instead, this felt more like a group of equals where everyone was growing in their knowledge of the classics and in their confidence in public speaking and debate.”

For some students, the biggest takeaway was the importance of ancient history in the here and now. “The classics are absolutely relevant,” says Riemke Bouvier ’21, a biology major with a peace and conflict studies concentration. “But the true meaning behind classic works can be manipulated and taken out of context. It is important to continue analyzing pieces from classical antiquity to not only avoid misusing them, but to be able to recognize when misuse is occurring.”
ONE
Seven faculty members received more than $1 million in new grants in 2019 to support their research in fields from modern languages and literature to biology and chemistry.

TWO
$51,600: The median salary of class of 2018 graduates. The First Destinations Report for the Class of 2018 finds 97% of respondents employed in a job or internship, in graduate school, engaged in service work or on a fellowship.

THREE
Nearly 800 alumni, parents and friends worldwide enrolled in Professor Emerita Helen Whall’s Shakespeare: Time Lord online course last fall, in which she explained the ways Shakespeare survives time by using time. The student with the longest “commute”: Gael Reilly ‘85 in Tanzania.

FOUR
The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery celebrated its 35th anniversary this spring, returning to its roots with the exhibition, “Rodin: Truth, Form, Life,” featuring 22 works sculpted by the artist between 1860 and 1910. The gallery’s inaugural 1983 exhibit also featured Rodin’s work.

FIVE
Members of the class of 2021 will be the first to be eligible to enroll in the new Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science degree collaboration between Holy Cross and Notre Dame. The online graduate program will allow Holy Cross undergraduates to begin Notre Dame’s online M.S. in data science during their senior year and continue after they graduate Holy Cross, receiving their M.S. from Notre Dame the following spring.

SIX
Holy Cross joined more than 115 colleges and universities committed to expanding opportunity and access for low- and moderate-income students. Known as the American Talent Initiative, the alliance of public and private schools shares a common goal of educating 50,000 additional high-achieving, lower-income students across the country by 2025.

SEVEN
Faculty, staff and students kicked off the College’s year-

**EIGHT**
A Holy Cross student startup competed at the Beantown Throwdown, an annual pitch contest held in Boston. The company’s pitch centered around a universal, long-lasting product that can kill bacteria and viruses on many surfaces to prevent the spread of illness. The eight-person team placed second, beating teams from MIT, Harvard, Boston College, Boston University, Tufts, McGill, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wentworth, Brandeis and Berklee.

**NINE**
Nearly 7,200 prospective Crusaders applied to be members of the class of 2023; 34% were admitted. The enrolled class consists of 28% students of color, 4% international students and 18% first-generation students. The class represents 36 U.S. states and territories and 7 countries.

**TEN**
Financial aid facts and figures.

Approximately 65% of Holy Cross students receive some form of financial aid.

Nearly 60% of students receive Holy Cross funded scholarships. Of these students, the average award was nearly $35,900.

Last year, the College allocated more than $66 million to student financial aid.

Of the $66 million spent on financial aid in fiscal year 2019, 14% was funded from the endowment, 3% was funded from gifts and government grants, and 83% was funded by the College.

$226 million of the College’s total $786 million endowment (29% of all endowment funds) is used to fund financial aid.

The College would require additional endowment funds of $1.2 billion to support 100% of its student aid budget (after aid provided by private gifts, grants and government grants).

On average, financial aid-eligible Holy Cross students graduate with loans totaling approximately $26,000.
The Black Student Union celebrated its 50th anniversary in November with an event-packed weekend. Nearly 300 alumni and current students spent three days enjoying performances and workshops and honoring the organization’s history and impact.

Marcus Blossom, senior associate athletics director for business and finance at Boston College, left The Heights in May to become Athletics director at Holy Cross. Blossom now leads a program that features 27 Division I teams across the Patriot League, Atlantic Hockey Association and the Women’s Hockey East Association.

January’s Celebrating Difference Makers 175th anniversary giving challenge raised $2.7 million in 1.75 days, thanks to a record-breaking 6,342 donors.

Holy Cross was named No. 3 on Money magazine’s 2019 list of the “10 Best Liberal Arts Colleges for Your Money.” Other rankings of note include No. 4 on The Wall Street Journal’s list of the “Best Catholic Colleges in America,” No. 20 on Business Insider’s list of “Best Liberal Arts Colleges,” No. 22 on Forbes’ list of “Top Liberal Arts Colleges” and No. 18 among the “Best Value Liberal Arts Colleges in the Country” on PayScale’s 2018 College Return on Investment Report.

The Holy Cross Student Investment Fund placed first at the UMASS Minuteman Equity Fund competition in March. Operating under the Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca ’59 Center for Business, Ethics and Society, the students beat 11 other teams, including those from MIT, Harvard, Columbia and Georgetown. Judges were particularly impressed by the team’s ability to “tell a
compelling story” of why their stock pick would be poised for sustained growth.

SIXTEEN
2,400 alumni came home to The Hill over two June weekends to attend Reunion 2019.

SEVENTEEN
During its weeklong fall residency, Grammy Award-winning ensemble Silkroad welcomed more than 200 local high school students to campus to participate in the College’s second annual Festival of the Arts. Students participated in workshops and joined Silkroad in an interactive musical piece combining singing, percussion and the visual arts.

EIGHTEEN
A spring course, Music & the Jesuits, 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.

NINETEEN
The College’s annual Lenten series, “Return to Me: Lenten Reflections from Holy Cross, 2019,” saw 6,600 subscribers this spring — a 15% increase from 2018. The email reflections, sent daily during the course of Lent, were designed for use during the holy season for interested students, faculty, staff and alumni, and were written by members of the Holy Cross community.

TWENTY
In November, the College hosted a campuswide summit, ENGAGE, to address campus culture. All students, faculty and staff were invited to engage in dialogue, gain new perspectives and offer ideas for building a more inclusive community during the half-day event.
Twenty-one student-run and developed projects were supported by the Ignite Fund, a program through which students can turn their dream projects into reality. Student projects funded through the J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World initiative included the creation of a tree nursery in association with the Worcester Tree Initiative; development of a religious instruction curriculum for a Ugandan school that serves children with disabilities; and the creation of an after-school programming class for Worcester Public School students.

Seven students and alumni were awarded Fulbright grants to teach around the world during the 2019-2020 academic year. Since 2008, Holy Cross students have received 95 Fulbrights, placing the College consistently among the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars at the undergraduate level.

More than 1,000 alumni participated in alumni career webinars over the past year across 38 states and around the world, from Canada to New Zealand.

Heading into the fourth and final year, the College’s Become More campaign reached the $386 million mark of a $400 million goal.

Holy Cross’ women’s ice hockey team began its inaugural season in Hockey East, a major ascent from its previous home in Division III. The team earned its first Hockey East win in November, shocking No. 5 Northeastern University — the highest-ranked opponent the program has ever defeated.

Theodore V. “Ted” Wells Jr. ’72, prominent litigation attorney and co-founder of the College’s Black Student Union, received an honorary degree from the College in recognition of his work promoting social and racial justice, and his advocacy for educational opportunity and civil rights for all.

Students staged a three-day sit-in in February in front of the office of College President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., to advocate for better transparency and progress on issues related to diversity and inclusion and sexual respect and conduct on campus. After meeting with student organizers, Fr. Boroughs and the administration created a series of goals, action items and next steps, all of which can be found at www.holycross.edu/campus-climate.

Nearly 1,300 students participated in either an overnight retreat or contemplative evening at the College’s Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center last year. One hundred thirty-two alumni participated in retreats at the center.

The College successfully raised the required two-thirds of construction costs in gifts and pledges for the final two capital projects that will complete investment in upper campus. Construction is underway on the Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center and the performing arts center.

Holy Cross ranked eighth in the nation for alumni participation in giving based on data from 1,100 schools. More than 16,000 alumni made gifts to the College this year.
Eighteen varsity Athletics teams received Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) public recognition awards from the NCAA, posting multi-year APR scores in the top 10% of all squads in their respective sports. Holy Cross finished in a four-way tie for first in the nation among all Division I athletic programs in the number of teams honored (18), matching the totals of Brown, Columbia and Dartmouth.

In honor of Holy Cross alumni and students who gave their lives in service of their country, the Schola Gregoriana of Holy Cross, consisting of 60 students in Assistant Professor Daniel DiCenso ’98’s Gregorian Chant courses, sang in a March Latin vespers service.

Twenty-eight regional clubs participated at 34 Holy Cross Cares Day sites in their local communities throughout the spring.

Alumni, parents, students and friends gave a combined $39 million to Holy Cross during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. For the third year in a row, the Holy Cross Fund, which supports every aspect of the College — students, faculty, academic programs, residential life, facilities, Athletics and more — surpassed the $10 million mark.
The College launched the Ciocca Center for Business, Ethics, and Society, designed to foster a liberal arts approach to the study of business and its role in a just and flourishing society. The center provides opportunities for students to develop the technical and applied skills, entrepreneurial spirit and strong, ethical framework they will need to serve in a range of leadership roles.

More than 100 students spent summer 2018 conducting research around the world as part of the Charles S. Weiss Summer Research Program. From digging up fossils in the Midwest to interviewing three generations of women in Russia, Holy Cross students found themselves on the cutting edge of undergraduate research in the fields of the natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, fine arts and economics.

During the academic year, the College undertook the Mission Priority Examen, a self-study and peer review process for assuring the Catholic, Jesuit identity of the College. Sponsored by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and led by a committee consisting of Holy Cross faculty, staff, students and members of the Jesuit community, the College identified the strengths and weaknesses of its mission effectiveness, evaluated its current mission priorities and determined goals for improvement.

More than 230 students participated in the summer internship program, with 103 students receiving stipends from the College to support their unpaid internships. Over 140 students participated in the Academic Internship Program through the J.D. Power Center.

Thirty-six cities participated in the HCAA’s September Crossroad gathering, a celebration of Holy Cross and its shared community around the globe.
The graphs to the right present the College’s sources and uses of funds during the financial year that ended June 30, 2019. At this writing, financial results for fiscal 2019 are unaudited. The additional graphs and table page present recent trends for enrollment, admissions, academic resources, graduation rates and the College’s other key financial figures.

For fiscal 2019, the College is reporting another year of solid operating performance. Operating margin, the difference between operating revenues and expenses, totaled $9 million that helps support debt service, the College’s construction projects and other costs. Since operating margin excludes the impact of investment gains or losses, it is also a measure of the College’s effectiveness in managing daily campus operations. This year’s margin, which was 4.5% of operating revenues, represented the 49th consecutive year that operating revenues exceeded operating expenses. ■

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** FIGURE 1. SOURCES OF FUNDS ($ millions) Fiscal 2019 (unaudited)**

- $98.0 Tuition and Fees, Net of Financial Aid
- $38.3 Residence Hall & Dining Fees
- $30.4 Endowment Income
- $10.8 Auxiliary Enterprises
- $10.5 Contributions
- $9.9 Gifts, Grants, Federal Student Aid
- $2.8 Other Income

These represent the College’s key sources of revenue.

** FIGURE 2. USES OF FUNDS ($ millions) Fiscal 2019 (unaudited)**

- $84.4 Salaries and Wages
- $29.0 Employee Benefits
- $54.4 Other Operating Expenses
- $17.4 Depreciation
- $5.5 Interest

These are the major spending areas of the College, by program type.

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** FIGURE 3. FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT**

- 2,904 (2015)
- 3,102 (2019)

** FIGURE 4. FIRST-YEAR APPLICATIONS**

- 5,302 (2015)
- 7,054 (2019)

** FIGURE 5. FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE**

- Holy Cross: 91.1% (2015)

** FIGURE 6. SCHOLARSHIP AID TO STUDENTS**

- Holy Cross: $49.1 million (2015)

** FIGURE 7. ANNUAL STUDENT CHARGES**

- Tuition: $58,042 (2015)
- Room and Board: $55,924 (2015)

** FIGURE 8. ENDOWMENT**

- 2015: $748.9 million
- 2019: $783.2 million

** FIGURE 9. % OF OPERATING REVENUE PROVIDED BY THE ENDOWMENT**

- 2015: 15%
- 2019: 15.5%
### FIVE-YEAR TRENDS

#### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

**First-year admissions**

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<td>Acceptance rate</td>
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**Total enrollment**

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<td>% Men</td>
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<td>% Women</td>
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<td>Full-time equivalent students</td>
<td>2,915</td>
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<td>699</td>
<td>667</td>
<td>739</td>
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<td>Six-year graduation rate</td>
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<td>Freshmen retention rate</td>
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<td>317</td>
<td>301</td>
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<td>Faculty with Ph.D. or terminal degree</td>
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<td>Student-to-faculty ratio</td>
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#### PER-STUDENT CHARGES

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<td>Tuition</td>
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<td>Room and board</td>
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<td>$13,690</td>
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<td>Mandatory fees</td>
<td>$612</td>
<td>$626</td>
<td>$645</td>
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<td>Total student charges</td>
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<td>$59,924</td>
<td>$62,165</td>
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#### FINANCIAL RESOURCES ($000) (FY2018 UNAUDITED)

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<td>Total tuition and fees, gross</td>
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<td>$137,352</td>
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<td>Endowment</td>
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<td>without donor restrictions</td>
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<td>$391,784</td>
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<td>with donor restrictions</td>
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<td>Total net assets</td>
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<td>Long-term debt</td>
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As the head of a media company that has produced 200 Christmas movies in 10 years and extended the season by months, Bill Abbott is gaining on Father Christmas as the master of holiday strategy.

Throwing a Christmas Party — and you’re invited
Bill Abbott’s
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— AND YOU’RE INVITED

Last year, 68 million people RSVP’d to Bill Abbott’s holiday celebration: Hallmark’s Countdown to Christmas. Meet the creator behind this cable sensation and discover why its content has become as essential to the holiday as wrapping paper.

BY LORI FERGUSON

I don’t know your name, but you definitely know his work. And that’s alright with Bill Abbott ’84, P22, P20.

As president and CEO of Crown Media Family Networks, Abbott answers his own email, eschews retaining a personal PR team and leads the Hallmark Channel, which over his nearly 20-year tenure has grown to include two sister networks, an online streaming app, skyrocketing ratings and revenue and a cultural foothold in the biggest family time of the year.

The foundation of the company’s past decade of success and entry into the holiday zeitgeist is Abbott’s year-end juggernaut known as Hallmark’s Countdown to Christmas, a seasonal programming block in which the cable network airs a mix of movies and themed specials and programming, October through December. Countdown to Christmas, in turn, launched the phenomenon known colloquially as “the Hallmark Christmas movie,” family-friendly, romantic or inspirational (or a combination of all three) stories that end on a happy, hopeful note.

“It’s just relentlessly positive,” says Abbott, who reads every script, reviews daily footage of movies in production and visits sets when he’s not traveling between New York, Los Angeles and Hallmark headquarters in Kansas City. “We take great pains to make sure that every story and character respect that quality. Making content that people like takes a great amount of time, energy and talent. We don’t like to disappoint our fans, so we take our work very seriously.

When you’re making that many movies, you don’t want them all to be exactly the same, yet you want them to be easily recognizable as a Hallmark film.”

This consistency and focus are no accident. Today’s audiences are routinely exposed to content that can be shocking or salacious, and stories with a wholesome message are a welcome respite for tens of millions. “We don’t want to surprise people — predictability is a compliment, not a criticism,” Abbott says. “It doesn’t make you boring, just reliable.”

And that reliability brings ratings. In a time in which viewers have unprecedented entertainment options thanks to cable, streaming services and traditional broadcast networks, the popularity of Countdown to Christmas
and its movies is, to put it mildly, impressive.

According to industry magazine Broadcasting & Cable, in the final four months of 2018, the Hallmark Channel reached an unduplicated audience of 68 million viewers – a number equal to the entire populations of Texas and California, with 1 million people to spare. The channel ended the year as the highest-rated and most-watched cable network for the entire fourth quarter among women 18-49 and women 25-54, outpacing all cable and broadcast networks.

“It’s almost mystifying,” says Robert Thompson, trustee professor and founding director of Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture. “There seems to be no end to how much of this material people will consume. The Hallmark Channel has created over 200 of these Christmas films in the past 10 years. That’s a lot of anything!”

Part of the appeal of Countdown to Christmas, Thompson posits, is its aura of familiarity and old-fashioned nostalgia. “In this era of increasingly sophisticated programming – ‘Breaking Bad,’ ‘Game of Thrones’ – there’s still a real appetite for shows that are old school,” he says.

And Christmas programming as a genre is in a category all its own. “There are things that people enjoy about Christmas shows – oversentimentality and unlikely happy endings – that would make them roll their eyes the rest of the year,” Thompson notes. “But during the Christmas season, they expect it. What surprises me most is how many of these films the Hallmark Channel makes each year and yet each continues to deliver – it’s a Christmas miracle.”

Tom Umstead, Broadcasting & Cable’s senior content producer of programming for multichannel news, agrees that the Hallmark Channel’s continued accomplishments may be puzzling to some, but he recognizes that no one can argue with success. “Hallmark has been able to define its network and audience by providing consistent content and sticking with its game plan,” he says. “They’ve established themselves as the family-friendly network and that has enabled them to build an audience and an advertising base.”

In particular, adult females age 25-54 across all financial levels are drawn to Countdown to Christmas and other Hallmark series year after year because it’s dependable content they can’t find anywhere else, Umstead says. “In today’s environment, content isn’t always good, but on the Hallmark Channel, you know at the end of the day, you’re going to feel happy,” he adds. “Their programming is comfort food for a lot of people. The shows work because the content they offer is rare these days. Hallmark is showing films you’re not going to find on any other network – and it works.”

**AT ITS CORE, HALLMARK IS ABOUT HOLIDAYS**

Abbott joined Crown Media as executive vice president of advertising and sales in 2000 and took over as CEO in 2009, launching Countdown to Christmas that same year.

“I saw how popular the Family Channel’s 25 Days of Christmas offering was, and since Hallmark is all about the holidays, it made sense to me to do some special programming around Christmas,” he says. “Our first year, we launched the Christmas franchise, we run holiday-specific franchises throughout the year: Winterfest, Love Ever After, Spring Fever, Countdown to Summer, June Weddings, Christmas in July, Summer Nights, Fall Harvest, and then it’s time for Countdown to Christmas again. Hallmark is all about celebrating special moments and we really try to embody that on the Hallmark Channel.”

Although he knew that Countdown to Christmas would be great for the Hallmark brand, Abbott says he still marvels at the pop-culture phenomenon it has become: “Even late-night show hosts like James Corden and Jimmy Kimmel are referencing its success.”

Despite skillfully shepherding Crown Media to this vaunted position in the pop-culture universe, Abbott eschews personal plaudits. Instead, he credits his team for developing the company into an independent media powerhouse. “We have a strong group of creatives here; it’s not about me,” he notes. “I don’t have a PR person – garnering personal parameters are, to put it mildly, impressive.

According to industry magazine Broadcasting & Cable, in the final four months of 2018, the Hallmark Channel reached an unduplicated audience of 68 million viewers – a number equal to the entire populations of Texas and California, with 1 million people to spare. The channel ended the year as the highest-rated and most-watched cable network for the entire fourth quarter among women 18-49 and women 25-54, outpacing all cable and broadcast networks.

“It’s almost mystifying,” says Robert Thompson, trustee professor and founding director of Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture. “There seems to be no end to how much of this material people will consume. The Hallmark Channel has created over 200 of these Christmas films in the past 10 years. That’s a lot of anything!”

Part of the appeal of Countdown to Christmas, Thompson posits, is its aura of familiarity and old-fashioned nostalgia. “In this era of increasingly sophisticated programming – ‘Breaking Bad,’ ‘Game of Thrones’ – there’s still a real appetite for shows that are old school,” he says.

And Christmas programming as a genre is in a category all its own. “There are things that people enjoy about Christmas shows – oversentimentality and unlikely happy endings – that would make them roll their eyes the rest of the year,” Thompson notes. “But during the Christmas season, they expect it. What surprises me most is how many of these films the Hallmark Channel makes each year and yet each continues to deliver – it’s a Christmas miracle.”

Tom Umstead, Broadcasting & Cable’s senior content producer of programming for multichannel news, agrees that the Hallmark Channel’s continued accomplishments may be puzzling to some, but he recognizes that no one can argue with success. “Hallmark has been able to define its network and audience by providing consistent content and sticking with its game plan,” he says. “They’ve established themselves as the family-friendly network and that has enabled them to build an audience and an advertising base.”

In particular, adult females age 25-54 across all financial levels are drawn to Countdown to Christmas and other Hallmark series year after year because it’s dependable content they can’t find anywhere else, Umstead says. “In today’s environment, content isn’t always good, but on the Hallmark Channel, you know at the end of the day, you’re going to feel happy,” he adds. “Their programming is comfort food for a lot of people. The shows work because the content they offer is rare these days. Hallmark is showing films you’re not going to find on any other network – and it works.”

**AT ITS CORE, HALLMARK IS ABOUT HOLIDAYS**

Abbott joined Crown Media as executive vice president of advertising and sales in 2000 and took over as CEO in 2009, launching Countdown to Christmas that same year.

“I saw how popular the Family Channel’s 25 Days of Christmas offering was, and since Hallmark is all about the holidays, it made sense to me to do some special programming around Christmas,” he says. “Our first year, we launched the Christmas franchise, we run holiday-specific franchises throughout the year: Winterfest, Love Ever After, Spring Fever, Countdown to Summer, June Weddings, Christmas in July, Summer Nights, Fall Harvest, and then it’s time for Countdown to Christmas again. Hallmark is all about celebrating special moments and we really try to embody that on the Hallmark Channel.”

Although he knew that Countdown to Christmas would be great for the Hallmark brand, Abbott says he still marvels at the pop-culture phenomenon it has become: “Even late-night show hosts like James Corden and Jimmy Kimmel are referencing its success.”

Despite skillfully shepherding Crown Media to this vaunted position in the pop-culture universe, Abbott eschews personal plaudits. Instead, he credits his team for developing the company into an independent media powerhouse. “We have a strong group of creatives here; it’s not about me,” he notes. “I don’t have a PR person – garnering personal...
attention is just not a focus of mine. Some executives work to leverage their positions for exposure, but that’s just not me.”

He will, however, acknowledge he is a grateful leader who attributes his success in the entertainment industry to the education he received at Holy Cross: “As an English major, I learned a lot about storytelling and character development – knowledge I now draw on regularly. My time at Holy Cross made me who I am today. I wouldn’t be where I am were it not for the phenomenal education and spiritual development I experienced during my four years on campus. Attending an institution with such a high level of integrity and care for the world at large leaves an indelible mark – you simply cannot put a value on it.”

Abbott grows quiet for a moment, then continues: “As a student, I remember hearing our College President John Brooks say, ‘One of the reasons you go to Holy Cross is that when you knock, someone answers.’ I understood him to mean that the school teaches you to think critically and to navigate the world in a way that’s different than how most institutions do it, and that was certainly my experience.”

Happily, Abbott notes, stepsons Oliver Rapp ’20 and James Rapp ’22 have followed in his footsteps to The Hill. “I have four children, so I’ve been on many, many college tours and I’ve seen a number of good schools,” he says, “but in my opinion, no one bests Holy Cross when it comes to providing students with a great foundation on which to build their lives.”

**PROMOTING POSITIVITY AND INTEGRITY**

It’s perhaps not surprising, therefore,
to discover that the commitment to positivity and integrity that Abbott so admires in Holy Cross is echoed in his dedication to Hallmark and all that the network represents. “The culture at Holy Cross and the one we have created at Hallmark Channel are remarkably similar. I love Hallmark and everything about it,” he says. “I’ve always loved what the brand stands for – we’re committed to making the world a better place and enabling people to connect in ways they might not otherwise do.” This admiration is what initially drew Abbott to the network. “I’m not at all surprised at the success we’ve enjoyed over the past 10 years because the brand is so strong and so well known,” he says. “When I took over, I was told the Hallmark Channel wouldn’t succeed because we aren’t part of a large media company, but we’ve proved our critics wrong.”

Yet he is surprised that despite the network’s massive success, few others are following in its footsteps: “A vast swath of this country is eager for family-friendly content, yet we still don’t have much competition in the space, even though we’ve proven that financially the formula works. It’s just not the direction that many creatives in the business want to go – people in Hollywood tend to pursue content that’s edgier.” For the Hallmark Channel and its Countdown to Christmas franchise, however, its aim remains producing content that returns viewers to a place where life’s special moments are celebrated. “We strive to create an environment that people want to go to and stay in,” Abbott says.
Erin Smith DeMarco’s involvement with the Holy Cross Alumni Association changed her life — long before she became an alumna — when she accepted a Summer Fellowship Program internship, funded by the HCAA.

“It completely shaped my career,” she says.

At the early literacy nonprofit ReadBoston, she helped distribute tens of thousands of free books to children and worked with and learned from Theresa Lynn ’87, then the group’s executive director. “Theresa remains the greatest mentor I’ve ever had,” Smith DeMarco ’04 notes. After graduation, Smith DeMarco worked at ReadBoston for eight years and mentored Holy Cross interns — many of whom she’s still in touch with today.

This tradition of alumni helping alumni across generations is not new, but rather a long and prized tradition of the HCAA. Be it personal or professional, social or selfless, what began with 92 graduates of the class of 1869 has grown into today’s 35,000-strong HCAA, one of the oldest alumni organizations in the country. Celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, the group’s goal is simple: engaging alumni for life. But how it executes that vision is not. For generations of Crusaders, the organization has grown and expanded into a series of programs, events and opportunities that continue to change the lives of alumni, their communities and more.

WHEREVER THEY MAY ROAM

For 150 years, the Holy Cross Alumni Association has enriched generations of Crusaders and their communities in ways large and small, reigniting the sense of community they found at Mount St. James.

“We try to do a little bit of everything,” says George Leidig ’79, vice president of the Holy Cross Club of Virginia and past president of the Holy Cross Club of the Capital Region. For his group, events include an annual Christmas party, welcome receptions for accepted students, a harbor cruise and Holy Cross football games, which draw upward of 300 alumni. Regional groups have given him “numerous opportunities to meet hundreds of other Holy Cross grads, many of whom have been friends and...”
information resources over the years,” he says.

For those who move to new cities or states, regional clubs can also provide a built-in personal and professional network in a brand-new place. Alumni new to an area can meet fellow graduates working in their fields and receive crucial advice, find jobs and successfully navigate career changes thanks to alumni support.

After graduation, Brian P. Duggan ’96 landed his first job, packed up and headed to Boston. “For this homebody from Harwich, Massachusetts, moving to Boston was a big deal,” says Duggan, past HCAA president. Getting involved with the local regional club made all the difference, anchoring him in his new home. After one meeting, “I was hooked,” he says. “In the hectic pace of life, figuring out my job, getting settled into my first apartment and learning that not all streets in Boston are two-way, the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston reassured me, reminded me and recharged me.”

But alumni are not the only audience who benefit from these groups: John Loughnane ’87 and Julia Gutiérrez-Crowley ’03 first experienced the impact as undergraduates.

A scholarship from the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston “truly made the difference in allowing me to attend Holy Cross,” Loughnane says. Years later, he reviewed hundreds of applications as part of the scholarship committee while serving on the club board and as president. “It was a privilege to serve with fellow alums in that capacity and help enable others from the Boston area to make their way to Holy Cross,” he says.

As one of a small number of commuter students, Gutiérrez-Crowley, born and raised in Worcester, wanted to support fellow day students. The Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester gave her backing not only to maintain a dedicated day student space on campus, but also to organize programming, such as a Worcester history speaker series, to celebrate her hometown. “The Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester gave me a voice at Holy Cross,” she says.

Today, 31 regional clubs – and counting – dot the United States, from California to
Bishop James Healy, class of 1849, served as the group’s first charter president before its constitution was created in 1869; an annual dues slip for members of the General Alumni Association (the HCAA’s prior name) around the turn of the century; alumni singing the alma mater at the 2017 HCAA Dinner; The Holy Cross Alumnus, a precursor to Crossroads and Holy Cross Magazine, October 1927. This was the first issue to sport a cover, which featured Rev. Joseph Dinand, S.J.; William Cousins Jr. ’45 (GAA president), Joseph Aieta ’40 (In Hoc Signo recipient), Lt. Cmdr. Thomas G. Kelley ’60, U.S. Navy (Congressional Medal recipient), College President Raymond J. Swords, S.J., ’38, Austin Keane ’47 (GAA president-elect) and Edward Dineen, class of 1920, photographed in front of Fenwick during a reunion; a 150-year-old copy of the Constitution of the Alumni of the College of the Holy Cross; alumni and their wives meet for an afternoon tea on the Beaven terrace to begin an alumni fund drive, 1903.
Texas to Illinois to Connecticut. "If there isn’t a regional club in your area, get one started or just hold an event," encourages Kristyn Dyer ’94, director of alumni relations for the College. "The Alumni Association is here to help support alumni who want to gather or celebrate together the Holy Cross community, even if it’s not in a formal way."

With no official regional club located in Iowa, last year the late Arthur Doenecke, M.D., ’61, decided to pull together Hawkeye State Crusaders for a get-together. The driving force behind the September 2018 gathering, Doenecke unexpectedly passed away the week prior to the event, yet his fellow alumni met as planned.

"With him there in spirit, the Iowa group gathered nonetheless to celebrate Holy Cross, their shared connections and Dr. Doenecke," says Tom Cadigan ’02, associate director of alumni relations.

HOLY CROSS CARES DAY SPREADS SERVICE NATIONWIDE

Each spring, Holy Cross Cares Day unites alumni in the service of their community. A partnership between the HCAA and its regional clubs, the one-day event spurs hundreds of alumni, parents and families to join in.

Kerry Pilek ’96 organizes a day of service for area alums at a northeastern New York food bank, where volunteers spanning the generations roll up their sleeves to sort and box donations for distribution to local food pantries. "At the end, you look at all these boxes that 30-plus people have pulled together in two hours, and it’s really

(clockwise from top left) The Holy Cross Club of New York at their annual banquet, 1949; a Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston dinner, 1949; the class of 1889 at their 50th reunion; Brian Duggan ’96 hands off the HCAA president’s gavel to Mike Shanahan ’78, P10 in June 2019; Holy Cross Club of Worcester members gather in Guam during World War II, August 1945: (from left) P. Mullaney, Bob Kane, Joe Tivnan, Will Palmer, Gregg Cather and Steve Sowick; Iowa Crusaders gather in honor of Arthur Doenecke, M.D., ’61, who died the weekend before the state’s first all-class reunion. Doenecke was the driving force behind the Iowa City meetup.
incredible to see,” she says. “It takes me back to that feeling of community at Holy Cross.”

Like many participants, Pilek and her husband, Mike DeSanti ’96, have made the day a family tradition, bringing along their three children. “It’s just gratifying to be able to demonstrate for them that service is an important part of being in a community,” she says.

For the past five years, Patricia ’11 and Tony Zelayandia ’11 have been organizing Holy Cross Cares Day events in the Dallas area. They’ve made Mother’s Day corsages for local Catholic Charities clients and performed spring cleanup for an area community center.

“In 2016, we boxed and bagged 7,186 meals at the San Felipe Distribution Center with 14 adults and eight children,” Patricia says of an experience she describes as unforgettable. “It’s just gratifying to be able to demonstrate for them that service is an important part of being in a community,” she says.

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“One of Brady’s recent picks was a hands-on class on the mathematics of bell ringing. “It was absolutely fascinating,” says Brady, who continues to teach undergraduate calculus at Boston College in his retirement. After class, he struck up a conversation with the professor, who sent him resources to use in his own curriculum.

John P. Hussey ’70 encourages all alumni to try the day, where he’s met new friends and stayed connected with old ones. “The thing that gets me is how smart Holy Cross grads are,” Hussey says. “The questions that they ask from life’s experiences are terrific.” Used to cheering on current students at sporting events, Hussey says one of his favorite Classroom Revisited lectures found students guiding alumni through Greek translations of ancient “Iliad” manuscripts.

“It reminds me of all of the reasons many of us chose Holy Cross in the first place,” Brady says of the program. “We’re getting exposed to current events, new ideas and new ways of looking at things.”

**BISHOP HEALY COMMITTEE CULTIVATES AND SUPPORTS DIVERSITY**

The Bishop Healy Committee is one of the most active HCAA committees, working to increase all students of color, including African-American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American (ALANA), enrollment and to connect ALANA students and alumni in meaningful ways. Together, alumni have been a force for progress and change, fostering a more diverse, welcoming and inclusive campus.

Two decades ago, the committee set ambitious goals for ALANA enrollment at Holy Cross, pulling together a team of alumni to help. “We went to work,” says committee chair emeritus Bob Credle ’65, who can recall a time when he was the only African-American student on campus. Today, ALANA and international students make up 25 percent of the student body.

Ron Lawson ’75, committee chair emeritus, returned to campus in the 1990s to help mold the committee into what it is today. “I knew I wanted the students of color on campus to have the support systems available from an alumni network that I didn’t have and other students like me didn’t have,” he
says. Starting in his living room hand-matching ALANA students and alumni based on career interests and experience, Lawson helped the group build the highly successful ALANA Mentoring Program, now run through the Center for Career Development.

With HCAA support, the committee hosts annual events such as the ALANA Baccalaureate Celebration and the Back to the Hill Tailgate at Homecoming. “The HCAA has been extremely supportive every year,” says committee member Dave Doern ’62, who has witnessed many of the events become annual traditions.

Lawson was also integral in raising more than $250,000 over the past 11 years for the Bishop Healy Emergency and Support Fund. “We fund everything from medical expenses to books to winter clothing for students who come from warm climates,” Credle says. “That money goes straight to students,” notes Melisa Alves ’06, vice chair of the committee. “I can’t reiterate how important that’s been.”

After graduation, ALANA students can return as mentors or join the committee to offer support like that they received. “Now they’re doing that work and really paying it forward so that other students of color can continue to find the support they might need through the Bishop Healy Committee,” Alves says.

Suji Yi ’17 is part of that next generation. As a committee member, she is passionate about continuing to be a voice for Asian-American students and alumni, and she’s inspired by the leaders she’s met through serving on the committee: “It’s good to think back and be grateful for those individuals who were courageous enough to help build a path for future students and future alumni to help make Holy Cross a community that everyone could feel safe in and thrive in equally.”

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DELIVERS IMMEASURABLE IMPACT**

Managed through the Center for Career Development, the Summer Fellowship Program is a partnership between a nonprofit, the local sponsoring
The mayor was a wonderful man,” says Smith DeMarco. “He was just so thankful and appreciative of the work that Theresa was enabling and that we were doing. I remember that moment so vividly and thinking, ‘I’ve made the right decision … I’ve done the right thing with my life’ and feeling really proud of it.” (top right) Andrew McNamara ’15 was part of an HCAA-organized group participating in “Wreaths Across America,” laying wreaths on the graves of Holy Cross alumni interred at Arlington National Cemetery. (bottom) Bishop Healy Committee alumni and students of color participated in a February retreat at the College’s Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center in West Boylston.

regional club and the HCAA, with each contributing equally to an intern’s stipend. This cost-sharing model means deserving organizations can hire high-caliber interns for one-third of the price, while still being able to pay interns a full wage. Theresa Lynn ’87 points out this is key to avoiding “limiting the availability of opportunity to only those who can afford it.” She saw ReadBoston more than triple its number of storytelling sites for Boston children over a few years thanks to the program: “Without the help of the Summer Fellowship Program, we couldn’t have done it,” she says.

As part of the program, Stan Slowick ’74 has hosted more than 50 Holy Cross interns at Sargent Rehabilitation Center in Warwick, Rhode Island, where he is senior vice president of finance, administration and facilities. “The level of maturity of these students is absolutely unbelievable,” he says. “Every March, the staff here asks if we are getting Holy Cross students this year — that’s how much they love having them.”

Interns work with students with disabilities and assist the staff specialists, including occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists – an experience that often gives interns inspiration for their career paths. Slowick has seen students bring their own talents to the table, from arranging art projects with the children to teaching high school biology to adolescents with acquired traumatic brain injuries. He calls the impact the Holy Cross interns have had on the Sargent Center “immeasurable.”

**MCCARTHY SCHOLARSHIPS HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF CRUSADERS**

The HCAA has granted more than $1 million to Holy Cross students through the Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 Scholarships. They are awarded to children of alumni and first-generation college students based on exceptional academic achievement. Next year, the HCAA will give away two new McCarthy Scholarships based solely on outstanding community service.

“Receiving the McCarthy Scholarship at the beginning of my senior year was a wonderful and totally unexpected validation of the work I had been doing as a student,” says Hope Tobin Faron ’15, daughter of Edwin Tobin ’85. “I spent much of my time at Holy Cross plugging away in the very bottom level of the stacks in Dinand Library … I wanted to be sure that the financial sacrifices my parents made for me to attend Holy Cross didn’t go to waste. I definitely wasn’t looking for my efforts to be acknowledged by the College, but it felt really nice to know that Holy Cross alumni saw how hard I was working and wanted to celebrate that.”

For Jackie Bashaw ’17, daughter of Charles Bashaw ’75, receiving a McCarthy Scholarship “was a really lovely reminder of the ways that the Holy Cross alumni network supports its students and graduates to focus on scholarship and community.”

Having grown up going to campus and alumni events with his dad, Kevin McNamara ’79, Andrew McNamara ’15 says, “The McCarthy Scholarship permanently strengthened my ties to Holy Cross and has pushed me to continue my involvement in the community as an alumnus.” He currently serves as a career advisor and an alumni admissions volunteer, and also attends events hosted by the Holy Cross Club of the Capital Region: “HCAA events have been invaluable for making connections as a postgraduate living in a new city. It has come as a pleasant surprise that there are so many avenues to continue meeting Crusaders that I may not have crossed paths with on campus.”

“I think the alumni community is one of the College’s biggest strengths, and not only because of the financial assistance alumni are able to offer students,” Tobin Faron says. “Holy Cross alumni have a drive to help others and a collective wisdom that is simply unmatched.”

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**GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR HCAA**

Here’s no paperwork or dues required to join the HCAA: In fact, every graduate is a member as soon as their degree is conferred at Commencement.

“Because alumni are such an important part of what makes Holy Cross the special place it is, we want to be inclusive and keep as many people as possible engaged,” says Mike Shanahan ’78, P10, HCAA president. “We are here to serve all alumni and we’re open to ideas that might help us do that better.”

Getting involved with the organization, personally or professionally, is as simple as joining in on one of its many programs and events, which number far more than those highlighted here, or suggesting something new. “It’s never too late,” Shanahan says.

For more HCAA information, visit holycross.edu/alumni
Senior defensive lineman Mark Ebo eyes UNH quarterback Max Brosmer in the Crusaders’ Sept. 7 home opener. Holy Cross beat the Wildcats, 13-10, by recovering a fumble in the end zone with 1:56 left in the game.
Marcus Blossom Won’t Back Down

From pursuing his dream of playing Division I basketball to finding the career he loves, Holy Cross' new Athletics director has a long history of refusing to stop until he’s reached his goal.

BY JOE SULLIVAN

With a 4.43 GPA and stellar ACT scores, Marcus Blossom had his pick of colleges across the United States when he was a high school senior. The offers of an academic scholarship came from far and wide.

Blossom, however, wanted something else: He wanted to play basketball at the highest level, Division I. Unfortunately, Division I coaches across the country didn’t want him. Blossom did not surrender his dream that easily, though; he kept searching and he found a school that was going to give him a full academic scholarship and a legitimate opportunity to play basketball at the highest level.

That’s how Blossom found himself in Boston at Northeastern University, the first step on a path that led him to Holy Cross, where he was named director of intercollegiate athletics in May.

SEARCHING FOR A SHOT AT DI

The youngest of eight children, Blossom grew up in Matteson, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, and was an
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outstanding basketball player at Rich South High School, averaging 20 points per game his senior year for a team that finished with a 25-5 record.

Yet it wasn’t enough to attract the attention of the so-called big-time coaches.

“I thought I was a good player, but I couldn’t get a lot of offers,” Blossom says. “My coach, he probably sent tapes — it was VHS tapes at the time — and letters to over 100 Division I programs.”

Blossom did have an offer from Wagner College on Staten Island, but New York wasn’t for him. He could have been a non-basketball scholarship player at Illinois or Northwestern, but playing time was not guaranteed and would be hard to earn.

“At Illinois, I got a full academic presidential scholarship and the only balance that I would owe: $8,” he says. “Eight dollars to go to the University of Illinois! It’s a great school, a Top 50 school. My mom said, ‘You can go to Illinois for $8!' But she knew I wanted to play basketball.”

He finally connected with Northeastern, a school with an inconsistent basketball history and one that was not winning at that time. Blossom saw an opportunity, and the Northeastern coaches were willing to give him a chance.

Jay Young, now the head coach at Fairfield University but then a Northeastern assistant, was dispatched to Chicago to see him play.

“It was probably the easiest recruitment ever,” Young says. “I liked what he did. It was an easy decision because it didn’t cost a [basketball] scholarship. At minimum, you have a great kid on your team.”

When Blossom got to Boston, it quickly became apparent that he was going to be more than a great kid at the end of the bench.

“Before the season, you start working out with the guys and I was right there,” Blossom says. “I called my parents back at home and said, ‘I’m going to be playing this year.”

He played off the bench that year and eventually became the leading scorer his junior year. He accomplished it with a combination of toughness, aggressiveness and relentlessness.

Frank Martin, head coach at South Carolina, is known for his tough demeanor. He was an assistant at Northeastern when Blossom was a senior.

“He was our best player,” Martin says. “I bonded with him because of how competitive he was, the will to win that he had.

“[One time] I put a new drill in at practice. I said to myself, ‘We’re wasting our time; we’re getting nothing out of the drill,’ so I jumped in to demonstrate how to do the drill properly. The guy I picked to go against was Marcus because I knew he wouldn’t back down.”

A CAREER PATH DERAILED

Majoring in finance, Blossom finished Northeastern’s five-year program early and was ready to move into the world of stocks and bonds. Then fate intervened.

“My graduation from Northeastern was on Sept. 11, 2001,” Blossom says. “Graduation got cancelled, obviously. That changed my career. The markets changed, that was during the Enron scandal. Stocks dropped. I couldn’t get a job selling securities, in finance. 9/11 changed the course of everything.”

Holy Cross football coach Bob Chesney (left) presents Blossom with the game ball following the Crusaders’ last-minute win over the University of New Hampshire on Sept. 7.
He accepted a job as a corporate accountant in Chicago, but it wasn’t what he really wanted to do. “I did that for three years. Good money, good career, but it was boring,” he says.

He started to think about athletics as a career and contacted Kevin Porter, an administrator he admired at Northeastern. Porter pointed him to a graduate program at West Virginia University, where Blossom earned a master’s degree in sports management; he later earned an MBA at the University of Rhode Island.

Blossom had found what he wanted to do. He became part of the athletics administration at several schools — Central Michigan, Providence and Brown — before landing at Boston College, where he was responsible for athletics budgeting and financial operations; he was the CFO for the Eagles.

“The numbers part is the easy part,” he says. “The challenging part, the part that distinguishes a good athletics administrator from a bad one, is communication. It’s all about communicating the why, how important certain things are.”

He’s also used to carrying a heavy workload. “He was our CFO, but Marcus did a lot more than that,” says Martin Jarmond, Boston College’s director of athletics. “He was also the sports administrator for men’s basketball; that’s huge. He oversaw other sports, too, and our recreation and intramural
department, human resources, the ACC Network.

“To show how heavily involved he was in our whole department, when he left, I announced a re-org,” Jarmond continues. “Four different areas [he handled alone] went to three different people. That’s the breadth and influence he had.”

A SINGULAR GOAL
At Holy Cross, Blossom has transitioned from CFO to CEO, two roles that he says share the same foundation.

“[At BC] my role was to lead while making critical decisions that put us in the best position to be successful while also putting the overall experience of the student-athletes at the forefront,” Blossom says. “That is very similar to my role here at Holy Cross. The scope is simply broader, and I’m in a different seat on the bus – one that makes me ultimately responsible if we are successful in achieving many of our goals or not.”

And his aim for the College’s 27 Division I programs is clear: “The goal is to be the best program in the league.”

(clockwise from above) At the 2019 Crusader Athletics Fund Golf Classic with (left to right) Cody Press, Harry Thomas ’78, Steve Lovelette ’78 and Stan Grayson ’72; with all Crusader student-athletes before the start of the academic year; with Jim Kavanagh, men’s track and field coach; with Sarah Petty, faculty Athletics representative and associate professor of chemistry, Philomena Fitzgerald ’20, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president and field hockey player, and College President Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.; Blossom ranks 12th in Northeastern’s all-time points scored list with 1,475; meeting students after his introductory press conference in May.
Holy Cross Basketball Legend Bob Cousy ’50 Receives Presidential Medal of Freedom

The former Holy Cross point guard scores the nation’s highest civilian honor.

BY JANE CARLTON

Legendary Holy Cross and Boston Celtics point guard Bob Cousy ’50 was honored in August with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, for his contributions to American life on and off the court.

“I discovered some God-given skills to play a child’s game and landed, without much of a moral code other than the law of the streets, at the College of the Holy Cross — then and now, one of the finest liberal arts schools in the country,” Cousy said shortly after receiving the medal. “My Jesuit mentors advised, ‘Maximize your God-given skills in the areas of your choice, then reach out in your communities and help those who are less fortunate.’ And to the best of my ability, I’ve tried to do that.”

The medal was bestowed to Cousy by President Donald J. Trump in the White House's Oval Office. The 91-year-old Cousy was surrounded by friends and family.

Cousy launched his career as a point guard and playmaker at Holy Cross, helping the Crusaders clinch the NCAA championship in 1947. He landed a spot on the Boston Celtics’ roster in 1950, helping build the Celtics dynasty of the 1950s and 1960s. On the Celtics, Cousy won six championships in seven seasons, led the league in assists for eight years straight and was named NBA Most Valuable Player in 1957. His number, 14, was retired by the Celtics in 1963, and he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1971.

But Cousy wasn’t honored just for his time on the court. The 6’1” player was a big — and early — proponent of diversity in the NBA and was a supporter of his black teammates during the civil rights movement, a time when not everyone shared his views.

“Throughout his long career, Bob was a voice against prejudice, racism and bigotry,” Trump said. “In 1954, Bob organized the NBA Players Association, a first-of-its-kind union for major American sports. He was elected the association’s first president and fought for better working conditions and a more reasonable schedule for players.”

Established by President John F. Kennedy in 1963, the Presidential Medal of Freedom is given to individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the interests of the United States, to world peace, or to a variety of fields, from science to philanthropy, art to athletics.

Cousy joins other sports legends, such as Arnold Palmer, Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan and former teammate Bill Russell, as a recipient of the prestigious award.

Two other Holy Cross alumni have received the award as well: James Burke ’47 in 2000 and Anthony Fauci, M.D., ’62 in 2008.

“This acknowledgment allows me to complete my life circle,” Cousy said. “I can stop chasing the bouncing ball. The Presidential Medal of Freedom allows me to reach a level of acceptance in our society I never once dreamed of.”
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Brett Nelson Named New Men’s Basketball Coach

West Virginia native leaves Marquette to lead Holy Cross’ historic program.

Former Marquette University associate head coach Brett Nelson has been named Holy Cross’ new men’s basketball coach.

“I wanted a coach that didn’t shy away from high expectations and shared my vision for this basketball program, which is to be the best in the Patriot League, one of the most respected in the country and one that consistently competes for and wins championships,” said Marcus Blossom, Holy Cross director of Athletics, at the July press conference introducing Nelson. “Brett certainly shares that vision.”

Nelson joins the Crusaders after spending the past five seasons on the coaching staff at Marquette University, including the last two as associate head coach. During his tenure, the Golden Eagles posted an overall record of 45-24. In 2018-2019, he helped the program to an overall record of 24-10, a second-place finish in the Big East (12-6) and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Marquette also had success during Nelson’s three seasons as assistant coach, advancing to the NCAA Tournament in 2016-2017 and winning 20 games in 2015-2016.

Nelson becomes the College’s 18th head coach of the historic program.

“I’m both honored and humbled for this opportunity to be the head coach at Holy Cross,” Nelson said. “I couldn’t be more excited to lead this storied program. When you think about all the former great players, 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, 24 draft picks – this place has amazingly rich history.

“Today is not about me – it’s about these current players, the former players, the fans, the alumni, this Holy Cross community,” he continued. “I promise that you’re going to get my absolute best each and every day. I hope to bring value to this team, to this school and to this community in everything that I do.”

NAME AND AGE
Brett Nelson, 38

FAMILY
Wife, Jamie; son, Eli

EXPERIENCE
• Associate head coach, Marquette University, 2017-2019
• Assistant head coach, Marquette University, 2014-2017
• Associate head coach, Ball State University, 2013-2014
• Assistant coach, Drake University, 2011-2013
• Assistant coach, University of Arkansas, 2010-2011
• Assistant coach, Marshall University, 2007-2010
• Director of basketball operations, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2006-2007
• Director of basketball operations, Colorado State University, 2005-2006

EDUCATION
Bachelor’s degree, sociology, University of Florida, 2004

ATHLETICS
• McDonald’s All-American
• West Virginia player of the year, St. Albans High School
• Two-time All-SEC selection
• Third team All-America honors, 2001
• Three-year starter at guard for the University of Florida under coach Billy Donovan
• A member of four NCAA tournament teams, including the 2000 squad that reached the national championship game
• At the time of his graduation, ranked first in school history in 3-pointers made (274) and attempted (689), second in steals (198) and 14th in points scored (1,417)
• Played professionally in Sweden
It’s Halloween in Hogan Ballroom, but when? Were you at this party? Recognize any of these trick-or-treaters? Email hcmag@holycross.edu and help us solve this mystery.
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Like many of you, I suspect, I was unaware of the history of the HCAA and its role at Holy Cross. As we kick off our 150th birthday, I hope this issue of Holy Cross Magazine will go a long way to filling in some of the blanks.

As you’ll read on Page 52, from a small band of loyal alumni in 1869, we have grown to more than 35,000 living alumni around the world. With 31 regional clubs, a 78-person board of directors and dozens of events each year, we’ve come a long way. And, frankly, we’ve come a long way since that first meeting I attended in Hogan in 1991.

Beginning with Move-In Day and ending with the Senior Reflection Luncheon, we impact hundreds of current students each year and welcome them to the Holy Cross family. We also sponsor continuing education, provide summer fellowships for nonprofits, scholarships for alumni children and first-generation students, host Homecoming celebrations, encourage diversity programming and support via our Bishop Healy Committee, coordinate retreats and spirituality events, arrange Holy Cross Cares Day and welcome new grads to their career cities.

I look forward to serving as HCAA president for the next two years and I encourage you to reach out if you have any ideas that would help draw us all closer to alma mater because, collectively, we are Holy Cross.

Thank you,
Michael H. Shanahan ’78, P10
mshanahan@egancapital.com

They will also nominate 13 directors for three-year terms, with two directors from each of the following: current or past regional club presidents; classes of 2011-2020; classes of 2001-2010; classes of 1991-2000; classes of 1981-1990; classes of 1980 and earlier; and one at-large position representing HCAA affinity groups. For more information, as well as a nomination form, visit www.holycross.edu/alumni or email hcaa@holycross.edu.

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Welcome, Class of 2023!

Eleven regional clubs hosted first-year student send-off receptions across the country this summer — a great way to welcome the newest Crusaders and their parents into the Holy Cross family. (pictured here) Members of the class of 2023 gather in Connecticut for the Holy Cross Club of Greater Hartford’s annual “Purple Pizza Party.”

Bring a bit of The Hill to your home in the form of this new puzzle!

Created in celebration of the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s 150th anniversary, the puzzle offers a mid-campus view of the iconic O’Kane Hall (now 124 years young), the spires of Fenwick and Smith halls to the right and venerable Carlin Hall to the left, all in front of a beautiful sunset over the city of Worcester.

For information on purchasing, visit www.holycross.edu/alumni.

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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Class of 2019 Senior Gift Breaks Records

Members of the class of 2019 raised $34,000 for the Holy Cross Fund, creating the Henry Carr and Joshua Pellerin Holy Cross Fund scholarship in memory of their two classmates who passed away. The scholarship will support two class of 2023 students this year.

Class of ’19 seniors also made history, becoming the first graduating class to surpass 500 donors in a single year — a 75% participation rate. For the fourth straight year, 100 percent of graduating senior student-athletes also made gifts to the College.

“The gift committee engaged in true grassroots fundraising by talking about the gift effort with classmates, teammates and friends as part of their everyday conversations,” says Christene Riendeau, director of annual giving and volunteer engagement.

“They also utilized our new texting platform and Venmo, a new payment gateway, to make giving back that much easier.”

Riendeau says the class was also inspired by an anonymous challenge in late June to match all gifts made through the end of the fiscal year. By successfully meeting the challenge, the class raised enough to fund scholarships for two students.

The effort was led by gift co-chairs Sean Manning ’19 and Ally Yoeckel ’19 (pictured above), with help from approximately 40 additional committee members. “It was important to us to create a gift that had impact on our entire community and would benefit the legacy of our classmates,” Yoeckel says. “When we realized that a scholarship would be possible, we knew that this gift would be the most meaningful way to honor Josh and Henry.”

“We couldn’t be prouder of Sean, Alexandra and the entire class,” Riendeau notes. “We are also thrilled that Sean and Alexandra will continue their work as volunteers and join our group of dedicated class chairs who work year after year to help make the case for supporting Holy Cross.”

Refresh Your Career in 2020

Does your career need a boost? Do you feel like you’re operating on autopilot? Take control of your career by participating in the Career Refresh Month Challenge in 2020! Sign up to receive one email per day for the month of January. The emails will provide reflections, teachings and inspiration to help you take control of your professional development. Each email will prompt you to do something small. By the end, your many small acts should result in a greater sense of understanding, direction and purpose for your career. If you’re not driving your career development, no one is. What do you have to lose? ■

Email alumnicareers@holycross.edu for more information and to sign up.

Special Web-Based Opportunity This Month ...

“Falling Out of Time”: World Premiere Access

Beginning the week of Oct. 17, all alumni, parents and friends are invited to join Holy Cross online for a three-week, behind-the-scenes immersion into the creative process of bringing art to life. This experience will culminate with 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. Along the way, participants will connect with Golijov, the College’s Loyola Professor of Music, Silkroad Ensemble, a Grammy-winning collective of global artists, and Holy Cross faculty and administrators.

Part play, part poem, part fable, “Falling Out of Time” narrates a journey “out of time” as parents grieve the loss of their child, a quest to comprehend a loss with no name. Experience how this story transforms from written word to musical interpretation.

This web-based opportunity is a collaboration between Arts Transcending Borders, Holy Cross Online Learning and Silkroad.

For more information and to register online, visit www.holycross.edu/onlinelearning.
Save the Date

Fall Homecoming

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 | HC Football vs. Harvard

Help us celebrate the HCAA’s 150th anniversary and come back to Mount St. James to celebrate your purple pride!

Look for more information at www.holycross.edu/homecoming

2019 Women in Business Conference Set for Nov. 2

Registration is open for the 14th annual Women in Business Conference, to be held at Hogan Campus Center on Nov. 2.

Maggie O’Neill ’99, co-founder and chief creative officer of SWATCHROOM, a design, art and fabrication firm in Washington, D.C., will present the keynote, discussing how art makes an impact and design creates an experience. Panels throughout the day will cover topics such as culture fit, design thinking, investing in your future, marketing trends for tomorrow and more.

For more information, visit www.holycross.edu/business/wib.
AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU
TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED HOLY CROSS DURING THIS 175TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

Through your generosity, students have tremendous opportunities in and beyond the classroom to discover their potential and apply their talents in every corner of the world. Your contributions make a tremendous impact on campus and beyond. YOU are Difference Makers!

Holy Cross alumni participated in more than 200 ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS across the country (and abroad).

We loved welcoming alumni and parents back to campus for Homecomings, Family Weekend and Reunion celebrations.

46.87% alumni participation

16,225 ALUMNI DONORS to Holy Cross

The class of 1984 finished with the highest reunion participation rate at 62%.

2019 is the first class in College history to surpass 500 donors in a single year.

YOU — our difference makers — broke the record for the largest number of donors ever to a giving challenge at Holy Cross, with 6,355 DONORS and $2,729,837 raised in just 1.75 days!

All gifts matter and make a difference! 12,438 donors made gifts of $100 or less, totaling $619,809.

11,440 alumni have given consecutively for five or more years.

100% of our senior student-athletes made gifts for the fourth year in a row!

54.8% of former athletes gave to the College.

There were 514 brand-new alumni donors to the Crusader Athletics Fund.

18 of 27 teams broke donor records and 19 of 27 teams broke dollar records.

HOLY CROSS FUND

It was a record-breaking year for the HOLY CROSS FUND with $10,737,428 RAISED.

Alumni dollar records were set in the reunion classes of 1964, 1974 and 1984.

74.8% of the class of 2019 gave over $34,000 to honor the memory of their classmates, Henry Carr and Joshua Pellerin. They established a Holy Cross Fund Scholarship to be awarded to two members of the class of 2023.

13 REUNION CLASSES raised $3.23 million.

CRUSADER ATHLETICS FUND

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PARENT SUPPORT

36.2% of senior parents participated in the senior parent gift effort, raising $812,000 for the College.

Current parents donated over $6.6 million to the College during the fiscal year with 30% participation.

FROM GIFT PLANNING

50 alumni, parents and friends joined the 1843 Legacy Society as new members by notifying us that the College is included in their estate plans.

Interesting gifts of art
A 17-foot-high hammered copper sculpture, "Pharaoh," created by artist Leonard Urso, was installed in the O’Neil Plaza at the Integrated Science Complex.

An extensive collection of comics and graphic novels was added to the Dinand Library Visual Arts Wing.

THE HOLY CROSS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF NEW YORK

The Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York honored Tom Carey ’66 and Mary Donahue Quinlan ’76 at a record-breaking fundraising dinner. $654,422 was raised through the annual event. Proceeds support real-world learning opportunities for students.

GRANTS NEWS

Fundraising for the Center for the Arts garnered notable gifts from our area foundations with over $1.7 million raised.

We thank the George I. Alden Trust and the Stoddard Charitable Trust for leading grants of $1 million and $300,000, respectively, the largest gifts in their history with the College. The College also received $150,000 each from the George and Sybil Fuller Foundation and the Fletcher Foundation.
From Our Alumni Authors

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99
AND KIMBERLY STALEY ’99

The Blasket Islandman: Life and Legacy of Tomás Ó Criotmhain

By Gerald W. Hayes ’69

In “The Blasket Islandman,” Hayes tells the story of Tomás Ó Criotmhain, one of Ireland’s foremost Irish language authors who made the transition from the oral to the written tradition. In describing the forces that influenced Ó Criotmhain’s work and detailing his impressive legacy, Hayes provides a unique view of the isolated and now-abandoned Great Blasket, the island where his own father-in-law once lived.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“[this] book will always remain an essential work of reference for not only the student and scholar of Blasket literature but for anybody concerned with the reality of life as lived at its barest and yet richest and most meaningful.” — Seán Ó Coileain, emeritus professor, University College Cork

Steadfast in Faith: Catholicism and the Challenges of Secularism

By David G. Bonagura Jr. ’03

Aimed at meeting the needs of individuals who seek a deeper faith and a more abiding conviction in the message of Christ’s Gospel, Bonagura’s “Steadfast in Faith” addresses contemporary secular culture and how Catholics can practice the faith amidst its questions, challenges and conditions.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
“David Bonagura dissects and presents the issues all Catholics are confronted with and does so with freshness and zeal.” — reader review, Amazon.com

Holy Tradition: An Essay in Reparation

By Rev. Robert F. Slesinski ’72

In his own words, Fr. Slesinski describes “Holy Tradition”: “Written against the backdrop of the clerical misconduct scandal beleaguering the present-day Church, an appeal to the authentic Holy Tradition of the Church is made in order to restore an enlivened sense of ecclesial praxis for a renewed sense of mission among the faithful in the Church.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
A Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic priest for over 40 years, Fr. Slesinski is the author of more than a dozen books, including “The Theology of Sergius Bulgakov” and “The Holy Mysteries: Celebrating Christ’s Sacramental Presence.”

Picasso | Encounters

By Jay A. Clarke ’88 and Marilyn McCully

Although artist Pablo Picasso is often thought of as a solitary genius, his career was marked by many instances of creative collaboration, including those fostered by his personal and collegial relationships and those inherent in printmaking. “Picasso | Encounters” features 35 of the artist’s most important prints that showcase the artistic exchange vital to his process, including his first major etching from 1904; portraits of his lovers and family members; and prints that transform motifs by earlier artists.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Jay A. Clarke is Rothman Family Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago.
Class of 1991 Solves Mystery Photo

We love it when the Mystery Photo is solved — and even more so when it’s solved definitively and quickly.

Several members of the class of 1991 wrote in to identify their classmates Joanne (Zern) Scollo (left) and Denise (Collins) Van Campen (right).

“Yes, it is correct that Denise and I are in the summer Mystery Photo!” Scollo says. “Kristen (Cardone ’91) let us know right away when she saw the photo in July, although we were all stumped by the trees and hedges as to the location. I heard from Nancy (Sullivan) Fulcher ’91, my old track teammate: She says that we are in front of O’Kane and that fits where I was picturing as well, so I’ll credit Nancy with the location of this photo!”

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“Although I don’t remember that specific moment in time, the image made me smile,” Scollo writes. “I loved seeing that even back then I was able to enjoy the present moment. I continue to live that way today.”

Adds Van Campen: “I also smiled at this photo; it was such a wonderful period of my life.”

Our thanks to Scollo and Van Campen, as well as other class of 1991 members who wrote in: Cardone, Caroline (Edwards) Kurzweil, Gerry Giaino and Maureen (Cavanaugh) Reidy.
Young alumni are a vital part of the Holy Cross family. They stay connected and pay it forward as consistent donors and dedicated, passionate volunteers. Through their devotion and support, Holy Cross reaches new heights.

CASEY LEE ’10
“On Mount St. James, you not only learn how to think, but you are challenged to transform your thoughts into action for the good of others. Students leave Holy Cross prepared to live an informed life with love, courage, compassion and the recognition of our common humanity.”

NAME
Casey Lee ’10

HOMETOWN
San Antonio

FAMILY
Parents, Kathy and John Lee; sister, Abby; brother, Jordan

WHAT SHE DID AT HOLY CROSS
“I had the honor of serving as senior class president. My sophomore and junior years, I served as a class senator in the SGA. I was a liturgical coordinator, Eucharistic minister, lector and Magis Award recipient. I also participated in the Washington Semester Program, the May Term in Luxembourg, the Spring Break Immersion Program in Appalachia and SPUD.”

HOW HOLY CROSS AFFECTED HER LIFE
“During my four years on Mount St. James, I was guided by the Jesuit principle of being a woman for others. I graduated with an indelible belief in and commitment to this principle, which ultimately led me to join Teach For America, to attend law school and now to devote my career to advocating for my clients and my clients’ children and families.”

THE WORKING LIFE
“I am an attorney. I represent clients in family law and domestic violence law matters. I work for a small, all-female law firm in San Antonio.”

HOLY CROSS MEMORIES
“Drinking iced coffee and socializing at Cool Beans for hours on end. Meeting Maureen, Maura, Sharon, Mollie and Cristina, the girls who would become my best friends, on Mulledy I East the first week of freshman year. Working late at MSNBC studios the night of the 2008 presidential election, and every other minute that I spent in Washington, D.C., during my semester there. Making the Spiritual Exercises the summer before my senior year.”

WHY SHE STAYS CONNECTED TO HOLY CROSS
“When I graduated from Holy Cross, I promised myself that I would stay connected to the College and to the incredible people I met there. Because of the profound impact that Holy Cross had on my life, this remains deeply important to me. One way I maintain my connection to the College is by serving as an alumni class chair. It has been nine years since I graduated, and to this day, I feel proud and excited whenever I meet someone else who went to Holy Cross.”

WHY SHE BELIEVES IN HOLY CROSS
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WHY SHE GIVES TO HOLY CROSS
“The first time I set foot on campus was Accepted Students Weekend. I knew instantly that I belonged at Holy Cross. I will never forget that feeling; it felt like home. I have given to Holy Cross every year since my senior year. Giving to the College is one way I am able to give back and show support for the school I once called home and that helped me to become the person I am today.”
Meet the Superstars of Service, From an Unexpected Source

Mary Ellen Curran ’86 leads the nonstop philanthropy for World Wrestling Entertainment, which delivers hope, empowerment and action to communities worldwide.

BY MELISSA SHAW

Mention billion-dollar international powerhouse World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and the thoughts of many automatically land on its colorful characters and eye-popping feats of athleticism. But Mary Ellen Curran ’86 says there’s another story to tell.

As the company’s senior vice president of community relations for the past seven years, Curran and her team have helped focus, evolve and execute WWE’s year-round philanthropy, honing its already longstanding charitable work into a framework of pillars that are most important to the company: inclusion (bullying prevention and diversity), empowerment (communities and youth), service (to country and community) and hope (critical illness and pediatric cancer). It’s an approach Curran says is designed not to give publicity to WWE, but to the charities and programs with which they partner, from Make-A-Wish and Susan G. Komen to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Special Olympics and more.

“No corporate partners get the kind of visibility that our community partners get,” she says, noting the publicly traded (NYSE: WWE) global media company...
has 1 billion social media followers and is broadcast in 28 languages across 180 countries, in addition to its two weekly highly rated cable TV shows, digital platforms, groundbreaking over-the-top streaming service and much more.

The translation of that reach is astonishing: In 2017, WWE generated 3.1 billion impressions, held 237 community events and donated more than $25 million in media value to its community partners. And its work has not gone unnoticed: Last year, the 39-year-old company received the League Humanitarian Leadership Award at the Sports Humanitarian Awards, presented by ESPN.

When WWE partners with a charity, such as Susan G. Komen in May and October, Curran says the Komen logo will be found in every aspect of the company’s presence: from its social media and digital platforms and specially branded merchandise to even the lapel pins worn by on-air talent and the ring skirts.

“We try to use every piece of our business to be able to tell the story and tell the story in a meaningful way, because at the heart of our business, we’re storytellers,” she says. “It’s about getting people to understand that, as an organization, we care and we want to make sure that we can make a difference.”

THE ROAD TO SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT
Hailing from a family with deep Crusader roots (father Hon. Hugh C. Curran ’49, brothers Jack ’75 and Hugh ’84 and sister M. Kate ’85), Curran majored in political science, considering a career in law. A junior-year internship in Washington, D.C., focusing on juvenile law was an “amazing experience,” but one that made her realize the field was not her calling.

“I played sports my entire life and I played tennis at Holy Cross. And so, I was, like, ‘Oh, well, maybe I’ll go into sports,’ not knowing exactly what that meant.’” That spark translated into a position with the New England Lawn Tennis Association and the United States Tennis Association, where she did everything from running leagues and tournaments to marketing and brand management, eventually moving to positions with the NHL, NBA and WNBA.

“Most of my career has been in some facet of sports, whether it’s programs, consumer products/licensing, sponsorship, sales or partnership management. It really has been a journey that took me then to community relations,” she says. “All the previous experience really gave me the bandwidth and the understanding of the business in a lot of different areas.”

In 2012, Curran was assistant vice president of philanthropy at insurance company The Hartford when she received an unexpected call from a former NBA colleague who had joined WWE. The company needed a leader to build a framework and growth strategy around its longstanding charity work — was she interested?

“I ended up saying, ‘No, I have a job. I have a very good job. I don’t need a job.’ He convinced me to come at least interview. So I came,” she says with a chuckle. “The more I thought about it, I’m, like, ‘You know what? It’s an opportunity.’ It’s another challenge where I could come in and help create what the company needs in order to overcome some of the challenges that they were having. I’ve been here seven years.”

CREATING A STRATEGY AND DISPELLING MISCONCEPTIONS
What Curran found when she arrived at WWE headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut, was good work being done, but there was an opportunity to further maximize it. While the company had long-term relationships with nonprofits, its efforts were flying under the radar.
“WWE gave back to the community because the company believed it was the right thing to do,” she says. “They didn’t need to pat themselves on the back or promote these efforts. There was a lot of good work being done and a lot of equity in partnerships that they had for years and years, but they just didn’t talk about it.”

But Curran and other colleagues, such as then-CMO (now co-president) Michelle Wilson, saw the company was missing an important opportunity: the ability to promote their charitable partners by publicizing their relationship with WWE.

“They were doing their partners a disservice because it wasn’t about WWE, it was about Make-A-Wish, or Special Olympics, or Boys & Girls Club. It’s about the work that they do that we can shine a spotlight on,” she says.

But, for some, that spotlight wasn’t always welcome, due to the company’s reputation. While the brand hit the U.S. cultural mainstream in the 1980s via the Hulk Hogan era, in the 1990s its popular cable shows followed racier, more adult storylines, earning a TV-14 rating. In 2008, the company went TV-PG with family-friendly programming.

“Education was a challenge. When I first came here, I would try and call organizations to say we’d really like to talk to you about a potential partnership, and they’re, like, ‘Yeah, we don’t think you’re a fit,’” she notes. “They see the characters who are larger than life, who are flying in the ring, who are doing amazing athletic moves and who are also telling a story. People are so focused on the story that sometimes they don’t realize that we’re a company that also has given back since our inception,” Curran says. “When you talk to someone and you tell them what the company does from a community perspective, they’re blown away because they don’t understand that this is something the company’s been doing, or that we’re continuing to bring on partners that we feel have the capacity to make a difference, or to change an issue that is really important to us as an organization.”

With a strategic framework established, Curran’s team now has a new goal. “Our fans know and love the fact that we’re a company that has given back and continues to give back. But now we have to rely on our partners to help us get outside of our world,” she says. “For us, now it’s: How do we communicate that outside our universe to make people really understand what the company is doing? And that’s how some of these major blue-chip nonprofits can help. They give us more credibility because of the brand recognition for Make-A-Wish or Special Olympics or Boys & Girls Club as a strong nonprofit organization that’s delivering.”

HITTING THE ROAD

Curran and her team of seven create an editorial calendar for the year, deciding when to time partnerships with natural opportunities, such as The V Foundation and Connor’s Cure in September (Childhood Cancer Awareness Month), GLAAD in June (Pride month) or Tribute to the Troops, held on U.S. military bases during the holiday season. Filling in the days and weeks are more partner events, which could be as close as WrestleMania in New Jersey or as far flung as the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, as well as intimate events such as children’s hospital visits or Make-A-Wish. WWE has been involved with
the latter since shortly after its 1980 founding, granting more than 6,000 wishes in almost 30 years. Company mainstay John Cena, whose merchandise bears his motto, “Never Give Up,” holds the record for granting the most wishes of any celebrity in the nonprofit’s history: 600 and counting. And because the WWE has no off-season and operates year-round, it’s a charitable calendar that never ends.

“There’s a lot of hours,” she says. “A lot of travel.”

The backbone of any partner program or event is the company’s athletes, who attend solely due to their own desire, rather than a contract stipulation or job requirement.

“They’re not required to do a certain number of community events,” Curran says. “You don’t have to prod them. They are there, they are on, they are engaged with whoever it is that they’re working with. They do amazing feats in the ring, but at the same time, they can communicate in a way like no one I’ve ever worked with. You don’t have to ask them twice.”

Curran points to top WWE Superstar Becky Lynch, whose passion is working with Special Olympics athletes: “She loves the athletes and competes against them. There was one event where she and one of the Special Olympics athletes were playing giant Jenga. Well, you’d’ve thought that this was the giant Jenga championships of the world between them. It was so intense, but that’s her.

“Our purpose is to put smiles on faces, the world over,” she continues. “And whether we do that through what you watch on TV or in the arena, or what we do in the community with our community partners, it really is about putting that smile on a child’s face who might be having a hard day, or a child who’s struggling with cancer or someone who’s just been bullied by someone down the street.”

The secret of the company’s intergenerational, international appeal can be found in the roots of storytelling from time immemorial: “It’s good overcoming evil, and ultimately the story is going to end where good overcomes evil,” Curran says. “And that’s why I think there’s such a close connection between some of our fans and our partners who can connect with that. Make-A-Wish, for example: Kids can connect with that larger-than-life superhero who tells them to never give up. The kids who are going through cancer have a way to deal with their illness by emulating their favorite superstar.”

And it’s that connection that keeps Curran maximizing in-ring talent for good outside of the ring.

“There’s those stories that make it easy for you to stay here for seven years,” she says. “I kid around that I passed my expiration date twice, but the team that I work with that makes me want to be here for them, the partnerships we’ve established, what we can do for them and the exposure we’re providing to them. And, then, when you see that Special Olympics athlete smiling from ear-to-ear because they got to row a dragon boat next to Becky Lynch, what more can you ask for? It’s pretty amazing – I love what I do.”
IN MEMORIAM

Holy Cross Magazine publishes In Memoriam to inform the College community of the deaths of alumni, trustees, students, employees and friends. In Memoriam content, which is based on obituaries published in public forums or provided directly to HCM by the family, is a limited overview that includes service to alma mater and a survivors listing. Family members are welcome to submit an obituary or additional information, which will be included at the discretion of the editor; due to time and space constraints, the final obituaries will not be sent to family members for approval. Portrait photos from the Purple Patcher appear as space permits and at the discretion of the editor (photos provided by the deceased’s family are not accepted). Obituaries appear in the order in which they are received; due to the volume of submissions and magazine deadlines, it may be several issues before they appear in print. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at 508-793-3039 or email AlumniRecords@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of an obituary, if available.

1945
Rev. John P. Driscoll
Rev. John P. “Fr. John” Driscoll, of Fall River, Massachusetts, died on May 6, 2019, at 94. In addition to Holy Cross, Fr. Driscoll attended St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. He was ordained into the priesthood 1947 and served for more than 50 years, including 29 years as pastor of St. Lawrence Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts. His other assignments included curate and pastor at churches in New Bedford, Fall River and Swansea, Massachusetts; he also served as secretary and assistant general manager for the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at 508-793-3039 or email AlumniRecords@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of an obituary, if available.

1947
William T. Buckley
William T. Buckley, of Holbrook, Massachusetts, died on June 23, 2019, at 96. Mr. Buckley attended Bridgewater State College before he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was stationed in Italy during World War II; he returned to graduate from Holy Cross. His career in education included positions in Putnam, Connecticut, and Quincy, Massachusetts, before he served as assistant principal at Holbrook High and, later, principal for 22 years. Upon retirement, he served as assistant director of admissions at Holy Cross and, subsequently, proctored at Harvard Law School. Mr. Buckley supported Holy Cross football, was a member of the Class Reunion Committee and was a member of the Order of the Purple Knights. He is survived by five children, including Mary Claire Buckley ’76 and Paul G. Buckley ’79, and their spouses; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; his wife of 63 years, Claire; one son; one sister; and one great-grandchild.

1948
Thomas M. Brennan
Thomas M. Brennan, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, formerly of New York, died on May 27, 2019, at 92. Mr. Brennan worked for Franklin Savings Bank, which later became American Savings Bank, for over 40 years; he retired as the executive vice president. He is survived by his wife, Leah; four children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by one daughter; and one son. His alumni relatives include his brother, the late Gregory L. Brennan ’53; and nephew, Mark G. Brennan ’86.

1949
Myles J. Gilsenan
Myles J. Gilsenan, of Spring Lake Heights, New Jersey, died on June 8, 2019, at 91. Mr. Gilsenan studied English at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He later supported the College as an admissions advisor, class agent and member of the career advisor network, Class Reunion Committee and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Gilsenan served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He earned a J.D. from Columbia University and a master’s in taxation from New York University. He began his career as a prosecutor; then moved into corporate law and was general counsel for Norton Simon, Inc. and foreign tax counsel for RJ Reynolds, Inc. In later years, he opened his own practice. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia; three sons and their wives; five grandchildren; one nephew and his wife; and one grandnephew. He was predeceased by one son; his parents; and four siblings, including J. Theodore Gilsenan ’60.

1950
Guy F. DiNocenza
Guy F. DiNocenza, of Newton, Connecticut, died on April 16, 2019, at 90. A magna cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Mr. DiNocenza received his Master of Arts degree from Notre Dame. A U.S. Army veteran, he served as a U.S. State Department Foreign Service officer. He later had a long career as a teacher in London, and at Sacred Heart University, Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut, and Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts. Mr. DiNocenza is survived by two brothers; one sister-in-law; one son; two nephews; two nieces; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; one sister; and one nephew.

1949
Francis E. Igo
Francis E. “Frank” Igo, of Mashpee, formerly of Arlington and Woburn, Massachusetts, died on April 22, 2019, at 92. Mr. Igo had a long career in the restaurant industry, first as the owner and operator of Igo’s restaurant in Cambridge, Massachusetts, then as manager for 25 years of The Tavern Club in Boston. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. Mr. Igo is survived by two sons; one daughter; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; one granddaughter-in-law; one grandson-in-law; one grandson’s fiancée; four great-grandchildren; and four sisters. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary. His alumni relatives include nephew Rev. Kevin C. Spinale, S.J., ’00.

1949
George F. Kelleher
George F. Kelleher, of Columbus, Ohio, died on April 20, 2019, at 96. Mr. Kelleher served in the U.S. Marine Corps
as a paratrooper during World War II; he was awarded the Purple Heart. After his military service, he studied education at Holy Cross and participated in cross-country, track and football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He then joined the U.S. Navy and attained the rank of commander. He worked for the U.S. government for most of his career, spending many years working for the Defense Construction Supply Center. Mr. Kelleher is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kay; two sons, one daughter and their spouses; one stepson; many grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Katherine; one daughter; and one stepdaughter. His alumni relatives include his brother, the late Thomas R. Kelleher ‘50; his in-law, the late Michael C. Boyle ‘50; nephew Thomas R. Kelleher Jr. ’74; and niece Margaret R. Carey ’17.

Rev. Robert T. Kennedy
Rev. Robert T. Kennedy, of Phoenix, Maryland, died on March 28, 2019, at 89. Fr. Kennedy graduated magna cum laude from Holy Cross and was the recipient of the Markham Memorial Prize (philosophy). He was a member of the 1843 Society and supported College Athletics. Fr. Kennedy is survived by one nephew; one great-nephew, Christopher K. Shortell ’94; two great-nieces; two cousins; and other nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother, Thomas J. Kennedy Jr. ’41; and one niece.

John L. McCabe, D.D.S.
John L. McCabe, D.D.S., of Pineville, North Carolina, died on Jan. 25, 2019, at 94. Dr. McCabe studied Greek at Holy Cross and participated in the Glee Club. He later attended the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and Farleigh Dickenson Orthodontics program. He practiced dentistry for over 40 years, including 30 years as an orthodontist in New Jersey. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Dr. McCabe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dolores; one daughter; one son; and six grandchildren.

Philip T. Crotty Jr.
Philip T. Crotty Jr., of Brighton, Massachusetts, died on June 8, 1989, at 89. Mr. Crotty graduated from Holy Cross magna cum laude. He earned an A.M. from Harvard University, an M.Sc. from Oxford University, MBA and Ed.D. degrees from Boston University, and a DBA (honorary) from Northeastern University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Crotty had a varied career in industry, government and academe. Professor of management (emeritus) in the College of Business Administration at Northeastern University, he held a number of administrative positions at Northeastern, including vice president for academic administration, senior vice president and acting provost and senior vice president for university administration. He also held both administrative and faculty positions in the College of Business Administration, including associate dean, acting dean and professor of management. He is survived by several cousins; 20 godchildren; and many dear friends.

Francis J. Curran Jr., D.D.S.
Francis J. “FrFrank” Curran Jr., D.D.S., of Scarborough, Maine, died on May 2, 1989, at 89. Dr. Curran earned his D.D.S. from Georgetown University Dental School, and he had a long career caring for his patients. He served in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of captain during the Korean Conflict. Dr. Curran is survived by three sons, two daughters and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters; one sister; one brother and his wife; and many nieces and nephews.

Leo M. Grant
Leo M. Grant, of Plymouth, formerly of Cambridge and Braintree, Massachusetts, died on June 5, 2019, at 92. Mr. Grant joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II with the 3rd Marine Division. After graduating from Holy Cross, he worked for the U.S. Treasury Department as a customs import specialist for 34 years; he was a supporter of Holy Cross Athletics. Mr. Grant is survived by one daughter and her husband; one son and his partner; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister. He was predeceased by his wife, Avilia; one brother; one sister; and one son.

James W. Hannan
James W. Hannan, of Crozet, Virginia, died on March 21, 2019, at 89. Mr. Hannan studied economics and philosophy at Holy Cross and made the dean’s list. He joined the U.S. Air Force to serve his country during the Korean War, and was awarded several medals. He attended Syracuse University and continued his education at Harvard University, studying at the Law School and School of Languages, where he earned a master’s degree. Years later, he received a master’s degree from American University. He worked for the National Security Agency and taught at American University. Mr. Hannan is survived by his wife of 63 years, Winifred; two daughters, including Winifred B. Ashooh ’79, and their husbands; two sons; one son’s wife and one son’s partner; six grandchildren and their spouses; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his father, Philip J. Hannan, class of 1924; and one son.

1952
George A. Phillips
George A. Phillips, of Ardsley, New York, died on Aug. 2, 2018, at 88. Mr. Phillips studied economics at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He also graduated from Fordham Law School and was an attorney at the law firm formerly known as Cusack & Stiles. He served in the U.S. Army, and he supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and as class bequest chair. Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gloria; six children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; one sister; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister.

1953
Anthony J. Caputo
Anthony J. “Tony” Caputo, of Somers, New York, died on June 21, 2019, at 87. At Holy Cross, Mr. Caputo studied economics; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor; class agent and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. After serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Caputo went on to law school and graduated from St. John’s University. He was in private practice as a lawyer in Mt. Vernon, New York, for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Adriana; two children, including Louis A. Caputo ’85; and their spouses; two grandchildren; and many cousins and friends. He is predeceased by his parents; one sister; and one son.

William V. Curran
William V. “Bill” Curran, of Pearl River, New York, died on Jan. 24, 2019, at 89. Mr. Curran earned his B.S. in chemistry from Lafayette College and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from New York University. He was a leader in antibiotic research for 40 years at Lederle Laboratories, where he was an inventor on dozens of patents and discovered the antibiotic Cefuzonam. After retiring, he worked part time at BioSource
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Pharm. Mr. Curran is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jane; five children and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister; and one brother.

Richard J. Garibotto

Richard J. “Dick” Garibotto, of Townsend, Massachusetts, died on April 29, 2019, at 87. Mr. Garibotto graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in education. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in South Korea as training information and education NCO of infantry battalion, followed by special services entertaining troops in a singing quartet. He then received his master’s degree in education at Tufts University; he also attended Boston University, Lowell University, Framingham State College and Salem State College for additional education credits. He was a science teacher at Burlington (Massachusetts) High School for 39 years; he also coached football and basketball there for several years. Mr. Garibotto is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rosemae; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by one sister; and one brother.

Benjamin Anthony Machinist

Benjamin Anthony Machinist, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on April 5, 2019, at 87. Mr. Machinist studied economics/accounting, philosophy and marketing at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He participated in the Chapel Choir; Outing Club and basketball, and later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the career advisor network. He received his master’s degree from Boston College and was the director of dealer relations for Nissan Motor Corporation, retiring as vice president of the American International Automobile Dealers Association. He served his country as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received the Good Conduct Medal during his service. Mr. Machinist is survived by his wife, M. Barbara; two daughters and their spouses; four grandchildren; one grandchild’s spouse; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his parents.

John S. Madaras Jr., M.D.

John S. “Jack” Madaras Jr., M.D., of Short Hills, New Jersey, and Sanibel, Florida, died on April 9, 2019, at 86. Dr. Madaras studied premed at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he later supported the College as a member of the President’s Council and Reunion Gift Committee. He attended the Weill Cornell School of Medicine and practiced medicine with the Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgical Group. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army. Dr. Madaras is survived by his wife, Victoria; three daughters, including Elizabeth A. “Beth Anne” Thompson ’84, two sons, Thomas P. “Tom” Madaras ’80 and John S. “Jack” Madaras, D.D.S., ’79, and their spouses; one stepson and his spouse; one brother, Lawrence H. “Larry” Madaras ’59, and his spouse; 15 grandchildren and their families; and one great-granddaughter.

Charles F. Masterson Jr.

Charles F. “Chuck” Masterson Jr., of Somers, more recently of Manchester, Connecticut, died on May 13, 2019, at 87. Mr. Masterson studied political science at Holy Cross. Upon graduating, he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a communications officer aboard two aircraft carriers, the USS Wright and the USS Roosevelt, and was stationed off the coasts of Japan and Korea during the Korean War. After his discharge, he joined the Hamilton Standard division of United Technologies Corporation, where he worked until his retirement, during which he did consulting work for the Kollmorgen Company in Northampton, Massachusetts. Mr. Masterson is survived by four children, including Alisa M. Masterson ’84, and their spouses; four grandchildren; three sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Elaine; his parents; and one sister.

William R. Nimee

William R. Nimee, of Waltham, formerly of Leominster and Worcester, Massachusetts, died on April 21, 2019, at 87. Mr. Nimee studied engineering at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Carter Hall during the Korean War; following his discharge, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 20 years. He earned his second bachelor’s degree at WPI and worked as an electrical engineer for Honeywell Corporation; he also worked at the Waltham Athletic Club for many years. He was a member of the College’s O’Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Nimee is survived by two nieces and their husbands; and one great-niece. He was predeceased by his parents; one brother; three sisters; and one niece.

Edmund J. Plummer Jr.

Edmund J. “Ed” Plummer Jr., of Pittsfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 24, 2019. Mr. Plummer studied biology and philosophy at Holy Cross. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he earned graduate degrees in guidance and administration. He was head of guidance at Pittsfield High School, and he served on local and state boards for the MTA and Mass Guidance Association. Mr. Plummer is survived by his wife, Susan; one daughter; one son-in-law; one granddaughter; and one brother. He was predeceased by his parents; and three sisters.

William J. Scarpa, M.D.

William J. Scarpa, M.D., of West Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of New York and Connecticut, died on April 29, 2019. A cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Dr. Scarpa also graduated from SUNY Downstate University Medical School and went on to become chief of cardiology at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and full professor at Downstate University Medical School Department of Cardiology. He was a clinical cardiologist in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Dr. Scarpa is survived by his wife, Virginia Ann; one son; one daughter; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Steven D. Socrates, D.D.S.

Steven D. Socrates, D.D.S., of Bloomfield Township, Michigan, died on May 27, 2019, at 89. Dr. Socrates served in the U.S. Navy and had a dental practice with his son in Pontiac and Waterford, Michigan, for many years. He is survived by two children; four grandchildren; and many nieces,
nephews and godchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Katherine; one sister; and one son's spouse.

Edward P. Walsh Jr.
Edward P. “Juny” Walsh Jr., of Newport, Rhode Island, died on Jan. 24, 2019, at 90. Mr. Walsh served in the U.S. Army and was part of the American force that occupied Japan after World War II. He received a football scholarship to Holy Cross, where he was named a defensive captain; he was a member of the College's Varsity Club. He earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Salve Regina University and had a 38-year career as an educator, which included teaching roles at Underwood Annex and Sheffield School and principal stays at Mumford School, Coggeshall School and Underwood School. He was coordinator for the city of Newport's spelling bee and, in retirement, was a guide for Viking Tours. Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Mary; one daughter; and one son.

1954
Capt. John E. Corcoran Jr., USNR (Ret)
Capt. John E. Corcoran Jr., USNR (Ret), of Norfolk, Virginia, died on Nov. 12, 2018, at 85. At Holy Cross, Mr. Corcoran studied English, philosophy and prelaw and participated in Marching Band; he graduated cum laude and later supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He graduated from Harvard Law School and joined the Naval Reserve, working with the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps. He is survived by two sons; one daughter-in-law; one sister; one brother-in-law; one sister-in-law and her husband; one grandson; one granddaughter and her husband; one great-granddaughter; one nephew and his wife; and one niece and her husband. He was predeceased by his wife of 30 years, Betty.

Robert G. Dolan, M.D.
Robert G. Dolan, M.D., of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, died on March 9, 2019, at 87. Dr. Dolan was the captain of the men's hockey team at Holy Cross. He also graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, on the USS Randolph as a flight surgeon. Following his military service, his medical practice took him to Huntington, Connecticut, for 10 years, where he became one of the original diplomats of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He later had a family practice in Harwich, Massachusetts, for 25 years; he was also on the medical staff at Cape Cod Hospital, where he served as chair of the Family Practice Department. Dr. Dolan is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth "Betty"; three daughters, including Ann Dolan Niles ’81; one son; two sons-in-law, including Paul M. Niles ’80; eight grandchildren; and many extended family members. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers; and one brother-in-law.

Paul J. Matsumoto, M.D.
Paul J. Matsumoto, M.D., of Hilo, Hawai, died on Dec. 27, 2017, at 85. Dr. Matsumoto graduated from Holy Cross cum laude. A surgeon, he was a lieutenant and veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Cora; three sons, seven daughters and their spouses; one stepson, two stepdaughters and their spouses; one sister; two brothers; one brother's spouse; one brother-in-law; one sister-in-law; 29 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1955
Maj. Rocco A. DeMarino, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Rocco A. “Rocky” DeMarino, USAF (Ret.), of Vacaville, California, died on April 27, 2019, at 86. Mr. DeMarino studied business at Holy Cross and completed ROTC training. He later supported the College as a class agent, and he was a member of the O’Callahan Society. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator for 21 years. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked as a title officer in Fairfield, California. Mr. DeMarino is survived by one daughter; one son-in-law; two grandchildren; two sisters and their spouses; one sister-in-law; and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Joan.

Paul T. Devine
Paul T. Devine, of Hale's Location, New Hampshire, formerly of Scituate, Massachusetts, died on May 24, 2017, at 83. Mr. Devine studied English literature at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret; three sons; one daughter; and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; one son; one granddaughter; and one brother.

William A. Maple
William A. “Bill” Maple, of Walpole, formerly of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, died on April 9, 2019, at 86. Mr. Maple studied French and education at Holy Cross and made the dean's list. He later supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Maple is survived by his wife, Eileen; six children and their spouses; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Ronald C. Maple ’60.

1957
Guido B. D’Alessandro
Guido B. “Guy” D’Alessandro, of Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Shrewsbury and Worcester, Massachusetts, died on April 28, 2019, at 84. Mr. D’Alessandro graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in economics. He served in the Massachusetts National Guard, Yankee Division.
He then graduated from Boston College Law School and began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a field attorney in Maine. He then worked for the federal government as a special agent for the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service; he was assigned to the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department in the Organized Crime Division. He also served as the assistant attorney general for the commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as general counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Active in local politics, he served on the Shrewsbury Town Council and General Counsel Industrial Development Finance Authority.

He later formed an armored car operation in Central Massachusetts, Mass Transport Inc., and served as its chief financial officer. He supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Air Force ROTC; he was assigned to the LAC/USC Burn Unit, associate professor of surgery. After graduating, he was predeceased by his parents; five brothers; two sons-in-law; and one granddaughter.

Donald J. Spaeth
Donald J. "Don" Spaeth, of Loudon, Tennessee, died on May 9, 2019, at 83. Mr. Spaeth studied accounting at Holy Cross and served as a CCD teacher. He had a career in the insurance industry. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeanne; two daughters; one son; one daughter’s spouse; and four grandchildren and their families. He was predeceased by his parents; and one son.

Bruce E. Zawacki, M.D.
Bruce E. Zawacki, M.D., of Los Angeles, died on May 25, 2019, at 83. Dr. Zawacki studied biology at Holy Cross, where he earned the John E. Wickham Memorial Prize and graduated summa cum laude; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the career advisor network. He graduated from Harvard Medical School and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War. He was chief of the LAC/USC Burn Unit, associate professor emeritus at USC’s Schools of Education, Medicine, and Religion, and an adjunct professor to the Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics. Dr. Zawacki is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carleen; three children; and two grandchildren. His alumni relatives include his brother, John K. Zawacki, M.D., ’63; in-law, Joseph A. Califano Jr. ’82; and nephew, Jeffrey K. Zawacki, M.D., ’88.

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Patrick J. Byrnes
Patrick J. "Pat" Byrnes, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, died on March 8, 2019, at 83. Mr. Byrnes studied premed at Holy Cross and was employed at Abbott Laboratories in the Chicago area and at the University of Minnesota Eye Clinic in Minneapolis. He is survived by two sisters; one brother and his spouse; two sisters-in-law; 24 nephews and nieces; many great-nephews and great-nieces; and a handful of great-grandnephews and great-grandnieces. He was predeceased by his parents; five brothers; one sister-in-law; one sister; one brother-in-law; and one granddaughter.

John P. Madden Jr.
John P. “Jack” Madden Jr., of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Hartford, died on Feb. 23, 2019, at 82. At Holy Cross, Mr. Madden studied education and participated in intramural sports. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Air Force for two years. He supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Air Force ROTC; he also supported Holy Cross Athletics. Mr. Madden is survived by four daughters; two sons; two brothers; many grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his companion for the last nine years, Zelda Koval. He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette; two brothers, Michael A. Madden ’66 and Col. Thomas F. Madden, USAF, ’59; and two sisters.

Joseph J. O’Brien
Joseph J. “Joe” O’Brien, of Wellesley and Chatham, Massachusetts, died on March 19, 2019, at 82. Mr. O’Brien studied political science at Holy Cross; he graduated cum laude. He also participated in the Glee Club, Outing Club, Boston Club, Sodality, Student Congress and the Purple Patchers. He went on to earn his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and later served in the New Hampshire National Guard. Mr. O’Brien had a long career at John Hancock, where he retired as director of benefits communications. During his tenure, he implemented employee benefit programs newly created by Congress, such as John Hancock’s first 401(k) and HMO. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha “Muffi”; two daughters, including Elizabeth O’Brien ’91, and their spouses; and two grandsons.

Martin T. Paul
Martin T. Paul, of Sarasota, Florida, died on April 1, 2019, at 82. Mr. Paul studied English literature at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he taught English literature and writing for nearly 40 years. An avid traveler, he was also a self-taught specialist on poetry in translation. Mr. Paul is survived by one daughter; two sons; and two grandchildren.

John H. Schwarz Jr.
John H. “Jack” Schwarz Jr., of Pennsylvania, died on June 23, 2019, at 82. At Holy Cross, Mr. Schwarz majored in business and participated in ROTC; he graduated cum laude. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before transitioning into the world of literature by taking courses at Columbia University. He earned a master’s degree in literature at the University of Wyoming and a Ph.D. at Duke University. He joined the faculty at Villanova University, where he specialized in the study of Thomas
South Hadley, Massachusetts, for more than 30 years. He served in the U.S. Navy. He supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society. President’s Council and career advisor network; he also served as an admissions advisor and class agent. Dr. Mahoney is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce; one son, Michael K. Mahoney ’94, one daughter and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. His alumni relatives include his father, the late James H. Mahoney ’29; and cousins, Lt. Col. Richard P. Mahoney, USAF (Ret.), ’69, and the late James H. Woods Jr. ’58.

Paul T. McEnery, M.D.
Paul T. McEnery, M.D., of Cincinnati, died on March 28, 2019, at 80. A biology major at Holy Cross, Dr. McEnery earned his M.D. from the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine; he also received his MBA from Xavier University. He served in numerous positions at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and was professor (later, professor emeritus) of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine; he was also a member or chair of several hospital and university committees. Author of 85 medical publications, he established and served as president of River Valley Pediatricians Inc., and he also helped to establish the Ohio Valley Primary Care Associates and Child Health Administrative Services. Dr. McEnery served the College as an admissions advisor, and as a member of the career advisor network, Alumni Board Senate and In Hoc Signo Committee; he also served as Alumni Board director and regional club president. He was the recipient of the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s highest honor, the In Hoc Signo Award, in 2005. Dr. McEnery is survived by his wife, Charlotte; three daughters, Christina DuMont, M.D., ’92, Jennifer Finn ’94 and Emily Moriarty ’00, and their spouses; eight grandchildren; two brothers, including Charles T. McEnery ’58, and their spouses; one sister-in-law; and two brothers-

Hardy and Victorian literature. After 34 years, he retired from his position as associate professor of English. He supported Holy Cross as a member of the career advisor network and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC.

Mr. Schwarz is survived by three sons; one daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; two ex-wives and good friends, Carol Florence and Susan Sprague Page; one niece; two nephews; grandchildren; a large extended family; and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; and an infant sister.

Samuel C. Sofia
Samuel C. Sofia, of Fairview, Texas, died on July 24, 2016, at 79. Mr. Sofia studied chemistry at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Jean; one son, one daughter and their spouses; three granddaughters; three grandsons; one great-grandchild; and a host of other family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; and an infant sister.

George R. Allen Jr.
George R. Allen Jr., of Beach Haven, New Jersey, died on Dec. 18, 2018, at 81. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Allen also earned his MBA from Babson University; he had a career in the automotive industry. He later owned and operated a marina, Mordecai Boat Basin, in Beach Haven and served as the town’s commissioner for two terms. He supported the College as a class agent. Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, Pamela; two children; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents.

John L. Connelly
John L. Connelly, of Norwalk, Connecticut, died on April 16, 2019, at 80. Mr. Connelly studied mathematics at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude; he was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society and received the Kranich Prize in literature. He also graduated from Fordham University and worked at Regis High School in Manhattan for 52 years, teaching mathematics, European history, economics, classical political thought and epistemology; he later taught at Regina Pacis Academy in Norwalk. In 1981, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Georgetown University. He supported the College as a member of the Parents for the Class of 2003. Mr. Connelly is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Susan; two children, including Michael J. Connelly ’03, and their spouses; five grandchildren; one brother, one sister and their spouses; and many nieces and nephews.

Reynold J. Finnegan
Reynold J. “Bey” Finnegan, of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, died on Dec. 17, 2018, at 80. Mr. Finnegan studied chemistry at Holy Cross and was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He was a patent lawyer for Union Carbide. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two children; grandchildren; and extended family.

J. Theodore Gilsenan
J. Theodore “Ted” Gilsenan, of Lakewood, New Jersey, died on May 7, 2019, at 81. Mr. Gilsenan studied economics at Holy Cross and made the dean’s list; he participated in the Outing Club, Sodality, Big Brother/Big Sister and intramural sports. He then received his MBA from Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Mr. Gilsenan retired as an international credit manager at Union Carbide Corporation/Dow; he also served as chair of the International Division of the National Chemical Credit Association. He supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. Mr. Gilsenan is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dorothy; one son and his wife; one grandson; and one sister-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents; one daughter; and two sisters. His brother, Myles J. Gilsenan ’49, died on June 8, 2019.

James H. Mahoney Jr., M.D.
James H. Mahoney Jr., M.D., of South Hadley, Massachusetts, died on May 4, 2019, at 80. Dr. Mahoney studied premed at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He also graduated from Georgetown University Medical School and practiced medicine in Holyoke,
in-law and their spouses. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers; and one sister-in-law.

**1961 R. Bruce Gray, D.M.D.**

R. Bruce Gray, D.M.D., of Sherborn, Massachusetts, died on June 26, 2019, at 80. Dr. Gray studied biology at Tufts Dental School, after which he spent three years in the U.S. Army. An oral surgeon, he became partner at Metrowest Oral Surgical Associates. He taught at both Tufts University and Boston University. He was a supporter of Holy Cross Athletics. Dr. Gray is survived by his wife, Patricia; five children, including Gini Gray-Clarke, M.D., ‘87 and Brian T. Gray ’90, and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and one brother. He was predeceased by one sister; and his parents.

**1963 Lawrence H. Prybyski III**

Lawrence H. "Skip" Prybyski III, of Mountainside, New Jersey, formerly of South Salem, New York, and Westfield, New Jersey, died on June 7, 2019, at 77. At Holy Cross, Mr. Prybyski majored in economics and accounting and played lacrosse. He began his career as a financial accountant with Haskins and Sells and held numerous senior finance officer positions across his career with his final employment at American Surgisite. Mr. Prybyski also served in the New York Army National Guard. He supported the College as a Parent of Men’s Lacrosse and a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Pete"; four sons, including Lawrence H. Prybyski IV ‘87, and their wives; 13 grandchildren; one sister and her husband; and one brother. He was predeceased by one sister-in-law.

**1964 Philip J. Connell**

Philip J. “Phil” Connell, of Little River, South Carolina, formerly of Ocean Township, New Jersey, died on May 28, 2019, at 76. At Holy Cross, Mr. Connell majored in accounting. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School and served at Cape May, New Jersey, and was a commanding officer of Kure Island LORAN Station in Hawaii. Upon leaving the Coast Guard, he earned a master’s degree in education from Fairfield University. He had a 34-year career as a social studies teacher at Long Branch (New Jersey) High School; for several years, he served as head teacher of the department. Mr. Connell is survived by his wife, RoseMary; one brother; one sister-in-law; one son; three daughters; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; three stepdaughters; one stepson-in-law; and eight grandchildren.

**1965 Ian J. Sousa**

Ian J. Sousa, of Cornwall, New York, died on June 2, 2019, at 75. At Holy Cross, Mr. Sousa majored in biology and participated in swimming; he was a member of the Varsity Club. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sousa began his career at Ciba-Geigy/Novartis and later retired from Roche Pharmaceuticals, where he was a principal validation engineer. Following retirement, he consulted for Apex Consulting. Mr. Sousa is survived by his wife of 50 years, Filomena; one son and his wife; two grandchildren; one brother; and two nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; one daughter; and one aunt.

**1966 Lee S. Giudici**

Lee S. Giudici, of Green Valley, Arizona, died May 2, 2019, at 76. Mr. Giudici studied English at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC. He served as a Naval lieutenant for four years before establishing a career as a pharmaceutical executive. He supported the College as a member of the O’Callahan Society and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; and four children and their families.

**1966 David C. Tassinari**

David C. “Dave” Tassinari, of Plymouth, Michigan, formerly of Hilton Head, South Carolina, died on Dec. 1, 2018, at 76. At Holy Cross, Mr. Tassinari studied economics and participated in ROTC. After serving as a Naval officer for two years, he received a master’s degree from Duke University. He worked for many years as a finance executive at Ford Motor Company. Mr. Tassinari supported the College as a member of the Reunion Gift Committee and O’Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cathy; five children and their spouses; and 12 grandchildren.
Mr. Mulry studied history and political science at Holy Cross. He later supported the College as a member of the 1843 Society, President's Council, Alumni Board Senate, Class Reunion and Summer Fellowship committees, Holy Cross Lawyers Association and career advisor network; he also served as Alumni Board director and regional club president. Mr. Mulry’s alumni relatives include his daughter Kelly A. Abramson ’92; brother Kevin P. Mulry, D.D.S., M.P.H., ’70; and cousin William R. Ahmuty III ’65.

Robert J. Howard
Robert J. "Bob" Howard, of Prosper, Texas, died on March 27, 2019, at 73. A biology major at Holy Cross, Mr. Howard worked in chemical sales. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dorothy; one daughter, one son and their spouses; four grandchildren; one sister and her husband; one sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and one brother.

Harry J. Mulry Jr.
Harry J. Mulry Jr., of Port Washington, New York, died on April 1, 2019.

Michael D. "Mike" Barry, of Glendale, Arizona, died on March 29, 2019, at 73. A mathematics major at Holy Cross, Mr. Barry first worked in banking, then had a career with the Computer Services Bureau of the Phoenix Police Department; he later worked at the Coin Gallery in Phoenix. Mr. Barry is survived by his wife, Marsha; three daughters and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; and one godson.

Kevin T. O’Donnell
Kevin T. O’Donnell, of Easthampton, Massachusetts, died on June 19, 2019, at 72. Mr. O’Donnell studied Russian at Holy Cross and earned a master’s in Russian language and literature at UMASS, Amherst. He taught Russian and social studies at Holyoke High School and Dean Technical High School for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Joanne; two daughters, one son and their spouses; five grandchildren; four sisters, two brothers and their spouses; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul L. Del Colle
Paul L. Del Colle, of New York, New York, died on April 28, 2019, at 68. At Holy Cross, Mr. Del Colle was an English literature major and was involved in WCHC radio station, Today student newspaper and the Purple Patcher. He later supported the College as a class agent and member of the Class Reunion Committee. Mr. Del Colle earned an M.S. in journalism from Boston University and a Ph.D. in communications from New York University. Specializing in financial/public relations and crisis communications, he was an associate professor at St. John’s University and principal at Del Colle Public Relations. His career in education also included positions at Iona College, the College of Mt. St. Vincent, William Patterson College and Marist College. Mr. Del Colle is survived by two brothers; and Carol Yahr.

Stephen V. La Rosa
Stephen V. La Rosa, of Huntington Station, New York, died on Sept. 30, 2017, at 69. Mr. La Rosa majored in economics at Holy Cross.

Michael T. Chase
Michael T. Chase, of Worcester, died on April 24, 2019, at 68. Mr. Chase studied English and theatre at Holy Cross and participated in the Rugby Club, Fenwick Theatre and Crossroads. He then earned his MBA from Assumption College and had a long career in quality assurance at Quabaug Corporation and retired from S & E Polymers; he also opened his own photo shop in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He became a member of the Diaconate in 2009 and served for nine years at Christ the King Church in Worcester. Mr. Chase is survived by his wife, Mary "Molly"; three children and their spouses; three grandchildren; three brothers, including The Rev. John G. Chase Jr. ’69, and their spouses; and nieces and nephews.

Stephen L. Bresnahan, M.D.
Stephen L. Bresnahan, M.D., of Milton, Massachusetts, died on June 25, 2019, at 63. At Holy Cross, Dr. Bresnahan studied chemistry; he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts) and graduated cum
launched. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts Medical School and went on to practice internal medicine and geriatrics in the greater Brockton area for over 30 years. He was a staff member of the Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center and served as medical director at several health care facilities. He supported Holy Cross as an admissions advisor and member of the career advisor network. Dr. Bresnahan is survived by his wife, Ellen; one son; three brothers, including William J. Calore ’79, and two aunts, who are currently affiliated with the Varsity Club. After graduating from the Institute for Health Professions at the Massachusetts General Hospital, she worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner, first at Children’s Hospital in Boston and then in private practice. Mrs. Stanton was succeeded by her husband, Peter M. Stanton ’93; three children; her parents; one sister and one brother-in-law; her mother-in-law; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one sister.

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1995 Mariah M. Stanton Mariah M. (McMahon) Stanton, of Medfield, Massachusetts, died on May 31, 2019. At Holy Cross, Mrs. Stanton majored in psychology and was a member of the crew team. She later supported the College as a member of President’s Council and the Varsity Club. After graduating from the Washington & Lee University School of Law, she spent the first half of her career at Foster Swift Collins & Smith, where she was an equity partner, and she finished her career working in the Tax Policy Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury. She is survived by her parents; her husband of 34 years, Michael; three children and their families; two brothers, including William J. Calore ’79, and their families; one brother-in-law; grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one brother.

Michael V. Rimkus was a member of the College’s career advisor network and O’Callahan Society, and was affiliated with Naval ROTC, so he also supported men’s and women’s basketball. Michael V. Rimkus, of Ringde, New Hampshire, died on June 6, 2019, at 62. At Holy Cross, Mr. Rimkus majored in psychology and played football; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He was employed as a food broker for Super Valu for many years, and more recently by C. S. Wholesale Grocers. Mr. Rimkus is survived by his father, Victor M. Rimkus ’53; his mother; one daughter; three sisters and their spouses; three brothers and their spouses, including Andrew J. Rimkus ’82 and Deb Rimkus ’82; his godmother/aunt; two uncles; one aunt; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one brother; and one sister-in-law.

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We Need Your Field House Stories!

We know you have (at least) one — and we want to hear it. We’re writing a story about Field House memories for an issue next year and would love to include yours. From registrations and graduations to dances, concerts, finals and, of course, sports and rec, that old Army hangar saw it all. Please share your favorite Field House memories with us at hcmag@holycross.edu.

Did You Name Your Child Fenwick?

Have you continued your love for Holy Cross by naming your child after a location on campus that held special significance to you? What about a dog named Iggy or a boat christened AMDG? Have you passed down the name of a family member who was also a Crusader?

We’re looking to compile stories for a future feature that shows your expression of love for the College in uniquely personal ways.

Have a story to share? Email us at hcmag@holycross.edu.
Welcome to Examine, a new feature in which writers provide an experienced perspective on familiar subjects, personal or professional, helping us consider them in a new light. Have an idea for a piece? Email hcmag@holycross.edu.

A Dance with Life

BY MARY CROSBY ’03

Sitting on a hard examination table in a cold office holding her flimsy hospital gown closed, the patient listened as her doctor offered two options: another 10 rounds of the same chemotherapy she had just completed or a stronger experimental chemo with a slightly higher possibility of shrinking her tumor, but accompanied by serious side effects. Weak and emaciated, she thought about the previous year, her weekly trips to the hospital for blood work and treatment, debilitating nausea, vomiting and worsening pain, all with no progress in her battle against cancer. Was there a third option? What if she chose to stop treatment altogether? The doctor brushed this notion aside as “giving up the fight.” He encouraged her to go home and think seriously about her decision.

So often the dialogue about terminal illness invokes the metaphorical language of a battle. The patient takes up the noble fight against a fierce enemy, such as cancer or Parkinson’s disease, and an army of friends and family join in the rallying cry of support for the brave warrior. This narrative is a well-intentioned attempt to provide hope and motivation as patients and their caretakers endure the hardships associated with aggressive treatment. To be victorious is to be in remission, to prolong life, to defeat a prognosis.

But the battle narrative can be a disservice. A battle means hunkering down and enduring debilitating side effects, prolonged hospitalizations and decreased participation in life events. The focus shifts from living to accruing days, placing distance between the diagnosis and some imagined endpoint. In our attempt to win ourselves more time, we sacrifice the quality of time we have left. And when we “fight” disease we leave ourselves only two possible outcomes – victory or defeat.

Those of us working in the field of hospice often receive our patients at the end of their “fight” with terminal illness. They’ve lost hope in their ability to conquer disease. Our goal is to redefine hope, not by treating the disease, but by treating the patient and their caregivers as a whole. Through physical, emotional and spiritual support, we pull people out of the dark trenches of battle and into the light of living, which includes the uniquely human ability to conceptualize and process death. And, by allowing patients the space for that process, hospice focuses on life: on spending time with family and friends, realizing values and priorities, and even pursuing projects that went neglected before diagnosis. Not surprisingly, people with terminal illness who receive hospice care live longer than those who do not. But more importantly, they live better.

An estimated 1.5 million Americans receive hospice care annually. Care is individualized to meet the unique needs of every patient and their caregivers. Hospice professionals visit patients in their homes, in hospitals or in specialized facilities to deliver pain and symptom management, personal care, emotional support and other services, such as massage therapy.

As hospice leaders, we help people reframe how they think about terminal illness. “Victory” can be as simple as feeling pain-free enough to take a walk on the beach or comfortable enough to enjoy dinner at a restaurant, a series of small steps that make up a life worth living. Hospice care frees people from the pressure of having to fight an unwinnable battle without feeling like they’ve lost. We occupy a space in the health care system wherein people can talk about living with terminal illness not as a “fight” but as a dance, a beautiful performance orchestrated by the patient with support from their family, friends and a team of hospice professionals. Within this space, quality of life improves, patients find more physical and emotional comfort, and death becomes less about the fear of defeat and more about the peace of transcendence.

Against the wishes of her doctor and members of her family, the patient chose the third option. She stopped treatment and elected to receive hospice care. Our team of experts had the honor of caring for her for the last year and a half of her life. During this time, she went to Broadway shows, enjoyed meals at restaurants with her friends, attended weekly Mass and even published a book of poetry. Her joy for living was contagious. It was not victory over death, but neither was it defeat. Because it was not a battle at all: It was a dance.

Mary Crosby is president and CEO of East End Hospice, a nonprofit hospice serving the North and South Forks of Long Island, New York, including the Hamptons.
Moving in on Mount St. James this fall was Gracie, the newest member of the Department of Public Safety. Believed to be the first dog of her kind among college and university police departments in Massachusetts, she will build relationships with the Holy Cross community and assist officers in helping students who are feeling stress or anxiety and may find comfort in the presence of a dog.